

Transport Sector Round Up Q2 2026: Key Developments and Outlook for Q3/Q4 2026



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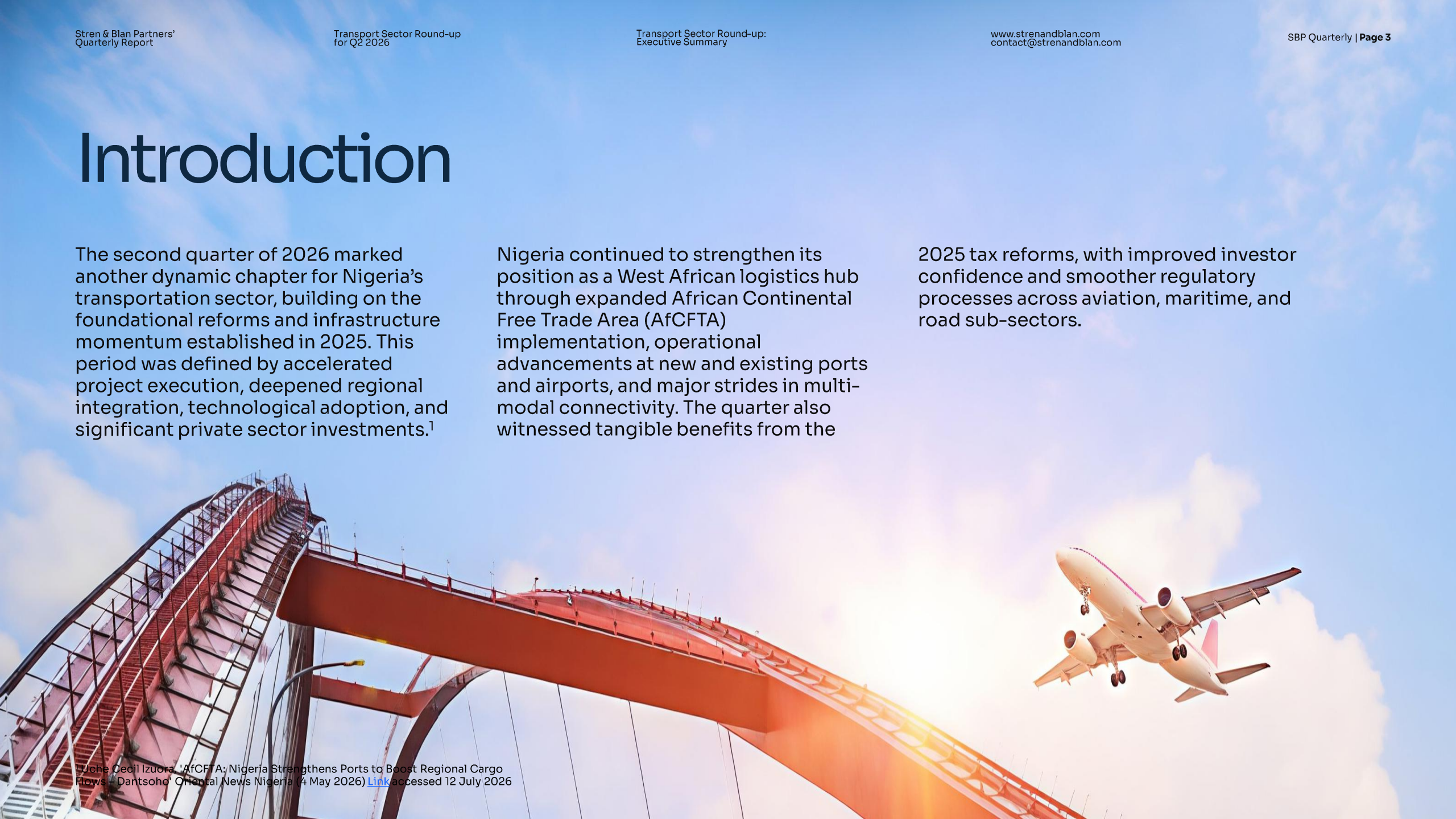
Introduction

The second quarter of 2026 marked another dynamic chapter for Nigeria's transportation sector, building on the foundational reforms and infrastructure momentum established in 2025. This period was defined by accelerated project execution, deepened regional integration, technological adoption, and significant private sector investments.¹

Nigeria continued to strengthen its position as a West African logistics hub through expanded African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation, operational advancements at new and existing ports and airports, and major strides in multi-modal connectivity. The quarter also witnessed tangible benefits from the

2025 tax reforms, with improved investor confidence and smoother regulatory processes across aviation, maritime, and road sub-sectors.

