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-2021-**
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OCT 22-29, 2021 **YAKUBU GOWON STADIUM**
PORT HARCOURT,
RIVERS STATE,
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National Anthem

Arise, O compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom,
peace and unity.

Oh God of creation,
Direct our noble cause
Guide our leader's right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace
And justice shall reign.

National Pledge

I pledge to Nigeria my Country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.

The NBA Prayer

Almighty God our Creator,
we pray you to be with us in all
our deliberations and to direct
our endeavors so that we shall continue
in all humility to glorify thy name and
do that which is right and just for
our profession, its members, our fellow men
and our country.
Amen

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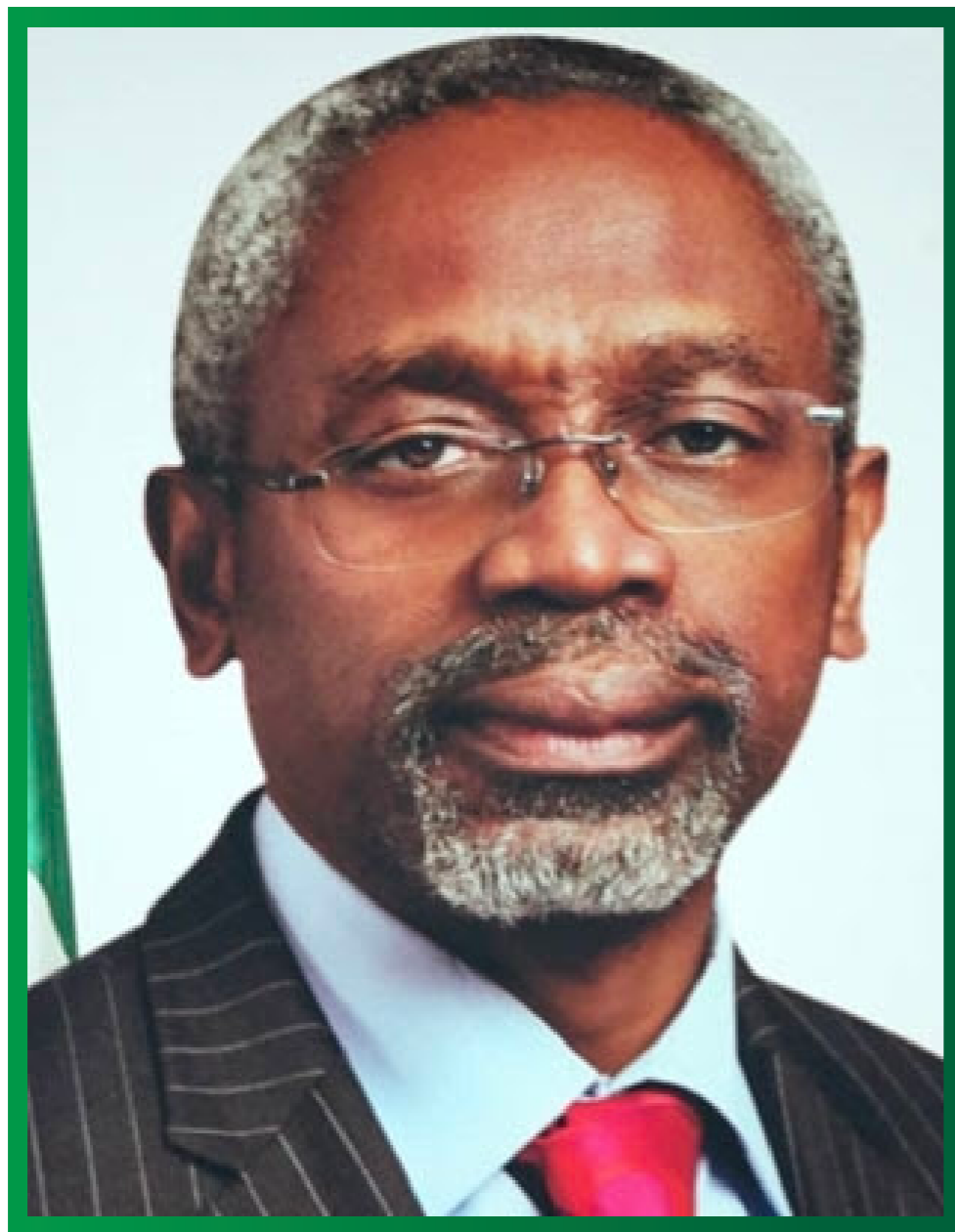
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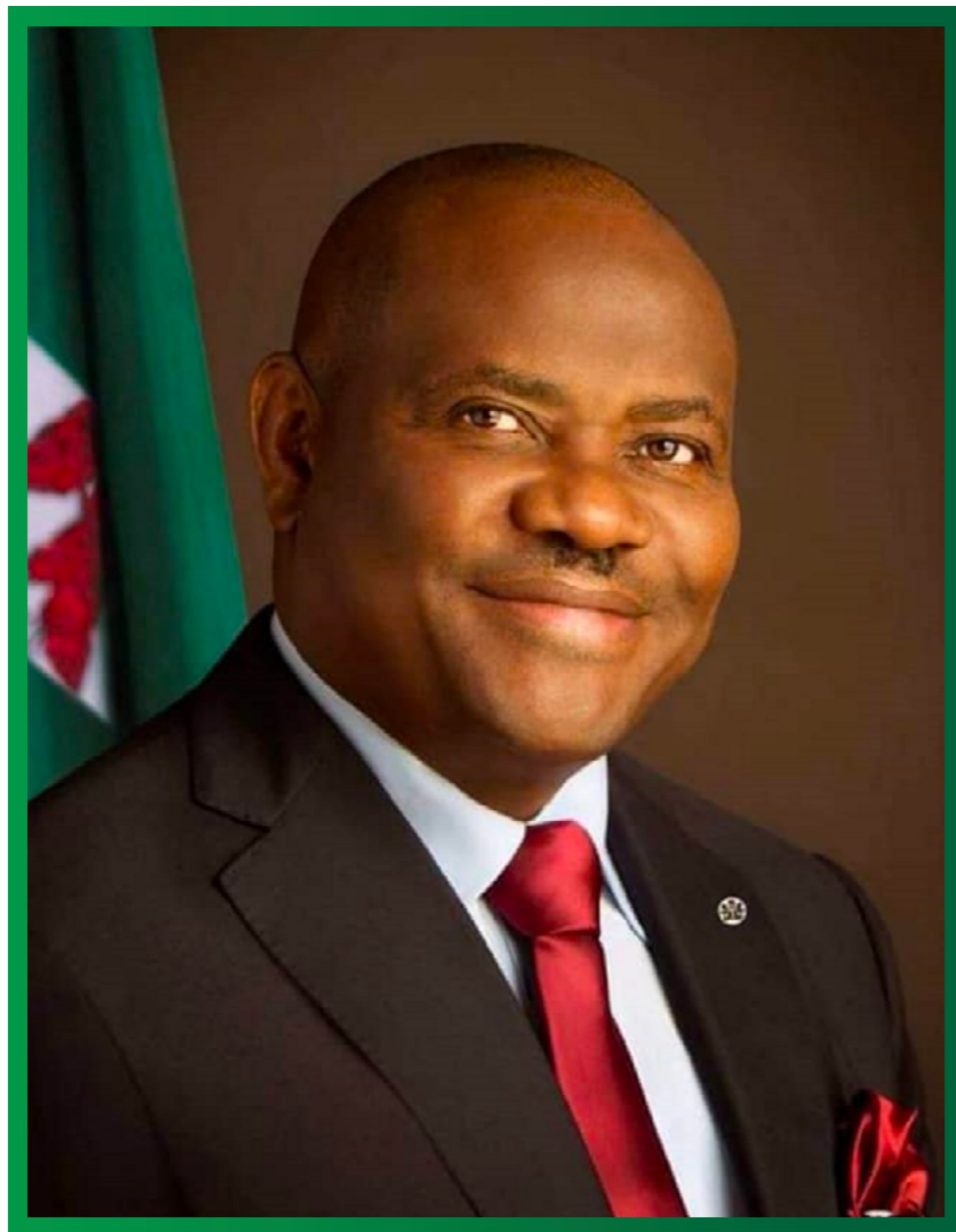
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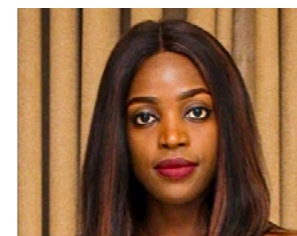
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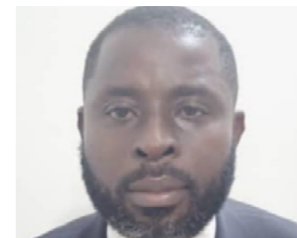
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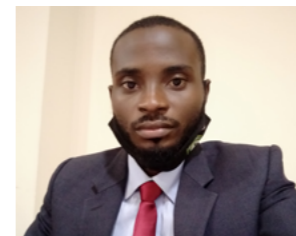
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Welcome Address

