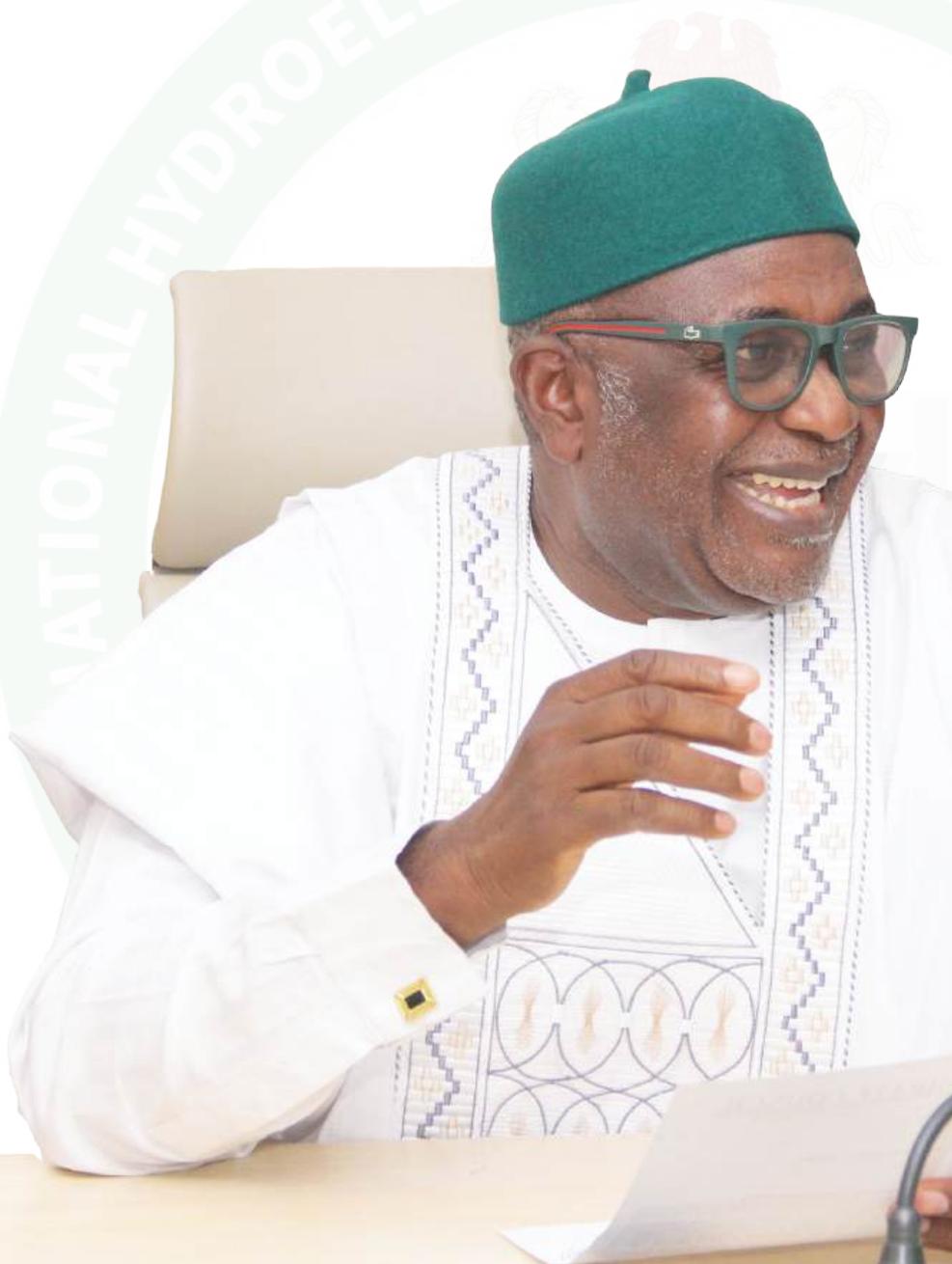


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From Policy To Reality

EDITOR'S NOTE

The **N-HYPPADEC Digest** is a monthly publication of the Press and Public Affairs Unit of the Commission. It was conceived as a strategic communication platform to document, preserve, and amplify the milestones, programmes, and impacts of the Commission across hydro-electric power-producing areas.

