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NIMASA urged to develop indigenous shipping line

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A Maritime Expert and Chief Executive Officer of Ships and Ports Communication Company, Mr Bolaji Akinola, has tasked the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) to develop indigenous shipping operations.

Akinola, in Lagos recently, urged NIMASA Director-General, Mr Patrick Akpobolokemi, to use his offices to chart a course for a national shipping line.

Recall reports that Akpobolokemi has just been re-appointed by the federal government for another four-year term.

Akinola said: "The DG will do well with his management team to focus more attention this time around in developing indigenous shipping operations.

"He should use the confidence that the president has in him to reposition the shipping sector."

He lamented problems associated with the appointment of previous chief executives of the agency since its establishment in 2006, hoping that the reappointment of Akpobolokemi would bridge the gap in policy implementation.