

2009 TRADE MISSION TO SWEDEN

The Nigerian-Swedish Trade Mission Delegates left Lagos on Saturday 9th May and arrived Stockholm on the 10th to a good welcome, at the airport by the Nigerian Ambassador to Sweden, Dr Godknows Igali.

Monday 11th- The Delegates were on the Entourage of the Vice President, Dr Goodluck Jonathan, to the Stock Exchange. Speeches were made by some of the Nigerian Delegates and some Swedish Company Executives. We all had Lunch together at the Stock Exchange Hall.

Tuesday 12th- Some Delegates accompanied the VP to L.M.Ericsson House at Kista while some went to other places. From there some of the Delegates went to Scania Demo Centre in Sodertalje where presentation was made. The most interesting part of this Scania visit is the fact that interested Delegates were allowed to drive the big trucks, trailers and buses!

On getting back to Stockholm we made a visit to Hammarby Sjostad, Lumaparkv for an introduction to SymbioCity, the Swedish way in urban planning and construction.

In the evening there was a Cocktail Party at Grand Hotel and we were all later treated to a sumptuous meal of Nigerian delicacies by the Nigerian Ambassador to Sweden, His Excellency, Dr Godknows Igali at his residence, with His Excellency, The Vice President of Nigeria, Dr Goodluck Jonathan as the Special Guest of Honour.

Wednesday 13th- The Vice President left Sweden for Denmark and Finland.

Our own day started with presentation by Open Trade Gate, Executive Director, Sonia Albarello. Then Jonas Armtoft and Sheila Holland made their own Presentations for Swedfund and Swedesurvey respectively.

Later in the day we went to the Swedish Cooperative Centre and were received by the Senior Programme Officer, Mr Ngolia Kimanzu. He made a good presentation on the workings of Cooperative Societies in Sweden. Also Mr Peter Lundberg made a Presentation.

Thursday 14th – With the assistance of the wonderful man, Mr Lennart Blixt of Bio-Bact, we were able to finally make the visit to the University of Agriculture, Upsalla and were received by the Senior Adviser, Mr Johan Toborn.

Presentations were made by:

1. Philip Chiverton, Senior Adviser- Presentation of SLU
2. Professor Holger Kirchmann of the Dept of Soil and Environment – Spoke on Integrated Soil Fertility
3. Dr Linley Chiwona-Karlton of the Dept of Urban and Rural Development spoke on Cassava Commercialisation-adding value through processing enhancing food security and food safety.
4. Professor Afaf Kamal-Eldin of the Dept of Food Science spoke on Application in Aquaculture
5. Thord Karlsson of the Dept of Economics spoke on Agriwise

Friday 15th – We arrived Goteborg at about noon and went straight to Elof Hansson after dropping our bags in the Hotel. We were treated to a good Swedish lunch.