



St. Kitts – Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce

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Press Release

Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and St. Kitts & Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce (SKNCIC) Establish Strategic Trade and Business Development Alliance.

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On December 4, 2025, the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), represented by its President, Chief Emeka Obegolu, and the St. Kitts & Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce (SKNCIC), represented by its President, Mr. Trevor E. Blake, formally signed a Trade and Business Development Alliance. This agreement establishes a framework to strengthen bilateral cooperation, advance private sector interests, and promote sustainable economic growth across both regions.

Foundations of the Alliance

The Alliance is built on the recognition that:

- a) Bilateral relations must support flexible, efficient, and purposeful communication and collaboration.
- b) A structured partnership enables the sharing of information and coordinated actions to advance private sector interests.
- c) Private sector organizations benefit from cooperative approaches across jurisdictions to promote trade, investment, and functional cooperation.
- d) Success depends on strong communication and collaboration between the parties. e) Both Chambers are committed to shared objectives and principles that guide this Alliance.

Shared Objectives

Through this Alliance, members of both Chambers will benefit from:

- i. Collaborative projects and initiatives that enhance economic and social opportunities for businesses and communities.
- ii. Access to existing research in sectors with high potential for economic and human development.
- iii. Joint research projects to determine trade feasibility, establish best practices, advance cultural relations, and identify collaboration opportunities.
- iv. Technical expertise and programs that facilitate knowledge transfer.
- v. Exploration of new areas of cooperation for mutual benefit.
- vi. Linkages with state agencies and stakeholders critical to trade and investment facilitation.
- vii. Support for inward and outward trade delegations and missions aligned with the Alliance's objectives.
- viii. Assistance on trade development issues where possible.
- ix. Promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- x. Active identification and resolution of barriers to market access and other challenges.

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The Alliance will be coordinated by designated representatives from both Chambers, with regular virtual meetings to monitor progress and ensure effective delivery of benefits to members. Modifications to the agreement may be made by mutual consent, ensuring responsiveness to evolving business needs.

This Alliance represents a significant step forward in fostering stronger ties between Nigeria and St. Kitts & Nevis. By combining resources, expertise, and networks, ACCI and SKNCIC are creating new opportunities for their members to expand markets, strengthen competitiveness, and contribute to sustainable economic development. The partnership underscores the Chambers' shared commitment to advancing trade, investment, and collaboration for the benefit of their business communities and the wider societies they serve.

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