

NIGERIA

Capital: Abuja

GEODATA

Area

923,768 km²

Major languages

English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani

Major religious groups

Muslim (50%), Christian (40%), indigenous beliefs (10%)

Surrounding countries

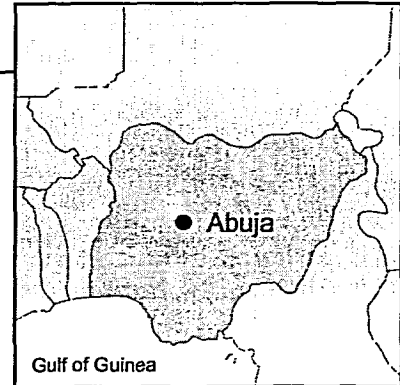
Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Niger

Population

126.6 million (July 2001 est.)

Population growth rate

2.6% (2001 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty

Leader

President Olusegun Obasanjo

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Alhaji Sule Lamido

Minister of International Trade

Mustapha Bello

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Nigeria ranks 136th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$16.77 million (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

117 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

3.5% (2002 est.)

GDP per capita

\$950 US (2000 est.)

Main exports

Petroleum and petroleum products, cocoa, rubber

Main imports

Machinery, chemicals, transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, live animals

Main exports to Canada

\$461.5 million (2000), including mineral fuels, oils and products of their distillation; cocoa

Main imports from Canada

\$63.1 million (2000), including cereals, vehicles, electric machinery and parts

Canadian Representative

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