¹Uche Oedil Izuora, 'AfCFTA: Nigeria Strengthens Ports to Boost Regional Cargo Flows - Dantsoho', Oriental News Nigeria (4 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026





Key Highlights

Gateway International Agro-Cargo Airport in Ogun State Becomes Operational

On 4 April 2026, the Gateway International Agro-Cargo Airport in Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State, was officially commissioned. Since its inception, the airport has achieved laudable operational milestones, including the commencement of full-scale cargo operations in partnership with Allied Air, while also engaging in discussions with Ethiopian Airlines and other international carriers aimed at expanding its cargo and commercial aviation activities. The airport is strategically positioned to serve as a major logistics hub for agricultural produce, manufactured goods, and general cargo, serving as a key alternative to Lagos airports.²

Outlook

- a. The throughput of Cargo is estimated to grow rapidly, supporting a 30–40% increase in agro-exports from the Southwest region in H2 2026.
- b. The aerotropolis, the airport-centered urban economic city spanning over 5,000 hectares, the co-located Special Agro-Processing Zone (SAPZ) and logistics hub is projected to generate over 20,000 jobs and attract substantial investments in cold-chain logistics and warehousing.
- c. Improved connectivity with the Dangote Seaport and industrial zones will further bolster Ogun State's position as a national logistics powerhouse.

² Segun Ayinde, 'Gateway Airport to Commence Cargo Flights Operations in 45 Days, Says Abiodun' The Guardian (Nigeria) (27 February 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.



Airbus Proposes Establishment of Aircraft Maintenance Hangar in Nigeria

On 14 May 2026, President Bola Tinubu formally welcomed a significant proposal submitted by Airbus to establish state-of-the-art dedicated aircraft maintenance and hangar facilities in Nigeria. This landmark initiative marks a major milestone in the country's ongoing efforts to strengthen its aviation infrastructure and represents a strategic partnership that promises to transform the landscape of air travel across West Africa and beyond. This notable development is designed to create a world-class regional MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) hub in Nigeria. By setting up these advanced facilities, the project will substantially reduce aircraft downtime for both local and regional airlines, allowing carriers to keep their fleets operational more efficiently and minimize costly delays. In addition, the new infrastructure will actively support broader fleet modernization efforts, helping Nigerian airlines and their partners upgrade to newer and technologically advanced aircraft models.³

The establishment of these dedicated maintenance and hangar facilities will not only enhance safety standards and operational reliability but also generate numerous skilled jobs, attract foreign investment, and foster the transfer of critical technical expertise to local professionals.

Industry stakeholders have expressed strong optimism that the Airbus partnership will catalyze further investments, improve connectivity across the region, and position Nigeria as a preferred aviation maintenance destination for airlines operating throughout Africa. Ultimately, this collaboration underscores Nigeria's commitment to building a robust, self-sufficient, and globally competitive aviation ecosystem that benefits passengers, operators, and the entire economy for years to come.

Outlook

- a. The facility will create high-skilled aviation jobs and significantly lower maintenance costs for Nigerian operators by 25–35%.
- b. Establishing this hangar serves as a strong signal to global markets, enhancing investor confidence in Nigeria's aviation industry.

³ Bayo Onanuga, 'President Tinubu Welcomes Airbus Proposal for Maintenance and Hangar Facilities in Nigeria, and Urges Accelerated Delivery of Attack Helicopters' State House, Abuja (17 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.



Dangote Seaport Construction Officially Commences at Olokola

In May 2026, the Aliko Dangote Group officially broke ground on Nigeria's largest and deepest seaport, a transformative infrastructure project located at the Olokola Free Trade Zone in Ogun State. This ambitious development represents a significant leap forward in the nation's efforts to modernize its maritime sector and boost international trade capabilities. The project, which secured all necessary regulatory approvals in late 2025, is already progressing at an impressive pace.⁴

Once completed, the deep-water port is specifically designed to accommodate large Post-Panamax vessels, enabling it to handle significantly higher cargo volumes than existing Nigerian ports. It is poised to become a major export gateway for key commodities such as liquefied natural gas (LNG), fertilizer, petrochemical products, and a wide range of agricultural produce.