On a **monthly basis**, N-HYPPADEC Digest will be your companion in exploring steps taken by the Commission towards addressing ecological and socio-economic challenges of communities affected by the operations of hydroelectric dams in Nigeria. The Bulletin will also highlight some social events as it affects staff welfare and mutual coexistence.

Since the commencement of full operations in 2021, under the leadership of the **pioneer Managing Director**, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM, FNES (Katukan Yauri), the Commission has recorded remarkable achievements across its 10 member states through multi-billion-naira interventions.

These interventions include the **construction of over 700 solar-powered boreholes; clearance of water snags on River Niger and River Kaduna to ensure safety on waterways; procurement of passenger and operational flying boats; distribution of life jackets to riverine communities; provision of relief materials; and the construction of roads, hydraulic drainages, and culverts to mitigate flooding and other ecological challenges.**

Other notable initiatives include the **construction of resettlement houses for displaced communities; comprehensive renovation of police mobile barrack in Gashish; rehabilitation of New Bussa and Yauri Water Schemes; provision of motorcycles to enhance rural security patrols; construction of over 140 blocks of three classrooms; payment of NECO Examination fees for indigent students; distribution of farm inputs and equipments to farmers, youth empowerment programmes; medical outreaches; and the provision of essential health facilities, among others.**

In view of these achievements, the introduction of this monthly publication became imperative—to highlight the Commission's interventions and provide factual, verifiable accounts of its activities in line with its statutory mandate.

Beyond information dissemination, the N-HYPPADEC Digest serves as an institutional archive, preserving the evolving narrative of development in hydro-electric power-producing areas

It also reinforces the Commission's commitment to transparency, accountability, and effective stakeholder engagement.

There is no gainsaying the fact that, under the visionary leadership of Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa (Katukan Yauri), N-HYPPADEC has successfully translated **policy into action** through far-reaching institutional reforms, sustained stakeholder dialogue, and effective inter-agency collaboration.

The Yelwa-led Management has also entrenched a culture of transparency and accountability. This leadership philosophy has yielded tangible institutional achievements, including improved staff welfare, the introduction of merit-based promotions, rewards for productivity, enhanced staff capacity-building, strengthened accountability systems, and improved overall operational efficiency.

Furthermore, the Managing Director has introduced a robust institutional framework aimed at eliminating redundancy, tackling corrupt practices, and enforcing a zero-tolerance policy for corruption and misconduct.

These reforms are reflected in the Commission's recent ranking as **19th among over 350 federal institutions** by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Alhaji Yelwa has also worked closely with the National Assembly to strengthen the N-HYPPADEC Act, ensuring its alignment with current realities and enhancing its effectiveness in addressing challenges associated with dam operations.

Accordingly, the achievements highlighted in this edition are a testament to Management's unwavering commitment to translating policy into measurable and impactful outcomes.

As this publication continues on a monthly basis, the N-HYPPADEC Digest will remain a reliable source of information, a **tool** for institutional accountability, and a **mirror** of the transformative agenda being driven by the current Management under the leadership of Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM, FNES (Katukan Yauri).

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POST COP-30: N-HYPPADEC MD ENGAGES ENVIRONMENT MINISTER ON GAINS OF PARTICIPATION



Group photograph of the N-HYPPADEC delegation during a courtesy visit to the Hon. Minister of environment Alhaji Balarabe Abbas Lawal



The MD N-HYPPADEC Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa (Katukan Yauri) and the Honourable Minister of Environment Alhaji Balarabe Abbas Lawal at the minister's office in Abuja

The Managing Director of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM (Katukan Yauri), has engaged the Honourable Minister of Environment, Alhaji Balarabe Abbas Lawal, on Post-United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP30) outcomes, gains and priorities.

Alhaji Yelwa had led a delegation of N-HYPPADEC officials to the 2025 edition of the global climate summit, which held in Belém, Brazil, where representatives of nearly all nations converged to negotiate and coordinate collective actions to address climate and ecological challenges.

Given N-HYPPADEC's critical mandate in climate action and ecological restoration, the engagement with the Honourable Minister focused on post-COP30 climate priorities, strategic partnerships, and collaboration.

Speaking during the meeting The Managing Director explained that N-HYPPADEC works directly with communities that bear the environmental and social costs of Nigeria's hydroelectric dams.

"These include flood and erosion control, renewable energy access, water security, ecosystem restoration, climate-smart livelihood support, GIS-based climate risk mapping, and clean cooking solutions", he added.

