27TH NIGERIAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Securing Our Future: The Fierce Urgency of Now

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The 27th Nigerian Economic Summit (NES #27) will convene national and global leaders in government, business, politics, civil society, and academia through a hybrid Summit platform of in-person and virtual dialogues to deliberate on the theme ‘Securing Our Future: The Fierce Urgency of Now’. Stakeholders will discuss, debate, examine, explore and conceptualise ways Nigeria can reverse poor economic trends, improve the human capital base of the economy, mitigate security challenges, lay the necessary foundation that will leapfrog Nigeria into a future of high and sustained inclusive economic growth. The principal objectives of NES #27 are to:

» Assess the current state of the economy, Nigeria’s economic vulnerabilities that perpetuate regression, poor performance and the risks associated with such susceptibilities;

» Foster a people-centred approach to rethink economic, social, political and governance strategies targeted at reversing emerging trends and shape a secured future of inclusive and sustainable economic growth;

» Identify the vital imperatives of leveraging modern technology to accelerate significant improvements in the social, economic and security conditions of Nigeria;

» Galvanise a renewed commitment of stakeholders to urgently and actively prioritise the pursuit of economic growth that can sustainably create jobs, lift millions out of poverty and enable Nigeria to realise its economic potentials on the global stage; and

» Agree on a compact that compels stakeholders to take urgent and immediate actions and efficient monitoring mechanisms to actualise the critical recommendations made at the NES #27.

**Summit Sub-Themes**

**High and Sustained Growth**
Nigeria’s economic trajectory has been relentlessly veering off its potential, facilitating poverty, insecurity, inequality, unemployment, debt and fiscal unsustainability amongst many issues. Stakeholders will convene to envision strategies to reverse Nigeria’s poor economic trends to achieve high and sustained growth and bring Nigeria back on its path to assuming its economic potentials.

**Quality of Life**
The recognition of the effects of non-inclusive growth has pushed forward a rethinking of economic growth priorities based on the need to raise citizens’ welfare leveraging the guiding principle of Human Development. Stakeholders must therefore agree on measures to reverse Nigeria’s poor human development outcomes.

**National Security**
The current challenge of insecurity in Nigeria has risen at an alarming rate, creating destabilising socioeconomic and political outcomes, which could have negative cascading consequences for national cohesion and Sub-Saharan Africa regional stability, with ripple effects on the rest of the world. Crucial conversations and deliberations are required to reach a consensus for concerted and coordinated actions to mitigate challenges that manifest in the different dimensions of insecurity across the nation. Such actions are now a strategic imperative to restore comprehensive social, moral and judicial law and order within the context of the sacrosanct value of Nigerian lives.

**Political Economy**
The effective functioning of all parts of the economy, the development of Nigeria’s human capital and the security of Nigerian lives rely greatly on the will, proficiency of Nigeria’s leadership, and the effectiveness of its governance system and institutions. Stakeholders will therefore discuss the imperatives of a framework for a political ecosystem that ensures a healthy interplay of politics, governance and economic forces to achieve sustainable growth.

**Digital Transformation**
Nigeria’s description as a significant growth market has persisted for years. Despite such optimism, the country’s growth trajectory perpetuates a reversion of its potential. In the wake of a fourth industrial revolution (4IR), recent trends and statistics maintain that the true acceleration potential for the country lies in rapid digitisation, which would turbocharge Nigeria forward in its economic development. The Summit, therefore, presents a platform for a multi-stakeholder consensus on the imperatives of unleashing the potentials of technology in Nigeria.
NES 27 PRE-SUMMIT EVENTS

CAMA 2020 - One Year On: Implementation, Impact and Challenges (Sept. 16, 2021)
The National Assembly Business Environment Roundtable (NASSBER) held a Pre-Summit event on the 16th of September 2021 to discuss the implementation, impact and challenges of CAMA 2020, one year after its operationalization, on the Nigerian business environment. The event also sought to identify the roles stakeholders can play to ensure the effectiveness of the CAMA 2020 on the business environment and the economy.

MSME Funding in Nigeria: Insights, Impact, Accountability
The MSME Community of Practice (CoP) of the NESG held a Pre-Summit Event on the 21st of September, 2021 to explore the effectiveness of current MSME Funding programmes. The event also sought to identify and discuss specific systems and processes that entrench the accountability of MSME in the country.

Bridging the Housing and Urban Development Guide
The Housing and Urban Development Thematic Group under the Infrastructure Policy Commission of the NESG held a Pre-Summit Event on the 5th of October, 2021 to explore the efficacy of current housing interventions intended to bridge the housing gaps, draw insights, and offer recommendations to address gaps identified.

Enhancing Local Manufacturing of Medicine and Vaccines
The Health Policy Commission of the NESG held a Pre-Summit Event on the 29th of September, 2021 to determine the current level of efforts in ramping up local manufacturing, identify bottlenecks and articulate support needed from government and development partners. The event also sought to articulate an action package to guide NESG-led advocacy to government and partners.

Strengthening Academia-Industry Collaboration in Circular Economy and Natural Capital Accounting
The Sustainability Policy Commission of the NESG held a Pre-Summit Event on the 28th of September, 2021 to engage stakeholders in a town and gown approach to discuss Circular Economy and Natural Capital for capacity building in order to ensure a greater uptake in the Universities and industries.

Prison Reforms and National Security
As part of their Capstone Project, the Bridge Fellows (Set 1, Group 2) of the NESG, held a Pre-Summit Event on the 7th of October, 2021 to dissect Correctional Service reform strategies in Nigeria, identify the challenges impeding these reforms and make recommendations to effectively address the problems of inmates.

Gender Equality and Inclusion Strategies for Economic Development
The Gender Community of Practice of the NESG held a Pre-Summit Event on the 14th of October, 2021 to promote the mainstreaming of gender equality and inclusion into the organisational framework and culture in Nigeria. The event also sought to critically examine and address policy issues on gender and inclusion across the public and private sectors.

The Nigeria Startup Bill: National Stakeholders Roundtable
The Digital Economy Policy Commission of the NESG held a Pre-Summit Event on the 14th of October, 2021 to discuss Nigeria’s long-term vision for innovation and the impact of government decisions on the development of Nigeria’s technology entrepreneurship ecosystem. The event also sought to evaluate the opportunities that the Nigeria Startup Bill will unlock for Nigeria’s technology entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Generating and Capitalizing on the Demographic Dividend Potential in Nigeria
The NESG in collaboration with the World Bank held a Pre-Summit event on the 12th of October 2021 to provide insight into the policies required for Nigeria to spark the demographic transition. It also sought to create a sense of urgency around shaping policies that ensures Nigeria’s demography produces a dividend and not a disaster.
NNPC/SNEPCo... STORY OF CARE

Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited (SNEPCo), pioneered Nigeria’s deep-water oil and gas production at Bonga, a project that increased the country’s oil capacity by 10% when it began producing in 2005. This could not have been possible without a strong tradition of care – for the people, the environment, contractors, assets and the host community which is Nigeria.

Working in close collaboration with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) as grantor under a Production Sharing Contract, SNEPCo, with the support of its co-venture partners has implemented a robust social investment portfolio that has made visible impact in the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria. In parallel, it has supported contractors to improve their capacity and take on complex work in the deep offshore oil and gas exploration and production.

