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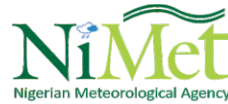


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Nigeria Eyes Global Aviation Competitiveness with Leasing Milestone

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Festus Keyamo SAN, Minister Aviation and Aerospace Development Nigeria

Nigeria is setting its sights on achieving global aviation competitiveness, with renewed government focus on empowering local operators and expanding fleet capacity through international partnerships.

Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, said the vision is simple but transformative to make Nigeria not just a terminal point, but a major transit hub in global air transport, driving sustained aviation competitiveness across Africa.

He made this known while addressing AerCap Holdings during the announcement of Air Peace's latest dry-lease aircraft, which marks a critical step toward improving national aviation competitiveness and industry credibility.

Keyamo explained that despite handling over 120 weekly frequencies from foreign airlines, Nigeria has yet to fully exploit its potential as a connecting hub.

"All these aircraft are full, going in and out of different

points in Nigeria. We want to transform that capacity, that market, to our own people," Keyamo said.

The minister emphasized that building this competitive edge requires empowering indigenous entrepreneurs rather than doubting their ability to compete internationally.

"We just want to compete. And for our local operators to compete, we must empower them. It's a simple vision: transforming the market that others feed on into an opportunity for Nigerians," he added.

Keyamo noted that 18 months ago, many doubted Nigerian airlines could expand their capacity.

"Everybody thought they could not ramp up their fleet. But today's event proves that with partnership and discipline, they can," he said.

He also called for the acquisition of more wide-body aircraft to enable Nigerian carriers to fully utilize bilateral

air service agreements (BASAs) with countries across continents, which he said are crucial for sustainable aviation competitiveness.

Keyamo reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to global leasing standards, assuring aircraft lessor AerCap Holdings that the government remains dedicated to creating a stable environment for dry-lease investments. This commitment, he added, will drive sustainable partnerships that strengthen the sector's aviation competitiveness.

He further urged aircraft lessors and financial institutions to tap into Nigeria's expanding market potential.

"We have bilateral air service agreements with many countries, but we are not fully activating those rights because of capacity limitations. I say this to bankers and lessors: there is a market here, and you will not regret investing in it," he added.

Sales Director, Africa Region, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Moore Ibekwe Jr., commended Keyamo for his leadership in advancing Nigeria's aviation competitiveness. He described the dry-lease success as the result of strong collaboration among Boeing, AerCap, and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).

"A lot of people might not know what it took to get here," Ibekwe said. "The journey started in the Minister's office. He recognised the importance of building a vibrant aviation industry and was willing to partner with us, the NCAA, and the leasing company to make it happen."

He called the event a "sentimental milestone," noting that few believed Nigeria would achieve another dry lease after nearly a decade.

"Three years ago, when I took this job, only two people believed this day could happen. This is not just one aircraft; it's a gateway to greater opportunities," he said.

Vice President, Leasing, AerCap, Gad Wavomba, expressed delight at the transaction's success, highlighting its importance as Nigeria's first dry-lease deal in almost ten years, a major boost for aviation competitiveness.

"AerCap is extremely proud to have Air Peace as our customer in Nigeria," Wavomba stated.

He acknowledged the efforts of the NCAA and the Irish Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in facilitating the 83-Bis Agreement, which allowed the aircraft to operate legally under Nigerian registration.

"Air Peace trusted AerCap, and we trusted them back. We had ups and downs, but we made it through," he said.

Wavomba thanked AerCap's global team and reaffirmed the company's readiness to pursue more partnerships with Nigerian airlines.

"AerCap does a transaction almost every 24 hours worldwide, but this one is special. We hope this marks the beginning of more Boeing aircraft transactions with Nigeria," he added.

Analysts say the successful dry-lease delivery represents a new chapter in Nigeria's aviation development, underlining the country's determination to meet leasing standards and achieve global aviation competitiveness. The achievement will make it easier for Nigerian airlines to access leased aircraft, expand networks, and strengthen regional and international connectivity, all key pillars of long-term aviation competitiveness.

ICT is essential to Modern Meteorological services, enabling weather forecasting, data collection, analysis and dissemination - NiMet DG Anosike



L-R: Mr Kashifu Inuwa Director General of National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet,

Professor Charles Anosike, the Director General of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Kashifu Inuwa, the Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) today, 3rd November 2025, at the NITDA head office. The event aimed at fostering collaboration and exploring strategic areas of partnership between the two key government institutions.

In his welcome speech, the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, acknowledged that this relationship is long overdue, but as the saying goes, "better late than never." He further emphasized that IT serves as a

catalytic and powerful tool for transformation across all professions. Inuwa also highlighted NITDA's mandate to deepen and accelerate the adoption of technology within critical sectors.

Building on this point, the Director General of NiMet, Professor Charles Anosike, stressed that ICT is an essential tool for weather forecasting and the analysis of complex climate data. He noted that this strategic partnership will enhance the credibility of NiMet's services, benefitting sectors such as aviation, agriculture, the blue economy, and early warning systems for disaster risk management.

Professor Anosike also informed the NITDA team of NiMet's internal capacity, sharing that the agency's staff have developed a weather solution known as METEOWIZ. This innovative solution, developed entirely in-house by NiMet staff, marks a significant milestone as the first of its kind in Africa, demonstrating the agency's leadership in meteorological technology. He added that the partnership with NITDA will not only support standardisation but also pave the way for the future export of technology developed within NiMet.

Both agencies agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the aim of leveraging

ICT for improved meteorological data management and dissemination. The agencies also plan to explore joint capacity-building initiatives, technological innovations, data management, digital transformation, and collaboration on innovation projects.

During the meeting, both Director Generals agreed to constitute a joint technical committee to identify and implement specific collaborative projects. These initiatives will focus on integrating advanced IT solutions into meteorological operations and scaling up digital services for the benefit of all Nigerians.

Professor Charles Anosike's visit to Mr. Kashifu Inuwa marks a significant step towards building a strategic partnership that promises to enhance meteorological services and IT development across Nigeria. The alignment of efforts between NiMet and NITDA is set to drive innovation, improve public service delivery, and contribute meaningfully to the nation's sustainable development.



