

Shippers Council advocates revitalisation of Delta ports

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THE Nigerian Shippers Council has advocated the revitalization of Delta ports namely Warri, Koko, Burutu and Sapele, which are not in good shape.

Speaking during an enlightenment workshop in Warri, which was witnessed by 150 participants drawn from both the public and private sectors, the Chairman of the event,

Austin Egbegbadis, stressed the need to repair the ports and give them a facelift.

"We sincerely enjoin the Federal Government of Nigeria to pay more attention to these ports as regards several challenges which include dredging of the Excravos port, he said.

Austin, who is also the president of the Delta Shippers' Association, also solicited the support of stakeholders in the shipping industry to identify with

the council in order to enable it discharge its duties effectively and efficiently.

Also speaking at the event was the Commissioner of Transport, Delta State, Mr Ben Igbakpa, who was represented by his special assistant, David Igho Oboturi. Igbakpa assured the council of the support of the Delta State Ministry of Transport in the discharge of their assignment.

It will be recalled that NSC has been appointed interim

ports regulator by the Federal Government.

According to Igbakpa, "This new role of the council makes her more preeminent and functional. The appointment by the Federal Government is a welcome development considering the arbitrary charges by shipping companies and terminal operators in our ports." The theme of the seminar was "Role of Nigeria Shippers Council (NSC) as ports economic regulator".



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