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I am so pleased to welcome you all in the last month of the year with the celebration of Xmas. May you experience the Magic and the Beauty of the Season. May we have this real family moments that keeps the love and the bond above all challenges in life.

This month in the Magazine , you can discover and learn more about Togo Republic, another West African country with lot of potential, opportunities and touristic sites.

To all our readers, supporters, sponsors, partners and all well wishers we would like to say a big THANK YOU for the trust and support all over this year.

To the Almighty, a sense of gratefulness and humility to have been enjoying his protection and blessings all over these years and more to come. Glory be to God

...As we are closing for the Xmas Holidays, we would like to wish all of you Merry Xmas and Happy New Year 2024.

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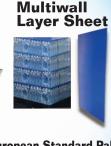


















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is all About **Envistmas**

hristmas, Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. The English term Christmas ("mass on Christ's day") is of fairly recent origin. The earlier term Yule may have derived from the Germanic jōl or the Anglo-Saxon geōl, which referred to the feast of the winter solstice. The corresponding terms in other languages—Navidad in Spanish, Natale in Italian, Noël in French—all probably denote nativity. The German word Weihnachten denotes "hallowed night." Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been a secular family holiday, observed by Christians and non-Christians alike, devoid of Christian elements, and marked by an increasingly elaborate exchange of gifts. In this secular Christmas celebration, a mythical figure named Santa Claus plays the pivotal role.

Origin and development

The early Christian community distinguished between the identification of the date of Jesus' birth and the liturgical celebration of that event. The actual observance of the day of Jesus' birth was long in coming. In particular, during the first two centuries of Christianity there was strong opposition to recognizing birthdays of martyrs or, for that matter, of Jesus. Numerous Church Fathers offered sarcastic comments about the pagan custom of celebrating birthdays when, in fact, saints and martyrs should be honoured on the days of their martyrdom—their true "birthdays," from the church's perspective.

The precise origin of assigning December 25 as the birth date of Jesus is unclear. The New Testament provides no clues in this regard. December 25 was first identified as the date of Jesus' birth by Sextus Julius Africanus in 221 and later became the universally accepted date. One widespread explanation of the origin of this date is that December 25 was the Christianizing of the dies solis invicti nati ("day of the birth of the unconquered sun"), a popular holiday in the Roman Empire that celebrated the winter solstice as a symbol of the

resurgence of the sun, the casting away of winter and the heralding of the rebirth of spring and summer. Indeed, after December 25 had become widely accepted as the date of Jesus' birth, Christian writers frequently made the connection between the rebirth of the sun and the birth of the Son. One of the difficulties with this view is that it suggests a nonchalant willingness on the part of the Christian church to appropriate a pagan festival when the early church was so intent on distinguishing itself categorically from pagan beliefs and practices.

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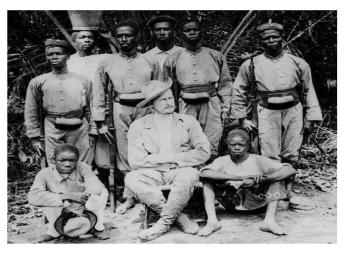
The History of Togo

he history of Togo can be traced to archaeological finds which indicate that ancient local tribes were able to produce pottery and process tin. During the period from the 11th century to the 16th century, the Ewé, the Mina, the Gun, and various other tribes entered the region. Most of them settled in coastal areas. The Portuguese arrived in the late 15th century, followed by other European powers. Until the 19th century, the coastal region was a major slave trade centre, earning Togo and the surrounding region the name "The Slave Coast".

In 1884, Germany claimed a coastal protectorate, which grew inland until it became the German colony of Togoland in 1905. A railway, the port of Lomé, and other infrastructure were developed. During the First World War, Togoland was invaded by Britain and France. In 1922, Great Britain received the League of Nations mandate to govern the western part of Togo and France to govern the eastern part. After World War II, these mandates became UN Trust Territories. The residents of British Togoland voted to join the Gold Coast as part of the new independent nation of Ghana in 1957.

French Togoland became the Togolese Republic in 1960. Its Constitution, adopted in 1961, instituted the National Assembly of Togo as the supreme legislative body. In the same year, the first president, Sylvanus Olympio, dissolved the opposition parties and arrested their leaders. When he was assassinated in a coup in 1963, the military handed over power to an interim government led by Nicolas Grunitzky.