NiMet deploys Electric Vehicles for Airside Operations Across Five International Airports



Electric Cars for Air side Operations

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has taken a major step toward sustainable innovation with the deployment of electric vehicles (EVs) for airside operations across Nigeria's five international airports — Lagos, Abuja, Kano, Port Harcourt, and Enugu. This marks the first deployment of EVs in the nation's aviation sector, positioning NiMet at the forefront of environmental transformation and operational efficiency.

This initiative aligns with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, which emphasizes clean energy and climate resilience. The vehicles, capable of covering up to 200 kilometers on a single charge, will be supported by dedicated charging stations at each airport — creating a practical and eco-friendly ecosystem that supports day-to-day operations without reliance on fossil fuels.

Beyond advancing environmental goals, the introduction of electric vehicles will significantly enhance NiMet's operational services. The quiet and

efficient EVs will facilitate smoother airside logistics, reduce downtime linked to fuel supply challenges, and cut operational costs — all of which contribute to more reliable, timely, and energy-efficient service delivery. By minimizing emissions and maintenance demands, NiMet can channel more resources into its core functions of weather forecasting, climate monitoring, and aviation safety.

The adoption of electric vehicles offers multiple benefits — from zero emissions and lower maintenance costs to reduced noise levels and improved energy efficiency. This move also supports Nigeria's national carbon credit targets and demonstrates a tangible commitment to global sustainability standards.

This milestone further underscores the commitment of NiMet's Director General/CEO, Professor Charles Anosike, to sustainable development, innovation, and excellence. Under his leadership, NiMet continues to drive forward-thinking initiatives that not only modernize its operations but also

strengthen its role as a key player in advancing green growth and environmental responsibility within the aviation sector.





L-R: Engr Magaji, Jam Barani CEO Barani Design, Engr Hamid Abdulkareem, Director Engineering and Technical Services, Dr Diallo Coordinator Data Management WASCAL, Mrs Glory Onyegbule Director Applied Met. Services, Mr Henry Director Cooprate services, Dr. James Ijampy TAIH-DG/CEO

Innovative IoT weather station will boost urban Climate Monitoring in Nigeria, NiMet DG says

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), is set to revolutionize urban climate monitoring across Nigeria with the recent donation of innovative IoT-powered LoRaWAN-enabled weather stations. This significant upgrade, a collaborative effort between Barani Design Technologies and the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), promises to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of weather data collection in urban environments.

According to the DG/CEO of NiMet, who was ably represented by Engr. Hamid Abdulkareem, Director of Engineering and Technical Services, expressed enthusiasm at the new collaboration, describing it as strategic and innovative in the weather forecasting value chain. "This initiative marks a significant step forward in our commitment to providing accurate and timely weather information. These advanced weather stations will be instrumental in helping us achieve our targets." He described this donation as additional to the existing 25 Barani AWS that are currently operational in the NiMet network. A total of 59 compact automatic weather stations (including Barani products) are being reactivated to boost the Agency's weather station density and improve our observation and forecasting capability.

The DG/CEO NiMet, further admonished Barani and WASCAL to ensure that NiMet technical team are promptly informed of capacity-building opportunities in order to ensure sustainability of the automated weather stations and their seamless transmission to our data center.

Meanwhile, in his response, Mr Jan Barani, the CEO of the Barani Design Technologies in collaboration with WASCAL while thanking NiMet's DG/CEO for the reception, explained that this new generation of smart, energy-efficient weather stations has been developed to improve

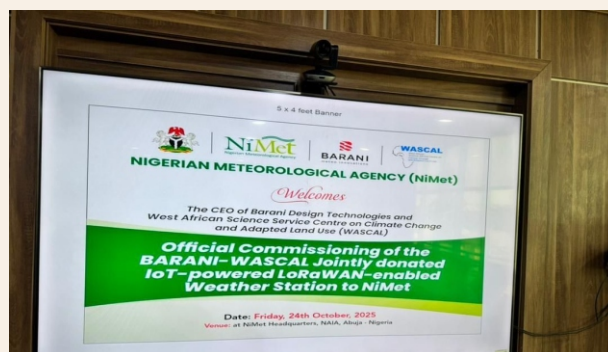
data accuracy and reliability across urban areas.

"The breakthrough comes as part of an initiative to make weather monitoring systems more compatible with modern smart city environments. This was necessary because traditional weather stations often struggle with inconsistent measurements and the challenges of relocation", Barani enthused.

The new design is focused on reducing power consumption, made possible through the advancement of IoT (Internet of Things) wireless technologies.

Mr Diallo Abdulaziz, Coordinator Data Management Department, WASCAL said that as part of efforts to strengthen Nigeria's meteorological network, the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) in partnership with Barani Design Technologies and WASCAL is enhancing power and connectivity solutions for its weather stations nationwide.

The new stations are built to meet the rigorous standards set by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). This adherence to standards ensures that the data collected is both accurate and comparable, facilitating better weather forecasting and analysis.



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Cross-section showing Prof Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet, Directors and top management during training

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) held a two-day retreat from 6th to 7th November 2025 to deepen understanding and strengthen implementation of the NiMet Act 2022. The retreat, brought together Directors and key representatives from various departments of the Agency, alongside legal experts from JurisLaw Consulting.

Declaring the retreat open, the Director-General/CEO and Permanent Representative of Nigeria with WMO, Professor Charles Anosike, said 'In 2022, when the Act was amended, our mandate was significantly enhanced to cover not only service delivery but also the regulation of meteorological activities across Nigeria. The implications of this expanded mandate are far-reaching. It means that we are no longer solely focused on providing meteorological services. We now also

have the legal authority and responsibility to regulate the entire meteorological sector by setting standards, enforcing compliance, licensing service providers, and ensuring that all meteorological operations within Nigeria meet both national and international benchmarks.

The retreat provided a structured platform for reviewing the provisions of the Act, conducting stakeholder consultations, benchmarking against international frameworks, and outlining steps to finalize and operationalize regulatory mechanisms. Discussions also highlighted the need for NiMet staff to adopt a client-service and professional culture, with job roles reflecting both scientific and regulatory responsibilities.

Participants agreed on the importance of capacity building, inter-

departmental collaboration, and resource allocation to support full implementation of the Act. The retreat concluded with the development of a roadmap to guide regulatory enforcement and enhance the delivery of credible, standardized meteorological and climate services across the country.





