

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2026 has been a defining month in the institutional development of the Nigeria–Benin Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NBCCI). With major milestones achieved in governance, strategic partnerships, and international engagement, the Chamber continues to position itself as a credible platform for advancing trade and economic cooperation between Nigeria and the Republic of Benin.

We remain committed to building a results-driven institution that delivers real value to businesses across both countries.

STRATEGIC BOARD RETREAT SUCCESSFULLY HELD

The Chamber convened its Board Strategic Retreat, bringing together founding promoters and key stakeholders to align on governance, operational readiness, and long-term strategy.

The Nigeria–Benin Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a bilateral business membership organization established to promote trade, investment, and economic cooperation between Nigeria and the Republic of Benin.

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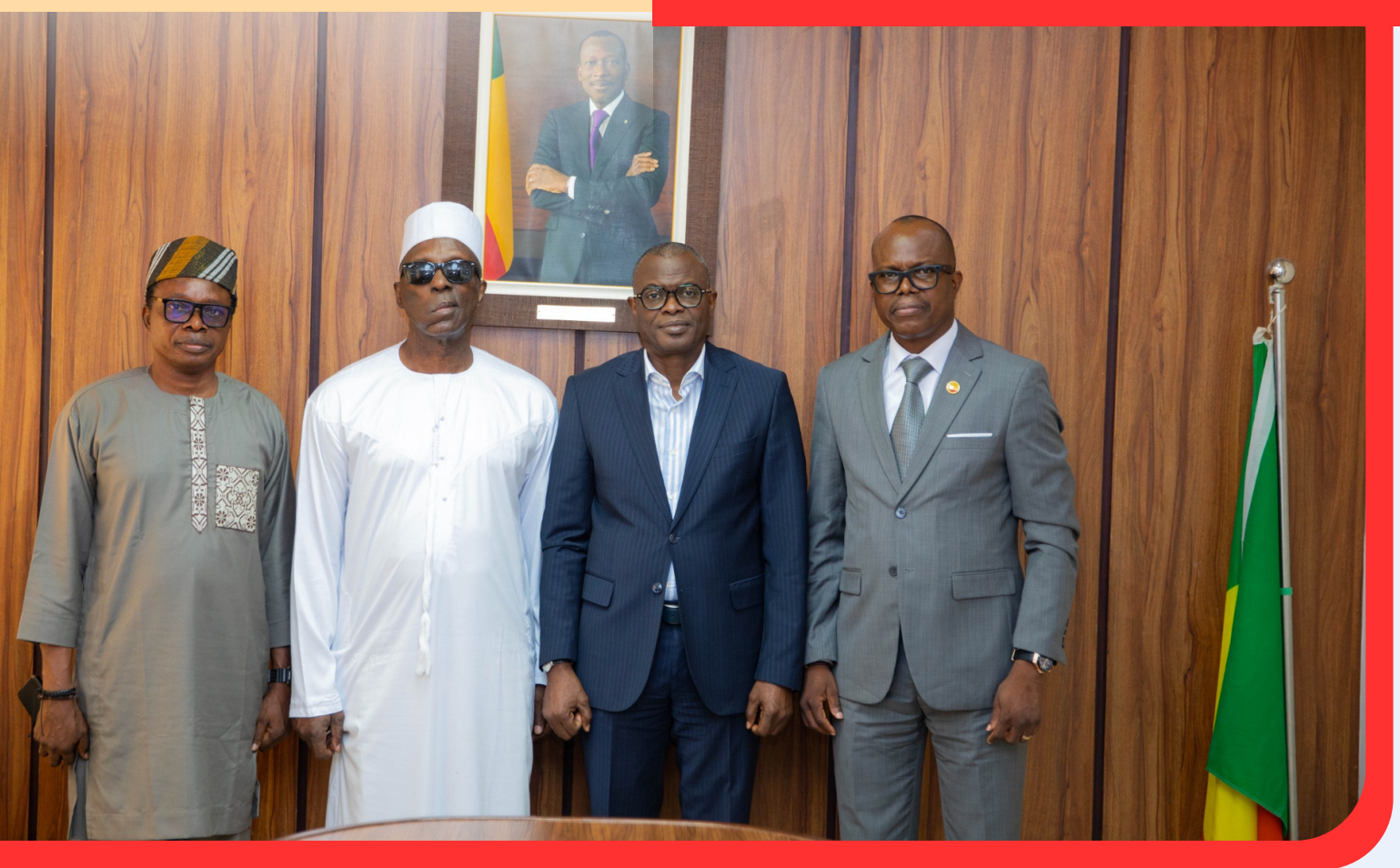
- Adoption of the NBCCI Constitution and By-Laws
- Confirmation of Principal Officers and Governance Structure
- Approval of the Five-Year Strategic Plan (2026–2030)
- Establishment of Standing Committees
- Approval for opening NGN and USD operational bank accounts
- Adoption of Membership Framework and Categories

The retreat marked the formal transition of the Chamber from registration to operational readiness



DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT – NIGERIA EMBASSY, COTONOU

Following the retreat, NBCCI delegation paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy of Nigeria in Cotonou, strengthening diplomatic alignment and reinforcing the Chamber's commitment to supporting Nigeria's economic diplomacy objectives.



WORKING VISIT TO CCI BENIN – COTONOU

A major highlight of the month was the official working visit of NBCCI leadership to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Benin (CCI Benin) in Cotonou.

Key Engagement Outcomes:

- Warm reception by President Arnould Akakpo
- Agreement in principle to establish institutional collaboration
- Commitment to develop and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- Request for NB-CCI to submit formal documentation for review and endorsement
- Confirmation that MoU will be vetted by the Benin Ministry of Commerce

The visit reinforced NBCCI's position as a strategic bilateral platform.

NACCIMA – ACCREDITATION PROCESS UNDERWAY

NB-CCI held a strategic meeting with the Director General of the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA) as part of its accreditation process.

The Chamber is actively working to meet all requirements as soon as possible



FINANCIAL STRUCTURING & TAKE-OFF FUNDING

THE CHAMBER COMMENCED SUBSCRIBER TAKE-OFF CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND EARLY-STAGE OPERATIONS:

- **MALE SUBSCRIBERS:** ₦2,000,000
- **FEMALE SUBSCRIBERS:** ₦1,000,000

Funds will support:

- **Secretariat setup**
- **Digital infrastructure**
- **Administrative operations**

Additionally, the Chamber successfully initiated:

- **Bank account opening**
- **Financial governance framework**

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DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

NB-CCI has commenced deployment of its digital ecosystem to support operations:

- **Corporate Website**
- **Membership Portal**
- **Process Automation Systems**
- **Secure Hosting & SSL Infrastructure**

This will enable efficient member engagement and institutional transparency.





STRATEGIC POSITIONING & CORRIDOR FOCUS

The Chamber continues to position itself as the primary private sector interface for the Nigeria–Benin economic corridor.

Focus areas include:

- Cross-border trade facilitation
- Policy advocacy
- Investment promotion
- Stakeholder engagement across border communities

LOOKING AHEAD – APRIL 2026

Key priorities for the coming month include:

- Completion of NACCIMA Accreditation
- Finalization and signing of MoU with CCI Benin
- Formal launch of NBCCI operations
- Expansion of membership and partnerships

Strengthening engagement with government and regional bodies