He noted that the programmes are designed to be sponsored, co-financed, scalable, and implemented in phases across river basins nationwide.

"These communities experience recurrent flooding, erosion, water insecurity, ecosystem degradation, and livelihood disruption challenges that are now being intensified by climate change," Alhaji Yelwa stated.

Discussions during the meeting explored collaborative pathways for mobilising climate finance, strengthening data systems for risk management, and mainstreaming resilience planning within national and sub-national development frameworks.

In his response, the Honourable Minister of Environment, Alhaji Balarabe Abbas Lawal, assured the delegation of the Ministry's full support in addressing environmental and ecological challenges associated with climate change in hydroelectric power-producing areas.

ROYAL HONOUR: ETSU NUPE CONFERS TRADITIONAL TITLE ON N-HYPPADEC MD, ABUBAKAR SADIQ YELWA, FOR DEVELOPMENTAL STRIDES

In recognition of his outstanding leadership, institutional reforms, and impactful service delivery, the Etsu Nupe and Chairman of the Niger State Council of Traditional Rulers

Alhaji (Dr) Yahya Abubakar has conferred the revered traditional title of Katukan Raya Kasan Nupe on the Managing Director of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM (Katukan Yauri).

The letter of appointment was presented to Alhaji Yelwa on behalf of the Etsu Nupe by the Chiroman Nupe, Alhaji Muhammad Kudu, at the N-HYPPADEC headquarters in Minna.

Commending his exemplary leadership, the Bida Emirate Council noted that the Commission, under Alhaji Yelwa's stewardship, has executed impactful projects and programmes that have significantly improved the living conditions of rural communities across the Nupe Kingdom.



N-HYPPADEC MD Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa receiving appointment letter as Katukan Raya Kasan Nupe.

The Etsu Nupe further stated that Alhaji Yelwa's commitment to delivering the mandates of N-HYPPADEC has resulted in massive grassroots development and sustained interventions that have enhanced livelihoods in the host communities of hydroelectric power facilities.

Describing the Managing Director as “a bridge between policy and the people,” the Emir said his inclusive leadership style has strengthened trust between government institutions and traditional communities.



Group Photograph of the MD and the delegation of Bida emirate led by the Chiroman Nupe Alhaji Muhammad Kudu after the presentation of the appointment letter

“This honour is not only for you as an individual, but for the institution you lead and the communities that have benefitted from your service,” the Emir said, urging him to sustain the momentum of development and deepen collaboration with traditional institutions.

In his acceptance remarks, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa expressed profound gratitude to the Bida Emirate Council and the people of Nupe land for the recognition.

“I dedicate this title to the hardworking staff of N-HYPPADEC and to our host communities, whose resilience inspires our work every day,” he said.

“We will continue to prioritise projects that address real needs and promote sustainable development,” Alhaji Yelwa added.

N-HYPPADEC MANAGING DIRECTOR PAYS FAMILIARIZATION VISIT TO TARABA, MEETS GOVERNOR, AGBU KEFAS



N-HYPPADEC delegation in a group photograph with the Executive Governor Of Taraba State, Agbu Kefas, and some members of his cabinet after a familiarization visit to the Government House, Jalingo

The Managing Director of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM (Katukan Yauri), has led members of the management committee on a courtesy visit to the Executive Governor of Taraba State, His Excellency Governor Agbu Kefas, at the Government House in Jalingo, Taraba State, on Thursday, 15 January 2025.

The Managing Director was personally received by the Governor of Taraba State, His Excellency, Dr. Agbu Kefas, underscoring the importance the state government attaches to partnership with federal intervention agencies in driving sustainable development.

The visit formed part of Mr. Yelwa’s ongoing familiarization tour of N-HYPPADEC’s new Member States, designed to engage key stakeholders, assess the development needs of hydroelectric power producing communities, and reinforce the Commission’s mandate of improving the socio-economic well-being of host communities.

Welcoming the delegation, Governor Agbu Kefas reaffirmed Taraba State’s commitment to working closely with N-HYPPADEC to address environmental, infrastructural, and socio-economic challenges affecting communities within the Commission’s coverage area. He emphasized that effective collaboration between federal agencies and state governments remains critical to achieving meaningful and sustainable development outcomes.