NiMet Concludes Annual Quality Management System - QMS Stakeholder engagement Meeting At Five International Airports

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has continued its nationwide Quality Management System (QMS) Stakeholders’ Engagement across major airports as part of efforts to strengthen service delivery, improve aviation safety, and sustain its ISO 9001:2015 certification for aeronautical meteorological services.

At the 10th anniversary of the NiMet Stakeholders’ Meeting in Port Harcourt, representatives from major aviation bodies—including the NCAA, FAAN, SAHCOL, Nigerian Air Force, DSS, ministries, and host communities—commended NiMet’s commitment to accurate and reliable meteorological services. The DG/CEO, Professor Charles Anosike, represented by Mr. Taiwo Asaniyan, reiterated that continuous stakeholder feedback remains central to quality improvement, operational excellence, and customer satisfaction.

In Lagos, NiMet held another QMS engagement with airline operators, airport managers, and security agencies at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport. Presentations focused on weather hazards affecting flight operations and proactive mitigation strategies. Stakeholders were also briefed on NiMet’s Electronic Flight Folder, a digital platform providing seamless OPMET data and flight documentation to pilots. The DG, represented by Mr. Abdulrahman Usman, emphasised that reliable data, expert guidance, and collaboration are critical to safer skies and improved service delivery.

Similar sessions were hosted at the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano, and at the Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu. Stakeholders in both locations commended NiMet



Port Harcourt



Port Harcourt



for timely and accurate forecasts, the deployment of OPMET services, and innovations such as the electronic flight folder. NiMet also announced the implementation of ISO 45001:2022 Occupational Health and Safety Management standards at these forecast offices to ensure products and services are delivered in a safe, globally compliant environment.

Participants across all airports raised actionable concerns including:

- * operationalizing Automatic Terminal Information Services (ATIS),
- * improving access roads to Meteo stations,
- * renovation of offices,
- * provision of buffer zones around sensor sites,
- * new installations for ATC operational efficiency, and
- * capacity-building for NiMet staff.

NiMet Management received commendations for recent improvements, including procurement of an electric vehicle for airside operations in Kano.

With the successful rounds of engagements in Port Harcourt, Lagos, Kano, Enugu, and other scope airports, NiMet reaffirmed its dedication to delivering world-class meteorological services, enhancing aviation safety, and maintaining compliance with WMO and ICAO standards through continuous improvement and stakeholder-driven feedback.



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At COP30 today, NiMet Director General, Professor Charles Anosike DBA FNIM FSM FCMI GPM, reconnected with ignitia CEO, Andrew Lala

The discussion centred on advancing weather and climate information, empowering meteorologists to deliver timely and impactful climate services, in line with the Hon. Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo's drive to improve public-private partnerships.

Professor Charles Anosike DBA FNIM FSM FCMI GPM and Andrew Lala examined concrete collaborative strategies, including the establishment of joint data-sharing platforms and the conduct of training workshops.

The partnership options under review included leveraging NiMet's existing meteorological network with Ignitia's technology to ensure accurate weather updates reach remote farming communities. Together, they highlighted the importance of enhancing data accessibility for vulnerable communities and demonstrated that technology and community-led sensitization could strengthen climate resilience efforts.

By clearly delineating responsibilities - Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) providing meteorological expertise and local engagement, and ignitia delivering technological tools and operational support – the partnership aims to improve data accessibility, empower local adaptation strategies, and strengthen climate resilience across Nigeria's farming communities.



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NiMet and Landmark University Partner to Strengthen Climate Research and Education



Prof Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet with Dr. Olumuyiwa Oyeniya Pro-Chancellor of landmark University

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Landmark University aimed at advancing meteorological research and deepening climate science education in Nigeria. The collaboration will enhance the collection and analysis of climate data and support initiatives that promote environmental resilience and sustainable national development.

The partnership will also drive policy advocacy and expand educational programs that integrate climate science into academic curricula. Speaking during the signing of the MoU, the Director-General/CEO of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike, emphasized that the initiative aligns with NiMet's mandate to improve data-driven predictions and early warning systems. He noted that the collaboration will support research in key areas such as drought monitoring, flood analysis, and agricultural planning.

Also speaking, the Pro-Chancellor of Landmark University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oyeniya, highlighted the institution's commitment to creating an enabling environment for joint research

activities. He added that the university will actively participate in research collaborations, staff exchange programs, and community outreach efforts aimed at translating scientific findings into practical solutions for farmers, policymakers, and local communities.

The MoU reinforces the importance of strong partnerships between academic institutions and government agencies in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development. By combining NiMet's technical expertise with Landmark University's research strength, the collaboration aims to support a more robust framework for climate monitoring, education, and innovation across Nigeria.





NiMet, AKADEMIYA2063 To Collaborate on AI, Big Data Analytics to bolster Capacity for Climate Monitoring And Food Security



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet and Dr Debisi Araba, MD AKADEMIYA2063

Dr. Debisi Araba, Managing Director of AKADEMIYA2063, paid a courtesy visit to Prof. Charles Anosike, Director General/CEO of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), to explore concrete areas of collaboration.

Prof. Anosike welcomed the delegation and highlighted NiMet’s priority to strengthen weather and climate services for national development. He underscored the growing role of AI and big data analytics in enhancing NiMet’s operations, noting that the agency already has staff with expertise in AI and machine learning who have developed models for data collection, analysis, and forecasting.

Dr. Araba outlined AKADEMIYA2063’s mission to boost Africa’s capacity for climate resilience and food security. He identified current challenges across the continent, including inadequate agricultural data, limited analytical capacity, weak research-to-policy linkages, and insufficient monitoring systems. He explained

that AKADEMIYA2063 focuses on building knowledge infrastructure, improving analytics, and translating research into actionable policies that drive real impact.

Both leaders agreed on the need for stronger collaboration to advance climate resilience and sustainable development in Africa. While NiMet brings meteorological expertise and timely weather information, AKADEMIYA2063 supports data-driven agricultural policy and climate adaptation strategies.

The visit marks a meaningful step towards a strategic partnership. Both organisations committed to establishing a joint technical working group, developing a memorandum of understanding (MoU), and scheduling follow-up engagements to operationalise selected initiatives for the benefit of society and the environment.



NiMet Holds Kick-Off Meeting for Implementation of Balanced Scorecard Performance Management System

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has begun an internal transformation process with the introduction of the Balanced Scorecard Performance Management System, designed to strengthen efficiency, accountability, and strategic alignment across the agency.