Outlook

- a. The project is anticipated to generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs.
- b. The project will attract investments in the Ogun State industrial corridor.
- c. Logistics costs for exporters are expected to drop significantly once fully operational.

⁴ Arinze Nwafor, 'Dangote Unveils Plan for Multi-Billion-Dollar Olokola Seaport' Punch Newspapers (20 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

AfCFTA Air Corridor Expands to Six African Destinations

The Nigeria–East/Southern Africa Air Cargo Corridor, launched in 2025 and expanded in Q2 2026 to include Rwanda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, has successfully lifted cargo volumes by 40% year-on-year. This impressive growth reflects improved point-to-point connectivity, better coordinated airline slotting, and rising intra-African trade in high-demand goods such as perishables, pharmaceuticals, and high-value engineering parts. However, the corridor still faces notable risks, including customs clearance delays, ground-handling bottlenecks, uneven cold-chain standards across participating countries, and fuel price fluctuations combined with currency volatility that could compress operator yields.⁵

Outlook

- a. Export volumes to AfCFTA markets are forecasted to rise exponentially in H2 2026.
- b. Further expansion to Central African destinations is planned for Q4 2026.



⁵ Tobi Awodipe, 'Nigeria Flags Off Expanded East–Southern Africa Air Cargo Corridor' The Guardian (Nigeria) (1 July 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

NCAA E-Portal Delivers Major Efficiency Gains

In Q2 2026, the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) advanced its digital transformation agenda by strengthening the deployment of the Directorate of Air Transport Regulation (DATR) E-Portal and launching the EMPIC electronic licensing and medical certification system on 12 May 2026. The objective of these innovative platforms includes significantly streamlining regulatory

processes, centralising all personnel licensing and certification records in a secure digital environment, and reducing dependence on outdated manual workflows. The new systems have also enhanced transparency, minimised processing errors, and accelerated approval timelines for various aviation stakeholders, including pilots, engineers, and operators.⁶

Outlook

- a. Continued enhancements to the E-Portal are expected to further reduce processing times for regulatory approvals, improving operational efficiency for airlines, airport operators, and aviation service providers.
- b. Increased digitalisation of regulatory processes will strengthen compliance monitoring, data management, and stakeholder engagement across the aviation industry.
- c. The platform is expected to support the growth of Nigeria's aviation sector by creating a more predictable and investor-friendly regulatory environment, thereby encouraging new investments and strategic partnerships.

⁶ NCAA Deploys EMPIC Digital Licensing, Medical Certification Platform' Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (12 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Progress on Major Road Infrastructure Projects

In Q2 2026, significant advancements were recorded across several flagship road infrastructure projects in Nigeria, reflecting the government's renewed focus on improving national connectivity and economic development. Key highlights include accelerated construction progress on the ambitious Lagos-Calabar Coastal

Highway, where work is now actively underway on over 175 kilometres of the route. Similarly, steady advancement continues on the strategic Sokoto-Badagry Superhighway, which is expected to open vital new trade and transport corridors linking the northern and southern parts of the country.⁷

Outlook

- a. These projects are expected to significantly reduce travel times on major routes and boost inter-state trade.
- b. Over 5,000 direct jobs are projected during peak phases, with ancillary economic benefits in construction and logistics.

⁷ Federal Ministry of Works, 'News & Media' Federal Ministry of Works (2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026

Domestic Airlines Threaten Shutdown over Rising Aviation Fuel Prices

In Q2 2026, domestic airline operators in Nigeria raised serious alarms over the sharp and sustained increase in Jet A1 aviation fuel prices, which surged to unprecedented levels as high as ₦3,300 per litre in several parts of the country. This worrying development was driven by a combination of global supply disruptions, international crude oil price volatility, and prevailing local market dynamics, including foreign exchange challenges and distribution bottlenecks.⁸

The Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON) issued a strong warning, highlighting that aviation fuel constitutes a substantial portion of total airline operating expenses. The continued rise in costs is placing immense pressure on the financial viability of domestic

air transport services. Industry stakeholders fear that without swift and decisive government intervention, the situation could force operators to implement higher airfares for passengers, reduce flight frequencies, and in extreme cases, lead to temporary service suspensions or route cancellations.⁹

Such outcomes would negatively impact connectivity, economic activities, and accessibility across the country. The AON urged authorities to explore immediate measures such as targeted subsidies, improved fuel supply chain efficiency, and strategic interventions to stabilize the market and safeguard the sustainability of Nigeria's domestic aviation sector.