This NNPC/SNEPCo partnership is committed to the health and well-being of stakeholders and Nigeria as the host community. With the donations of medical equipment, consumables, ambulances and personal protective equipment to various states and health facilities under the NNPC led COVID-19 support initiative, it is expected that health workers on the frontline in the fight against the spread of the novel coronavirus pandemic can work professionally and safely.

From Auchi in Edo state to Ajuwa and from Rivers to Nassarawa, the COVID-19 support to governments and the many other social investment programmes of SNEPCo in health, education and sports, the thousands of beneficiaries of the initiatives and supply chains are learning that the Bonga story extends far beyond oil.

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## Monday, October 25, 2021

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Summit Opening**

**Opening Statement**
Mr. Asue Ighodalo; Chairman, Nigerian Economic Summit Group

**Welcome Remarks**
Prince Clem Agba; Minister of State, Budget and National Planning

**Opening Remarks**
Dr. Mrs. Zainab Ahmed; Minister for Finance, Budget and National Planning, Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Keynote Address**
His Excellency Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe; Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia

## Monday, October 25, 2021

**10:15 – 10:35**

**Opening Address**
His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

## Monday, October 25, 2021

**10:40 – 12:00**

**Opening Plenary**

**Building a Secure Nigeria: Key Priorities for Economic Growth and Inclusion**
The fragility of Nigeria is evident and pervasive in all spheres of its being – economically, socially, politically and also its integrity as a sovereign state. With a National Development Plan to reposition Nigeria on the path to a secured future driven by effective fiscal and monetary management, and an active commitment to inclusiveness, it is critical to examine Nigeria's priorities for high and sustained economic development.

**Panellists**
- His Excellency Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe; Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- Dr Mrs Zainab Ahmed; Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning
- Dr. Adedoyin Salami; Chairman, Presidential Economic Advisory Council
- Prof. Benedict Oramah; Chairman, Presidential Economic Advisory Council
- Mrs Nnadi Nwuneli; Co-Founder/Managing Partner, Sahel Consulting Agriculture and Nutrition & Co-Founder, AACE Foods

**Moderator**
- Mrs Eugenia Abu; Managing Partner, The Eugenia Abu Media

## Monday, October 25, 2021

**12:05 – 13:15**

**Plenary II**

**Urgency and Audacity of Public Sector Reform: Driving Change and Accountability**
A critical answer to some of Nigeria's development challenges lies in the effectiveness of the government in executing its policies, strategies, plans, and initiative. The more efficient the governance process is the higher the likelihood that the resultant outcomes lead to measurable and significant impact on the needs of the citizens. A mechanism for assessing the processes that the public sector adopts to carry out its activities therefore becomes imperative.

**Panellists**
- Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan; Head of the Civil Service of the Federation
- Dr Joe Abah; Country Director, DAI
- Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu; Special Adviser to the President on Economic Matters
- Ms Nkem Ilo; CEO, Public and Private Development Centre
- Mr Oluseun Onigbinde; Director, BudgIT Foundation

**Moderator**
- Mrs Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede; Director, Africa Initiative for Governance

## Monday, October 25, 2021

**12:05 – 13:15**

**Side Event**

**Sustainable Safe Schools**
Nigeria is facing a socio-economic crisis borne out of an education crisis. Poor education provision, the COVID pandemic and the on-going conflict has left 13 million children out of school - the highest in the world. Exacerbating these numbers is the constant abduction of schoolchildren. Since 2014, 1,030 Nigerian school students have been abducted, including 276 Chibok girls abducted by Boko Haram - with 112 still missing since 2014.

**Panellists**
- Mr. Knut Eiliv Lein; Norwegian Ambassador
- His Excellency Mr Marcelino Cabanas; Spanish Ambassador
- Mr Gordon Brown HonFRSE; Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- Her Excellency Ms Birgitt Ory; German Ambassador
- His Excellency Mr Ihab Awad; Egyptian Ambassador
- H.E. Kayode Fayemi; Chairman, Nigeria Governors’ Forum
- Mrs Zainab Ahmed; Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning
- Mrs Gil Atkinson; British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria
- Mr Asue Ighodalo; Chairman, NESG
- Mr Peter Hawkins; Country Representative, UNICEF
- Dr Ahmed Abubakar Audu; Director-General, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)

**Moderator**
- Dr Ayoade Olatunbosun-Alakija; AOA Global
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Insight Session

Policy for Humans: The Role of Behavioural Insight
Nigeria’s challenges are increasingly complex, dynamic and interconnected, requiring different ways of designing and implementing solutions. Globally, governments are increasingly using innovative policy tools to make better policy choices. Behavioural insights can contribute to achieving several strategic objectives as it brings a mindset focused on how people behave rather than how it may be assumed that they will behave.

Launch of the Policy Innovation Centre
» Mr Asue Ighodalo; Chairman, NESG

Strategic Insight
» Prof. Eldar Shafir; Professor, Princeton University

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» Prince Clem Agba; Minister of State, Budget and National Planning
» Ms Ammaarah Martinus; Director of Policy, Research & Analysis, Department of the Premier, West Cape, South Africa
» Ms Claire Walsh; Associate Director, Policy, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT
» Mrs Sadiya Umar Farouq; Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management, Social Development

Moderator
» Mr Faisal Naru; Executive Director, Policy Innovation Centre, NESG

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Interactive Panel I

The Jobs Crisis Response
Unemployment in Nigeria is at an alarming rate. While the acceptable unemployment rate in any economy is between 4% and 6%, Nigeria is at 33.3%. Perhaps one of the significant factors driving unemployment in Nigeria is Nigerian graduates’ poor quality of skills. There is a consensus that the Nigerian graduates are ill-equipped with the core skills needed to function in a 21st-century work environment, hence the country has millions of graduates that industries cannot employ or deploy effectively.

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» Mr Tunji Idowu; Executive Director, Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in Niger-Delta (PIND)

Moderator
» Ms Barbara Barungi; Managing Partner, IMARA Africa Consulting

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Interactive Panel

Rethinking Mining Sectoral Governance
Nigeria is rich in reserves of solid minerals and metals. Nigeria’s solid mineral sector is one of the many sectors holding the country’s enormous growth prospects. Despite this, the sector contributes meagrely to the nation’s overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP), at 0.5% (2018). To unlock the potentials inherent in the sector, it is pertinent to rethink Nigeria’s strategies to enhance mineral governance capacities.

Presentation – Diagnostics Report
» Prof. Olugbenga Okunlola; President, Geological Society of Africa

Panellists
» H.E. Abdullahi Sule; Governor of Nasarawa State
» Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite; Minister of Mines and Steels Development
» Mr Segun Lawson; CEO, Thor Explorations Limited
» Engr. Janet F. Adeyemi; President, Women in Mining Nigeria

Work Studios / Discussion Leaders
Future Minerals for Green Energy Revolution
- Mrs Amina Sijuwade, Executive Director, Iron Ore Mining Limited

Development Minerals: Issues and Prospects
- Dr Hassan Albarka Umar; Director-General/CEO, National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency

Moderator
» Ms Lumun Amanda Feese; Senior Special Assistant on Mineral Sector Support for Economic Diversification

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Interactive Panel II

Macroeconomic Stability for Recovery and Sustained Growth
Growth-promoting policies work effectively in a stable macroeconomic environment. Over the years, efforts to achieve inclusive economic growth in Nigeria have proven abortive because of instability. The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened economic instability given the surge in inflation and exchange rate variability amongst others. To return to the growth path and attain sustainable development, it is imperative to achieve economic stability.