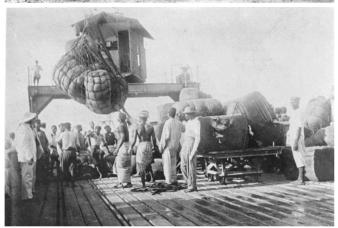
The military leader Gnassingbé Eyadéma overthrew Grunitzky in a bloodless coup in 1967. He assumed the presidency and introduced a one-party system in 1969. Eyadéma remained in power for the next 38 years. When he died in 2005, the military installed his son, Faure Gnassingbé, as president. Gnassingbe held elections and won, but the opposition claimed fraud. Because of political violence, around 40,000 Togolese fled to neighboring countries. Gnassingbé was re-elected two more times. In late 2017, anti-government protests were suppressed by security forces.



The French-speaking West African nation of Togo was pivotal during the transatlantic slave trade as Portuguese slave traders sought the human merchandise at the small fort of Porto Seguro, in the town currently known as Agbodrafo and lying between the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Togo.

During the infamous Scramble for Africa in 1884, Germany took hold of Togo and the current Volta Region of Ghana as a protectorate collectively known as the German Togoland.





Art & Culture

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Festivals in Togo



ogo is a society that encompasses 37 ethnic tribal groups, and the variety of festivals celebrated throughout the year in different parts of the country reflects this diverse mix of African traditions. For example, Gbagba, which celebrates traditional African agricultural values, is one of the largest Togo holidays. Voodoo is also followed in Togo, an aspect which is reflected by the annual Voodoo festival.

Gadao

Celebrated in the central city of Sokode, this three-day festival is usually held in March. Each day, different ceremonies take place: the purpose of the first day is to thank ancestors for their harvests; the second day is known as the "Feast of Knives" and is a show of might dating back to the days of Semassi warriors; the final day is called 'Kosso' and is when women come to celebrate the role of warriors.

Evala

Held in July every year in Togo, this festival of initiation for young ladies is held in Kabye land. Locals dress in traditional costume and there are several dancing ceremonies.

Gbagba

Held every August in the Kpalime region, this multi-day festival has three purposes: firstly, to worship the animist deities; secondly, to signal the end of the farming cycle with the harvest; and thirdly, to celebrate the beginning of the rest period. There are many songs and dances performed, all with an undercurrent of traditional African drumming.

Voodoo Festival

This Togo event is held in the village of Glidji every September and celebrates the indigenous beliefs and the start of the new year. The highlight of the festival is a sacred stone, the color of which predicts fortunes of the coming year. Blue indicates abundant harvests, red means it will be a year of war, black means famine and floods, while white means the year will be blessed with luck. The festival is held 30 miles from Lome and is a time of year which many families use to reunite

Ithough a relatively small country in comparison to its African neighbors, Togo has a rich culture which is reflected in its 37 tribal ethnic groups, which include the Ewe, the Mina, and the Kabre. Togo was a French colony, and the French influence remains since French is the official language, although several other languages are spoken. Native tribal influences are still strong in Togo since the majority of the population follows traditional animist beliefs.

Recent culture has seen Togo put onto the world stage by its national soccer team which reached the FIFA World Cup in 2006. Its star player, Emmanuel Adebayor, currently earns millions playing in the English Premier League and was voted African player of the year in 2008. The team reached the headlines when their bus was attacked by machine gun fire on its way to the 2010 Africa Cup of Nations in Angola, and event which resulted in fatalities.





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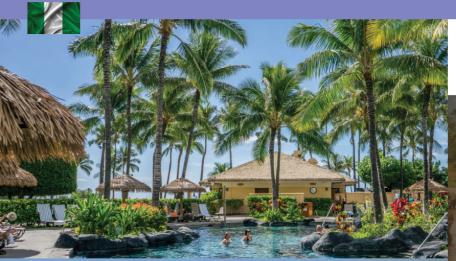












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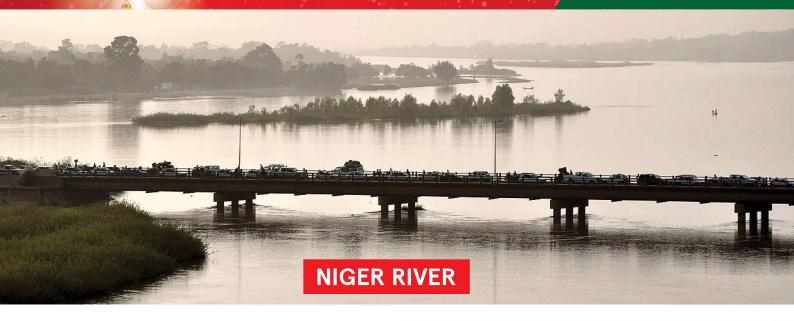