In his remarks, Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM (Katukan Yauri), expressed appreciation to the Governor for the warm reception and assured the state government of N-HYPPADEC’s readiness to partner with Taraba State in delivering impactful interventions. He noted that the familiarization visit was intended to foster mutual understanding, enhance coordination, and align the Commission’s programmes with the development priorities of the state.

The Managing Director highlighted key focus areas of N-HYPPADEC’s intervention, including infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, youth empowerment, livelihood support, and economic growth in hydroelectric power producing areas across Taraba State.

He recalled that the four states of Kaduna, Taraba, Gombe, and Nasarawa were graciously added as member states by His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in June 2023.



He said the President’s decision acknowledged a long-standing reality “that communities which bear the environmental and social burdens of hydroelectric power generation deserve focused attention, protection and investment.” – Yelwa

He further emphasized the Commission’s commitment to transparency, accountability, and inclusive stakeholder engagement, stressing that sustainable development can only be achieved through cooperation with state governments, traditional institutions, and host communities.

The Managing Director informed the Governor that one of the commission’s responsibilities is to ensure that all vulnerable communities in power-producing areas are not neglected but rather uplifted.

He emphasised that Taraba State plays a crucial role in fulfilling this mandate through the Kashimbila Hydropower Plant, which holds immense strategic significance.

Recognising Taraba State's riverine challenges, Alhaji Yelwa said N-HYPPADEC delivered two operational **flying boats** along the Lau-Karim-Lamido and Ibi-Wukari axes to enhance emergency response and mobility.

"We undertook extensive desilting and evacuation of blocked drainages and culverts, covering approximately forty thousand linear metres across Wukari, Takum, Ibi, Ardo-Kola, Karim-Lamido, Jalingo, Yorro and Lau, with a view to mitigating flooding and reducing environmental risks," he added.

He stated that the commission is formulating additional plans to provide two water buses, each with a capacity of 33 passengers, to address similar challenges in other communities

Additional projects executed in Taraba State, according to the Managing Director, include the supply and **installation of transformers in Jalingo.**

He added that the commission has also supported education by covering **NECO external examination fees** for candidates from power-producing communities.

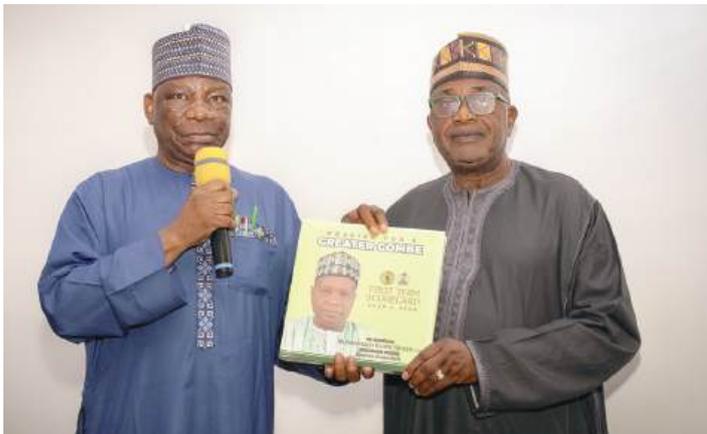
Alhaji Yelwa further explained that despite the remarkable successes recorded, the commission remains **"more mindful of how much remains to be done."**

The Managing Director also clarified that the commission does not operate in all local government areas of its member states, but in specific communities directly affected by hydroelectric dam operations.

In his response, the Executive Governor of Taraba State, His Excellency Agbu Kefas, expressed his sincere gratitude to the Managing Director and his team for the visit and the achievements recorded so far.

He advocated coordination and mutual respect in the implementation of the commission's projects to improve the living standards of affected communities.

MD N-HYPPADEC CONTINUES FAMILIARIZATION TOUR TO NEW MEMBER STATES, MEETS GOMBE STATE GOVERNOR, INUWA YAHAYA



The Deputy Governor of Gombe State, H.E Manasseh Daniel Jatau presenting a compedium of the administration's scorecard to the MD N-HYPPADEC Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa (Katukan Yauri)

The Managing Director of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM (Katukan Yauri), on 17th January 2026 led members of the Commission's management committee on a visit to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Gombe State, Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya at the Government House Gombe.

Governor Kefas also noted that Taraba State is central to Nigeria's energy resources and called for concerted efforts to harness them effectively.