Panellists
» Dr (Mrs) Zainab Ahmed; Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning
» Dr. Adedoyin Salami; Chairman, Presidential Economic Advisory Council
» Mr Shubham Chaudhuri; Country Director, World Bank Group
» Dr Andrew Nevin; Partner, Chief Economist, PwC
» Mr Alfred Olajide; Vice President and General Manager, Nigeria Operations, Coca-Cola Africa

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Sustainable Food Security and Systems Response
The growing levels of food insecurity, reduced incomes, disrupted supply chains, chronic and acute hunger due to conflicts, exclusion, climate change and COVID-19 pandemic has reversed years of development gains in Nigeria. It is therefore expedient to address the systemic challenges and prioritise the operationalisation of a resilient food system.

Panelists
» H.E. Atiku Bagudu; Governor of Kebbi State
» Dr Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar; Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
» Mr Fred Kafeero; Country Representative, FAO of the United Nations
» Mr Omoboyede Oluwanya; Managing Director/CEO, Flour Mills Nigeria
» Mrs Uduak Igbeka; Africa Regional Manager; Scaling Up Nutrition Business Network

Moderator
» Dr Angel Adelaja-Kuye; Co-Founder/Executive Director, WeFarm Africa

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Interactive Panel V

Women, Work and Economic Growth: Closing the Gap
Despite the contribution of the female population to Nigeria’s human capital wealth, their contribution to economic productivity and growth is far below its potential. Whilst progress in recent decades have been laudable, labour markets across the world remain heavily gender-skewed to the detriment of women, and efforts toward gender equality seems to be tepid.

Panelists
» Dame Pauline K. Tallen; Minister for Women Affairs
» Mr Simon Harry; Statistician General, National Bureau of Statistics
» Dr Judith-Ann Walker; Executive Director, The development Research and Projects Centre
» Dr Nkiru Balonwu; Managing Partner, RDF Strategies
» Mr Michael Gboyega Ilesanmi; Senior Social Specialist, World Bank Group

Moderator
» Mrs Nkiru Balonwu; Managing Partner, PDF Strategies

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Plenary III

A Pragmatic Approach to Security Paradigms and Dimensions
The state of insecurity in Nigeria has spiraled undoubtedly and has impacted every aspect of Nigerian life – economic, social, psychological, political and physical. As the strategies and structures put in place by the government to curtail insecurity become glaringly ineffective and inefficient, it is crucial to re-examine and re-strategize the fight against insecurity in Nigeria.

Strategic Insight
» Mr Patrick Okeibo III; Principal Partner, Nextier Advisory

Panelists
» H.E. Rotimi Akeredolu SAN; Governor of Ondo State
» H.E. Babagana Umara Zulum; Governor of Borno State
» Brig. Gen. Saleh Bala (Rtd); CEO, White Ink Consult
» Mr Ndubisi Anyanwu; Country Director, Mercy Corps

Moderator
» Ms Amaka Anku; Head, Africa Practice, Eurasia Group

DAY 1 CLOSES
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
09:00 – 10:30
Interactive Panel II
From the Ground Up: Building Human Capital through Foundational Learning
Policymakers and country leaders recognise the urgent need to improve educational outcomes across the continent. However, not enough is being done to make the necessary changes to achieve this. Fortunately, we now have the tools and knowledge to improve this and only by improving education at all levels, especially at the foundational level, can Nigeria (and hence the continent) realise its true economic potential and promise.

Panellists
» H.E. Godwin Obaseki; Governor of Edo State
» Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba; Minister of State for Education
» Dr Benjamin Piper; Senior Director, Africa Education for RTI International, Nairobi
» Ms Olamidun Majekodunmi; Country Director, Nexford University

Moderator
» Dr Modupe Adefeso-Olateju; Managing Director, The Education Partnership Center (TEP Center)

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Interactive Panel III
Lighting Nigeria: A Solutions Framework for Power Sector Recovery
Power Sector Recovery Operations aim to improve the reliability of electricity supply, achieve financial and fiscal sustainability, and enhance accountability by supporting high performance and unlocking private sector investment in the sector. Considering that the PSRO is expected to culminate in 2022, it is critical to review the programme’s performance to assess its status and improve its visibility to stakeholders.

Panellists
» Engr. Abubakar Aliyu; Minister for Power
» Dr Shubham Chaudhuri; Country Director (Nigeria), World Bank Group
» Mr Ben Akabueze; Director-General, Budget Office of the Federation
» Mr Tunde Gbajumo; Deputy Chief of Party, USAID Nigeria Power Sector Programme, Deloitte Consulting
» Mr Christopher Ezeafulukwe; MD/CEO Transcorp Power Ltd
» Ms Ifeoma Malo; Co-Founder/CEO, Clean Technology Hub Nigeria

Moderator
» Engr. Belije Madu; Technical Director, CentroTab Energy Service
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Interactive Panel IV

Future of Clean Energy Transition and the Industrial Development Imperative

The Petroleum Industry Act has ushered in a significant landmark in the Energy Sector. The imperatives for energy security, sufficiency and transitions are at the nexus of the country’s economic development. However, this nexus is a delicate balance of current priorities and future needs. The transition must stimulate growth by using natural clean energy while optimising fuel resources to drive growth.

Panellists
- Chief Timipre Sylva; Minister of State, Petroleum Resources
- Dr Philip Mshelbila; Managing-Director/CEO, Nigeria LNG Limited
- Mr Ed Ubong; Managing Director, Shell Nigeria Gas
- Dr Segun Adaju; CEO, Consistent Energy and President, Renewable Energy Association of Nigeria
- Ms Doseke Akporiaye; Managing Director; Oolu Solae.

Moderator
- Ms Fatumata Soukouna-Coker; Group President, Y Group Holdings

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Interactive Panel V

Creating a Competitive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for MSMEs

Operating optimally, entrepreneurship can deliver development, innovation, wealth creation, employment generation and poverty reduction. Despite the growing number of enterprises and burgeoning startup scene, Nigeria has failed to realise its growth potential fully. Creating a competitive entrepreneurial ecosystem is essential to creating employment, wealth creation and socio-economic development.

Panellists
- H.E. Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq; Governor of Kwara State
- Amb. Mansam Yakwai Katagum; Minister of State Industry, Trade and Investment
- Mr Olaniyi Yusuf; Managing Partner, Verraki
- Ms Thelma Ekiyor; Managing Partner, SME.NG
- Ms. Hauwa Yabani; CEO, Abuja Technology Village FZ Co.

Moderator
- Ms. Tosin Faniro-Dada; Managing Director/CEO, Endeavor Nigeria

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10:40 – 12:00
Interactive Panel VI

The Fourth Estate: Holding Power Accountable

As Nigeria embarks on its quest for sustained economic development through its medium and long-term national development plans, the collective, concerted force required to progressively and positively change the growth trajectory of the economy has become apparent more than ever. Amid Nigeria’s current vulnerabilities, the role of the media as an essential institutional mechanism for effective engagement of the polity and achieving a successful policy mix to catalyse economic development has never been more vital.