Outlook

- a. Increased engagement between government agencies and airline operators is expected to result in short-term measures aimed at stabilising aviation fuel supply and pricing.
- b. Airlines may continue to review ticket prices and optimise flight schedules to manage escalating operational costs. The situation is likely to accelerate policy discussions on local refining capacity, alternative aviation fuels, and broader cost-reduction initiatives within Nigeria's aviation sector.

⁸ Princess Etuk, 'Domestic Airlines Threaten Shutdown April 20 over Surge in Aviation Fuel Price' Punch Newspapers (15 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

⁹ Tim Cocks, 'Nigerian Airlines Threaten to Halt Flights over Soaring Jet Fuel Prices' Reuters (16 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026

Lagos State Receives 24 New Train Coaches for the Lagos Red Line

The Lagos State Government took delivery of 24 brand-new passenger coaches designed to substantially expand the existing fleet serving the Lagos Red Line Rail project.¹⁰ This addition is expected to significantly boost overall passenger capacity on the network, considerably reduce average waiting times at stations, and markedly enhance service reliability across all routes. As the State continues to roll out its comprehensive

integrated urban mass transit strategy, these improvements will help meet growing demand from commuters. Furthermore, the acquisition strongly reinforces Lagos State's unwavering commitment to tackling chronic road congestion by channelling greater investment into efficient, sustainable rail-based transportation systems that offer a reliable alternative to road transport.¹¹

Outlook

- a. Improved rail services is projected to reduce pressure on major road corridors across Lagos.
- b. The expansion supports the State's long-term objective of developing an integrated multimodal transport network connecting rail, bus, and water transportation systems.

¹⁰ Joshua Bassey, 'Lagos Receives New Set of 24-Car Trains to Boost Red Line Rail Operations' BusinessDay (16 April 2026). [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

¹¹ Lagos Acquires 24 Car Trains to Boost Red Rail Line Services' Channels Television (16 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026

Nigeria Unveils 20-Year Aviation Strategic Plan

The Federal Government has officially unveiled a comprehensive and ambitious 20-year strategic plan specifically designed to modernise and transform Nigeria's aviation sector. This initiative will be driven by sustained infrastructure investment, accelerated digital transformation, far-reaching regulatory reforms, strengthened safety oversight mechanisms, and significantly enhanced private sector participation.¹² The long-term roadmap aims to strategically

position Nigeria as the undisputed leading aviation hub in West Africa. By doing so, it will strengthen regional and international connectivity, greatly improve the overall passenger experience through better services and facilities, and substantially expand the country's competitiveness and influence within the dynamic global aviation industry, fostering economic growth and development for years to come.¹³

Outlook

- a. The strategy is expected to attract greater domestic and foreign investment into airport infrastructure and aviation services.
- b. Implementation of the roadmap will likely strengthen regulatory certainty and encourage long-term public-private partnerships.
- c. The aviation sector is projected to experience improved operational efficiency, increased passenger traffic, and stronger regional competitiveness over the coming years.

¹² Olasunkanmi Akinlotan, 'Nigeria Receives 20-Year ICAO Aviation Master Plan' Punch Newspapers (15 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

¹³ Nigeria Unveils 20-Year Aviation Plan to Modernize a Strained System' Ecofin Agency (15 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Nigerian Railway Corporation Pushes for Stronger Rail–Seaport Interconnectivity

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has significantly intensified its ongoing efforts to strengthen and expand rail connectivity between the country's extensive railway network and the major seaports across Nigeria.¹⁴ This strategic move is aimed at improving cargo evacuation processes, boosting multimodal logistics operations, and creating a more integrated transport system. The initiative is carefully designed to effectively reduce the persistent congestion

currently experienced at port terminals, substantially lower overall transportation costs for businesses and shippers, and greatly enhance the overall efficiency of Nigeria's freight movement across the nation. By facilitating seamless integration and smooth coordination between rail and maritime transport infrastructure, the project will help unlock the full potential of the logistics sector.¹⁵

Outlook

- a. Enhanced rail–port connectivity is expected to improve cargo evacuation efficiency and reduce turnaround times at Nigerian seaports.
- b. Better integration of transport modes could lower logistics costs for importers and exporters while improving supply chain reliability.