NiMet held a kick-off meeting with its Directors and senior management staff today at the NiMet Headquarters, Abuja, to introduce the framework and discuss how the Balanced Scorecard can enhance performance management and improve service delivery.

Declaring the meeting open, the Director General/CEO of NiMet, Charles Anosike DBA FNIM FSM FCMi GPM Prof. Charles Anosike, said staff welfare and capacity development remain top priorities for management, in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and the performance bond signed with the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Mr. Festus Keyamo, SAN.

“We are starting a new journey at NiMet as we prepare to roll out a Balanced Scorecard Performance Management System. It is one of the global

management tools organizations use to translate strategy into performance,” Anosike said. “This meeting will help us improve our strategy formulation and create room for enduring creativity in the agency.”

He noted the rising importance of intangible assets such as intellectual property, human resources, data, innovation, and brand reputation in today’s knowledge-driven economy. The Director General also highlighted that the system helps ensure proper alignment between strategy and objectives, enabling staff to clearly understand their

roles and responsibilities in achieving the agency's goals.

Speaking at the session, Kayode Sufianu Mr. Kayode Sufianu, Founder/CEO of Balanced Scorecard West Africa, commended NiMet for taking a decisive step toward institutionalizing a globally recognized performance framework. He stated that the Balanced Scorecard "offers organizations a powerful structure for turning strategy into measurable outcomes," adding that NiMet's adoption of the system demonstrates strong leadership commitment to accountability, innovation, and improved public service.

Prof. Anosike further emphasized that modern institutional value extends beyond financial records or physical assets. He stressed that value creation now depends on people's ideas, customer relationships, innovation, and a strong organizational

culture capable of delivering quality service. He described the engagement as a kick-off session that provides an overview of the Balanced Scorecard system and prepares the agency for the demanding but rewarding work ahead.

He concluded his remarks by urging staff to embrace performance management as a foundation for improving service delivery, adding that while strategy sets the direction, successful organizations distinguish themselves by how effectively they implement, execute, and sustain their goals.



NiMet Reaffirms Commitment to Climate–Nutrition Collaboration at GAIN SNIPS Project Close-Out Ceremony



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet

The Director General/CEO of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and PR of Nigeria with WMO, Prof. Charles Anosike, has reiterated the Agency's commitment to strengthening partnerships that support climate-smart agriculture and improved nutrition in Nigeria at the close-out ceremony of the Strengthening Nutrition in Priority Staples (SNIPS) Project, implemented by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) – Nigeria, a Swiss-based foundation launched at the United Nations in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition and strengthen food systems for vulnerable populations, in collaboration with development partners.

In his keynote address, the DG commended GAIN and stakeholders for their dedication to improving food systems and addressing malnutrition, describing the SNIPS project as “a testament to what can be achieved when we unite expertise, resources and passion for a common goal.”

He emphasized the growing impact of climate variability on Nigeria's food production systems, noting that erratic rainfall, prolonged dry spells and other climatic pressures continue to affect crop yields and nutritional quality. He underscored NiMet's mandate to provide reliable weather and climate information that enables farmers to make informed decisions on planting, harvesting and crop protection. “This supports higher yields, reduces losses and ensures that the staples reaching Nigerian households are both abundant and nutritious,” he stated.



The DG highlighted the SNIPS project's success in integrating nutrition-sensitive agriculture with climate-smart practices across Benue, Kaduna, Nasarawa and Oyo States. He also appreciated GAIN for ensuring strong participation of women and young people, noting that empowering these groups through training, decision-making roles and access to livelihood opportunities is essential for resilient and inclusive food systems.

Prof. Anosike stressed that tackling food security and nutrition challenges requires sustained collaboration. He

reaffirmed NiMet's readiness to deepen partnerships with GAIN, government agencies and the private sector to expand early-warning systems, strengthen farmer education and promote innovation in climate-smart agriculture.

"As we celebrate the achievements of SNIPS, let us also look to the future. Your dedication is shaping a healthier, more food-secure Nigeria. NiMet stands ready to collaborate as we move forward together," he concluded.

Induction of Members of Staff of The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and Fellows' Investiture



Newly inducted Members of Staff of NiMet

The Director General/CEO of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Professor Charles Anosike, on Friday, 28th November 2025, congratulated NiMet management staff who were conferred as Fellows, along with other staff inducted as Associate and Full Members of the Institute of Strategic Management of Nigeria (Chartered). At the 2025 Strategists Forum, fifty-one (51) Fellows were invested, including ten (10) from NiMet:

- i. Engr. Hamid Olayinka Abdulkareem – Director, Engineering & Technical Services
- ii. Mrs. Glory Amarachi Onyegbule – Director, Applied Meteorological Services
- iii. Akoji Alex Yusuf – Director, Finance & Accounts
- iv. Dr. Nasiru Sani – Director, Human Resources Management & Administration
- v. Aransola Abdulatif Yusuf – General Manager, Commercial
- vi. Dr. Emmanuel O. Uket – Special Assistant, General Services to the DG/CEO
- vii. Hauwa Zakari – Deputy General Manager, Administration (Kano Office)
- viii. Dr. Balarabe Abubakar Murktar – Registrar, MIST Katsina
- ix. Sani Sadiq Abubakar – Deputy General Manager,

Administration

x. Barr. Odumodu Ebele Nwamaka – Deputy General Manager, Legal Services

Professor Anosike, a Fellow of the Institute, provided the platform that enabled interested staff to pursue membership across various categories. This support is commendable, as membership of such institutes is often essential for career advancement, especially for officers in the Administrative Cadre.

Known for his commitment to administrative efficiency and continuous improvement, the Director General has consistently emphasized the need for optimal management of resources and processes, ensuring that operations are performed quickly and effectively to help improve service delivery.

The 2025 Strategists Forum, themed "Creating National Strategic Advantage for Sustainable Development through Public-Private Partnership," provided the platform for this reaffirmation. Represented by Professor Weli, Director of Weather Forecasting Services, Professor Anosike restated this commitment while delivering his goodwill message in Abuja.