Panellists
- Mr Lai Mohammed; Minister of Information and Culture
- Dr Reuben Abati; Chairman, Editorial Board, The Guardian
- Mr Naziru Mikailu; Executive Director/ Editor-in-Chief, Daily Trust Media
- Mr Tokunboh Afikuyomi Jr; Editor-in-Chief, Stears Business
- Ms Nkiru ‘Kiki’ Mordi; Co-Founder, Document Wome

Moderator
- Mr. Femi Awoyemi; CEO, Proshare Nigeria

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12:10 - 13:40
Plenary V

SDGs and the Quality of Life: Pathways for Accelerated Progress

The inexcusable state of education and health systems evident in Nigeria’s statistics on out-of-school children, high level of illiteracy, internally displaced persons, maternal mortality, malnourished children and poverty rate is reflective of the relevance placed on Nigeria’s greatest asset – its human capital. This begs the urgent need to deliberate on the imperatives and opportunities to reverse Nigeria’s human development crisis.

Panellists
- H.E. Dr Kayode Fayemi; Chairman, Nigeria Governors’ Forum
- Muhammad Sanusi II; Former Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria & 14th Emir of Kano
- Alero Ayida-Otobo; Founder, Incubator Africa Ltd
- Ms Ashley Immanuel; CEO, EFInA – Enhancing Financial Innovation and Access
- Ms. Folawe Omikunle; CEO, Teach for Nigeria

Moderator
- Mrs Dayo Benjamin-Laniyi; Enterprise Communicator, DBL
Breakout Session I

Driving Competitiveness and Inclusion through Sectoral Reforms in Agriculture

Accounting for an estimated 35% of employment and historically recording rates as high as 50%, Nigeria’s agricultural sector stands undisputed as an engine for employment generation. Also, considering its immense contribution to the GDP (26% as of 2020) and the fact that a huge proportion of the employed labour force is engaged in agricultural activities, the agricultural sector provides a viable opportunity to improve the standard of living of farmers who are typically at the bottom of the economic pyramid.

Work-Studios / Discussion Leaders
- Market Access - Dr Apollos Nwafor; Vice President, Policy and State Capability at Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
- Mechanisation - Mr Jehiel Oliver; CEO, Hello Tractor
- Post-Harvest Management - Mr Bolaji Akinboro; Chairman, The Vonancorelli Company

Facilitator
- Dr Richard Mbaram; CEO, AgroNigeria & Co-Chair, Comms Sub-Committee, UNFSSD Nigeria

Breakout Session II

Unlocking the Potentials of the Petroleum Industry Act

Whilst Nigeria’s over-reliance on the oil & gas sector has been demonized, there is no gainsaying that the oil & gas sector is an indispensable factor in Nigeria’s aspiration for economic growth and development. The wealth accruing from the sector in foreign earnings will provide the needed investment and resources to reform other sectors to create jobs. Additionally, should the sector be effectively deregulated as advocated by experts, the oil & gas sector will significantly contribute to employment and facilitate a fall in inflation as fuel prices drop as a result of free-market entry and its accompanying competition?

Panellists
- H.E. Emmanuel Udom; Governor of Akwa Ibom State
- Mr Mele Kolo Kyari; Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation
- Dr Bello Aliyu Gusau; Executive Secretary, Petroleum Technology Development Fund
- Mr Mike Sangster; Managing Director, Total Energies EP Nigeria Limited
- Mr Austin Avuru; CEO, Seplat Petroleum Development Company Plc.
Moderator
- Mr John Uwajumogu; Partner, Ernst & Young

Roundtable

Backing Nigeria’s Creative Power

With Nigerian music, film and fashion bursting onto the global stage, and Nigerians at home and in the diaspora increasingly engaging popular culture across the globe, the question of intent as regards the propagation of Nigerian creativity has become too significant to ignore. Who is backing Nigeria’s creative power and are we ready to wield our soft power?

Strategic Insight
“Redefining Nigeria’s Creative Space”
Baba Agba; Managing Director, BCI Studios Limited

Strategic Insight
“How the Gaming Industry is Driving Nigeria’s Creative Power”
Mr Gossy Ukanwoke; Managing Director, KingMakers

Panellists
- Mr Audu Maikori; Executive Vice-Chair, Chocolate City Group
- Ms Kate Henshaw-Nuttal: Nigerian Actress
- Mr Moses Babatope; Co-Founder and Group Executive Director, Filmhouse Group/MD FilmOne Entertainment
- Ms Adaora Ikenze; Head, Public Policy (Anglophone West Africa), Facebook
- Mr John Ugbe; CEO, MultiChoice
Moderator
- Mr Obi Asika; Founder, Iba Ajie Hub
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Debate

A National Debate on Poverty Reduction: Lifting Millions Out of Poverty by 2025?

Despite many initiatives in the past, poverty and inequality in Nigeria has spiralled to damaging proportions. Given that poverty in Nigeria is propelled by a myriad of factors which vary geographically, the contextualisation of poverty reduction strategies is crucial. Whilst a myriad of poverty alleviation strategies exist with varying ideological underpinnings, it is relevant to critically analyse the options available to fight impoverishment in Nigeria to identify the most expedient and effective contextualised strategy. What is the most viable poverty reduction strategy for Nigeria? How do we lift 34 million people out of poverty by 2025?

Discussants
» Mrs Maryam Uwais, MFR; Special Adviser to the President on Social Investments
» Mr Efoja Ogomo; Lead, Global Prosperity Research Group, Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation

Facilitator
» Ms Lehle Balde; Editor, BusinessDay Weekender

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Interactive Panel I

Financing Infrastructure Development

As Nigeria seeks to bridge its infrastructure deficit estimated at $3 trillion, the role of the private sector has been identified as critical. Nevertheless, private sector financing is constrained by risk factors. It is, therefore, critical to identify strategies to attract and guarantee private investments.

Panellists
» H.E. Seyi Makinde; Governor of Oyo State
» Abubakar Samaila Zубairu; President, Africa Finance Corporation
» Ms Tanya Gbadegesin; Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of ARM Harith Infrastructure Fund Managers
» Mr Gori Olusina Daniel; Infrastructure Finance Lead; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

Moderator
» Ms Stella Ojekwe-Onyejie; Executive Director, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA)

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Interactive Panel II

Sustainable Approaches to Public Debt Financing

Due to a shortage of revenue and inadequate financing of public programmes, the public debt situation in Nigeria has grown unsustainably. The pace of accumulation and the difficulty in servicing these debts have further aggravated the problem. The rising debt profile was further exacerbated by the outbreak of COVID-19, with a severe impact on public finance and the economy at large. Hence, identifying practicable alternative sources and sustainable solutions to financing public expenditure is an economic imperative.

Presentation
» Debt Management Restructuring and Sustainability in ECOWAS - Dr Segun Omisakin; Chief Economist, Nigerian Economic Summit Group

Panellists
» Ms Patience Oniha; Director-General, Debt Management Office of Nigeria
» Mr Taiwo Oyedele; Fiscal Policy Partner & Africa Tax Leader, PwC
» Mr Funso Akere; CEO, Stanbic IBTC Capital
» Dr Segun Omisakin; Chief Economist, Nigerian Economic Summit Group

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Interactive Panel III

High-Level Forum on SDGs: Increasing Ownership and Accountability

The social system in Nigeria is fragile and distorted by economic inequalities. Research indicates that children, women, and youths are marginalised in human capital development. Acceleration of equitable economic recovery by 2030 through prioritizing human capital development and mainstreaming gender via private sector multi-stakeholder alliances and global multilateral cooperation is expedient.

