



# FOBTOB

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### CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE (CWC) MEETING

The Central Working Committee convened at Mitros Residence, Ibara GRA in Abeokuta, Ogun State on Wednesday, January 31st, 2024. The meeting aimed to chart the course for 2024.



### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC) MEETING

The National Executive Council Meeting was held on Thursday, 1st February 2024 at Mitros Residence, Ibara GRA, Abeokuta, Ogun State. The highlight of the meeting was the celebration of the Long Service Award to the Deputy Executive Secretary, Comrade Jumoke Oladimeji, for twenty (20) years of service, and Comrade Abiodun Odunlami (Senior Organising Secretary) for fifteen (15) years of service to the Association. The National Executive Council expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the Association over the years.



The National President addressed the NEC



A Group Photograph of the NEC Members



Comrade Jumoke received her Award.



Long Service Award presented to Comrade Abiodun Odunlami

### NIGERIA'S DISTILLING AND BLENDING COMPANIES SHUT DOWN FOLLOWING BAN ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN SACHETS AND SMALL BOTTLES

Nigeria's distilling and blending lines were shut down following a ban on alcoholic beverages in sachets and small bottles. The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) imposed the ban, leading to widespread concern among workers in the sector. However, the Food, Beverage, and Tobacco Senior Staff Association (FOBTOB) did not take the ban lightly and expressed its strong objections over the decision.

FOBTOB criticised the government's decision to ban the production and sale of alcoholic beverages in sachets and PET bottles in its protest letters disseminated at various locations. The Association called the ban "ill-timed and ill-advised," warning that it would result in massive job losses, loss of investment, and revenue for the government. They also cautioned that the ban could lead to an increase in smuggling of dangerous and adulterated products.

In February 2024, protests erupted in Lagos, Ogun, and Abuja by various groups led by FOBTOB, demanding the reversal of the ban and the immediate reopening of production lines. The ban caused significant concern for over 24 corporate organisations involved in the production and manufacturing of wines and spirits worth over N1.2 trillion. Moreover, the ban put at risk the livelihoods of 5.5 million direct and indirect workers.

Fortunately, the efforts of the Union were successful, and the shut production lines have been reopened following a directive from the House of Representatives.



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### PHOTO NEWS OF THE PROTESTS IN ABUJA AND LAGOS



FOBTOB National President and SG of TUC at NAFDAC HQ Abuja



FOBTOB Delegation to the House Committee Hearing at the National Assembly



Workers of various distilling companies at the protest



Lagos State House of Assembly Deputy Majority Leader addressed the protesters



### ELECTIONS AT AAVA BRANDS BRANCH

AAVA Brands Manufacturing Limited Branch conducted its election on February 23rd 2024 at their Agbara Factory in Ogun State. We wish the newly elected Branch Executives a successful tenure.



Newly elected officers taking the Oath of Office



Management representatives, National Secretariat representatives and newly elected Branch Executives.