Tourist Attractions in Nigeria

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Niger River, principal river of western Africa. With a length of 2,600 miles (4,200 km), it is the third longest river in Africa, after the Nile and the Congo. The Niger is believed to have been named by the Greeks. Along its course it is known by several names. These include the Joliba (Malinke: "great river") in its upper course; the Mayo Balleo and the Isa Eghirren in its central reach; and the Kwarra, Kworra, or Quorra in its lower stretch.

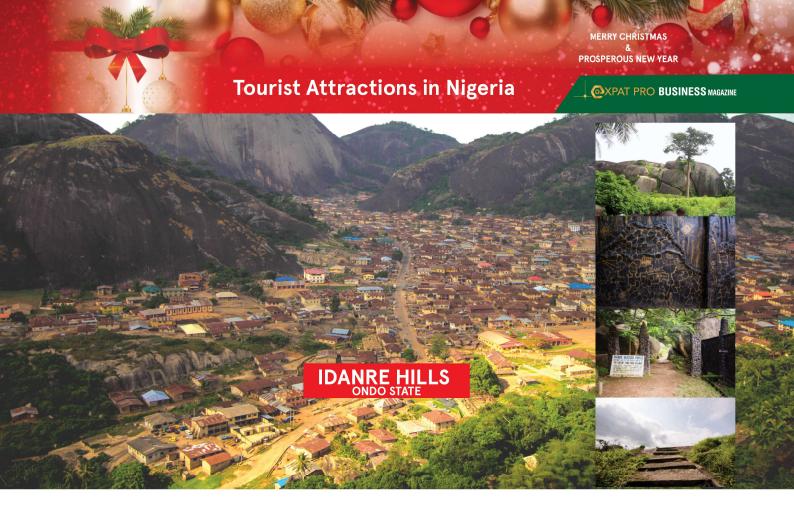
Physical features

The Niger rises in Guinea at 9°05 N and 10°47W on the eastern side of the Fouta Diallon (Guinea) highlands, only 150 miles (240 km) inland from the Atlantic Ocean. Issuing as the Tembi from a deep ravine 2,800 feet (850 metres) above sea level, it flows due north over the first 100 miles (160 km). It then follows a northeasterly direction, during the course of which it receives its upper tributaries—the Mafou, the Niandan, the Milo, and the Sankarani on the right and the Tinkisso on the left—and enters Mali. Just below Bamako, Mali's capital, the Sotuba Dam marks the end of the upper river. From there the Niger once dropped more than 1,000 feet (300 metres) in about 40 miles (60 km) into a valley formed by tectonic subsidence; but the rapids in this stretch have been submerged by the waters backed up by the Markala Dam, located some 150 miles (240 km) downstream of the Sotuba Dam near Sansanding. In this stretch, at Koulikoro, the river takes a more eastnortheasterly direction, and its bed becomes fairly free from impediments for about 1,000 miles (1,600 km). The middle course of the Niger River is navigable to small craft during high water as far downstream as Ansongo—some 1,100 miles (1,770 km) in all.



Below Ansongo, 430 miles (690 km) downstream from Timbuktu, navigability is interrupted by a series of defiles and rapids. The river becomes navigable to small vessels again at Labbezanga—from which it flows into Niger—and continues to be navigable to the Atlantic Ocean. Navigation is seasonal, however, because of the fluctuations in the water level in the rainy and dry seasons.

Downstream from Jebba, in Nigeria, the Niger enters its lower course, flowing east-southeast through a broad and shallow valley 5 to 10 miles (8 to 16 km) wide. About 70 miles (110 km) from Jebba it is joined by the Kaduna River—an important tributary that contributes about one-fourth of the annual discharge of the river below the Niger-Kaduna confluence—and about 25 miles (40 km) above Lokoja the river turns to the south. At Lokoja the river receives the water of its greatest tributary, the Benue, thereby approximately doubling the volume of its annual discharge.



Oke Idanre hill consists of high plain with spectacular valleys interspersed with inselbergs of about 3,000 ft above sea level. Its physical attributes include Owa's Palace, Shrines, Old Court, Belfry, Agboogun foot print, thunder water (Omi Aopara) and burial mounds and grounds.