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Cross-Section showing Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development Festus Keyamo SAN and DGs of Aviation Agencies

The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), Prof. Charles Anosike, was among distinguished guests who attended the Centenary Celebration of Aviation in Nigeria held on Monday, December 1st, 2025, at the Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Center, Abuja.

Organised by the Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development in conjunction with the Aviation Safety Round Table Initiative (ART), the event commemorated 100 years of aviation in Nigeria (1925–2025). It brought together government officials, industry leaders, aviation professionals, and stakeholders from across the sector to celebrate a century of progress, innovation, and national development.

The ceremony highlighted the early beginnings of aviation in Nigeria, key milestones achieved over the decades, and the vision for the future of the industry. It also featured a special recognition segment honouring individuals and institutions whose contributions have shaped Nigeria's airspace and aviation safety successes.

The celebration, themed "The Milestones, Memories and The Future of Nigerian Aviation", carried a unifying message of "One Nation, Endless Possibilities," capturing Nigeria's continued aspiration for a safer, stronger, and globally competitive aviation industry.



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Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet

NiMet DG Anosike Awarded BusinessDay Public Service Excellence Award 2025

The Director General/CEO Prof. Charles Anosike on 3rd December 2025 received the BusinessDay Public Lecture Series and Excellence Awards.

Now in its seventh edition, the BusinessDay Awards celebrate public sector leaders who strengthen governance, improve institutional performance, and advance data-driven decision-making nationwide. Prof. Anosike's leadership in driving efficiency, climate resilience, and evidence-based reforms continues to position NiMet as a model of modern public service delivery.

The Awards Committee honoured him for his exceptional commitment, strategic vision, and

transformative contributions to Nigeria's meteorological and climate services sector. His recognition in the Excellence in Public Service category underscores his consistency in championing innovation, service quality, and institutional excellence.

Among those also recognized were Festus Keyamo, Hon. Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development; Mohammed Idris, Minister of Information and National Orientation; H.E. Amb. Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and several other distinguished public leaders.





NiMet Champions Data-Driven Disaster Preparedness at Anticipatory Action National Conference



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet

The Director-General/CEO of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) Prof. Charles Anosike, has reaffirmed NiMet’s commitment to advancing proactive, data-driven disaster preparedness in Nigeria at the Anticipatory Action National Conference, held on Thursday, 4th December 2025. The conference was convened by the Office of the Vice President in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) Nigeria.

While delivering a goodwill message Prof. Anosike stressed the urgency of anticipatory action, noting Nigeria’s vulnerability to floods, droughts, and extreme weather. According to him:

“Last year, early warning systems helped save thousands of lives during the devastating floods in Nigeria—imagine the impact we could have if data-driven anticipatory action were implemented across the nation.”



He reaffirmed NiMet’s progress in upgrading weather observation and forecasting systems, supported by an expanded meteorological network and advanced technologies. He explained that tools such as the Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP) is now vital tool for farmers, emergency responders, urban planners, and policymakers.

“By providing early warnings on rainfall patterns, drought likelihood, and extreme events, we empower communities to prepare and adapt—turning information into action. continue to guide farmers, policymakers, and emergency responders nationwide” he said

Prof. Anosike emphasised that anticipatory action is not the responsibility of one agency alone. It demands a whole-of-society approach, where communities are engaged, systems are interoperable, and knowledge is shared freely.”

While acknowledging challenges such as data gaps and rural access to technology, he expressed confidence in emerging tools like artificial intelligence, big data, and mobile platforms to strengthen early warning and anticipatory systems.

Calling for stronger collaboration, he urged participants to think boldly and collaborate closely. Together, we can move from reacting to disasters to anticipating and preventing them.” He said

During the event, Prof. Charles Anosike was also presented with an award in recognition of NiMet’s contribution to advancing data-driven solutions for disaster preparedness and climate resilience in Nigeria.



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Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO receiving award of excellence at Nigeria International Airshow

The three-day Nigeria International Airshow (NIA) 2025 concluded on Thursday, 4th December 2025, with a ceremony celebrating individuals and organisations driving innovation in the aviation industry. The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) was honoured as the leader in climate science and sustainable aviation practices, reaffirming its vital role in shaping a safer and climate-resilient aviation sector.

At the event, the Director-General/CEO of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike, was presented with the Excellence in Sustainable Climate Policy award. The organisers commended his strategic leadership in advancing climate policy, enhancing data-driven aviation safety, and promoting sustainable operations across the industry.



NiMet Strengthens Managerial Capacity To Enhance Operational Efficiency



Managerial Capacity Training

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), in collaboration with the Institute of Strategic Management of Nigeria (Chartered), held a two-day Executive Leadership Programme (ELP): Strategic Management in Public Sector for senior and mid-level management staff.

Declaring the programme open, the Director-General/CEO of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike DBA FNIM FSM FCMJ GPM, noted:

“No country need be poor if it has people and good management. Today we are gathered here to learn and grow together and ensure that we continue to demonstrate capacity to manage adaptive challenges of climate change. Continuous improvement means getting better every day. The key to operational success in growing uncertainty lies in ability of managers to demonstrate multidimensional approach to performance.

Management was created as a way to reduce chaos in organizations to make them run more efficiently and effectively. In that regard, our work requires that we consistently and committedly seek to establish order and stability to drive operational excellence, challenging and respecting our team members and by so doing we grow trust and teamwork.”

The programme featured concise, high-impact sessions on:

- * Succession Planning – building a structured pathway for future leadership.



- * Stakeholders' Engagement – strengthening partnerships across government, industry, and the public.
- * Financial Management – enhancing budgeting, expenditure control, and risk mitigation.
- * Public Entrepreneurship & Innovation – applying creative thinking and PPP models to improve public service delivery.
- * Strategic Leadership & Management Grid – balancing leadership and managerial effectiveness.
- * Organizational Culture – fostering a collaborative, values-driven work environment.
- * Strategy Games & Simulations – sharpening decision-making and team collaboration.
- * Ethics & Team Leadership – reinforcing transparency, fairness, and team cohesion.

This initiative reflects NiMet's ongoing commitment to continuous professional development, operational excellence, and strengthening the capacity of its workforce to deliver accurate, timely, and reliable meteorological services for national growth and sustainability.