¹⁴ Nigerian Railway Corporation, 'Nigerian Railway Corporation MD Advocates Stronger Rail–Port Integration at NPCC Quarterly Stakeholders' Engagement' (11 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

¹⁵ Benjamin Alade, 'NRC Pushes for Stronger Rail–Port Linkages to Boost Logistics Efficiency' *The Guardian* (Nigeria) (12 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Federal Government Unveils Northern CNG and Electric Vehicle Corridor in Kano

The Federal Government has officially launched the ambitious Northern Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Electric Vehicle (EV) Corridor in Kano State as a key component of its broader clean transportation agenda.¹⁶ This initiative is designed to promote the widespread adoption of alternative fuel vehicles across the northern region, expand the necessary supporting infrastructure such as refuelling

and charging stations, reduce transportation costs for individuals and businesses, and accelerate Nigeria's transition towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly mobility solutions. In addition, the project aims to create a conducive environment for stimulating greater investment in green transport technologies and related industries.¹⁷

Outlook

- a. The initiative is expected to increase the adoption of CNG and electric vehicles across Northern Nigeria.
- b. New investments in refuelling, charging infrastructure, and vehicle assembly are likely to emerge along the corridor.
- c. The programme supports Nigeria's long-term energy transition objectives while reducing dependence on conventional petroleum fuels.

¹⁶ Hussaini Ibrahim, 'FG Unveils Northern CNG, Electric Vehicle Corridor in Kano' Punch Newspapers (14 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

¹⁷ Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas and Electric Vehicles, 'Federal Government Officially Inaugurated the Northern Corridor CNG & EV Programme in Kano' (14 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Nigeria and China Sign Smart Transport Partnership

Nigeria and China have formally entered into a strategic partnership to promote the development and adoption of smart transportation solutions across the country.¹⁸ This collaboration is specifically aimed at improving traffic management systems, enhancing road safety measures, and implementing intelligent transport systems in major cities and highways throughout Nigeria. The bilateral agreement is expected to facilitate meaningful technology transfer

between the two nations, strengthen digital transport infrastructure, and provide crucial support for the deployment of advanced traffic monitoring tools as well as modern road management systems. Through this partnership, both countries anticipate significant improvements in overall mobility, reduced congestion, and the creation of a more efficient and technology-driven transportation ecosystem.¹⁹

Outlook

- a. The partnership is expected to accelerate the adoption of intelligent transportation technologies in major urban centres.
- b. Enhanced digital traffic management systems could improve road safety and reduce congestion.
- c. The collaboration may encourage additional foreign investment in Nigeria's transport technology ecosystem.

¹⁸ Priscilla Iwedike, 'Nigeria, China Deepen Transport Collaboration to Address Urban Traffic Challenges' The Guardian (Nigeria) (21 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

¹⁹ Dare Olawin, 'ITS Nigeria Partners China to Tackle Traffic Congestion' Punch Newspapers (21 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Federal Government Approves NITT Smart Transport Databank Project

The Federal Government has given its full approval for the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) Smart Transport Databank Project, a major initiative aimed at establishing a comprehensive and centralised repository for all transport-related data across the entire country.²⁰ This ambitious project is strategically designed to significantly strengthen evidence-based policymaking processes within the transport sector, greatly improve long-term transport planning and development strategies, provide critical support for informed infrastructure investment decisions at both federal and state

levels, and substantially enhance regulatory oversight mechanisms through more efficient and accurate data collection methods combined with advanced analytics capabilities. By creating this robust databank, the government seeks to foster greater transparency, enable real-time monitoring of transport activities, facilitate better coordination among various stakeholders, and ultimately drive more effective and sustainable solutions to Nigeria's persistent transportation challenges for the benefit of citizens and the national economy.²¹

Outlook

- a. The databank is expected to improve the quality and availability of transport sector data for policymakers and investors.
- b. Enhanced access to reliable transport statistics will strengthen infrastructure planning and project implementation.
- c. The initiative supports Nigeria's broader digital transformation agenda within the transportation sector.