He lauded the commission under the leadership of Alhaji Abubakar Yelwa for its various interventions in key areas of the state, while reiterating his administration's commitment to educational development through reforms and infrastructure. The Governor also commended the integrity demonstrated by the commission's management and called for greater synergy to achieve the desired goals.



The team also visited the **Aku Uka of Wukari**, His Royal Majesty Manu Ishaku Adda Ali, His Royal Highness the Chief of **Wurkum Kingdom**, Alhaji Yakubu Abubakar Haruna, Wurkun II, and **Galadiman Muri**, His Highness Alhaji Abba Tukur at their palaces as part of extended community familiarization and engagement initiatives of the Managing Director.

The visit concluded with a mutual pledge by both parties to sustain dialogue and strengthen collaboration in advancing development initiatives that will improve the living standards of communities within N-HYPPADEC's mandate area in Taraba State.

The visit is part of the ongoing familiarization tour by the N-HYPPADEC management team to the four newly added member states of the Commission.

In his remarks, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa explained that Gombe State, alongside Kaduna, Taraba, and Nasarawa states, was included as a member of N-HYPPADEC states by **His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR**, in June 2023.

According to him, Gombe State's inclusion in the Commission is due to its hosting of the Dadin Kowa.

He noted that the operation of the dam has exposed surrounding communities to ecological disruptions and livelihood challenges that require government attention and intervention.

"We recognise that the people living in these areas face unique challenges, ranging from flooding and environmental degradation to the loss of agricultural lands and fishing grounds. These are the very issues the Commission was established to address," Alhaji Yelwa stated.

While enumerating some of the Commission's interventions across the state, **Alhaji Yelwa said, "Gombe State has**

benefited from the distribution of 1,100 life jackets to riverine communities to enhance transportation safety for residents whose livelihoods depend on waterways."

Other interventions include," the delivery of one operational flying boat to Kupto community in Funakaye to facilitate emergency response and transportation; installation of 34 solar-powered street lights in several rural communities to improve security and quality of life; distribution of 45 hand-driven power tillers to cooperatives across the state to boost agricultural productivity; construction of 16 solar-powered boreholes to provide access to clean water; clearing of 40,000 metres of blocked drainages and culverts to mitigate flood risks across affected communities; construction of new three-block classroom buildings in Nafada, Dukku and Yamaltu-Deba to invest in the future of younger generations; as well as the payment of NECO examination fees for over 30 students."

However, Alhaji Yelwa acknowledged that despite the recorded achievements within a short period, more still needs to be done to address the needs of vulnerable communities.



MD N-HYPPADEC PAYS HOMAGE TO EMIR OF YEMALTU, VISITS DADIN KOWA HYDRO-POWER PLANT.



Group photograph of N-HYPPADEC management team and HRH Emir of Yamaltu-Deba Alhaji Dr. Abubakar Aliyu

In continuation of the ongoing engagements in Gombe State, the Managing Director of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM (Katukan Yauri), has led members of the Management Committee on a homage to His Royal Highness, Alhaji Dr. Abubakar Aliyu, FCNA, the **Emir of Yamaltu**, in Yamaltu-Deba Local Government Area.

During the visit, Yelwa expressed appreciation to the Emir for the warm reception accorded the N-HYPPADEC delegation and reaffirmed the Commission's respect for traditional institutions as key partners in grassroots development. He emphasized that meaningful and sustainable interventions can only be achieved through continuous engagement with traditional leadership and host communities.

The visit formed part of the Managing Director's on-the-spot **assessment of host communities**, aimed at identifying their needs and exploring effective ways through which the Commission can intervene to provide sustainable solutions and improve the living standard of the populace

Speaking during the visit, the Managing Director emphasized that Yamaltu-Deba Local Government Area hosts the Dadin Kowa Hydropower Plant, a critical facility whose presence facilitated Gombe State's inclusion in N-HYPPADEC. He noted that, in view of this strategic role, it is only fair and just that the community benefits substantially from the Commission's developmental interventions.

He assured the Emir that N-HYPPADEC would consider the provision of additional life jackets, power tillers, speedboats, a block of three classrooms, and a solar-powered borehole to complement existing facilities and enhance the socio-economic well-being of the host communities.

