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## Only Urea Plant in Sub-Saharan Africa Reopens in Nigeria as *Notore*

The only urea plant in Sub-Saharan Africa, the previously defunct National Fertilizer Company of Nigeria (NAFCON), reopened and resumed production as Notore Chemical Industries, Ltd., in January. The plant, near the Niger Delta town of Onne on Nigeria's southern coast, will manufacture both urea, the world's most common form of nitrogen fertilizer, and anhydrous ammonia, another nitrogen fertilizer.

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Nigeria's NAFCON plant (above photo), one of the world's largest urea facilities, closed in 1996 and reopened in January, after extensive refurbishment, as Notore (photo below).



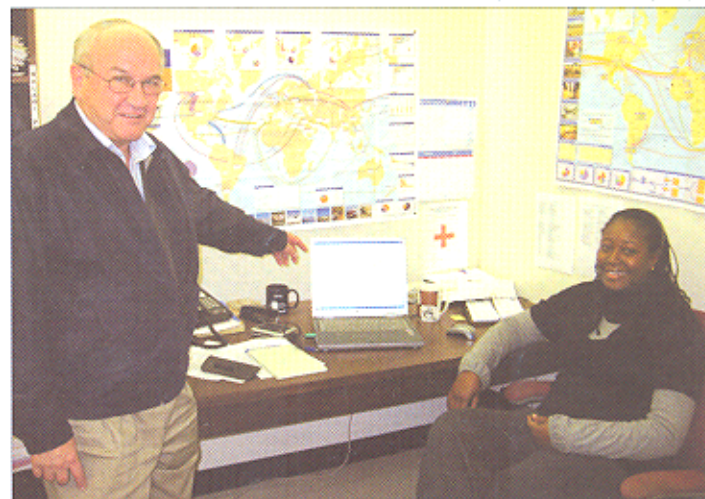
## IFDC Develops *FertTrade*:

A New Software to Analyze the World Fertilizer Market

*FertTrade* is a new analytical software tool that IFDC economists have developed to forecast and evaluate changes and trends in global demand, production, and trade of N, P, and K fertilizer nutrients.

"The fertilizer trade model can evaluate the impact of a diversity of 'what if' scenarios affecting global markets for

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Demonstrating IFDC's new fertilizer trade model, *FertTrade*, are Drs. Carlos Baanante (left) and Oumou Camara (right), IFDC Economists. *FertTrade* will help African farmers and agro-dealers access much-needed market information on N, P, and K fertilizers.

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