²⁰ Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology, 'Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Secures Federal Executive Council (FEC) Approval for the Smart National Transport Databank (SNTDB) Project' (11 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

²¹ Princess Etuk, 'FEC Approves NITT Smart Transport Databank Project' Punch Newspapers (17 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Lekki-Epe International Airport to Provide a Viable Alternative to Murtala Muhammed International Airport

The Federal Government and the Lagos State Government have jointly reaffirmed their strong commitment to the proposed Lekki-Epe International Airport, which is set to function as a vital strategic alternative to the heavily congested Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) in Lagos. This new facility will play a crucial role in addressing the rapidly growing passenger demand in the region while also supporting the accelerated industrialisation and economic expansion of the Lekki Free Trade Zone. The airport is expected to effectively

complement the existing aviation infrastructure by significantly improving regional and international connectivity, facilitating smoother and more efficient cargo movement, and driving forward a wide range of economic activities. These efforts are closely linked to the successful operations of the Lekki Deep Sea Port, the Dangote Refinery, and the various surrounding industrial corridors, ultimately contributing to broader economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development in Lagos State and Nigeria as a whole.²²

Outlook

- a. The airport is expected to significantly decongest MMIA while improving passenger and cargo handling capacity in Lagos.
- b. Improved connectivity with the Lekki industrial corridor could stimulate increased investments in logistics, manufacturing, and tourism.
- c. The project is likely to strengthen Lagos' position as Nigeria's leading aviation and commercial hub.

²² Olusegun Koiki, 'Lekki-Epe Airport to Provide Viable Alternative to MMA' The Guardian (Nigeria) (8 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.



Electric Vehicles Set for Price War Following Removal of 5% Import Duty

Nigeria's electric vehicle (EV) market is expected to become significantly more competitive and dynamic following the Federal Government's decisive removal of the 5% import duty previously imposed on electric vehicles. This important policy change forms a key component of the government's broader efforts to accelerate the adoption of clean mobility solutions nationwide, substantially reduce overall transport costs for citizens and businesses, and actively encourage both local and foreign investments in sustainable transportation infrastructure and

technologies. Industry stakeholders and experts anticipate that the substantial reduction in import costs will translate into noticeably lower vehicle prices for consumers, stimulate increased market competition among manufacturers and dealers, and ultimately drive much wider consumer adoption of electric vehicles across different regions of the country. The move is also expected to support Nigeria's environmental goals by promoting greener transport options and reducing dependence on fossil fuels in the long term.

Outlook

- a. Lower import costs are expected to make electric vehicles more affordable for consumers and fleet operators.
- b. Increased competition among EV manufacturers and distributors could accelerate market expansion.
- c. The policy is likely to encourage additional investment in charging infrastructure and local vehicle assembly.

Lagos State Unveils Plans for State-Owned Driver's Licence

The Lagos State Government has officially announced plans to introduce a new state-owned driver's licence as part of its ongoing comprehensive reforms in the transport sector.²³ These reforms are specifically aimed at improving identity management systems, enhancing overall road safety standards, and strengthening the administration and regulation of driver licensing processes within Lagos State. The initiative is expected to fully

leverage modern digital technologies to significantly streamline licensing procedures, reduce processing time, and minimise bureaucratic bottlenecks. Additionally, it will lead to substantial improvements in data management practices and overall service delivery for motorists, providing a more efficient, transparent, and user-friendly experience while contributing to better traffic regulation and safer roads across the state.²⁴

Outlook

- a. The initiative is expected to improve the efficiency and accessibility of driver's licence administration within Lagos State.
- b. Enhanced digital verification systems could strengthen road safety enforcement and identity management.
- c. The reform may support broader smart mobility initiatives being implemented across the State.

²³ Gbenga Salau, 'Lagos Records 737,340 Traffic Violations in 2025, to Launch State Driver's Licence' The Guardian (Nigeria) (13 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

²⁴ JaneFrances Chibundu, 'Lagos to Launch State-Issued Driver's Licence' TheCable (13 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Federal Government Strengthens Transport Sector Through Structured Leasing Framework

The Federal Government has introduced a well-structured leasing framework specifically designed to improve access to essential transportation assets across the key sectors of aviation, road, rail, and maritime operations in Nigeria.²⁵ This important initiative seeks to effectively reduce the significant capital constraints currently faced by operators by enabling them to acquire modern vehicles, aircraft, locomotives, ships, and other critical

equipment through flexible and sustainable financing arrangements. In addition, the framework is expected to strongly support ongoing infrastructure development projects while encouraging greater private sector participation and investment in the transportation industry, ultimately contributing to the modernisation and expansion of Nigeria's overall transport network.²⁶

Outlook

- a. The leasing framework is expected to improve access to modern transport assets and equipment.
- b. Increased financing options could stimulate private sector investment across multiple transport sub-sectors.
- c. The initiative is likely to improve operational efficiency while reducing capital expenditure requirements for operators.