In response, the Emir of Yamaltu expressed appreciation for the visit and commended the Commission for its commitment to engaging directly with host communities and addressing their developmental challenges. He commended N-HYPPADEC for its developmental mandate and interventions, and assured the Managing Director of the support and cooperation of the Emirate towards the successful implementation of projects that will positively impact benefiting communities.

In his response, Governor Inuwa Yahaya, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, His Excellency Manasseh Daniel Jatau, PhD, commended the Commission for its achievements so far.

He rated the Commission highly, stating that it is genuinely fulfilling the mandate for which it was established.

The governor expressed the state's deep appreciation for all the projects undertaken by the Commission in Gombe State, noting that bringing services closer to the people remains a core principle of his administration.

He assured that the state government would continue to collaborate with and provide all necessary support to enable the Commission to effectively deliver on its mandate.

As part of the tour, the Managing Director and his team also paid courtesy visits to the palace of His Royal Highness, Alhaji Muhammad Dadum Hamza, the **Emir of Nafada**, and the palace of the **Hakimin Kupto**, Alhaji Sambo Adamu, in Funakaye.



The MD N-HYPPADEC Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa (katukan Yauri) having a conversation with the Emir of Nafada HRH. Alhaji Muhammad Dadum Hamza During a courtesy visit to the Emir 's Palace

Following the palace visit, the Managing Director proceeded to the Dadin Kowa Hydropower Plant, where he undertook an on-the-spot assessment of the facility and its host communities. The visit formed part of N-HYPPADEC's commitment to understanding the operational environment of hydroelectric installations and identifying priority areas for intervention.

While at the Dadin Kowa Hydropower Plant, Mr. Yelwa reiterated the Commission's resolve to address infrastructural, environmental, and socio-economic challenges confronting host communities, in line with its statutory mandate.

He noted that insights from the visit would guide the planning

and execution of impactful projects tailored to the needs of the area.

The Managing Director reaffirmed N-HYPPADEC's commitment to transparency, accountability, and stakeholder-driven development, stressing that the Commission remains focused on improving the livelihoods of communities affected by hydroelectric power generation across its mandate states.

The royal visit was aimed at strengthening traditional-institutional collaboration and acknowledging the critical role of traditional rulers in promoting peace, community participation, and sustainable development within hydroelectric power producing areas.

GOVERNOR ABDULLAHI SULE RECEIVES N-HYPPADEC MANAGING DIRECTOR AS COMMISSION SEEKS ENHANCED COLLABORATION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT.



N-HYPPADEC Boss presenting a gift to H.E Governor Abdullahi Sule

The Managing Director of the National HydroElectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM (Katukan Yauri), has paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, His Excellency, Engr. Abdullahi A. Sule, at the Government House, Lafia.

The visit aims to formally acquaint the Governor with the Commission's mandate and strengthen collaboration between the Commission and its critical stakeholders.

The visit also provided an opportunity for management to brief the Governor on ongoing and proposed intervention projects designed to enhance the socio-economic well-being of beneficiary communities across Nasarawa State.

Addressing his host, the Managing Director commended Governor Abdullahi Sule for his visionary, pragmatic, and people-centred leadership. He appreciated the Governor's support for N-HYPPADEC, particularly the provision and renovation of the Commission's state office, describing Nasarawa State as a model of purposeful governance.

While outlining N-HYPPADEC's intervention projects in the state, Alhaji Yelwa stated, **"We have awarded contracts for 26 solar-powered boreholes across several local government areas, including Keffi, Kokona, Toto, Awe, Doma, Keana, Akwanga, Nasarawa Egon, Wamba, and Lafia".** According to him, the water facilities are designed to address critical water scarcity challenges in rural communities.

In his response, Governor Abdullahi Sule expressed delight over the achievements recorded by N-HYPPADEC under the leadership of Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa.

Although the Management described the interventions as "foundational," the highly elated Governor noted that their impact is immeasurable.

"I want to sincerely thank you for all these what you call foundational interventions. For us, they are more than foundational. These are high-impact interventions in Nasarawa State, particularly in power supply, water provision, and agricultural support. They directly affect our rural communities!" Governor Sule said.

The Governor further reaffirmed his administration's commitment to strategic partnerships that would accelerate development across the state.

As part of his tradition of engaging grassroots stakeholders, and revered traditional institutions, the Managing Director also led his entourage on courtesy visits to some traditional rulers.