Panellists
» H.E. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR; Governor of Kano State
» Dr Paulin Basinga; Global Director Programme Advocacy & Communication (PAC), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
» Ms Zouera Youssoufou; Managing Director/CEO, Aliko Dangote Foundation
» Dr Yosola Akinbi; Human Capital Development Core Working Group
» Ms Ashley Immanuel; CEO, EFInA – Enhancing Financial Innovation and Access

Moderator
» Mr Dapo Oyewole; Special Adviser on International & Interparliamentary Affairs to Speaker of the House of Representatives
Youth and Technology: The Future of Nigeria's Agriculture

Nigeria's population is currently estimated at over 200 million and growing; feeding a projected 400 million people by 2050 is a daunting challenge. Nigeria currently spends $22 billion yearly on food importation and in March 2021, inflation increased to 18.17%, food inflation rose to 22.95% and food prices jumped more than 20%. There is a consensus that we have to find innovative ways to address the issue of food insecurity, food importation, high unemployment among youths, and a dwindling economy.

Work-Studios / Discussion Leaders
- Mr Jehiel Oliver; CEO, Hello Tractor
- Mr Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu; Founder/CEO, Cold Hubs
- Mr Ayodeji Balogun; CEO, AFEX Nigeria
- Mr Ayo Arikawe; CEO, Thrive Agric
- Dr Angel Adelaja-Kuye; Co-Founder/Executive Director, WeFarm Africa

Facilitator
- Ms Yewande Kazeem; Founder, Wandieville Media

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Summit Summary
Presentation of Summit Outcomes
By NES #27 Joint Planning Committee

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Interactive Panel V
Nigeria’s Trade Policy Imperatives in a Post-COVID-19 Era

Trade plays a vital role in sustaining economies by facilitating growth, fostering development, and unlocking substantial job opportunities. Full participation in Trade Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and ECOWAS multilateral trading systems promises to enhance Nigeria’s international competitiveness by diversifying its export destinations. If taken advantage of, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) could kick-start Nigeria’s journey on the path of industrialisation and may be used as a natural springboard for the country’s global engagement.

Panellists
- Otunba Niyi Adebayo; Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment
- His Excellency Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi; Minister of State for Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates
- Amb. Yonov Fred Agah; Chief Trade Negotiator/Director-General, Nigeria Office of Trade Negotiations
- Mr Yinka Adeyemi; Sr Advisor, Trade Policy, UN Commission Economic Commission for Africa
- Prof. Jonathan Aremu; Consultant, ECOWAS Common Investment Market, ECOWAS
- Mr John Taylor; Trade Counsellor, Delegation of the EU to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and ECOWAS

Moderator
- Mrs Bunmi Kuku; Partner, Ernst & Young

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A Conversation with the Vice President
Visualising a Nigeria of Our Future

One of the greatest challenges facing the country is her inability to actualise the dreams and visions of the founding fathers. Nigeria’s description as a significant growth market and the ‘Giant of Africa’ has persisted for years. Despite such optimism, the country's growth trajectory perpetuates a reversion of its potential. However, some would argue that Nigeria still remains a nation with the potential for socio-economic dominance. 61 years after independence, Nigerians still look forward to a country of our dreams. What are the pathways to achieving it? This will be a moderated conversation with His Excellency Prof. Yemi Osinbajo to envision a secured future for Nigeria that is characterized by high and sustained economic development, improved quality of life and global competitiveness.

Special Guest
- His Excellency Prof. Yemi Osinbajo; Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Discussion Leaders
- Mr Kyari Bukar; Director, Nigerian Economic Summit Group
- Ms ChiChi Aniagolu-Okoye, Country Director, Ford Foundation.

18:10 – 18:40
Closing Address
- His Excellency Prof. Yemi Osinbajo; Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Closing Address
- Mrs Olusola Idowu; Permanent Secretary, Budget and National Planning
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Since the 25th Nigerian Economic Summit (NES #25), the NESG has identified the need to ensure active participation of Nigerian youths in shaping the agenda of Nigeria and it is in this regard that the NESG has organised the NES #27 Essay Competition themed “Securing Our Future: The Fierce Urgency of Now”.

This competition was opened to all Nigerian undergraduates of any higher education institution (Nigeria or abroad) between the ages of 16 - 25. Please see the essay competition website for more information: https://nesgroup.org/27/essay.

After a rigorous review process, the top 3 winners of the essay competition have emerged and would be announced at the Summit and given a paid internship opportunity at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group. Also the top 50 entrants have been given virtual access to participate at the Summit.

WINNERS

1. Obisesan Mojolaoluwa
   Babcock University
   400L Economics

2. Eli Josiah
   Sokoto State University
   400L Agricultural Science

3. Gofwan Helen
   University of Jos
   400L Medicine & Surgery
SPEAKERS
Dr. Doyin Salami was a renowned Economist, Lecturer and Consultant. He is the current Chairman of the National Economic Advisory Council reporting directly to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

He is also a Senior Fellow/Associate Professor and full-time member of the faculty at the Lagos Business School (LBS), Pan-Atlantic University. He earned his Doctorate in Economics from Queen Mary College, School of Management and the second from the Arizona State University in California, USA in 2006.

He currently serves as a director at The Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG).

H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn was the second Executive Prime Minister of Ethiopia who served from August 2012 following the death of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi until his resignation and handover to his successor Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed in April 2018. Previously, he served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Social Affairs Minister and Government Chief Whip, Minister, under Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. He also served as Governor of the Southern Regional State for six years.

Born in 1965, he holds a Civil Engineering degree from Addis Ababa University. In 1990 he won a scholarship to Tampere University of Technology in Finland, earning a Master's degree in Water and Environmental Engineering. He also earned a second Master's degree from Azusa Pacific University in California, USA in 2006.

Ndidi Nwuneli is the Managing Partner of Sahel Consulting Agriculture & Nutrition Ltd. She is also the founder of LEAP Africa. She is also the chair of Nourishing Africa.

Ndidi started her career as a management consultant with McKinsey & Company, working in Chicago, New York, and Johannesburg. She holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and an undergraduate degree with honors from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Ndidi was recognized as a Young Global Leader and Schwab Social Innovator by the World Economic Forum and received a National Honor from the Nigerian Government.


Zainab Ahmed is Nigeria’s Minister of Finance, Budget, and National Planning—a portfolio that makes her one of the country’s most influential ministers. In that capacity, she has is seeking to boost government revenue, with plans underway to raise value-added tax while taming public debt that now estimated at more than $80 billion. She previously served as executive secretary and national coordinator of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI). An accountant by training, she has extensive experience in public sector reform and management.

Zainab Ahmed has served the Nigerian public in various high-ranking positions, including as managing director of the Kaduna State of Nigeria’s investment company, and also the Chief Finance Officer of the Nigeria mobile telecommunications company. Zainab was reappointed and sworn in as the Minister of Finance on 21 August 2019 by the President.

Prince Clem Ikanade Agba holds a B.Sc Economics degree from Bendel State University and two Masters Degrees in Business Administration, the first from the University of Benin, specializing in Management and the second from the Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, USA, specializing in Supply Chain Management.

Clem's work experience took him from Pegasus Industries Limited through Super Engineering Limited to Chevron Nigeria Limited where he retired in 2019 to join the public service and politics.

Clem was appointed on August 21, 2019 as Nigeria’s Minister of State for Budget and National Planning by His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari.

Yemi Osinbajo holds a B.Sc Economics degree from University of Oxford, UK, and a Master’s degree in Economics from Harvard University, USA.