AGRHYMET Leads Joint High-Level Mission to NiMet on Operationalization of RCC-WAS



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet and Dr. Issoufou Baoua DG AGRHYMET

The Director General of AGRHYMET, Dr. Issoufou Baoua, led a high-level delegation to the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) as part of the Joint Mission on the operationalization of the Regional Climate Centre for West Africa and the Sahel (RCC-WAS). He was accompanied by the WMO Representative for West, Central & North Africa, Dr. Bernard Gomez, and the ECOWAS Representative, Prof. Mansur Matazu.

The mission focused on advancing regional collaboration required to fully operationalize RCC-WAS – a key initiative designed to enhance climate services, strengthen resilience, and support informed decision-making across West Africa and the Sahel.

During the engagement, the AGRHYMET DG outlined the core objectives of the mission, which include strengthening

institutional partnerships, aligning regional priorities, identifying capacity-building needs, and setting actionable milestones for the effective take-off of RCC-WAS.

Receiving the delegation, the Director General/CEO of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike, reaffirmed NiMet's commitment to the successful establishment of RCC-WAS. He emphasized that NiMet will provide technical expertise and tools – including MeteoWiz – participate in joint research efforts, and contribute to the development of advanced climate monitoring and forecasting capabilities for the region.

The visit marked a significant step forward in consolidating regional cooperation. Both institutions reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening climate services, and the meeting concluded with the signing of a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the operationalization of the Regional Climate Centre for West Africa and the Sahel.





NiMet Strengthens Collaboration with Yobe Govt Ahead of Commercial Flight Operations at MBICA



Cross-Section showing Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet flanked by Yobe State Government Delegation and NiMet Directors

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) hosted a delegation from the Yobe State Government on Wednesday 10th December as part of ongoing preparations for the take-off of commercial flights at the Muhammadu Buhari International Cargo Airport (MBICA), Damaturu.

The delegation, led by the Commissioner for Transport and Energy, Hon. Muhammad Muhammad Bara, met with the Director-General/CEO of NiMet, Professor Charles Anosike, for final technical consultations.

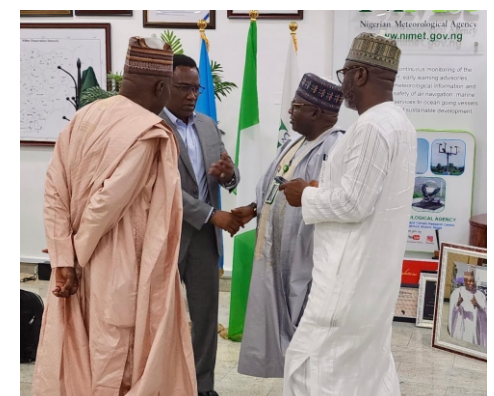
The discussions focused on completing all meteorological processes required for certifying the airport for full aviation operations.

NiMet reaffirmed its satisfaction with the findings of its inspection teams, noting that the installed equipment at MBICA aligns with ICAO standards for safe

aerodrome operations. The Agency, however, recommended the installation of an additional mini-weather station near the Control Tower to further strengthen real-time data acquisition and aviation forecasting.

NiMet commended the commitment of the Yobe State Government, led by His Excellency Hon. (Dr.) Mai Mala Buni, CON, for its readiness to provide the additional facilities.

The engagement represents a major step in ensuring MBICA meets all meteorological and safety requirements ahead of the commencement of commercial flights.



NiMet Honours 2025 Retirees for Exemplary Service



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet flanked by retirees

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has honoured its 2025 retiring officers at a send-forth ceremony held on 11th December 2025. The Director-General/CEO, Professor Charles Anosike, led Management and staff in celebrating the distinguished careers of officers who have completed 35 years of service or attained the statutory retirement age.

In his address, Professor Anosike described the event as a significant moment in the Agency's institutional journey. He commended the retirees for their professionalism, operational expertise, and unwavering commitment to NiMet's mandate. He noted that their contributions form a vital part of the Agency's history, having provided stability, institutional memory, and mentorship to younger

professionals.

The DG emphasised that the retirees upheld NiMet's core values, transferred critical knowledge, and consistently maintained the standards that define the Agency's excellence. He added that their service has strengthened NiMet's resilience and supported its progress over the years.

The retirees, in their separate remarks, expressed deep appreciation to Professor Anosike for his transformative leadership. They praised him for repositioning NiMet, improving staff morale, and championing reforms that have enhanced both operational efficiency and the Agency's national visibility. They described his tenure as one marked by innovation, integrity, and renewed institutional direction.



Professor Anosike congratulated the retirees and wished them robust health, fulfilment, and continued success as they begin new chapters in their personal endeavours.



NiMet Presents Maiden Livestock Weather Bulletin to Minister of Livestock Development

Development on Tuesday, 16 December 2025.



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet and Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha Minister of Livestock Development

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), led by its Director-General/CEO, Prof. Charles Anosike, has paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Minister of Livestock

Speaking during the visit, Prof. Anosike presented the maiden edition of the Livestock Weather Bulletin, noting that “the purpose of this visit is to present to the Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Livestock Development, the maiden edition of the Livestock Weather Bulletin.” He explained that the bulletin provides timely and accurate weather information tailored for livestock farmers, enabling informed decision-making, improved productivity, effective planning, and reduced exposure to climate and weather-related risks.

Prof. Anosike stressed the central role of meteorological information in livestock production, stating that “weather information is crucial for livestock farming, influencing animal health such as heat stress and disease, feed and water availability through pasture growth and drought conditions, breeding cycles, and daily operations including housing and manure management.” He added that reliable forecasts help farmers take proactive decisions that reduce

financial risks and improve production outcomes.

He further reaffirmed NiMet’s mandate as the national authority on weather and climate services and expressed the Agency’s readiness to partner with the Ministry to provide training and capacity building for extension officers and livestock farmers to enhance the use of meteorological information and promote climate-resilient livestock systems.

In his response, the Honourable Minister Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha emphasised the importance of weather information and forecasting, citing its practical value to his private farming investments and how he personally relies on weather forecasts in managing his farm. He disclosed that the Ministry has identified 417 grazing reserves nationwide and has recently received approval for their rehabilitation, stressing that collaboration with NiMet is essential to ensure the initiative is climate-smart and resilient to weather challenges. He also revealed plans for a situation room in the Ministry’s new office complex, where live weather data will be displayed on a dashboard, and welcomed NiMet’s alignment with government policies aimed at modernising the livestock sector.

