



## GEORGIA - NIGERIA COUNTRY CONNECTION

### Government and Commerce

Atlanta is home to the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Nigeria has maintained a consular presence in Georgia since 1999. Ms. Amina Smaila has served as Consul General since July 2021.

The American Nigeria International Chamber of Commerce (ANICC) is located in Norcross, Georgia. Membership includes professionals of various sectors with business ties to Nigeria. The purpose of the organization is to facilitate trade between Nigeria and Georgia, connect small businesses in both areas and encourage cooperation between agricultural and medical sectors in Nigeria and Georgia.

The Nigerian Women Association of Georgia (NWAG), founded in April 2000, provides resources and networking opportunities to Nigerian women and the youth in the Metro Atlanta community.

In 2014, the Georgia Institute of Technology's Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts and the Consulate General of Belgium in Georgia celebrated an event series called the Africa-Atlanta Initiative. This initiative emphasized cross-industry partnerships between key stakeholders throughout Atlanta to promote cultural and economic relationships between the city of Atlanta and Africa. Complementary public events highlighted collaborative initiatives between both Africa and the city of Atlanta.

In November 2019, the Consulate General hosted the U.S.- Nigeria Investment Summit and Expo in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Georgia has a sister city agreement with Lagos, Nigeria.

### Academics

In the Fall semester of 2022, 1,105 Nigerian students will be enrolled in the University System of Georgia (USG) schools.

In June 2014 and 2015, Clark Atlanta University hosted President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative participants. This program's cohort consisted of 25 young leaders dedicated to promoting positive change all throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. Participants represented 17 countries, including Nigeria.

### Arts and Culture

Every year the Nigerian Reunion Corporation celebrates the Annual Nigerian Arts, Culture, and Music Festival in Atlanta.

The founder of Atlanta's Manga African Dance company, Ramatu Afegbua-Sabbatt, is a native of Idah in Nigeria's Kogi State. The company is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve, present and teach indigenous African cultural arts through dance, drums, fashion, drama, and songs.

In celebration of its newly expanded gallery for African art, the High Museum showcased nearly 40 recent acquisitions of art from Africa to enter the permanent collection in 2016, including pieces from Nigeria.

The Nigerian Afropop superstar Davido was born in Atlanta and makes his second home here, and often collaborates with Georgia hip-hop artists and producers.

## International Trade

**EXPORTS:** In 2021, Georgia exports to Nigeria totaled **\$305.1 million**. Nigeria is the **31st** largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to Nigeria include powered aircraft, motor vehicles, chemical woodpulp, motor vehicle parts and accessories, and motor vehicles for transporting goods.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Nigeria: kraft paper, odoriferous mixtures for perfume or beverage manufacturing, and chemical woodpulp.

**IMPORTS:** In 2021, Georgia imports from Nigeria totaled **\$31.5 million**. Nigeria ranks **74th** among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports from Nigeria to Georgia include petroleum oils, synthetic staple fibers, soap, dried pigeon peas, and palm oil.

## Investment

There are at least **6** Georgia companies with operations in Nigeria, including but not limited to:

- NCR Corporation
- PrimeGlobal
- Rollins
- Travelport
- UPS
- UPS Supply Chain Solutions

There are at least **2 Nigerian facility operating in Georgia**. This Nigerian-affiliated company employs 7 Georgians.

## Transportation

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport offers direct flights from Atlanta to Lagos. In 2022, there will be an estimated 365 flights between Nigeria and Georgia carrying over 82,000 passengers.

International connectivity has been limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. As restrictions ease, the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport expects a return to pre-COVID connections.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Brunswick has an established relationship with the Port of Lagos.

## About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. For more information, visit [www.georgia.org](http://www.georgia.org).

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