

Relato da missão comercial à Nigéria.

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Produção: 2,7 milhões de t

Consumo: 6 milhões de t

Importação: 3 milhões de t



GOVERNO DO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL
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Vossa excelência Sr. Adamu Akinloye, Emozoko,

Nenhum outro país tem dado tanta atenção à cultura do arroz quanto a Nigéria nos últimos anos. Tendo o cereal como alimento básico na dieta da população, a Nigéria tem como importante objetivo atingir a autossuficiência do seu abastecimento, pois a produção nacional é suficiente para atender aproximadamente a metade da sua demanda. Sabe-se que, muito esforço vem sendo alocado para o desenvolvimento de melhores condições de cultivo e na busca por ganhos de produtividade.

Neste sentido, emergimos a oportunidade de apoio do Instituto Rio Grandense do Arroz (IRGA) na elaboração de projetos de transferência de tecnologia, compartilhando know-how acumulado nos seus 75 anos voltados à pesquisa e assessoria técnica na cultura do arroz.

Oraço, em especial, ao trabalho desenvolvido pelo IRGA, o Rio Grande do Sul produziu nesta última safra 6,7 milhões de toneladas de arroz, representando 10% da produção brasileira, em pouco mais de um milhão de hectares. Se fosse um país, o Rio Grande do Sul seria o segundo maior produtor fora do continente asiático e estaria entre as três países com a maior produtividade.

Enquanto não atinge a autossuficiência, a importação tem sido necessária para atender a demanda doméstica. Depois da China, a Nigéria se destaca como o maior importador mundial de arroz, sendo Tailândia e Índia como principais fornecedores.

O Brasil, já teve a Nigéria como um importante mercado para o seu arroz. Entre março de 2011 e fevereiro de 2012, mais de 750 mil toneladas de arroz (base casca) brasileiro foram embarcadas, tendo a Nigéria como destino. Em janeiro de 2013, porém, o governo nigeriano criou uma nova tarifa externa comum (TEC), incidindo sob a importação de arroz uma tarifa de 10%. Com o intuito de estimular a produção local, o governo ainda aplica uma sobre taxa de 100% sobre o preço OP do arroz importado, inviabilizando por completo, desde então, a manutenção desta relação comercial.

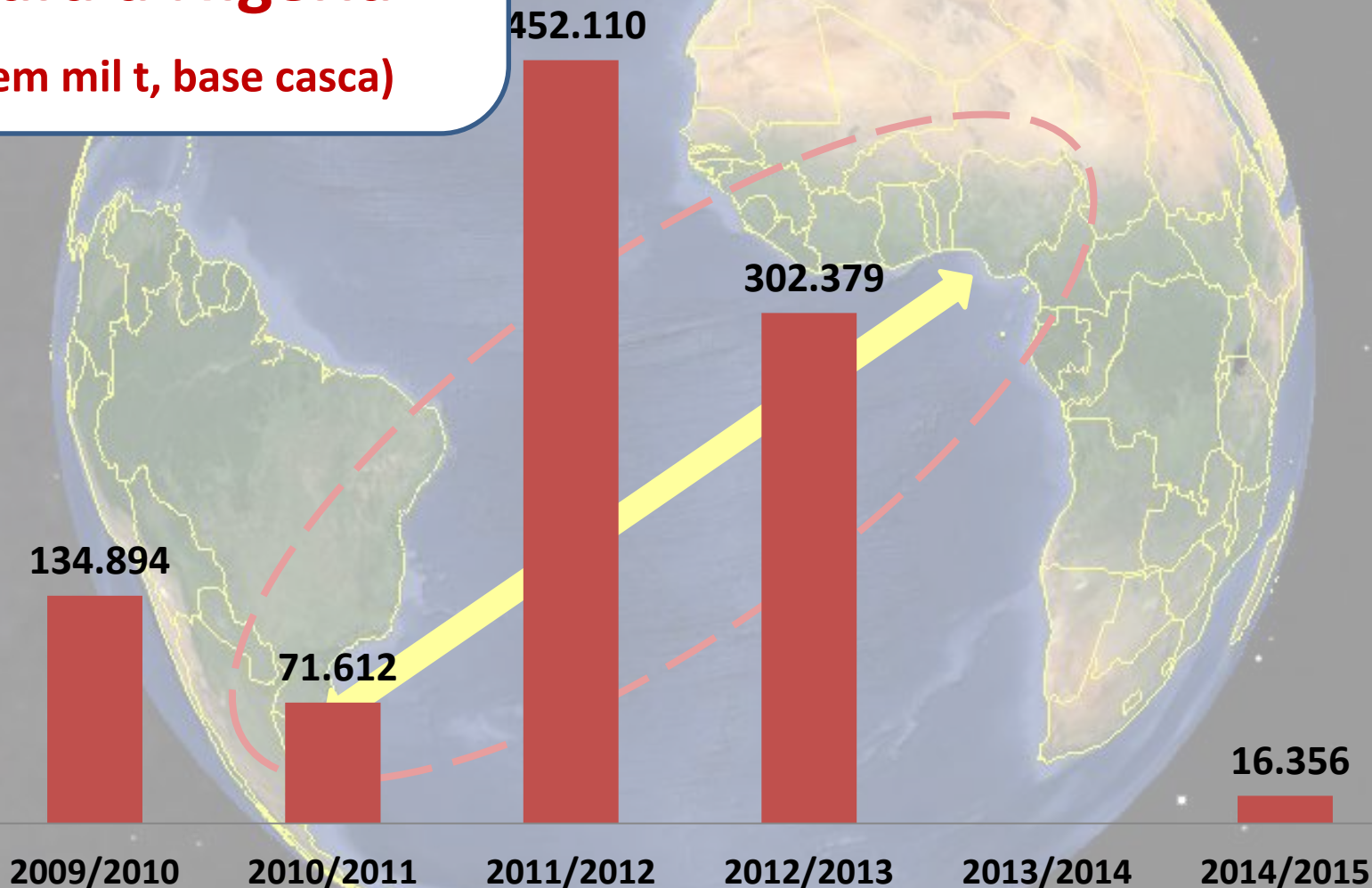
Com grandes semelhanças culturais, marcadas pelo espírito de força e capacidade de superação, Nigéria e Brasil têm grande potencial de crescimento quando exploradas as suas características complementares. Assim, propomos a avaliação do desenvolvimento de um plano de transferência de tecnologia, tendo como contrapartida a retirada das barreiras tarifárias e a retomada desta sã relação comercial.