Chairman, NBA AGC 2021, Local Organising Committee



On behalf of the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch and the Local Organising Committee comprising of the eight NBA Branches in Rivers State, I welcome you all to Port Harcourt, the capital of Rivers State and Garden City of Nigeria.

We are gathered for the 61st edition of the Annual General Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association, the highest convergence of Legal Practitioners in Sub-Saharan Africa with the theme **"Taking The Lead"**.

The people of Port Harcourt are sociable and hospitable. This has contributed in making Port Harcourt a cosmopolitan city and home to all. Therefore, we implore all conferees and invited guests to feel at home and savour the hospitality and the rich cuisine of Rivers people .

As we converge to appraise and re-appraise the critical and multifaceted issues bedeviling us as lawyers and the Nigerian State, I urge us to stand firm and resolute in addressing the issues with a view to providing workable and lasting solutions.

The late sage and one of the founding fathers of the Nigerian State, Chief Obafemi Awolowo of blessed memory had posited that: "There is a frightful danger ahead, visible for those who are patriotic enough to see beyond their narrow self interest. Our ship of state is fast approaching a huge rock, and unless you as a chief helmsman, courageously rise to the occasion and steer the ship away from its present cause, it might hit the rock".

These words of the late sage still resonate today, reminding us of the fierce urgency of the moment. That urgency is the urgency to first purge ourselves of the various "cancerous infections" and parochial interests that now impede us from assuming our pride of place in the court of public opinion and the Nigerian polity.

As patriots and esteemed members of the noble legal profession, we must show example and provide leadership to the Nigerian State. Therefore, I urge us to rise to the occasion and avail ourselves of the various opportunities availed by this Conference to emerge better in the best interest of our profession and the country.

Permit me to extend our most profound appreciation to His Excellency, Chief (Barr) E. N. Wike, CON, GSSRS POS Africa, the Governor of Rivers State for his enormous support to the Legal Profession in Rivers State and Nigeria and his revolutionary infrastructural projects going on in all parts of Rivers State.

You will notice the various ongoing projects in Rivers State which is a component of His Excellency's Urban Renewal Programme and may experience some traffic hold up but we believe the temporary inconvenience is for the eventual and overall good of the people and residents of Rivers State and solicit your understanding for any inconvenience.

Again, I welcome you all to Port Harcourt, the Treasure Base of the nation and do wish you all a memorable Conference experience in Port Harcourt.

Prince NYEKWERE

Chairman, NBA Port Harcourt Branch

Welcome Address

Chairman, NBA Technical Committee on Conference Planning



It is an honour and a pleasure to welcome you to the 61st Annual General Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) holding in Port Harcourt; the Garden City. This Conference is a hybrid conference and the first in-person or physical Annual General Conference of the NBA since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. This pandemic has claimed countless lives around the world, including friends, colleagues and relatives, and has also changed our way of life, our view of life and given us a deeper appreciation of life.