²⁵ Owede Agbajileke, 'FG Strengthens Transport Sector with Structured Leasing Deal' The Guardian (Nigeria) (9 April 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

²⁶ Joke Falaju, 'FG Approves Establishment of Aircraft Leasing Company' The Guardian (Nigeria) (1 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Nigeria Pilots AfDB's \$7 Billion Aviation Programme as Federal Government Approves National Leasing Company

Nigeria has successfully emerged as one of the selected pilot countries for the African Development Bank's (AfDB) ambitious \$7 billion aviation financing programme. This milestone achievement follows the Federal Government's approval for the establishment of a dedicated national aircraft leasing company aimed at transforming the local aviation landscape.²⁷ The strategic initiative is expected to significantly improve Nigerian airlines' access to affordable and reliable aircraft financing options, thereby reducing their heavy dependence on foreign lessors and associated high costs. It will also strengthen the capacity for fleet expansion and

modernisation across the industry, allowing carriers to acquire newer and more efficient aircraft. Furthermore, the programme will help enhance the overall competitiveness of Nigeria's aviation sector on both regional and international stages by fostering a more sustainable and self-reliant ecosystem. By supporting these developments, the government aims to boost passenger and cargo capacity, improve service quality, create additional employment opportunities, and position Nigeria as a leading aviation hub within Africa for long-term economic growth and development.²⁸

Outlook

- a. Improved access to aircraft financing is expected to support fleet modernisation among domestic airlines.
- b. The national leasing company could reduce foreign exchange exposure and lower aircraft acquisition costs.
- c. The initiative is likely to strengthen Nigeria's position as a regional aviation hub while attracting further investment into the sector.

²⁷ Ejike Ejike, 'Nigeria Pilots AfDB's \$7bn Aviation Programme as FG Approves Leasing Company' Leadership (8 June 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

²⁸ Caleb Obiowo, 'Nigeria Signs Letter of Intent to Advance AfDB's \$7 Billion Aviation Programme' Nairametrics (28 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority Suspends No-Pay, No-Service Airline Enforcement Order

The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has officially suspended the implementation of its proposed "No-Pay, No-Service" enforcement order.²⁹ This decision came after extensive consultations and constructive dialogue with various aviation stakeholders across the industry. The temporary suspension is primarily intended to provide adequate time for further engagement and in-depth

discussions regarding the potential operational and commercial implications of the directive. It also aims to maintain overall stability and confidence within Nigeria's aviation sector, preventing any immediate disruptions to flight operations, airline services, and passenger experiences while a more balanced and widely acceptable approach is being developed.³⁰

Outlook

- a. Continued stakeholder consultations are expected to produce a more balanced regulatory framework.
- b. The suspension provides temporary operational relief for airlines while broader industry concerns are addressed.
- c. The outcome of ongoing engagements may influence future regulatory reforms governing airline operations and consumer protection.

²⁹ Caleb Obiowo, 'NCAA Suspends "No Pay, No Service" Directive Against Indebted Airlines' Nairametrics (25 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

³⁰ Mariya Shuaibu Suleiman, 'NCAA Suspends "No-Pay, No-Service" Directive Against Airlines Over Outstanding Charges' Premium Times (25 May 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Stakeholders Advocate Multimodal Transport as Nigeria Loses \$4 Billion to Transport Inefficiencies

Transport stakeholders have renewed their strong calls for the accelerated development of a fully integrated multimodal transport system in Nigeria. This appeal comes in the wake of recent reports indicating that the country loses approximately \$4 billion annually due to persistent logistics bottlenecks and widespread transportation inefficiencies. Stakeholders emphasised the urgent need for greater integration of road,

rail, maritime, inland waterways, and aviation infrastructure across the nation. Such integration is considered essential to significantly improving supply chain efficiency, substantially reducing logistics costs for businesses and consumers, and enhancing Nigeria's overall national competitiveness in both regional and global markets through a more seamless and cost-effective transportation network.³¹

Outlook

- a. Increased investment in multimodal transport infrastructure could substantially reduce logistics costs and cargo delays.
- b. Greater integration between transport modes is expected to improve trade competitiveness and economic productivity.

