

# NIMASA urges Diaspora investment in maritime

**T**HE Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has urged Nigerians in the Diaspora to invest in the maritime sector to boost the economy.

Its Director-General, Dr Bashir Jamoh, made the call during the closing ceremony of the Global African Diaspora Symposium, themed, 'Building stronger connections between Africa and the Global Diaspora,' in Abuja.

Speaking at the venue, he described the country's maritime sector as the next big thing packed with assets to fuel the growth of the economy.

Jamoh, who was represented by the Director, Special Duties, Mr Isichie Osamgbi said: "The maritime sector is an untapped

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gold in the country and we see it as the future oil. The assets in the maritime industry - we call it the 'blue economy' is far greater than you can imagine.

"So, we believe it is something worth investing in now. An investment in the maritime sector in Nigeria is considered well invested funds," Jamoh said.

On her part, the Director-General, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM) - organisers of the symposium, Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, expressed appreciation to NIMASA for their support to the programme and urged participants interested in the maritime industry to reach out to the apex maritime regulatory agency for clarity.

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