It also has diverse and variegated eco-systems of flora and fauna. Oke Idanre contains very important bio-physical and land form features whose interaction with the physical features created an enduring cultural landscape within the setting.

Idanre hill is one of the most awesome and beautiful natural landscapes in Ondo State and Nigeria. Added to its beauty which fires human curiosity is the fact that the entire people of Idanre lived on these boulders for almost a millennium.

Since emigration down hill in 1923, the topography, vegetation as well as the fauna and floral life have remained undistributed. However the festivals provides occasions for reconciliation of the low-landers and their natural environments as well as reenactments or .historical episodes in local Idanre history and its wider Yoruba ideology, mythology and confederacy.

There is the Ogun festival, which is partly celebrated on top of the hills during October and Ije festival, which spread over seven days.

Apart from the festivals, which make the site a living tradition, the flora and fauna of the hills are also unique. There is a special species of tailless animal called Hyrax that lives on the rocks which because of hunting are becoming extinct and there are special monkeys sported near Orosun hills.

The hill is also plays host to a group of scientists and field researchers. The site is home to a group of bats and the people hold a unique festival of bats every year. The hill is being used by filmmakers as location for many of their films. In addition, the one and only Noble Prize Winner for Literature in Africa Professor Wole Soyinka wrote his longest poem titled "Idanre and other Poems".

Most settlements in Nigeria have, by nature and tradition, been around or attached to groves and hills. Majority of these groves and hills have either been abandoned or are now limited to very small areas. Idanre hill, however, like Dala hill in Kano North West Nigeria has retained its qualities as the central moderating influence of the settlement pattern of Idanre people. Like Dala hill which started as an iron ore prospecting settlement and provided the foundation for the growth of Kano city, Idanre hill forms the nucleus for the peopling Idanre.

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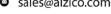


































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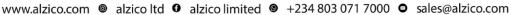
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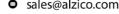






























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CAF is the governing body of African football and was founded in 1957. The founding members are Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia and South Africa. With a membership of 54 Member Associations, the secretariat is based in Egypt.

At the FIFA Congress in 1954 held in Berne, Switzerland, it was voted to recognize Africa as a Confederation. This gave the continent the right to appoint its first representative to the FIFA Executive Committee and the member was Abdel Aziz Abdallah Salem of Egypt.

The wheels that led to the birth of CAF were actually set in motion outside Africa, in Lisbon, Portugal in June 1956. The Portuguese capital was playing host to the FIFA Congress, and it was the four African nations in attendance (Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia and South Africa) who carried the African confederation to the baptismal font by taking advantage of that gathering to discuss matters of common interest.

Following the FIFA Congress in Lisbon, the four nations resolved to convene again in Khartoum, Sudan, in February 1957 to draft statutes and to discuss the staging of the first Africa Cup of Nations. The historic meeting that confirmed the official establishment of CAF was held on 8 February 1957 at the Grand Hotel in Khartoum.

Following the adoption of the statutes, Abdel Aziz Abdallah Salem of Egypt was unanimously chosen as president, becoming the first president in the history of the confederation.

On 10 February 1957, after CAF maiden CAF General Assembly, the Sudanese capital witnessed the birth of the Africa Cup of Nations which was won by Egypt.

It would prove to be the start of an exhilarating adventure till this day with countless unforgettable moments along the way to help define the characteristics and traits associated with African football.

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Les étrangers non membres des pays de la CEDEAOdoivent être munis d'un passeport revêtu d'un visa.

A l'étranger, les visas d'entrée et de séjour sont délivrés par les missions diplomatiques et consulaires mandatées par le Togo.

Sur le territoire national, ils sont délivrés par les services d'immigration aux postesfrontières et aux aéroports internationaux pour une durée maximale d'une semaine. La durée de validité du visa peut être prorogée au Service des Etrangers et Passeports (immeuble GTA-C2A à Lomé).

Le Visa Entente Touristique (VTE): Il est institué le Visa Entente Touristique qui permet au touriste de visiter s'il le désire, deux au moins des 5 pays du Conseil de l'Entente que sont le Togo, le Bénin, la Côte d'Ivoire, le Burkina Faso et le Niger. D'une durée de 60 jours, il est délivré par le service des passeports au Togo et coûte 25 000 f cfa.

ECOWAS nationals can freely enter Togo, without a visa, with a valid passport or a national identity card.