Cordalmente,

Guinter FRANTZ,
Presidente.

Exportação brasileira de arroz para a Nigéria

(em mil t, base casca)



09 e 18 de outubro – Abuja e Lagos, Nigéria.



NBCCI unveils Brazil's investment profile in Nigeria

By Sunday Alakola
THE Nigerian-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NBCCI) yesterday unveiled Brazil's investment profile in the country stating that the pact between the countries would strengthen existing bilateral ties.

Indeed, the President of Nigerian-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NBCCI), Emmanuel Ifejuwe, noted that agribusiness, power generation and infrastructural development form investment profile of the country in Nigeria.

According to Ifejuwe, Nigeria remains the most attractive environment for investment being the largest economy in Africa with a population of over 160 million people.

"There is a favourable government policy towards foreign investments which aids easy importation and exportation of capital. We also have stable inflation and exchange rates that have encouraged yearly economic growth of not less than five per cent.

"We would like to say that Brazil is one of the world's fastest growing economies which cannot be ignored by a developing economy like Nigeria. Nigerians need to tap from the Brazilian experiences especially in areas of agricul-

ture, infrastructural development, petroleum and renewable energy, industry among others.

Leader of the Brazilian delegation, Evaldo Silva Junior, told journalists in an interview that the delegation was in Nigeria to discuss businesses in the areas of construction, agriculture and also management of the sewage.

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"We are here to help Nigeria produce rice, develop rice production in Nigeria and to go into discussion about supplying rice to meet up with the extra demand of that will not be met by the production in Nigeria".

"Concerning the sewage management, we are here to have a project, which will help manage the sewage, and change what is coming from the sewage, into bio-fuels through selective process," he said.

In the area of civil construction, Silva noted that Brazil will deploy its technology to assist Nigeria build houses for the poor and people of low income class at cheaper costs and faster rate, using the model known in Brazil as "My Life, My Health", he said.



Deputy Comptroller-General, Tariff and Trade, Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Akinade Adewuyo (left); Director-General/Chief Executive Officer, Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), Joseph Odumodu; Comptroller-General, NCS, Col. Ahmed Ali (mid) and Deputy Comptroller-General, NCS, Musa Tahi, during a courtesy visit of the NCS leadership to the management of SON in Lagos... yesterday.

PHOTO: GABRIEL IKHAKHON

Fayose tasks president on anti-corruption crusade

From Mayhwa Adeyemi, Ade Ekili

THE anti-corruption posture of President Muhammadu Buhari has been put on trial by Ekiti State Governor, Mr Ayodele Fayose who challenged him to prosecute a State Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), alleged to have received N55m bribe to influence governorship election in his state.

The governor said it was only when that is done that the President's fight against corrup-

tion can enjoy the needed credibility, adding that; "If nothing is done on a case as clear as that of the INEC REC, Nigerians can as well kiss President Buhari anti-corruption fight goodbye."

In a statement issued by his Special Assistant on Public Communications and New Media, Lere Clayinka, the governor said it was worrisome that despite that details of the two bank accounts of the REC,

which showed that N5 million was lodged into his accounts few days to the April 11 election, was admitted as evidence by election tribunal, the REC has not been charged to court.