This year's conference is themed **"Taking the Lead"**. It is a charge to Lawyers to lead in proffering solutions to; the myriad of Social, Economic, Security and Political issues confronting our nation today; the myriad of issues bedeviling and threatening our present and future as Lawyers. For this Conference, we have brought together over 100 eminent professionals from around the world as speakers and discussants drawn from the Academia, the Legal Profession, Industry Practitioners, Business moguls, Technocrats and Politicians, who over the next 3 days, will lead us in 23 highly thought provoking and enlightening sessions which will be focused on interrogating pertinent issues in the belief that there will emerge pragmatic solutions and recommendations on how to tackle the seemingly intractable problems. These sessions promise to be memorable and I urge all delegates not to miss these engaging sessions.

Please do not use up your steam in the very intellectual sessions because we have made available a variety of relaxing and entertaining activities including sports, as part of the Conference. In addition, we have considered the religious requirements of our delegates by organizing Jumaat on Friday and a Church Service on Sunday

Our Friendship Center, which was officially opened yesterday, will be buzzing with activities every evening with a resident band and DJ to ensure you unwind in an atmosphere of conviviality. Meanwhile, the biggest stars in the music industry will be entertaining you on Wednesday at Unbarred 4.0 and we look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

There will be Football, Golf, Table Tennis, Chess and Scrabble competitions and the winners will be rewarded with prizes which will be handed over to them at the President's Dinner on Tuesday. In addition to the entertainment we have provided, the Garden City is known for its legendary Rivers Hospitality with several relaxation spots to cater to our every taste; whether exotic or mundane, and I urge us to avail ourselves of same but please do so with moderation and be mindful of the consequences of our actions.

We are under no illusion that the COVID 19 virus is real. It is still out there and it is still killing people; therefore, we have given full attention to the COVID 19 Protocols. Besides providing running water with soap and sanitizers at different locations within the premises, we also provided decontamination tunnels, we decontaminated the premises including every hall, and each hall will be decontaminated daily before use. Face masks and personal hand sanitizers are included in the conference bag of each delegate and delegates are enjoined to kindly wear their face masks. We have Health & Safety Marshals within the premises whose duty; inter alia, is to ensure that the COVID 19 Protocols are adhered to by delegates and we solicit your cooperation.

From the onset, the members of the Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP) led by me, set out to give you a memorable and impactful Conference Experience and in the past couple of months we have toiled and put in our best efforts to make real our goal despite unforeseen and unexpected challenges from humans and nature. We have weathered the storm and today we commence the 61st Annual General Conference. I will like to thank the members of the planning committee for their hardwork and commitment to seeing the success of the Conference. I thank the President for putting his trust in us. I also thank some friends who were always there to lend a hand when needed, my colleagues in the office and my family; particularly my dear wife for putting up with my absence and the excuses that came with organizing this Conference.

I must put on record the immense support of His Excellency, the Governor of Rivers State; Chief Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, in making this conference a successful reality. Therefore, I will like to use this opportunity to say a big thank you to His Excellency the Governor of Rivers State and his dear wife, Her Excellency; Hon. Justice Suzzette Nyesom-Wike, meka.

Finally, I wish to state that this Conference is about the delegates and our invitees, because without you, there is no conference. Thank you for choosing to participate at this event and on behalf of the TCCP, I welcome you once again, to the 61st Annual General Conference of the NBA and to Port Harcourt, the Garden City of Nigeria.

God bless the Nigerian Bar Association
God bless Rivers State
God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Omubo V. FRANK-BRIGGS

3rd Vice President, NBA

The President's Address

President, Nigerian Bar Association



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the 61st Annual General Conference ("AGC" or "Annual Conference") of the Nigerian Bar Association ("NBA" or "our Association") taking place from 22nd to 29th October 2021 at the Yakubu Gowon Stadium, Elekahia, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, with the theme, "Taking the Lead."

As you probably know already, the NBA is Nigeria's foremost and oldest professional membership organisation, and Africa's most influential network of legal practitioners, with over 120,000 lawyers on its roll in 125 active branches across the 36 States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. The Annual Conference is our flagship event and the historical successes of previous conferences have made the AGC a permanent fixture in the calendar that notably brings together distinguished public figures, thought leaders and captains of industry to interrogate crucial issues in law, business and governance. The Annual Conference also provides a veritable avenue for networking among our members with political and business leaders, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders, with significant economic impact especially for the host city.