Foreigners who are not members of ECOWAS countries must have a passport with a visa.

Abroad, entry and residence visas are issued by diplomatic and consular missions mandated by Togo.

On national territory, they are issued by immigration services at border crossings and international airports for a maximum period of one week. The validity period of the visa can be extended at the Foreigners and Passports Service (GTA-C2A building in Lomé).

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What does "Visa on Arrival" mean in Nigeria? Nigeria's "Visa on Arrival" requires pre-approval. You must receive a Visa on Arrival approval document from a Nigerian embassy or consulate prior to travel to Nigeria. A Visa on Arrival is only available for the purpose of business travel, as defined by the Nigerian government. No Visa on Arrival is available for tourism. If you attempt to travel to Nigeria without a visa issued into your passport or a Visa on Arrival approval document from a Nigerian embassy or consulate, you will be refused entry. This information is subject to change. Please refer to the Nigerian Immigration Services (NIS) guidelines (https://immigration.gov.ng/visa-on-arrivalprocess/) and utilize the forms available on their website.

Visit the Embassy of Nigeria website for the most current visa information.

The Nigerian Fire Arms Act (1990) provides that no person shall have in his possession or under his control any firearm or ammunition except such person that has a license from the President or from the Inspector General of Police. U.S. citizens found with firearms (declared or undeclared) will be arrested.

You cannot legally depart Nigeria unless you can prove, by presenting your visa and entry stamp, that you entered Nigeria legally. In addition, if you exceed your authorized period of stay (as determined by the duration of stay given by the entry officer), you will be required to pay a fine before being allowed to depart. The fine can be up to \$4,000 USD depending on the length of overstay.

U.S.-Nigeria dual-national citizens are now required to have a valid Nigerian passport in order to depart the country. Dual-national citizens can be, and often are, denied boarding until they have obtained non-expired Nigerian passports.

A World Health Organization (WHO) yellow card is required for entry into the country. The Nigerian authorities require a Yellow Fever vaccination within the past ten years and that adults have a Polio booster after the original childhood vaccine series. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publishes a country-specific list of recommended vaccines to receive prior to arrival. See also the Health section below.

Some HIV/AIDS entry restrictions exist for visitors to and foreign residents of Nigeria. Nigerian authorities may deny entry to foreigners who are "undesirable for medical reasons" and may require HIV tests for foreigners intending to marry Nigerian citizens. Please verify this information with the Embassy of Nigeria before travel.



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Passengers who do not adhere to the travel protocol will face the penalty as stipulated by the Presidential Steering Committee (PSC) on COVID-



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Boulevard du Mono , Lomé, Togo



Featuring free WiFi, a restaurant and a year-round outdoor pool, Hotel Onomo Lomé offers pet-friendly accommodations in Lomé. Guests can enjoy the on-site bar. Free private parking is available on site.

Each room at this hotel is air conditioned and is equipped with a flat-screen TV. Some rooms include a seating area where you can relax. Certain rooms have views of the pool or garden. Every room is equipped with a private bathroom fitted with a bath or shower.

Guests can enjoy full English/Irish breakfast daily at the property.

The on site a la carte restaurant specializes in African, European, International and local cuisines. Speaking German, English and French, the staff at the 24-hour front desk are ready to help guest with all their inquiries.

Lomé-Tokoin Airport is set 3.5 mi from Hotel Onomo Lomé. There is free shuttle service at the property. The hotel also offers car hire.













Featuring an all year round outdoor swimming pool and free WiFi, Hotel 2 Fevrier, Lomé is set in Lomé. The property boasts a fitness centre, bar and garden. There is secure parking at the property that is accessible to all guests.

The air-conditioned and carpeted guest rooms are fitted with a wardrobe, desk and sofa. All the rooms have a flat screen TV with satellite channels. While some rooms offer pool views, all rooms have a dining area and seating area. Some rooms offer a kitchen with a refrigerator and dishwasher. All rooms have a bath and toilet with free toiletries.

Guests can enjoy a buffet and a la carte breakfast served daily at the property. Specializing in African, Asian, Chinese, French and Mediterranean cuisines, the onsite restaurant is open to all guests.

The 24-hour front desk at Hotel 2 Fevrier, Lomé has staff that speak German, English, Spanish, French and Chinese.

Lomé-Tokoin Airport is set 7.4 km from the property. Car hire and shuttle services are available to guests at the hotel.