Fayose said; "It is on record that two bank officials tendered exhibits confirming the payment of N55m into the REC's accounts by the an aide of the governor."

"Therefore, in the spirit of President Buhari's fight

against corruption, the REC and the official that paid the bribe into his bank accounts should be charged to court without further delay. This is more so that there are credible evidence(s) lending credence to the fact that the REC actually took bribe to influence the election.

"This is also important so as to further sanitise the electoral system for more credible elections."

Nigeria, Brazil to partner on rice production, construction

From Abosede Musari, Abuja

THE governments of Nigeria and Brazil have reached an accord to begin rice production in Nigeria as part of efforts to boost food production and agriculture.

The agreement is also expected to cover housing and sewage management with a goal to provide a good life for Nigerians.

The two countries showed the interest to cooperate on these levels at a meeting between a business delegation from Brazil, and the Permanent Secretary of Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bulus Lolo, who represented Nigeria at the meeting.

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Responding, Permanent Secretary, Bulus Lolo, represented by the Director of African Bilateral Affairs Department in the Ministry, Ambassador Ozo Nwobu, said, "this is a momentous time for us in Nigeria, there is a tremendous good will for Nigeria and what we as Nigerians must do is to hold ourselves ready to partner with those who will give us impetus for change.

WSOA debuts, a

By Moses Eboese

FOLLOWING the adoption of agreement reached at the International Maritime Round Table (IMRT) in Washington DC, United States of America (USA), an umbrella body for all national, regional and inter-

We reversed restrictions on rice import to check smuggling – Customs

FRANCIS EZEM

The Nigeria Customs Service has said that its decision to remove the restrictions on the importation of rice through the land borders was part of measures to check the massive smuggling of the staple food, through which the Federal Government has lost huge import revenue.

Under the new policy approved by the Comptroller General of the service Col. Hameed Ali (rtd) importation of parboiled rice would be through both the seaports and land border, both of which will attract 10 per cent import duty and 60 per cent levy, bring to a total of 70 per cent tariff.

Similarly, in the new tariff regime, rice millers will enjoy preferential levy with valid quota allocation, which would however attract a duty rate of 10 per cent with a 20 per cent levy on rice importation, bringing to a total of 30 per cent tariff.

The Federal Government had since 2007 restricted the importation of the product to the seaports alone, as it was believed that importation through land borders was fraught with massive fraud.

National Public Relations Officer of the service, Mr. Wale Adeniyi, who made the clarification, disclosed that the Comptroller General of the service, Ali has also approved the removal of the restriction on the importation of the commodity

According to him, the government imposed the restriction because the borders were believed to be a difficult terrain in terms of effectively monitoring and controlling the importation of the commodity a development that has proved to be counterproductive, as it has fuelled massive smuggling of the commodity over time

He said: "Over the years, importation has been restricted to the seaports and land borders. The authorities found it difficult to control importation through the land borders has no measure because smuggling with people using different routes including small trucks putting the smuggled goods actually carry it through the borders."

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Investigations however checking the thriving smuggling the service believes that it is able to streamline its operations on prohibited items which are also massive smuggling proved border routes in the interways.

"These new measures streamline its anti-smuggling border areas and ensure through the borders to proved routes and pay a Deputy Comptroller

More investors have indicated interest in Nigeria – NIPC

By Ladi Patrick

EXECUTIVE Director, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, NIPC, Mrs. Uju Baba yesterday disclosed that more investors have indicated interest in investing in the Nigeria economy, following an intensified war against corruption by the federal government.

Mrs. Baba who made the disclosure at the Nigeria Brazilian Business Forum in Abuja, noted that the international community is beginning to have confidence in the federal government's efforts to curb challenges faced by investors in the country.

According to her, "The Brazilians have been coming but had not really stayed but now they are coming back because they believe that rule of law can now inspire the investor's confidence".

She added that with the fight against corruption and insecurity, the business and investment environment is now right for any investor to have interest in this country, and that is what we are witnessing now".

In her words, "most investors who came earlier had to leave the country due to the security challenges, but they are beginning to have confidence in the present administration's efforts to improve the business and investment climate in Nigeria".

The executive director said Nigeria had abundant opportunities for investment in priority sectors of agriculture, power, manufacturing, solid minerals, critical infrastructure and waste management.

Baba said the commission was repositioning itself to attract quality investments in productive sectors and mobilizing a supportive business service as provided in the One-stop-shop centre.