A regular speaker in trade and trade finance conferences around the world. Dr. Oramah serves as Chairperson of the Africa Chapter of the International Factors Group (IFG) and is on the Board of the IFG and the Editorial Boards of Trade and Forfaiting Review and the Journal of African Trade. He is also a member of the Consultative Board on World Cocoa Economy of the International Cocoa Organization.

Asue is Chairman, Board of Directors, the Nigeria Economic Summit Group, Sterling Bank Plc, Levene Energy Group and GlobalMix Limited. He also sits on the boards of Mainstreet Technologies Limited, Cardinal Stone Partners, Okomu Oil Palm Plc, Christopher Kolade Foundation, and the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA).
Dr. Folasade Yemi-Esan is a Dental Surgeon. Educated at the prestigious University of Ibadan, Nigeria, she graduated as best Bachelor of Dental Surgery student in 1987. She later earned a Certificate in Health Planning and Management and Master’s Degree in Public and International Administration both with distinctions.

She started her career at the Federal Ministry of Health and rose to become a Director. During her service at the Ministry, she served in different positions, among them – Coordinator of Oral Health in Schools Programme, Liaison officer West Africa Health Organization (WAHO) and Director, Health Planning Research and Statistics. She also served as Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education. She also served in the Career Management Office (OHCSF) as Secretary, Committee for the Selection Exercise of Permanent Secretaries in the Federal Civil Service.

Mrs. Olusola Idowu an indigene of Ogun state was born over 56 years ago. She attended University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) and obtained a Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm).

She started her career in 1987 with the Federal Ministry of Health and was posted to the Pharmacist Board of Nigeria. Her exposure to the Department for the International Development (DFID) training on Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) prompted her passion for analytical works.

Mrs. Olusola Idowu was promoted as Director in the Federal Civil Service and was appointed Permanent Secretary in 2019. She was deployed to the Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning as Permanent Secretary Budget and National Planning in February 2020.

Ben Akabueze, Director-General, Budget Office of the Federation, Nigeria Ben has over 23 years experience in Accounting, Consulting and Banking, and about 12 years in public financial management where he rose to the position of Managing Director/Chief Executive and was later appointed as Special Adviser (Planning) to the President of Nigeria. President Buhari appointed him the Director-General Budget Office of the Federation a few years later.

Ben Akabueze is very passionate about societal transformation and actively participates in programmes designed to bring the desired change in his country.

Mr. Christopher Ezeafulkwe is the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Transcorp Power. With over 18 years working as an executive level professional, Chris has extensive experience in legal, transaction advisory and support services, as well as company secretarial and related practices.

An alumnus of Lagos Business School, Lagos and IESE Business School, Barcelona, Christopher holds an LL.B degree from the University of Lagos, an LLM from the University of Lagos and another LLM in Energy, Environmental & Natural Resources Law from the University of Houston, Texas.
Yosolaoluwa Olanrewaju Akinbi is the Coordinator of the Core Working Group (CWG) on Human Capital Development (HCD), a body instituted by the National Economic Council, comprising of Governors of the 36 States of Nigeria, the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and His Excellency, the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as Council Chair.

The CWG has a mandate to develop a Country-Wide Strategy for the Human Capital Development Program, where she provides strategic leadership on the National Human Capital Development Program; Interfaces with Policy Makers at National and Sub-National levels, Development Partners operating in the Country, Top Hierarchy of the Civil Service and Other Stakeholders to ensure co-creation and co-development.

She is a Graduate of the University of Lagos, A Chartered Accountant and an alumnus of Harvard Kennedy School, United States.

Mr Abubakar D. Aliyu is an accomplished Engineer, a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and a member of the Council of Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN). He served as the Deputy Governor of Yobe State for an unblemished period of ten and half years.

Mr Abubakar Aliyu attended Kaduna state Polytechnic where he got a National Diploma (ND) in Civil Engineering and HND in High Ways and Transportation Engineering, he obtained his Bachelor of Engineering in Civil and Water Resources Engineering from the University of Maiduguri.

Brigadier General Saleh Bala (Rtd) is the President and Founder of the Whitenik Institute for Strategy Education and Research (WISER) and the Chief Executive Officer of White Ink Consult, a defense and security research, strategic communication and training consultancy firm based in Abuja, Nigeria.

He holds a Bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria (1982) and a Master’s degree in International Peace Studies 2006 from the University for Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica, and another Master’s in National Security Strategy (2009) from the National Defense University, National War College, Washington DC.

Bala consults for a number of local and international governmental and non-governmental organizations in the areas of National Security Strategy Development, Security Sector Reforms (SSR), and Preventing/Counter Violent Extremism Strategies.

Ndubisi Anyanwu is the Country Director of Mercy Corps Nigeria, which reached 1.5 million people in the past year, delivering urgent, lifesaving assistance. The team also supports entrepreneurship and market development, empowers youth, strengthens accountability and governance. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ndubisi led program adaptations that allowed Mercy Corps Nigeria to continue to safely support the communities we serve.

Prior to joining Mercy Corps as Country Director, Ndubisi served as Director General of the Imo State Investment Promotion Agency, and served twice as an adviser to Nigeria’s Ministry of Finance. Ndubisi also held roles at the World Bank and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where his interventions helped secure the Nigerian government’s commitment of $5.3 million in vaccines.

Patrick Okigbo is the Founder and Principal Partner at Nextier, an advisory firm with a focus on energy, entrepreneurship and market development, empowers youth, strengthens accountability and governance. He provides strategic leadership on a range of governance issues to federal and state governments in Nigeria.

Patrick holds a Bachelor’s of Agriculture from University of Nigeria and a Master’s in Business Administration from Emory University in Atlanta. He serves on a number of boards and technical committees. He is a Member of the Anambra State Economic Think Tank. At various times, he was part of the Technical Working Group that developed Nigeria’s 30-Year Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan, Nigeria’s Roadmap for Power Sector Reform.

Previously, he was a special assistant to the office of former President Goodluck Jonathan, where he served on the Presidential Task Force on Power. He has done extensive work in security, peacebuilding and development especially in the Niger Delta and North East regions of Nigeria.

Amaka Anku is a member of the firm’s Global Macro practice, where she focuses on comparative global politics. She often appears on major TV networks and is frequently quoted in the world’s leading newspapers.

Prior to Eurasia Group, Amaka worked with various organizations across sub-Saharan Africa. She also practiced law in the international arbitration and litigation group of global law firm Shearman & Sterling, LLP, where she represented multinational corporations in multimillion-dollar, cross-border disputes. She grew up in Enugu, Nigeria, and is fluent in Igbo and French. Amaka holds a bachelor’s degree from the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and a doctor of law degree from Harvard Law School.
Osita Chidoka had his B.Sc from the University of Nigeria Nsukka and graduated with a bachelor's degree in management. After a year of the compulsory national youth service, he received a diploma in marine and port management from the University of Singapore. He received one more diploma, this time from the School of Public Society's Panel on Police Reform where he received a bachelor's degree in quantity surveying with first-class honours.

In 2007, he took up a leadership position in Nigerian road safety. Under his leadership, the Federal Road Safety Corps turned into an institution that was driven by new and effective information technologies.

In May 2014, during the World Economic Forum, Chidoka was appointed as the Transport Committee chairman. The same year, he received another promotion and was assigned the Minister of Aviation of Nigeria.

Benjamin Piper is the Senior Director for Africa Education at RTI International. Based in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Piper provides technical support to programs across the world.