Just like you, I am delighted that we are able to host this conference physically this year, albeit in a hybrid form, after the break occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic which meant that for the first time in a long while, we were unable to hold a physical conference last year. Indeed, the enthusiasm with which our members received the news of the

staging of a hybrid conference this year, and the speed with which the early bird conference tickets sold out are all demonstrative of the importance that the Annual Conference holds for our members. We had no option but to deliver. Nevertheless, this should not be seen as an indication that the pandemic is over, rather we should consider it as merely symbolic of the resilience of the human spirit. As lawyers, we must continue to show a positive example to the rest of the society. Consequently, this year's Annual Conference must be Covid-19 compliant and all the social distancing regulations which are still in place must be observed.

Our aim for the 2021 Annual Conference is to consolidate on the success that we achieved at our last Annual Conference which focused on the theme "Step Forward". The 2021 Annual Conference will comprise over 25 technical Sessions where subject-matter experts will lead conversations primarily aimed at envisaging the future of the Legal Profession within the context of a rapidly changing world and anticipating the adaptive measures that practitioners will be required to embrace in order to remain relevant and competitive. Some of the sessions we have lined up include: Taking the Lead – A Conversation on Leadership and Followership; Reversing the Trend: A Call for National Reorientation; Who's Got Your Back? – Symposium on Consumer Protection; The Levers for Economic Growth & Development; Dealing with Conflicting Decisions from Courts: Matters Arising; A Debate on Fiscal Federalism; Women in Practice: Coping with Modern Workplace Biases, Inequities and Challenges; etc. As we have all come to expect at our Annual Conferences, we also have a suite of social events lined up to complement to Conference. I have no hesitation in advising you that you are in for a treat.

I must, on behalf of the Association express our profound gratitude to the government and good people of Rivers State led by His Excellency, Chief Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, CON (Life Bencher), for their very gracious support and legendary hospitality without which we would not be in Port Harcourt today. I also thank the Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP) led by Omubo Victor Frank-Briggs and the TCCP Local Organizing Committee headed by Prince O. Nyekwere who is also the Chairman of the NBA Port-Harcourt Branch, who have worked assiduously towards the actualisation of this year's Conference. I must also place on record the support of our members without whom there would be no Conference. As I have alluded to above, their enthusiasm and support contributed immensely in making the hosting of this year's Conference a possibility. My gratitude also goes to the National Officers, the members of the National Executive Committee, all the staff of the NBA Secretariat and the members of my team. May your selfless service to the Bar not go unrewarded.

In making myself available for the office of the President of our Noble Association, one of things I promised was to ensure that our Annual Conferences will be a well-run event as well as a commercial success. I now invite you to fasten your seatbelt and let us embark on this ride together.

Olumide A. AKPATA

President, NBA

NBA AGC 2021 CONCEPT NOTE

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Annual General Conference (AGC) remains one of the largest singular gathering of lawyers anywhere in the world and represents the most important event on the NBA's annual calendar. The 61st edition of the NBA AGC has as its core objective, the desire to host a world class international hybrid conference, combining both virtual and physical participation.

As the world continues to contend with the scourge of COVID-19 in all its mutations. We have had to contend with the far-reaching healthcare, social, and economic implications of the pandemic. We have all been forced to continue to adapt and learn to navigate our current realities. It must of course follow that the NBA – as the face of our esteemed profession – demonstrates its readiness and capacity to continue to champion this continuous evolution. Primary amongst of which is the imperative of leading the charge for change, and the adoption of rules, processes and skills that will allow us to adapt.

Synthesised from within a broad agenda for sustainable and inclusive transformation and growth through the entrenchment of the rule of law, tabled by the President of the NBA, Mr Olu Apkata from the inception of his tenure; this year's AGC, with the theme **Taking the Lead**, aims to forge a mould, which will shape subsequent generations of the Nigerian Bar and more importantly reposition the legal profession to play our critical role of **Taking the Lead** in its role as an instrument of social engineering and a catalyst for national development.