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Océane Hotel Residence

42 rue de la gare, Lomé, Togo



Located in Lomé, Résidence Hôtelière Océane has a shared lounge, bar, and free WiFi.

The property has a restaurant serving African cuisine and free private parking.

The air-conditioned rooms come with a desk, a coffee machine, a refrigerator, an oven, a safe, a flat-screen TV, a terrace and a private bathroom with a bidet.

The rooms are equipped with a kettle. Some have a balcony and others offer city views.

Bed linen and towels are provided.

You can play darts on site and benefit from a car rental service.

Résidence Hôtelière Océane provides ironing and fax/photocopying services.







Marcelo Beach Club Baguida Seaside, Opposite Luxolin, Lomé, Togo



Located in Lomé, 2.6 km from Baguida Beach, Marcelo Beach Club offers accommodation with a garden, free private parking, a terrace and a restaurant. Featuring a bar, this 3-star hotel has air-conditioned rooms with free Wi-Fi and a private bathroom. It offers evening entertainment and free shuttle service.

The rooms feature a wardrobe and a flat-screen TV. Some have a balcony. All are equipped with a refrigerator.

Staff at the 24-hour front desk speak English, French and Russian.

The nearest airport is Lomé-Tokoin Airport, 10 km from Marcelo Beach Club.





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MINIMUM PAID-UP CAPITAL FOR COMPANIES WITH FOREIGN PARTICIPATION

The Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) has set the minimum paid-up capital for Nigerian companies with foreign interest to N100 million.

The commission disclosed this in a statement on its website commenting on the implementation of its Revised Handbook on Expatriate Quota Administration (2022).

The commission stated that processing any application for the incorporation of a company with foreign participation would be contingent upon its adherence to the specified requirement.

It further warned that any application for incorporation that fails to meet the requirement will not be approved.

It stated.

"The Commission wishes to notify the General Public that it has, in line with the Revised Handbook on Expatriate Quota Administration (2022), commenced the implementation of the requirement of N100,000,000 (One Hundred Million Naira) MINIMUM PAID-UP CAPITAL for Companies with foreign participation."

"Accordingly, any application for incorporation of a Company having foreign participation shall not be processed unless it complies with the above requirement."

The Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) has set the minimum paid-up capital for Nigerian companies with foreign interest to N100 million.

It further mandated that companies currently in operation with foreign involvement and a paid-up capital of less than N100 million must align with the mentioned requirement within six months from the issuance date of this notice.

The statement read,

"Existing Companies with foreign participation that have less than N100,000,000 paid-up capital are hereby advised to ensure compliance with the above requirement not later than six (6) months from the date of this notice, failing which the Commission shall commence proceedings for the compulsory winding-up of the Companies under Section 571 (e) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020. Signed: Management 5th December 2023"

What you should know

The present review represents a 900% rise compared to the previous figures. According to the CAC, this increase aligns with the guidelines outlined in the Revised Handbook on Expatriate Quota Administration (2022).

Roles of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)

Origin of Corporate Affairs Commission

There had been business registration in Nigeria even during the first republic. The body saddled with the responsibility at the time was called the Company Registry.

It was first under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Tourism. But its ineffectiveness prompted the establishment of the Corporate Affairs Commission which is now of the agencies of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment

Its headquarters:

The Act establishing the CAC says the headquarters shall be at the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja. This is because IBB had already concluded plans to move the FCT from Lagos to Abuja at the time of the act creating the CAC.

Remember, the FCT moved from Lagos to Abuja on December 12, 1991, though the plan started in the 1980s.

The agency now has its permanent headquarters

located at Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

List of legal responsibilities of CAC:

- 1) Regulation of businesses in Nigeria
- 2) Supervision of the formation of companies to ensure the stipulated laws are followed as clearly stated in the Act establishing the commission
- 3) Incorporation of businesses of section 541 of the Act establishing the commission
- 4) Registration and management, and winding up of companies under or pursuant to the Act of its establishment.
- 5) Establish and maintain a company's registry and offices in all the States of the Federation
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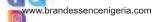
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Dwijing Festival of Chirang - Chirang, Assam, India



wijing Festival 2023-24: Dwijing Festival is an annual river festival in the Chirang district of the BTR area of Assam. The Dwijing Festival is celebrated as the New Year festival with a colorful program at the end of the year. Dwijing festival is an annual river festival celebrated on the banks of the Aie River near the Hagrama Bridge of the Chirang District of Assam.