The meeting concluded with an agreement by both parties to establish a technical working group by January 2026 to identify and prioritise areas of collaboration. It was also agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding would be drafted and signed by the first quarter of 2026 to formalise cooperation on weather data sharing and training, alongside plans to organise joint workshops and capacity-building programmes in early 2026.



NiMet Hosts 2026 Seasonal Climate Prediction Stakeholders' Meeting, Deepens Co-Creation for Climate Action



Prof. Charles Anosike DG/CEO NiMet

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), in line with its statutory mandate, has produced the draft 2026 Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP) and convened a Stakeholders' Meeting to validate the outlook and strengthen sector-specific advisories through co-creation and co-production.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders from the CBN, Federal Ministry of Environment, aviation, agriculture, water resources, disaster risk management, health, humanitarian response, and allied sectors. The objective: ensure the 2026 climate outlook is relevant, usable, and impactful across sectors.

Declaring the meeting open, the DG/CEO of NiMet, Prof. Charles Anosike,

emphasized the strategic value of the SCP to national development.

"Our Seasonal Climate Prediction is not just a scientific exercise; it is a vital decision-support tool across aviation, agriculture, water resources, health, disaster risk reduction, construction, and more."

He stressed that stakeholder engagement remains central to NiMet's climate services delivery, noting that collective insights help ensure forecasts are scientifically robust and user-driven, while translating climate information into practical solutions that protect lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure.

The WMO Representative to Nigeria, Dr. Roland Abah, commended NiMet for aligning its SCP process with global best

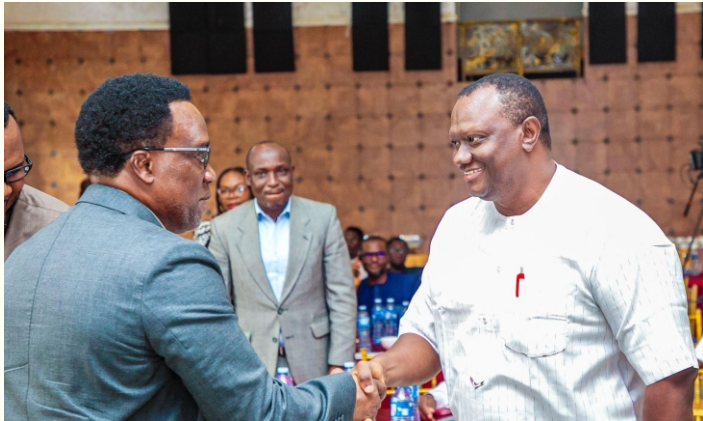
practices, particularly its strong focus on user engagement and co-production. He described the SCP as a credible tool strengthening climate resilience nationwide.

Similarly, the Country Director of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mr. Babatunde Ojei, praised NiMet for the consistency and reliability of its forecasts, noting their impact on humanitarian planning, early action, and anticipatory response in vulnerable communities.

Hajiya Maimuna Lawal, Director of Strategy and Innovation at the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), highlighted the SCP's value to farmers, describing NiMet's climate information as practical, farmer-friendly, and indispensable for guiding planting decisions, reducing losses, and improving

livelihoods—especially for women.

Representing the Honourable Minister of Environment, Mr. Jonah D. Barde applauded NiMet’s consistency in delivering timely climate information that supports national environmental policies. He particularly praised the Agency’s transition to digital climate services, noting its role in improving data accessibility, transparency, and efficiency, while contributing to Nigeria’s climate finance efforts, including strengthening carbon credit potential through enhanced climate data and monitoring.





Aviation News

NCAA Issues AOC to 3 Operators in One Week



Director General Civil Aviation, Captain Chris Najomo

The Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority has boosted confidence in the charter and non-scheduled flight segment after issuing Air Operator Certificates (AOC) to three operators within one week. The accelerated certification activity demonstrates the Authority's continued commitment to safety, efficiency and improved ease of doing business. It also shows how the AOC framework remains central to Nigeria's regulatory system, particularly as operators strive to meet international standards.

The latest beneficiaries of the AOC programme are MCM Jets Limited, Blue Dolphin Aviation Limited and Heliconia-EAN Aero Nigeria Limited. Each operator completed the required technical, operational and safety processes, and their successful outcomes underline the robustness of the NCAA's oversight system. The presentations were conducted at the Authority's Corporate Headquarters in Abuja between the first and fifth of December 2025, and the sessions were supervised by the Director-General Civil Aviation, Captain Chris Najomo.

During the presentation to MCM Jets Limited on the fifth of December, Captain Najomo praised the operator for its disciplined

approach throughout the multi-stage AOC procedure.

He explained that every Air Operators Certificate awarded by the Authority reflects a clear commitment to safety and full compliance, and he noted that Nigeria's airspace must be served only by operators who meet the highest standards. In response, the Director of MCM Jets, Mr Jide Ogundare, thanked the Authority for its professionalism and reaffirmed the company's dedication to safe operations and strong customer service.

Meanwhile, Blue Dolphin Aviation Limited received its operators certification on the fourth of December after meeting all required benchmarks. Captain Najomo congratulated the management team and encouraged the operator to maintain the standards that earned its certification. He added that the Authority would continue its active surveillance and monitoring to ensure continuous compliance across all holders of the AOC.

Earlier on the first of December, the DGCA presented an AOC to Heliconia-EAN Aero Nigeria Limited. He stated that the seamless process reflects Nigeria's commitment to supporting business growth while maintaining firm oversight. He also reaffirmed that the Authority would intensify supervision of all operators with an AOC in order to strengthen industry credibility.

With the issuance of these three AOC approvals, the NCAA has reinforced its mission to safeguard Nigeria's aviation landscape and ensure that every operator delivers safe and reliable air services.

Nigeria's Removal from FATF Grey List Strengthens Global-FAAN NigerianFLIGHTDECK



Mrs. Olubunmi Kuku, Managing Director FAAN

The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has described Nigeria's removal from the FATF grey list as a major step toward restoring international confidence and enhancing financial transparency across sectors.

FAAN Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Olubunmi Kuku, congratulated the Federal Government and the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) for their coordinated efforts leading to Nigeria's exit from the FATF grey list. She said the achievement proves Nigeria's determination to build credible systems that promote trust among global partners.