Those visited by the MD and his team are: the **Emir of Lafia**, His Royal Highness, Hon. Justice Sidi Bage Muhammad JSC (rtd); the **Andoma of Doma**, His Royal Highness, Dr. Ahmedu Aliyu Oga Onawo (OON); the **Emir of Awe**, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Isa Abubakar Umar II; and the **Emir of Keffi**, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Dr. Shehu Usman Chindo Yamusa III.

During the visits, the Managing Director assured the royal fathers of N-HYPPADEC's commitment to community welfare, safety, and sustainable development.

In their separate remarks, the traditional rulers expressed appreciation and pledged their support for the successful project implementation in their domains.



MD N-HYPPADEC UNVEILS KADUNA STATE OFFICE, CHARGES STAFF ON PUNCTUALITY, DISCIPLINE



The MD cutting the ribbon at the official commissioning of the Kaduna State office



The Managing Director of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, has officially launched the Kaduna State office.

He stated that the state office aims to enhance service delivery and community development initiatives.

Speaking during the ceremony the Managing Director, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, emphasised the importance of punctuality, discipline, and respect for authority. He announced plans to establish area offices across the state.

The event was attended by top management of the commission as well as staff of the state office.

Also in attendance were representatives from the National Emergency Management Agency, **NEMA**, National Directorate of Employment, **NDE**, and National Inland Water Ways Authority, **NIWA**.

In their remarks, the agencies pledged support for N-HYPPADEC's initiatives, praising the Commission's efforts in promoting youth employment and socio-economic growth.



N-HYPPADEC HOST 2025 END -OF-YEAR DINNER, MERIT AND PRODUCTIVITY AWARD CEREMONY, AS MD REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO STAFF WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH



The MD presenting award of special innovation to Dr. Haruna Jimoh Gabi, Director of Administration and Finance

The Management of the National Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), under the leadership of its Managing Director, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa FCNA, FNIIS, FNIM has hosted its **2025 End-of-Year Dinner, Merit and Productivity Award Ceremony** for staff.

The annual gathering provided an opportunity for staff to unwind, reflect, bond, and celebrate collective achievements recorded over the year.

In his address, the Managing Director commended staff for their unwavering commitment, professionalism, and dedication to the Commission's growth.

Alhaji Yelwa reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to prioritising staff welfare, institutional growth, and effective service delivery.

He, however, warned that the Commission would not condone acts of corruption, indiscipline, redundancy, or unproductivity.

"I'm happy we have a very active anti-corruption unit in the commission, we have been supporting the unit and we will continue to do so," he said.

He also urged the staff to remain steadfast, innovative, and united as the Commission looks ahead to a new year filled with greater opportunities to deepen its impact in rural communities.

Despite being a relatively young organisation, Alhaji Yelwa noted that N-HYPPADEC has recorded notable institutional reforms and executed impactful projects across power-producing areas.

He attributed the successes recorded over the years to the cordial working relationship between management and staff.

"We were able to achieve what we have achieved because of you. It would not have been possible for me to do it alone. I sincerely thank you for making these achievements possible," he said.

He explained that the award ceremony reflects a culture of excellence and accountability, recognising staff who have demonstrated exceptional performance and commitment to duty.

Alhaji Yelwa also disclosed that despite financial constraints, the Commission has remained consistent in meeting its obligations, including the prompt payment of salaries, allowances, and other staff entitlements.



He revealed that a recent assessment by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) **ranked N-HYPPADEC 19th out of over 350** federal ministries, departments, and agencies.

He assured **staff that welfare and capacity building** would continue to receive serious attention, adding that training, retraining, and professional development programmes would be implemented in phases to ensure all directorates benefit.

The ceremony was held simultaneously across states and area offices.



22 Staff Bags N-HYPPADEC Merit And Productivity Awards - No fewer than 22 staff members of the National Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC) have been honoured with Merit and Productivity Awards in recognition of their outstanding performance in the year 2025.

The awards were presented during the Commission's 2025 end-of-year dinner and award ceremony held at the Posh Event Centre, Minna, on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

The awardees were drawn from various State Offices, Area Offices, Units, and Directorates of the Commission.

Among the recipients was the **Head of the Press and Public Affairs Unit**, Nura Tanko Wakil, who emerged as the Best Head of Unit in the Managing Director's Office.