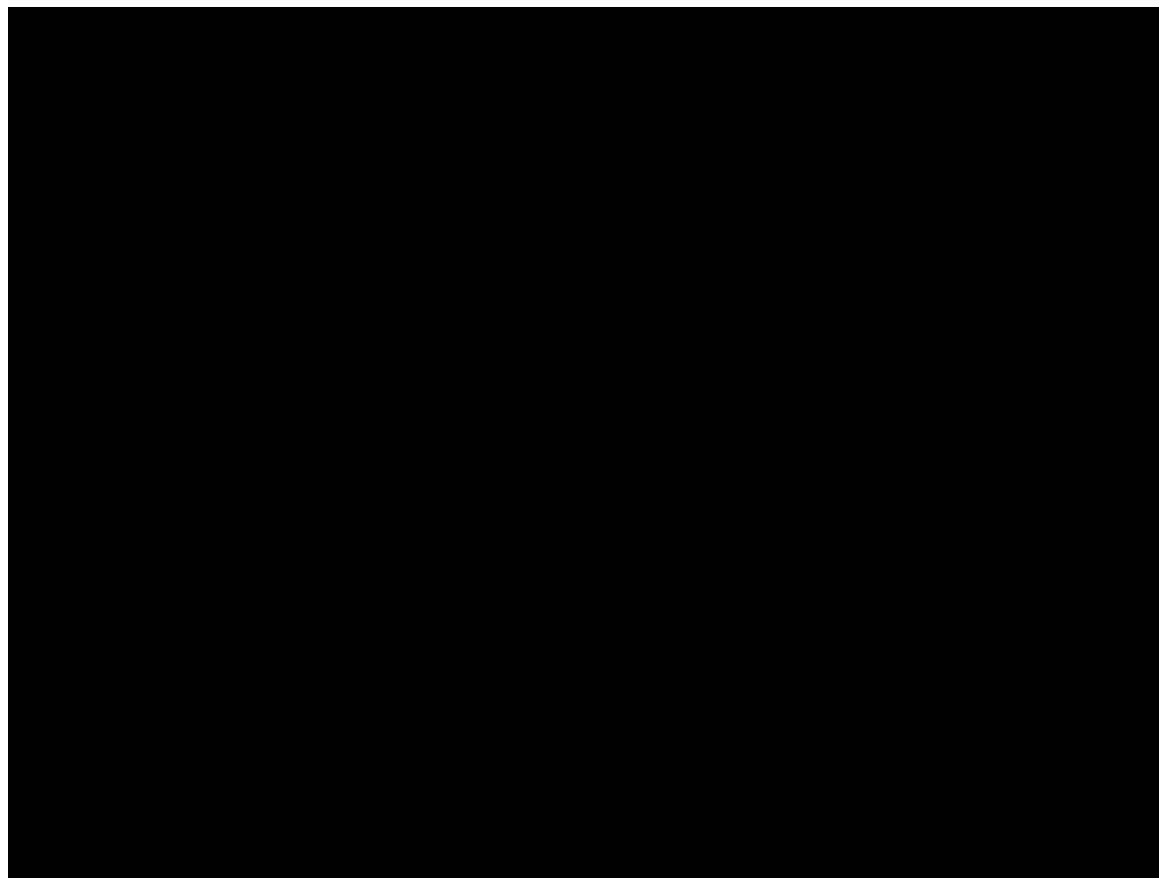
She said the One-Stop Investment Centre was the government's strategy to streamline investment procedures, provide prompt, efficient and transparent services and coordinate investment-facilitating agencies.

In his remarks, Nigeria's Ambassador to Brazil, Mr. Adamu Emozozo, said with the effort to curtail corruption by the federal government, investors from Brazil are now sure the investment atmosphere in the country was conducive.

Emozozo said the visit was aimed at increasing partnership between the two countries in the areas of agriculture, food security, power, education aviation, mining and culture.

According to him, "the volume of trade between Nigeria and Brazil was in the

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TARIFA DE IMPORTAÇÃO:

Dutty	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Fey	100%	0%	60%	30%	60%





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CET code	Description	SU	ID	VAT	LVY	EXC
1006.1010.00	Rice Seedlings		5			
1006.1090.00	Other Rice in the husk (paddy or rough) not specified.		5			
1006.2000.21	Husked (brown) rice imported by pure rice traders		10		60	
1006.2000.29	Husked (brown) rice imported by rice millers and backward integration program		10		20	
1006.3010.31	In packings of more than 5kg or in bulk imported by pure rice traders		10		60	
1006.3010.39	In packings of >5kg or in bulk imported by rice millers and backward integration program		10		20	
1006.3090.00	Semimilled or wholly milled rice, whether polished or glazed, In packings of <5 kg		10		60	
1006.4000.00	Broken rice		10		60	
☎ 1106.2099.00	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough) (excluding seeds)		20			
☎ 1302.1200.00	Vegetable saps and extracts of liquo rice		5	5		
☎ 3306.1000.00	Dentifrices		20	5		

SU=System Unit, ID=Import Duty, VAT=Value Added Tax, LVY=Levy, EXC=Excise Duty

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