He has experience in quantitative methods for causal inference, longitudinal analysis, and mixed methods research. Dr. Piper is interested in instructional improvement, policy reform, evaluation, and early childhood development. He has experience in program management, instructional leadership, pedagogical improvement, policy analysis and assessment and has worked with the World Bank, the U.K. Department for International Development, UNICEF, and Save the Children.

Frank Aigbogun is a journalist and publisher of BusinessDay newspaper, which he founded in 2001. He began his journalism career at the Guardian in 1982 and moved on to Vanguard where he rose to the position of editor of all the titles of the newspaper. Mr. Aigbogun served for many years as the Lagos correspondent of the Associated Press, AP the world’s largest independent news agency.

A former newspaper columnist, Ms. Obe now presents On Point, a current affairs program on Nigeria’s first and only daily financial and business newspaper.
Dr. Kayode Fayemi, the Governor of Ekiti State, was born on February 9, 1965. He is a native of Isan-Eliti in Oye Local Government Area of Ekiti State, Nigeria.

He holds degrees in History and International Relations from the University of Lagos and Obafemi Awolowo University respectively; a Doctorate in War Studies from King's College, University of London and is a Fellow of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Ibadan. His research and policy development interests include: Natural Resource Governance, Democratization, Constitutionalism, Security Sector Governance, Civil-Military Relations and Regionalism in the Global Context. Amongst other academic and public policy engagements at home and abroad, Kayode Fayemi has served on numerous boards, including the Governing Board of the Open Society Justice Institute, Bababu for Women's Human Rights, the African Security Sector Network, the Justice Institute, Baobab for Women's Human Rights, the Governing Board of the Open Society Institute and Globalization for Africa.

Ashley Immanuel leads EFInA's work to make the Nigerian financial system work better, especially for the poor. She has experience conducting research, engaging in advocacy work, designing, and monitoring grant funding portfolios, and building the capacity of stakeholders to better meet the needs of low-income groups. Prior to joining EFInA in 2013, Ms. Immanuel worked in management consulting with a focus on public sector clients, including several years of work with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). Ms. Immanuel holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Duke University.

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Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, popularly known as Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, was born on the 31st of July, 1961, into the Fulani Toroobe (Sullubawar clan of Kano.

Sanusi got admission into Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria to study economics, and graduated with a BSc in economics. Sanusi Lamido obtained his master's degree in economics.

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Governor Lalang is a patriot who has offered himself to serve with loyalty, humility and diligence. He attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, The Nigerian Law School Lagos and University of Jos and obtained LL. B, BL and LL.M respectively.

He worked with Victor Fomwul & Co. Jos as a Managing Partner, before establishing his Firm, Simon B. Lalang & Co. He was unanimously elected Speaker of the Plateau State House of Assembly and served as speaker for seven years.
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He became the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Nigeria from 2003 to 2007. On May 29, 2015, he was sworn in as the governor of Katsina state.

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He served as Chairman of the WTO General Council in 2011. Ambassador Agah holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. degree in Economics from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; MBA and PhD in International Trade from the University of Jos; and LL. B from the University of Abuja.

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Andrew is a Canadian and has been based in Lagos, Nigeria since 2012.
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He obtained his bachelor of science (BSc) in geology and earth science from the University of Maiduguri. In 1991, he started his career with the Department of Geological Survey of Nigeria as Field Geologist. He’s the focal person for the Open Government Initiative, the initiative helps the government to track the buyer and seller of crude oil.

Kunle Elebute
New Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund [PTDF] Dr. Bello Aliyu Gusau holds a PhD in Political Economy and Development Studies from the University of Jos. He was a lecturer in Political Science at the Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto. For the last two decades however, he has operated in various capacities in the petroleum industry. He was the Secretary of the Oil and Gas Sector Reforms Implementation Committee (OGIC) chaired by the late Dr. Rilwanu Lukman that recommended sweeping reforms of the petroleum industry and put together the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB).

Zouera Youssoufou is managing director and CEO of The Aliko Dangote Foundation, the largest private foundation in sub-Saharan Africa, based in Lagos, Nigeria. In this role, she leads the foundation’s efforts to improve the health, nutrition, education, and economic empowerment outcomes for Africans, primarily in Nigeria.

Her previous experiences include working with the European Union on private sector development issues in Niger and management consulting with Deloitte in Ghana. Youssoufou holds an MBA in Finance from New York University’s Stern School of Business and a BBA in Marketing from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst’s Isenberg School of Business.
Timipre Marlin Sylva is a former Governor of Bayelsa State, Nigeria, and the current Nigeria Minister of State for Petroleum Resources. Sylva graduated from the University of Port Harcourt with distinction in English (Linguistics). He was awarded his second Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Public Administration by AiPA (African Institute of Public Administration, Leading Edge Foundation and LBBS. Sylva's political career started in 1992. He was appointed by President Buhari as the Nigerian Cabinet Minister of State for Petroleum Resources and the Vice President of Bonny Gas Transport. Prior to this, he was the CEO of the Atlantic LNG Company of Trinidad & Tobago. In the course of his over 25-year career with Shell, he has held various roles including Integration/Planning and Project Development Manager for Gas & Power, Commercial Manager among others.

Dr. Philip Mshelbila is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Nigeria LNG Limited and the Vice President of Bonny Gas Transport. Prior to this, he was the CEO of the Atlantic LNG Company of Trinidad & Tobago. In the course of his over 25-year career with Shell, he has held various roles including Integration/Planning and Project Development Manager for Gas & Power, Commercial Manager among others.

Dr. Mshelbila has a degree in Human Medicine (MBBS), postgraduate qualification in Occupational & Environmental Medicine from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the ESE Business School of the University of Navarra, Spain.

Fatimata Soukouna Coker is an entrepreneurial business builder, turnaround specialist, and senior technology executive with over 20 years of global strategy, operational and organizational management and strategic marketing originally anchored in the USA. She also participates in start-up forums and IT incubators across the globe, sharing her expertise with the LBS Executive MBAs and American University of Cairo Business School Undergrads. She is on the National Planning committee of the Institute of Directors (IoD) Nigeria. She's passionate about the electrification of the African continent and creating a seamless payment and settlement solution across Africa.

Gori is a Senior Infrastructure and Capital Projects Commercial Specialist with over 20 years’ experience of business management, commercial and financial due diligence, PPP Policy, capacity building, and contract management from multiple perspectives including public sector, DfID/OBO and private sector advisory across a range of sectors. Based in London, Gori has contributed towards raising in excess of $120 billion for the delivery of large-scale infrastructure and concession. He leads and works as part of multi-disciplinary teams tackling a range of research, policy, business development, strategy, and transaction advisory assignments.

Gori is a committed academic with research publications that explore the impact of institutions on the strategy and performance of multinational firms in emerging markets.

Ed Ubong is the Managing Director of Shell Nigeria Gas (SNG) and is responsible for leading the company and safely delivering its domestic gas growth aspirations. He joined Shell in 2001 after completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical & Electronics Engineering from the Federal University of Technology Owerri and completing the Shell intensive Training Program (ITP) run by Robert Gordon University Aberdeen. He also holds a Masters Degree in Engineering from the University of Southampton, UK and an MBA from INSEAD (France, US, Singapore).

Mrs. Stella Ojekwe-Onyejeli is the Chief Operating Officer and an Executive Director of the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA). She joined the Authority in October 2012 bringing more than 20 years of Financial Advisory, Risk, Governance and Controls Management experience to the Board of NSIA. She was the Chief Risk Officer of the Authority up to January 2018.