Other **award recipients** included Bala Halilu Mohammed, Yusuf Muhammad Sarkin Bauchi, Arch. Musa Gulani, Aminu Ismail, Barrister Khadija Jikantoro, Ibrahim Haruna, Fatima Sadiya Yelwa, Aliyu Bana, and Amina Musa, among others.

Special recognition awards were also presented to the Director of Finance and Administration, Dr. Jimoh Haruna Gabi; Hajiya Nafisa Yaro; and a security officer of the Commission, Malam Isah Garba.

The Managing Director of N-HYPPADEC, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa (Katukan Yauri), was also conferred with a **special recognition award** in appreciation of his sterling and transformational leadership at the Commission.



How N-HYPPADEC Staff Celebrated the **End-of-Year Dinner Across States, Area Offices**

The 2025 end-of-year dinner organised by the National Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC) was celebrated with enthusiasm and colourful activities across its state and area offices in member states.

Staff reflected on the achievements recorded during the year and set an agenda for greater impact in 2026.



In **Taraba State**, staff converged at the Commission's State Office in Jalingo for a lively and memorable celebration.

The event featured a range of light-hearted activities, including inter-departmental dance competitions, games, and other recreational engagements.

In the spirit of celebration, the State Coordinator, Barr. Aisha Lamido Tukur, rewarded winners of the various competitions with cash prizes.



Similarly, in **Gombe State**, staff trooped to an outdoor venue to celebrate in a unique and refreshing manner.

The ceremony was marked by dancing, sporting activities, and other recreational events, creating a relaxed and inclusive atmosphere for all participants.



In **Kaduna State**, staff were in high spirits as they gathered at the Commission's newly unveiled state office for the end-of-year dinner and productivity award ceremony.

The atmosphere was one of gratitude and appreciation for the guidance and leadership of the Managing Director, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa.



In **Nasarawa State**, the celebration took on a colourful outlook as staff gathered in Lafia for the end-of-year groove and get-together. The event provided an opportunity for bonding and informal interaction among staff outside the work environment.

Speaking during the event, the State Coordinator, Engr. Maidunama Waziri Mohammed, MNSE, described the celebration as a moment of reflection, appreciation, and renewed commitment.



Kebbi



Staff of the **Kogi State** and Area Offices also turned up in their numbers to celebrate the end of year dinner.

During the event, staff presented an award to the MD Ahaji Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, in recognition of his leadership and dedication.

The celebration equally went smoothly in **Benue, Plateau, Kwara, Niger, Kebbi Offices**, where staff gathered in jubilant atmosphere and enjoyed the variety of delicacies.



Kwara



Plateau



Benue



Niger

FELICITATIONS!



Congratulations Rahmat & Mohammed

The Management of N-HYPPADEC extends warm congratulations to Rahmat Opeyemi Mejabi, a dedicated staff of the Commission Liason Office, Abuja, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr Mohammed Olayemi Abubakar. We wish the couple a blissful and fruitful union, and pray that Gods blessings abound in their matrimonial journey.



Welcome to the world, Champ!

The Management rejoices with a staff member, Mr Farouk Isma'il Desk Officer Sports (Admin, Headquarters), on the birth of his baby boy, Isma'il Naem. We pray that Naem grows in good health, wisdom, strength, and becomes a source of joy and pride to his family and humanity at large.



Happy Birthday!

The Management and staff of N-HYPPADEC congratulates Ms. Ruth Asabe Essien, Deputy Director, Finance on her birthday. We pray that God Almighty will continue to grant you more years of strength, good health, and wisdom as you serve the Commission and Nation.



THE PRESIDENCY
National Hydro Electric Power Production Areas Development Commission
(N-HYPPADEC)

Congratulations



His Excellency,
**Alhaji Ahmed
Usman Ododo**
Executive Governor of Kogi State

On behalf of the Management, Staff and entire affected Communities of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission, I congratulate His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, the Executive Governor of Kogi State on the celebration of his one year in office. Your Excellency, your one year stewardship at Kogi State seat of power not only consolidated the gains of your predecessor in infrastructural development but, inject a new lease of life in the citizenry through human capital development and social safety nets.

Your Excellency, as you continue to steer the ship of Kogi state to greatness, we ask Almighty God to guide and protect you on the onerous task of building a better and more prosperous economy for a better tomorrow.

Congratulations Your Excellency!

Signed:

Management

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