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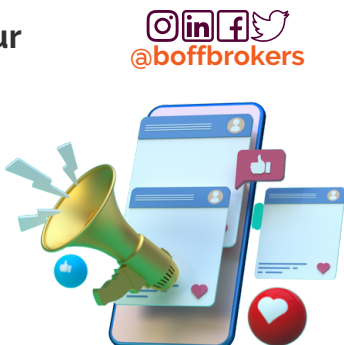
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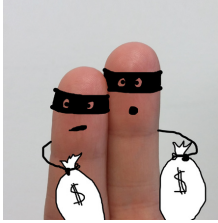


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NUGGETS

→ CAC, NAICOM Partner Against Money Laundering



The Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) have partnered to combat money laundering in Nigeria. The Commissioner for Insurance and CEO of NAICOM,

Mr. Thomas Olorundare, visited the Registrar General of the CAC, Alhaji Garba Abubakar, and expressed that access to the CAC's Beneficial Ownership Register (BOR) database would help to enhance NAICOM's operations. In response, Abubakar stated that the CAC had made details of Persons with Significant Control (PSC) available in all newly registered companies since 2021, and the BOR would soon be a standalone register in open data format to provide direct access for the download of information.

→ NAICOM Leads Operators On Compulsory Insurance Awareness



Insurance industry players have partnered with NAICOM to create awareness on the advantages of compulsory insurance implementation. The initiative includes a one-week long insurance education

and sensitization program aimed at promoting compulsory insurance and explaining the benefits of the recently approved vehicle third-party insurance premium and claim regime. NAICOM has collaborated with insurers, brokers, agents, and members of Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria (CIIN) to engage with stakeholders such as law enforcement agents, marketers, and motorists. Through this program, stakeholders have interacted with NAICOM and insurance practitioners, and motorists have expressed commitments to complying with the policy after being educated on its benefits. Insurance practitioners have also committed to serving stakeholders with insurance products and services.

Capacity for Managing Construction Risks in Nigeria's Insurance and Reinsurance Industry has been Enhanced



The Nigerian insurance and reinsurance industry recently received a two-day training session in Lagos on construction risk, with a focus on the Contractors' and Erection All Risks (CAR/EAR) insurance policy and Advance Loss of Profit (ALOP)/Delay in Start Up (DSU) coverage. The event, hosted by Talent Asia Training & Consulting, a Singapore-based firm, drew over 30 participants from various organizations in the industry, including reinsurers such as Zep Re, African Re, Continental Re, and Waica Re, as well as insurance companies like NSIA and Axa Mansard, and related industry professionals and intermediaries.

The training session was led by Mr. Pooba Mahalingam, a Regional Risk Consultant from Talent Asia Training & Consulting. Mr. Mahalingam expressed delight that face-to-face training sessions had resumed, and hoped that Talent Asia would visit Accra, Nairobi, and Maputo in 2023. He also stated that Talent Asia would continue to serve the African continent as travel restrictions are lifted globally.

Mr. Reuben Chikudo, the Chairman of Grilas Consultancy (Pty) Ltd, a South African-based organization that supported the event, delivered his presentation via Zoom from South Africa. He commended Mr. Mahalingam's technical knowledge and his willingness to impart it to the participants from Nigeria. He also noted that the participants were very interested in the training session and that it continued beyond the allocated time-line each day.

Several of the participants expressed their satisfaction with the training session. Frances Nwogbe, from Waica Re, expressed her gratitude to Talent Asia and Grilas for arranging the event,

which she found interesting, particularly given the specialized engineering insurance expertise of the facilitators. Emmanuel Ajibade from Continental Re also appreciated the efforts of the organizers in bringing in two experienced trainers, Pooba and Reuben, who shared relevant key points during the two-day session.

The event was a welcome opportunity for the Nigerian insurance and reinsurance industry to receive training on construction risk and related topics. It is hoped that similar training sessions will be held in the future, as the industry continues to develop and grow in Nigeria and throughout Africa.

NDIC Ready to Pay Depositors of 30 Closed Microfinance Banks, Others



The National Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) has announced that the depositors and creditors of 30 closed microfinance, primary mortgage, and deposit money banks in Nigeria are now eligible for verification and payment of the excess of their guaranteed sums. The NDIC is committed to protecting the interests of depositors and creditors of closed banks and guaranteeing deposits, supervising banks, resolving issues of distressed banks, and ensuring efficient liquidation of failed banks.

The corporation has realized enough funds to pay all depositors and creditors of the closed banks. Deposit money banks (DMBs), primary mortgage banks (PMBs), payment service banks (PSBs), and mobile money operators (MMOs) are insured up to ₦500,000 per depositor per bank, while those of microfinance banks are insured up to ₦200,000 per depositor per bank. As a result of the NDIC's liquidation activities, it has been able to fully pay all depositors of the closed banks.

It has extended deposit insurance coverage to depositors of Non-Interest Banks, Payment Service Banks, and subscribers of Mobile Money Operators. Depositors of DMBs, PMBs, PSBs, and subscribers of MMOs are insured up to a maximum limit of ₦500,000

per depositor per bank, while those of MBs are guaranteed up to a maximum limit of ₦200,000 per depositor per bank.