Mrs. Ojekwe-Onyejeli is a qualified Chartered Financial and Tax Accountant. She spent over a decade at professional services firms Arthur Andersen and KPMG in Nigeria and South Africa. She holds a first degree in Chemistry from the University of Lagos, and an MBA from Cranfield School of Management in the UK.
### Workplace

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The Coca-Cola Company is committed to supporting sustainable development in Nigeria through various initiatives.
Tariye Gbadegesin is an investment professional with 20 years of experience in the financial services sector and over US$3 billion of transaction experience.

She is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ARM Harith Infrastructure Fund Managers (Armhith), a Joint Venture between Asset & Resource Management Company Ltd (ARM). Tariye was on the founding team to establish the Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), a pan African DFI with US$6 billion under management where she led several of AFC’s investments in the sectors of power, transport, industrials and telecommunications infrastructure.

Tariye has global experience from working at the International Monetary Fund, Boston Consulting Group and PricewaterhouseCoopers. She has proficiency in French and Spanish and a working knowledge of Portuguese. Tariye has a bachelor’s degree in Economics from Amherst College, and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Dr. Tinuola Akinbolagbe is the CEO at Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria. She is a seasoned healthcare administrator with relevant experience in the Healthcare and Service sectors. Dr. Tinuola’s areas of core expertise is Strategic Planning, Operational and Risk Management. She is interested in the provision of comprehensive and integrated (healthcare) services & solutions with the efficient deployment of resources.

Dr. Akinbolagbe holds the following degrees MBBCh, Medicine and Surgery at the University of Lagos, PgD in Public Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London) and MSc Public Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London).

H.E. Ifeanyi Okowa is the Governor of Delta State. He studied Medicine and Surgery at the University of Ibadan where he graduated in 1981 with MBBS, at the record age of 22. Upon completion of the National Youth Service Corps in 1982; he worked briefly with the defunct Bendel State Hospitals Management Board as a Medical Officer before he went into private practice as Director, Victory Medical Centre, Igbakiri in 1986. He went on to open another branch at Boji-Boji, Owa.

Dr. Okowa’s humanitarian and philanthropic disposition over the years endeared him to his people as he often rendered free medical services to the poor in his community.

Temie Giwa-Tubosun is a Nigerian-American health manager, founder of LifeBank, a business enterprise in Nigeria working to improve access to blood transfusions in the country. The company helps hospitals discover essential medical suppliers and delivers them in the right condition and on time. Temie Giwa-Tubosun studied International Public Management from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. She has over 10 years of health management experience with the Department For International Development (DFID), World Health Organization, UNDP, and the Lagos State Government.

Dr. Jeremie Zoungrana is a health sociologist and program management specialist and brings more than two decades of leadership and experience managing complex, large-scale family planning, reproductive health, maternal, newborn and child health, HIV, and community health projects across both the public and private sectors in sub-Saharan Africa.

Prior to joining Jhpiego in 2001, Jérémie worked as a social worker in charge of child protection and family promotion under the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs in Burkina Faso.

Originally from Burkina Faso, Jérémie holds a master’s degree in sociology from the University of Ouagadougou and a master’s and PhD in Business Research from Monarch Business School in Switzerland.

Dr. E. Osagie Ehanire is the Minister of Health of Nigeria, a Specialist in General Surgery and Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery. He attended Ludwig Maximillians University of Munich in Germany and Medical Residency in North Rhine.

He also holds a Diploma in Anaesthetics from Royal College of Surgeons Ireland. Dr. Ehanire worked with University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin City Nigeria, with Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria as Divisional Surgeon at the Company Hospital in Warri, (Niger-Delta) Nigeria, and as a private Consultant Trauma Surgeon. He was appointed to President Buhari’s cabinet as Nigeria’s Minister of State for Health in 2015 and to the President’s second cabinet in 2019 as Minister of Health.

He is passionate about advancing Universal Health Coverage and Emergency Medical Services.

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Eldar Shafir is Class of 1987 Professor of Behavioral Science and Public Policy at Princeton University, Director of Princeton’s Kahneman-Treisman Center for Behavioral Science and Public Policy, and co-founder and scientific director at ideas42, a social science R&D lab. His research focuses on cognitive science and behavioural economics, with particular interest in the application of behavioural research to policy. He is a Guggenheim Fellow, and an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Shafir served as a member of President Barack Obama’s Advisory Council on Financial Capability. He received a BA from Brown University and a PhD from MIT.

Hauwa Yabani is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Abuja Technology Village FZ Co. Hauwa has provided technical advisory and support services to senior government officials in the areas of policy formulation, programmes design and implementation management, and entrepreneurship development, all under the auspices of the UN Development Programme.

Hauwa is a Fellow of the Nigeria Leadership Initiative, an honour conferred after a Yale-administered seminar on values-based leadership. She is an alumnus of the University of Reading and the London School of Economics and Political Science, with degrees in Accounting and Finance, Analysis, and the Design and Management of Information Systems.

Faisal has extensive experience in the public and private sector working with and in leadership teams to deliver strategic objectives and manage organisations.

Faisal is the Executive Director of the Policy Innovation Centre at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) and part of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. He serves on a number of International Committees and advises a number of governments, companies and public bodies. He began his career heading up a charity tackling social mobility. He graduated from the University of Oxford. He has undertaken Executive Education with Harvard, Wharton, Columbia and London Business Schools and is a mentor and coach for experienced and young professionals.

Ammaarah Martinus was born in Cape Town, South Africa. Interested in issues of governance, politics and international relations, she pursued studies in Governance and Political Studies at the University of Cape Town, and completed a Master’s Degree in International Relations from her Alma Mater. Her main interests are focused on how behavioural insights can influence policy development and implementation. She is currently the Director of Policy, Research and Analysis at the Western Cape Government, Department of the Premier. In her current role, she focuses on innovative research, policy development and strategic implementation in the social sector.

Claire is a senior Post-Doctoral Research Fellow working at the UCL Centre for Advanced Biomedical imaging and UCL Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Claire’s Academic career began at the University of Bristol where she received a first class honours degree in Physics and Philosophy and developed an interest in biophysics.

In 2020 Claire became a part of an international team headed by Professor Peter Lee, which utilised the recent upgrade to the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble to image donated COVID-19 organs. This work was recently awarded Funding from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative for a 2.5-year proof of concept study to develop the technique and further.
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Three years later, in 1996, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) was established and incorporated as a non-profit, non-partisan private sector organisation with a mandate to promote and champion the reform of the Nigerian economy into an open, private sector-led globally competitive economy.

Over the years, NESG has achieved significant progress in the areas of research outputs, execution of programmes, seminars, conferences and workshops aimed at facilitating the formulation and implementation of social and economic reform programmes for the growth and transformation of the Nigerian economy. NESG has emerged as the most notable platform for public-private dialogue in Nigeria. During this period, the Group has established an excellent working relationship with the Government of Nigeria, the public sector, private sector, and other stakeholders.

The flagship of the Group’s advocacy efforts is the annual Nigerian Economic Summit (NES), which provides government and private sector an opportunity to review the progress made in our economic reform effort and agree on practical ways to manage issues which may have constrained effective policy implementation.

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1. Commitment to a free market economy
2. Encouragement of private sector investment
3. Creation of an enabling environment
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To become Africa’s leading private sector think-tank committed to the development of a modern globally competitive and inclusive Nigerian economy

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