Dwijing festival is one of the most famous river festivals in India. Every year the organizers invite many Bollywood and regional singers and actors to this festival. As you know these festive events are organized with enough entertainment for different types of entertainment. Dwijing festival is also a window to display the different indigenous cultures of Northeast India.

What is Dwijing Festival?

The Dwijing Festival is an annual festival set on the banks of 'Aie', meaning mother. The festival is a colorful celebration of Assam's culture. Dwijing Festival means "River Festival" bank of the river, which festival is called in the Bodo language as Dwijing Festival. Dwi means "water" and Jing means "Near" at once Near Water in Bodo "Dwijing" it's a Bodo language.

The Dwijing Festival will be celebrated in different colorful events such as the BTR region of Assam. Ethnic trade and food festivals, exhibitions, games and sports, river campaigns and adventures, and various cultural programs make it the center of a New Year's festival.

As a means of earning a platform for locals and others in the region, the festival focuses specifically on business activities for the generation of advanced economies through rural tourism. However, the festivities support the families of flood victims through the reproduction and distribution of festival generations.

Catch amazing live performances by the best Indian artists, indulge your taste buds in scrumptious north-eastern cuisine, shake a leg with the cultural dance performers, shop for some unique local finds, get your blood pumping at the many adventure activities, camp under the stars in luxury, there's so much to do and more, with an amazing vibe to boot. A lifetime of memories.

Why Dwijing festival is celebrated?

This celebration has not started for a long time, so far it has happened only 4 times. After the opening of the Hagrama Bridge, the natural beauty of the place increased even more and people were coming there for picnics.

And later due to the large number of people coming, the local people formed a committee and started a spring festival called the winter festival. Later the government made the same place a tourist destination and started promoting the tourist destination of Bodoland through the Dwijing festival.

Dwijing Festival 2023-24 - Aie River Festival

Every time an attempt is made to make the festival more interesting than other times, Bollywood playback singers and actors join the dwijing festival. Every year many more celebrities are invited to entertain at the festival.



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ome to major banks and one of the fastest-growing economies in West Africa, Togo has the potential to become an important investment hub in the region, according to a new UNCTAD report.

Togo's economy grew annually by an average 5.2% between 2012 and 2021, partly driven by efforts to modernize infrastructure and improve the investment environment. The government expects growth to reach 7.5% by 2025.

Most of the growth has been concentrated in the capital Lomé, meaning many of the benefits have yet to reach people in the country's rural areas, where the poverty level can be twice as high (59%) as in urban zones (27%), according to The World Bank.

Despite its strong economic performance, Togo has seen foreign direct investment (FDI) slow since 2016. The growth rate since then has slid to half the 11% annual average recorded between 2012 and 2015. The \$1.9 billion in FDI stock that the country had by 2021 was below most of its neighbours.

"Many obstacles affecting the country's competitiveness, including infrastructure, human resources, access to markets and financing, must be overcome," UNCTAD's Investment Policy Review (IPR) of Togo says.

"These challenges are even greater in regions other than the capital, where efforts to reform the business environment will need to be stepped up," it adds.

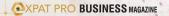
The IPR, conducted at the government's request and in cooperation with the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), provides a roadmap of reforms that could help Togo rekindle FDI, spur long-term growth and achieve its development objectives.

Strong political will

The country's strong political will to improve the business environment has led to an ambitious National Development Plan and a Government Roadmap. Togo has adopted new legislation affecting land, labour, taxation, customs administration and commercial litigation.

The government has also digitalized many of the services it provides businesses and entrepreneurs and made progress in setting up the country's first special economic zone – an area in which the authorities aim at promoting investment in industrial activities.

"The government intends to play its full part in maintaining a business climate favourable to domestic and foreign investment, as well as all the elements that make Togo a destination of choice in the sub-region," Togo's minister of investment promotion, Rose Kayi Mivedor, said.





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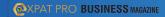




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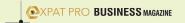


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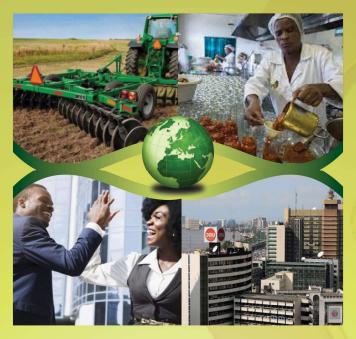












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