The NDIC has addressed concerns raised by depositors about hiccups in the distribution of new Naira notes, stating that all legitimately deposited monies in the banks are safe. Depositors, creditors, and shareholders of the closed banks are encouraged to avail themselves of the verification platforms provided by the Corporation to claim their funds.

The Corporation won a court case against shareholders of the defunct Fortune Bank International, which means that all depositors of the defunct bank can now file their claims for the purpose of reimbursement of their trapped deposits in the bank. This is a positive development and demonstrates the NDIC's commitment to protecting the interests of depositors and creditors of closed banks.

In summary, the NDIC's recent announcement is a significant step towards alleviating the financial burdens of depositors and creditors of 30 closed microfinance, primary mortgage, and deposit money banks in Nigeria. The NDIC's commitment to protecting the interests of depositors and creditors of closed banks is a positive development for Nigeria's financial system.

Naira Crisis: NAICOM Ready to Pay Claims

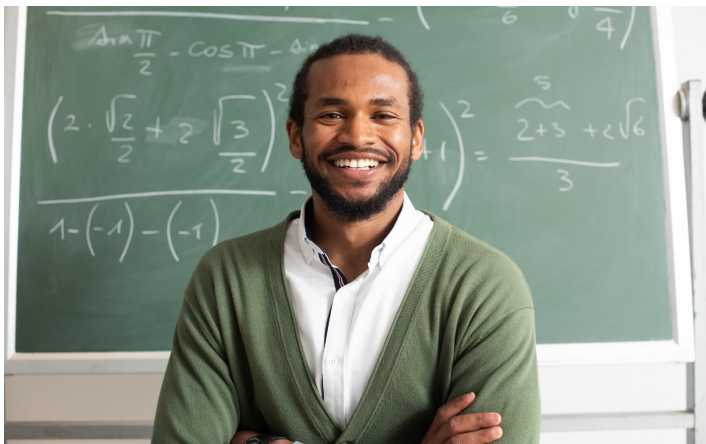


The recent scarcity of Naira and petrol in some areas has caused a lot of chaos and damage, with banks and other businesses bearing the brunt of the protests. Vandalism, roadblocks, and burning barricades have left many branches in need of repairs, and customers unable to access essential services. But amidst the turmoil, there is some good news for those affected. NAICOM has assured insurers that they will cover genuine claims arising from the situation.

The Commissioner for Insurance, Sunday Thomas, emphasized that the insurance industry is always ready to help mitigate the effects of disasters and support economic recovery. Insurers are making efforts to restore claimants and beneficiaries quickly and reliably, and will continue to do so.

Speaking on the insurance implications of the ongoing crisis, Tunde Fajemirokun, Managing Director of AllCO Insurance Plc, explained that most banks have different types of insurance covers, including fire and special perils, riot strikes and civil commotion, money, and fidelity guarantee. While the current scenario would likely trigger the fire and special perils cover, Fajemirokun noted that there is a malicious damage section that could be activated, depending on the terms and conditions of the policies. Despite the challenges, it is reassuring to know that insurers are working to support those affected and help them recover from the damages incurred.

Kentucky Senate Votes to Provide Teachers with Liability Insurance for Lawsuits



The Kentucky Senate has taken action to protect teachers from the financial burden of defending themselves against work-related lawsuits. The bill requires school districts to provide primary liability insurance coverage of at least \$1 million to educators, safeguarding them from civil legal actions that arise during the course of their duties.

Lead sponsor of the bill, Republican Sen. Max Wise, emphasized the importance of protecting teachers from the burden of legal claims, which often have no merit but can be costly to defend. The Senate passed the bill unanimously, and it will now move to the House.

The bill establishes the Educators Employment Liability Insurance Program, which offers a second layer of

excess liability insurance coverage for teachers. Both layers of insurance will be provided at no cost to teachers.

The initiative is expected to help attract and retain teachers by providing them with the comfort of legal protection while performing their duties educating children. The liability coverage, however, does not protect teachers against allegations of criminal conduct.

Nigeria's Insurance Industry: Poised to Survive the Weak Macroeconomy and an Election Year



Agusto & Co. has released its 2023 insurance industry report, which reviews the Nigerian insurance industry's performance in FY 2022, amidst the challenging macroeconomic conditions and the outlook for the industry in an election year.

The industry's estimated gross premium income maintained its double-digit growth trend and crossed the ₦700 billion mark. Inflationary pressures continue to impact claim settlements, underwriting costs, operating expenses and also moderate profitability indices.

The increase in third-party motor insurance policy rates is expected to cushion the rising loss rates from the associated business line and support a boost in GPI in FY 2023.

Furthermore, the report highlights that Nigeria's political environment following the 2023 elections will define the industry's FY 2023. Initiatives such as bancassurance, takaful insurance, microinsurance, and adoption of digital channels are expected to support the industry's performance in the near term.

Birthday Celebrations



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Mr. Gabriel Ajiboye
IT Officer



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Mr. Samuel Oyeleke
Senior Driver



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Mr. Adekunle Michael
Driver



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