³¹ Adaku Onyenuchey, 'Stakeholders Seek Multimodal Option as Nigeria Loses \$4bn to Transport Inefficiencies Yearly' The Guardian (Nigeria) (18 June 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Carloha Launches Carloha Care 6-6-7 to Accelerate New Energy Vehicle Adoption

Carloha Nigeria has officially launched the innovative Carloha Care 6-6-7 after-sales programme as a strategic move to encourage wider adoption of new energy vehicles (NEVs) in the Nigerian market.³² The comprehensive programme offers enhanced maintenance support, extended service coverage, and a significantly improved overall customer experience for owners of electric and hybrid vehicles. By introducing this dedicated initiative, Carloha aims to effectively reduce common ownership concerns and barriers typically associated with transitioning to

electric and hybrid vehicles, such as worries about servicing, spare parts availability, and long-term reliability. The programme is also positioned to play a supportive role in Nigeria's broader national transition towards more sustainable mobility solutions. Through these efforts, the company seeks to build greater consumer confidence, promote cleaner transportation options, and contribute meaningfully to environmental sustainability goals while fostering long-term growth in the country's emerging new energy vehicle sector.³³

Outlook

- a. Enhanced after-sales support is expected to increase consumer confidence in new energy vehicles.
- b. The programme could accelerate market penetration of electric and hybrid vehicles in Nigeria.
- c. Improved maintenance services may encourage further investment in the country's emerging electric mobility ecosystem.

³² Theodore Opara, 'Carloha Launches Carloha Care 6-6-7 to Boost New Energy Vehicle Adoption in Nigeria' Vanguard (20 June 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

³³ Carloha Nigeria, 'Carloha Introduces Carloha Care 6-6-7 After-Sales Package to Accelerate New Energy Vehicle Adoption in Nigeria' (20 June 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

Conclusion and Overall Outlook

The second quarter of 2026 demonstrated clear momentum from previous reforms and proved to be a transformative period for Nigeria's transportation sector, characterised by bold policy initiatives, accelerated infrastructure delivery, strategic international partnerships, and a clear shift toward sustainable and technology-driven mobility solutions. From the operational launch of the Gateway International Agro-Cargo Airport and the groundbreaking of the Dangote Deep Seaport to the Airbus maintenance hangar proposal, the unveiling of a 20-year Aviation Strategic Plan, and major strides in rail, road, and green transport initiatives, the quarter delivered tangible progress on multiple fronts.³⁴

These developments collectively address long-standing challenges such as port congestion, aviation capacity constraints, logistics inefficiencies, and high transportation costs, while laying a solid foundation for enhanced multi-modal connectivity and regional competitiveness. The combination of regulatory reforms, digital transformation, private sector participation, and alternative fuel adoption signals a maturing transport ecosystem that is increasingly aligned with Nigeria's broader economic diversification and AfCFTA ambitions.³⁵

Looking ahead to Q3 and Q4 2026, the sector is poised for even stronger momentum. Successful execution of flagship projects, effective implementation of the national

aircraft leasing framework, expanded AfCFTA air corridors, and accelerated deployment of electric and CNG mobility solutions will be critical. Sustained government-private sector collaboration, timely resolution of challenges such as aviation fuel pricing, and continued focus on integrated multimodal infrastructure will determine the pace of efficiency gains and investment inflows.

With consistent policy direction and effective project delivery, Nigeria's transport sector is well-positioned to emerge as a cornerstone of national economic growth, delivering improved connectivity, lower logistics costs, greater competitiveness, and sustainable development well into the future.

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³⁴ Segun Ayinde, 'Gateway Airport to Commence Cargo Flights Operations in 45 Days, Says Abiodun' The Guardian (Nigeria) (27 February 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.

³⁵ Tobi Awodipe, 'Nigeria Flags Off Expanded East-Southern Africa Air Cargo Corridor' The Guardian (Nigeria) (1 July 2026) [Link](#) accessed 12 July 2026.



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