The theme lends itself to the opportunity to shift from an approach of being reactive to being proactive and where necessary, to challenge the status quo, speak truth to power and advocate for a better society. **Taking the Lead**, suggests that we assume responsibility for proffering solutions and challenge ourselves to take the lead in implementing these solutions. The conference aims to move away from diagnostic discourse to a focus on being more prescriptive as to what needs to be done.

The 61st edition of the AGC proposes to engage delegates in-depth discourse stirred by speakers and panellists with a wealth of unparalleled local and global experience, aimed at proliferating the knowledge, skills and inspiration, to improve our lot within the continent and as a nation, by addressing a myriad of issues that we currently face. The thrust of the discourse is intended to pick up from the inspired legacies bequeathed in past NBA Conferences and refract the theme **Taking the Lead** through several perspectives:

Focus on the Nation and Continent

Evincing from the fact that there is so much latent potential, there is a need to energise the drive towards achieving our full potential as a nation and a continent. Particularly, in areas of creating a secure and enabling environment for the teeming populace, and which should drive trade and investment in Nigeria and across the African continent, to ensure political and economic stability and sustainable growth. Nigeria must strive to be at the lead of this drive and help rewrite the African narrative.

Focus on Institutions

In addressing institutions, we identify the need to build on avenues for constructive engagement with both the public and private sector, and to hold them accountable to their responsibilities. We emphasise on the need for the private sector to share the burden and not shirk from their role as partners with government for growth and development, but also to positively harness their influence on government. At the same time the legal profession must lead in the need for continuous engagement and ensure that the activities of public and private establishments alike, should be held to the highest level of constructive scrutiny.

Focus on the Legal Profession

Through various topical subject matter sessions and live debates on issues, we will pivot on an introspection of the concept of responsible leadership. Do we understand the mind-set of true leadership and are we equipped to be leaders, particularly in an age of disruption and innovation? Do we as lawyers have the skills, competence, and character to Take the Lead? Do we have a collective vision for the Bar, to Take the Lead and are we ready to take the responsibility to lead? We shall raise interrogatories on how we can consciously imbibe and exude the prerequisites of accountability, trust, humility, excellence, selflessness, and integrity.

Conference Structure & Programme

The conference this year hopes to see some 10,000 to 12,000 delegates attending physically and virtually, as well as an audience reach of over 20,000 participating through our numerous viewing feeds and digital conference platforms. This participation will span the one-week conference schedule, including 3 days of live, active, and energised conference sessions amidst sporting, entertainment and networking opportunities and events.

The conference programme includes:

1. A documentary showcase on the leadership contributions of the Bar Association and its members through epoch making events in our Nation's history, with a stimulating historical narrative, as well as interviews with legal luminaries.
2. Keynote Address on leadership issues affecting the continent, country and the Bar and discussions by renowned leaders who have been successful change agents.
3. Interactive plenary sessions and breakout sessions with panel discussions comprised of panellists drawn from heads of the three arms of government, state representatives as well as past and present leaders, legal icons, heads of global agencies, key subject matter experts and civil society.
4. A series of monumental debates on the Bar and Bench of yesterday, today and the future by leading local and international legal icons, looking at the regulation of practice and justice sector reforms.
5. Specialised thematic and subject-matter oriented sessions hosted by the different sections and fora of the NBA focusing on business law, legal practice, public interest, gender issues and young lawyers.
6. Technical training to foster mentoring between bar leaders, young lawyers, and new wigs.



