Cement production in Africa faces several challenges including high energy costs, cheap imports and over capacity as well as the impact of Covid-19 pandemic globally. However, despite many challenges, it still attracts new investments every year. This is due to the fact that the Continent is ripe for investment with growing number of major infrastructure and housing projects, which spurs cement demand.

With the cement market getting more crowded, what are the strategies producers adopt to stay competitive? How to survive and respond to the specific difficulties in the region to maintain and strengthen competitiveness? How has the Covid-19 pandemic change the cement markets in the region? Find out from the cement producers during the panel discussion - What do the cement producers in Sub-Sahara Africa need nowadays at CMT's West Africa Cement Outlook Webinar on 2 Feb 2021 at 09:00 Abidian time (GMT +0).

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In *Nigeria*, the key players are Dangote, LafargeHolcim and BUA who have a combined capacity of about 45 million tons per annum vs a demand of about 25 million tpa. Despite this over-capacity the price of cement remains high in the country compared to its neighbors. Why is this so? Let Bua Cement gives you more insights on the cement market trends & projection in Nigeria!

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WEST AFRICA CEMENT OUTLOOK

2 FEBRUARY 2021, 09:00 (GMT +0) / 10:00 CET (GMT +1)

MODERATOR

SPEAKERS





FINN ARNOLDSEN Group COO -BUA Cement Division **Bua Cement PLC**



MERT EYIGÜN Shipping Director Heidelberg Cement Trading



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2 FEBRUARY 2021, TUESDAY

09:00 CMT's Welcome

09:05 Chairman's Introduction (Moderator) Imran Akram, CEO **IA Cement**

09:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT THE CEMENT PRODUCERS IN SUB SAHARAN AFRICA NEED **NOWADAYS?**

- How to survive and respond to the specific difficulties in the region to maintain and strengthen competitiveness?
- How has the pandemic change the cement markets in the region?
- Are digitalization & green cement technology adoption a priority moving forward?

Panelists:

Finn Arnoldsen, Group COO - BUA Cement Division

Bua Cement PLC

Zineb Zeryouhi, Director, Strategy & Development -Francophone Africa Cluster

LafargeHolcim Maroc Afrique

Essam Daoud, Director General

Cim Ivoire (Cim Metal Group)

Alex Simaga, Commercial & Marketing Director

Dangote Cement Senegal SA

09:40 NIGERIA'S CEMENT MARKET TRENDS

- Overview of the industry with the demand/supply pattern
- Key sector trends & development
- Export opportunities & expansion plans
- Energy source and fuel mix economies Finn Arnoldsen, Group COO - BUA Cement Division **Bua Cement PLC**
- 09:55 O&A session
- 10:05 CEMENT MARKET OUTLOOK IN SENEGAL, MALI, **GUINEA BISSAU & GAMBIA** Alex Simaga, Commercial & Marketing Director **Dangote Cement Senegal SA**
- 10:25 Q&A Session
- 10:35 CHANGING TRADE FLOWS AND FREIGHT RATE **FORECAST FOR CEMENT/CLINKER CARGOES INTO WEST AFRICA**

Mert Eyigün, Shipping Director **Heidelberg Cement Trading**

- 10:50 Q&A session
- 11:00 End of Webinar & Virtual Networking Starts

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