



THE BIG STORY

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RESILIENCE—NIMC STAFF STRIVE AGAINST ALL ODDS

Ways to protect your skin during Harmattan

Dry weather can wreak havoc on our skin. It saps out all the moisture and nutrients leaving it dry, cracked and shallow looking. The skin loses its natural elasticity and wrinkles much faster.

These tips will help keep your skin in tip top condition even when the weather isn't conducting.

1. **Use a light moisturizer**
Avoid thick, heavy creams and choose a light-weight, hydrating lotion. Heavy creams don't sink into the skin, they just sit on top making you greasy rather than moisturized.

2. **Use natural oils**
Try using extra virgin olive oil as a complete hydrator. Warm a few drops of oil in your hand before smoothing over your face for ultra-moisturized skin or add a few drops to your shampoo.

3. **Carry face towelettes**
When moving around, make sure you pack alcohol-free face towelettes for a quick cleanse on-the-go that won't dry out your skin. Spending the day in a busy city, our skin attracts dirt that we cannot see with our naked eye so a quick cleanse every couple of hours works wonders.

4. **Use lip balm**
Choose natural balms that moisturize and hydrate lips, and are free from mineral and petroleum oils. Coconut butter, beeswax and extra virgin olive oil naturally seal in moisture and help hydrate lips.

5. **Exfoliate**
Break through dead skin cells and keep your skin looking fresh by exfoliating your face, hands, body and feet.
Use natural scrubs that contain anti-aging ingredients like vitamin C and E, moisturisers such as lavender and argan oil, and exfoliates like sea salt and brown sugar.

With current enrolment at about 38 million, the National Identity Management Commission is on the right track towards achieving its set mandates. NIMC is at the forefront of Digital Identity in Nigeria, providing unique foundational identification to all while populating the National Identity Database.


All the successes and milestones recorded so far would not have been possible


if not for the resilience, dedication and handwork of its workforce, from top management to the auxiliary staff at the gate house. All have contributed in one way or the other towards the progression of the Commission.

It is no news that the Commission is faced with numerous challenges that experts would say hinder performance but this is not the case in NIMC, what


could be attributed to this? What makes NIMC staff wake up, show up and do the task at hand? Perhaps it's the NIMC Culture, Obstacles or not we get the job done! It could also be patriotism, knowing the immense benefit of having a National Identity Database to our dear Nation.


So the media team set out and sampled some opinions from these dedicated Staff.


 I love being a lawyer and NIMC gives me the opportunity to practice what I am passionate about - Festus Esongbedo, NIMC Headquarters


 I add joy to my work, I don't allow some applicant's negative behavior stress me. I always try to justify my salary by doing my Job- Clara Onyeaneu, Supervisor, NIMC Headquarters


 We are Hopeful and Committed despite the little we earn, some of us are domiciled in our native land if we do not do it for our people who will? - Abdulahi Alfa Usman, NIMC Niger


 Our work here at NIMC is service oriented, it is for the primary benefit of others not the Staff alone. Despite the challenges, NIMC Staff have the culture of hard work and are always willing to help people, Staff see the work they do as a just cause and a way of contributing to Nation building which is highly commendable and appreciated. Staff have shown resilience and selflessness in discharging their duties and all hands are on deck to ensure that better working conditions are achieved. - DG/CEO NIMC, Engr. Aliyu A. Aziz


 We are passionate about the work we do, and it gives us joy putting smiles on enrollees faces. - AGM/PA to DG, James Mamza


 NIMC as an organization provides you the platform to get an experience related to technology, customer services etc. working with NIMC is an opportunity to participate in a project that is very strategic to National development, and Staff are patient and willing to build solid foundation for future careers- GM IT/IDD, Chuks Onyepunuka


 When I think of the benefit of the NIMC project, it keeps me going because I know if we are able to give everyone an identity it will help the Government in the long run. Also seeing the joy on faces of enrollees we've helped keeps me going - Habiba Shuaibu, SERVICOM


 With respect to Operations, we appreciate our Staff for having to deliver on our principal mandate despite the inadequacies, this could be a reason for their resilience and dedication to the NIMS project because what they do is integral to the success of NIMC" GM,OPS/CCU Abdulhamid Umar

 I believe in the Identity Management Project, I trust the leadership of the Commission. I love Public Relations practice and I am optimistic that one day we shall overcome all our challenges- Jamila Ahmad, PM CCU


 I have a passion for the job I do and I am hopeful for a better NIMC - Nkiru Ezema Nkiruka Perpetua, SE Regional Admin.

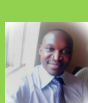
 Anywhere I find myself, I put in my very best. I will one day be remembered for my effort and I do it for myself - Ahmed Ismail, NIMC Zamfara.

 NIMC Staff are dedicated to duty, they can produce from nothing as it is evident in our success rate. We do appreciate them that despite the challenges they always stand up to the task. We appreciate their contributions towards the development of the Country- AGM/TA to DG, Dr. Umar Ba

 NIMC staff always put in their best effort in achieving NIMC goals despite the challenge. NIMC staff are the best I have ever seen so far. I urge everyone to continue to put in their best and not lose hope for a better future for the Commission. AGM, Head HCM, Mrs. Rhoda Jackden

 What makes me keep going is hope, "a difficult time can be more readily endured if we can retain the conviction that our existence holds a purpose: a cause to pursue, a person to love and, a goal to achieve" John Maxwell. Remember that nothing is more beautiful than the smile that has struggled through tears - Funmi Opesanwo, NIMC Lagos

 I see light at the end of the Tunnel, let's keep hope alive because we will soon enter our year of rest. - Perry Bisong Out, NIMC Akwa Ibom.

 We work while hoping for a better tomorrow - Newton Pwanguiti Tamunakai, NIMC Adamawa.

 NIMC has a very important role to play in the development of every sector, this is one of the driving force for my commitment to the Commission. I count myself privileged to be one of the few Nigerians that will deliver this project for the Nation- Bridget Oviasogie, NIMC Headquarters.