JUMAAT SERVICE

Friday, 22nd October 2021
Central Mosque, Port Harcourt
 Air Force Base, Aba Road

13:30–
14:30



Saturday, 23rd October 2021
From Real Madrid Academy,
 Yakubu Gowon Stadium

07:00

WELCOME COCKTAIL

Host - Chief Judge, Rivers State
 Saturday, 23rd October 2021
 Marquee, Yakubu Gowon Stadium

18:00

THANKS GIVING

Multi-Denominational Church Service
 Christ Church Inter-Denominational

Sunday, 24th October 2021
 No. 1 Forces Avenue, Old GRA, Rivers State

10:00

OPENING of FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Sunday, 24th October 2021
 Marquee, Yakubu Gowon Stadium

17:00

RIVERS' NIGHT

OUR PEOPLE. OUR CULTURE
 Dress Code: Traditional Attire Only

Rivers Night to be hosted exclusively by the 8 NBA branches in Rivers State

Sunday, 24th October 2021
 Main Marquee, Yakubu Gowon Stadium

20:00



Tuesday, 26th October 2021
Marquee, Yakubu Gowon Stadium

19:00



Wednesday, 27th October 2021
Main Marquee, Yakubu Gowon Stadium

19:00

SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

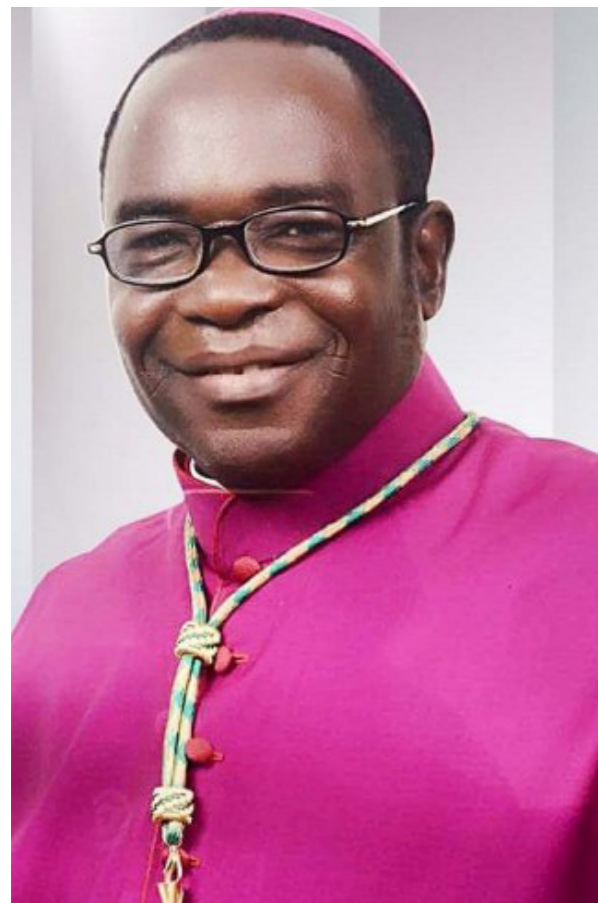
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FRIDAY 22 ND	12:00 NOON	ACCREDITATION AND COLLECTION OF CONFERENCE MATERIALS	
	13:30 – 14:30	Jumaat Service	
SATURDAY 23 RD	07:00 –10:00	Health Walk	
	10:00 –12:00	Football Match	
	18:00 –21:00	Welcome Cocktail	
SUNDAY 24 TH	ACCREDITATION AND COLLECTION OF CONFERENCE MATERIALS CONTINUES		
	10:00 –12:00	Multi –Denominational Church Service	
	17:00 – 19:30	Opening Of Friendship Centre	
	20:00	Rivers Night	
MONDAY 25 TH	ACCREDITATION AND COLLECTION OF CONFERENCE MATERIALS CONTINUES		
	9:00 – 10:30	Health & Safety Announcement	
		Video Production	
		Welcome Addresses	
		The President's Address	
		Special Address	
		Goodwill Messages	
	10:30 – 11:00	Declaring The Conference Open	
		Keynote Address	
	11:00 – 12:30	Vote of Thanks	
OPENING PLENARY		TAKING THE LEAD – A CONVERSATION ON LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOWERSHIP	
12:30 – 12:45	TEA BREAK		

