



THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION (CIOTA) OF NIGERIA

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEM (ITS)
STAKEHOLDERS FORUM HOSTED AT THE INSTANCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE BY CIOTA HELD AT THE NICON LUXURY HOTEL, ABUJA – FCT ON
TUESDAY 28th JANUARY, 2025**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

DESIROUS to see the Road Transport Subsector yield its premium and strive to contribute to Security, Safety, Improved Revenue Generation, and Smart mobility to grow the Sub-National and National Economy like it has done in other parts of the globe;

COGNISANT of the challenges of the sub-sector which is characterized by: lack of an umbrella policy to guide its coordinated development; a free entry and exit space by operators; a space with an unregulated and increasing number of tax collectors (by non-State Actors and Government actor alike); a subsector without an economic regulator, yet is the mode that bears the burden of first and last mile in the transport and logistics value chain;

COMMITTED to leverage healthy public and private partnerships, collaborations and sustainable development principles and best practices as well as a coordinated implementation of Intelligent Transport Systems and Solutions powered by Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Internet of Things (IOT) which has revolutionized transport experiences in the globe; and

CONSCIOUS of the reality of the mandate of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in respect to road transport data management;

efforts of the Joint Tax Board (JTB) in developing a seamless motor vehicle revenue collection regime;

the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration of Nigerian as a transport professional skills and capacity builder and the Office of the Vice President of Nigeria who coordinates the National Economic Council (NEC), and the roles of other numerous Government and Non-Governmental players (Organized Unions, the Academia, Cooperatives and User Groups) that must reason together to agree on actionable plans on the way forward by setting performance indicators, targets and timelines that will define a collaboration framework for ITS implementation in the country.

1.1 The Forum: The One-Day Stakeholders' Engagement on Intelligent Transport System in Nigeria was hosted by the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration of Nigerian at the instance of the Office of the Vice President to frog lift the implementation of the Sixth Pillar of the current Administration's Eight Points Agenda: To Enhance Infrastructure and Transportation as Enablers of Growth.

The Forum which brought together key players in the transportation sector, including Commissioners of Transportation, Permanent Secretaries of State Ministry of Transport, Transport Professionals, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Directors of Vehicle Inspection Offices (VIO), operators/users provide a platform for ideas and experiences sharing with a view to improving road safety, security, traffic management, and transport efficiency in the country through the deployment of Intelligent Transport Solutions. Twenty-two (22) States were present at the round table.

1.2 Paper Presentation: The Five (5) technical papers were delivered namely:

- a) Overview of the National Vehicular Database (NVD) by FRSC;
- b) Intelligent Transport System: Way Forward by NITT, Zaria;
- c) Working with Data, Central Billing System in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) by JTB;
- d) Digital Enforcement and Compliance System in MVA by VIO; and
- e) Legal Framework of Motor Vehicle Administration by the FRSC

2.0 DELIBERATION AND KEY OBSERVATIONS

- i. **Data-Driven Systems:** Stakeholders emphasized the need for data-driven decision-making in Motor Vehicle Administration, Traffic Management, and Planning in all level in the Nation.
- ii. **Benefits of ITS:** The adoption of ITS was highlighted as the solution to challenges such as traffic congestion, road accidents, fake number plates, traffic infringement, revenue leakages and reduction of vehicle theft.
- iii. **ITS Implementation in All States/FCT:** It was observed that Lagos, Kaduna and the FCT has launched their ITS pilot projects and upscaling same. All States were encouraged to follow on the same trajectory because ITS benefits will significantly reduce travel times, enhance trip generation, increase revenue and contribute to a greener environment.
- iv. **Centralized Billing Systems and NVIS:** The implementation of a centralized billing system and the National Vehicle Identification System (NVIS) was identified as critical for integrating data from stakeholders such as the Nigeria Customs Service, Nigeria Police Force, and NIMC to enhance security, aid compliance and enforcement.
- v. **Policy and Legislative Framework:** The need for States to development their State Transport Policy was advocated. Also the enactment of the State MVA law and related matter, was emphasized as a veritable foundation to support ITS implementation.
- vi. **Public-Private Partnerships (PPP):** The importance of engaging the private sector to fund, execute, and manage ITS projects was highlighted.
- vii. **Collaboration and Awareness:** Harmonized data sharing among stakeholders, along with public awareness campaigns, was deemed essential to ensure compliance and public buy-in for ITS solutions.

3.0 RESOLUTIONS

At the end of the deliberations, the forum resolved as follows:

3.1 Commitment to ITS Implementation: States from the Six Geopolitical Zones were present in the forum and nominated two persons (one each from the Ministry and the Internal Revenue Services) to work with the Vice President's Office, CIOTA, and FRSC to monitor collaboration and successful implementation of ITS nationwide.

3.2 ITS Projects Implementation: Lagos, Kaduna and FCT shall be studied for immediate implementation by other states of the federation.

3.3 Policy and Legislative Framework: Each states to establish their own Motor Vehicle Administration Agency and develop their transportation policies and laws, making provision to cover Intelligent Transport System, so as to avoid litigation.

3.4 Integrated Billing Systems: Each states to harmonize all their billing data system for seamless national integration.

3.5 Public Awareness Campaigns: Launch public sensitization programs to educate Nigerians on ITS benefits and promote adherence to vehicle registration and traffic regulations.

3.6 Addressing Number Plate Scarcity: FRSC and producing states should address and ensure adequate availability of number plates so as to reduce circulation of fake number plates.

3.7 Active Database Management: State to ensure that a comprehensive database of vehicles/vehicle owners so as to have a harmonized database for effective safety, security and revenue generation.

3.8 Public-Private Partnerships (PPP): States to engage private sector partners for sustainable funding, execution, and management of ITS projects.

3.9 States to Create their MVAA: The forum strongly recommended that States should establish their Motor Vehicle Administration Agency

(MVAA) in under their Ministry of Transportation for effective and efficiency data collection and management.

3.10 That there is the need for the Federal Government to bring together the key stakeholders like the FMT, CBN, FRSC, MOT, NICON/NIA, CVIS, CIOTA, the tested ITS Service providers in the country, on the development of an ITS robust framework.

3.11 That Vice President's Office to sensitize the Governors' Forum and their Commissioners of Transport on the benefits inherent in the adoption and integration of ITS in the country as a National priority.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The engagement concluded with a collective resolution of Stakeholders that adoption of Intelligent Transport Systems is the way to go, as a tool to reinvigorate and modernize Nigeria's transport sector especially the chaotic road transport subsector with a view to ease traffic congestion, improve safety and security in our road corridors, and increase efficiency as well as enhanced revenue generation.



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President and Chairman of Council
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Signed and Sealed on this 28th Day of January, 2025