In a statement signed by FAAN's Director of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Henry Agbebire, Mrs Kuku reaffirmed the authority's commitment to transparency, accountability, and compliance. She said FAAN remains a vital contributor to Nigeria's anti-corruption reforms and a strong

advocate for financial integrity in the aviation sector.

“Nigeria’s removal from the FATF grey list means our country is no longer under enhanced international monitoring,” she said. “This recognition strengthens investor confidence, improves financial credibility, and makes international transactions easier for Nigerian businesses.”

Mrs Kuku noted that the removal from the FATF grey list represents a victory for Nigeria’s Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT) frameworks. She said the milestone will further position the country as a trusted partner in global commerce and investment.

According to her, “This achievement assures our partners that Nigeria is serious about accountability and financial discipline. It also signals that regulatory agencies, such as FAAN, operate within global compliance standards that guarantee transparency and investor protection.”

She commended the Chief Executive Officer of the NFIU, Hafsat Abubakar Bakari, for her leadership in coordinating multiple agencies to achieve the successful removal from the FATF grey list. Mrs Kuku also praised the resilience of all stakeholders who contributed to strengthening Nigeria’s financial oversight systems.

“FAAN is proud to have played a supporting role in this process,” she said. “Our systems and policies now reflect a higher commitment to global best practices, which aligns with the expectations of international investors and aviation stakeholders.”

Nigeria’s removal from the FATF grey list followed a rigorous evaluation by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The global body confirmed that Nigeria had addressed identified deficiencies and implemented reforms to improve financial integrity and compliance mechanisms.

Experts believe this development will reduce operational risks for Nigerian companies, improve foreign investment inflows, and lower transaction costs in the aviation and trade sectors. It also enhances Nigeria’s global standing and supports the country’s efforts to build a transparent financial environment.

FAAN reaffirmed its pledge to sustain transparent operations and contribute to Nigeria’s long-term compliance with FATF standards. The authority urged global investors to take advantage of the renewed confidence generated by Nigeria’s removal from the FATF grey list, describing the country as a secure and rewarding destination for business growth.

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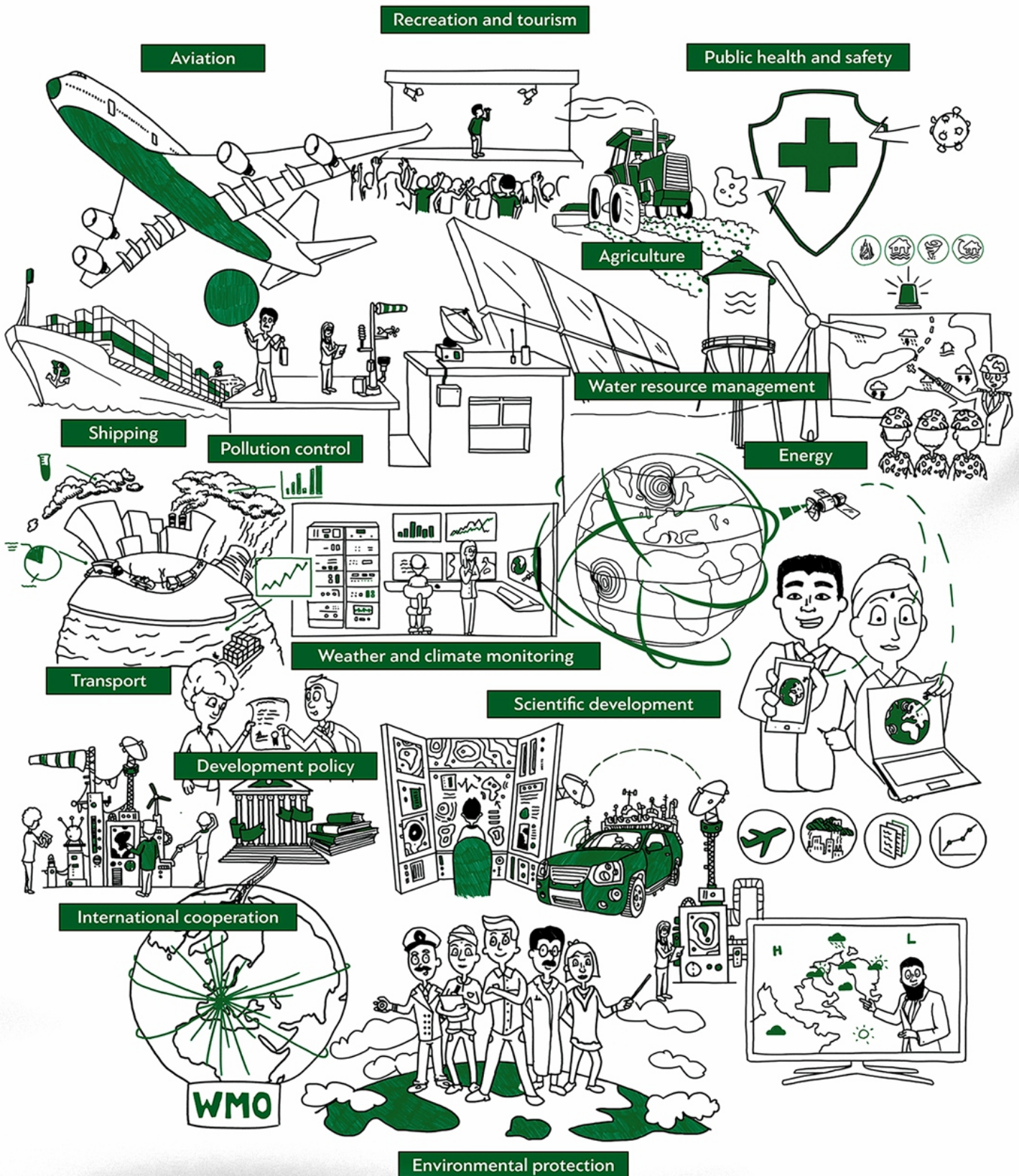
With several innovations through technology adoption, our goal is unambiguous: to operate a world-class meteorological service that not only meets WMO standards and ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) but sets the benchmark for West Africa and beyond. Nigeria cannot afford to be a passive observer in climate science, we must be climate-ready, and NiMet is leading that charge

Prof. Charles Anosike

DG/CEO NiMet and Permanent Rep. of Nigeria with the World Meteorological Organization



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