MONDAY 25 TH	12:45 – 14:15	BREAKOUT SESSION	1A Reversing the Trend – A Call for National Reorientation
			1B Who's Got Your Back? – Symposium on Consumer Protection
			1C The Levers for Economic Growth & Development
			1D Dealing with Conflicting Decisions from Courts: Matters Arising
14:15 – 16:00 LUNCH BREAK & SOCIAL NETWORKING			
09:00 – 10:30 PLENARY 2 A DEBATE ON FISCAL FEDERALISM			
10:30 – 10:45 PRESENTATION BY CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL			
10:45 – 11:00 TEA BREAK			
TUESDAY 26 TH	11:00 – 12:30	BREAKOUT SESSION	2A The Future of Dispute Resolution
			2B Women in Practice: Coping with Modern Workplace Biases, Inequities & Challenges.
			2C Regulating Legal Practice
			2D Career Development & Growth Within the Legal Profession
			2E Rivers State Showcase: Taking the Lead in Developing an Independent & Virile Judiciary
	12:30 – 14:00	BREAKOUT SESSION	3A (i) Justice Sector Reforms – Interrogating the Functions of the Bar and the Bench
			3A (ii) Status on Implementation of Autonomy of States Legislatures and Judiciary upon the issuance of Executive Order 10
			3B Legal Education and Professional Development Framework: Fit for Purpose?
			3C Opportunities in Emerging Areas of Legal Practice
			3D The Data Conundrum: Protection, Security, Privacy & Freedom of Information
14:00 – 15:00 WELLNESS OF THE ATTORNEY			
14:00 – 16:00 PRESENTATION ON THE NBA NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME (NHIS)			
14:00 – 16:00 LUNCH BREAK & SOCIAL NETWORKING			
19:00 – 22:00 NBA PRESIDENT'S DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)			

WEDNESDAY 27 TH	09:00 – 10:30	BREAKOUT SESSION	4A Catch Me If You Can: Noxious Funds & Financial Crimes
			4B Workplace & Professional Harassment
			4C Government Regulation of Innovation & Technology
			4D Technological Disruption in Legal Practice
12:00 – 12:15 TEA BREAK			
10:30 – 12:00 BREAKOUT SESSION			
THURSDAY 28 TH	09:00 – 10:30	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	5A Financing Nigeria: At Whose Expense?
			5B Doing Business in Nigeria
			5C Taking the Lead in Women's Voices & Leadership
			5D Building a Modern Legal Practice
			12:00 – 16:00
12:15 – 14:00 CLOSING PLENARY "WE THE PEOPLE...": A DEBATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT			
14:00 – 16:00 LUNCH BREAK & SOCIAL NETWORKING			
19:00 – 23:00 UnBAReD 4.0!!!			
FRIDAY 29 TH	13:00 – 14:00	COMMUNIQUE & PRESS CONFERENCE	Womens Forum
			Young Lawyers Forum
			Section on Business Law
			Section on Legal Practice
			Section on Public Interest and Development Law
			Nigeria Bar Association

CONFERENCE DAILY SCHEDULE

Keynote Speaker



Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah was born on August 31, 1952 in Anchuna, Ikulu Chiefdom in Zangon Kataf local government area of Kaduna State.

Bishop Kukah received his primary education at St. Fidelis Primary School, Zagom, then St. Joseph Minor Seminary, Zaria, before proceeding to St. Augustine Major Seminary Jos, Plateau State, where he studied Philosophy and Theology.

Bishop Kukah was ordained a Catholic Priest on December 19, 1976. Bishop Kukah attended the University of Ibadan, where he obtained a diploma in Religious Studies. Bishop Kukah received the Bachelor of Divinity at the Pontifical Urban University, Rome in 1976, followed by a Master's degree in Peace Studies, at the University of Bradford, United Kingdom in 1980. Bishop Kukah's academic pursuits culminated with a PhD from University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in 1990.

Between 1999 and 2001, he served as a member of the Nigerian Investigation Commission of Human Rights Violations. In addition to his work as a parish priest of Saint Andrews's parish in Kakuri, Kaduna from 2004 until his nomination as bishop, he was secretary of the National Political Reform Conference (2005) and from 2005 onwards he has been serving as the chairman of the Ogoni-Shell Reconciliation. Additionally, between 2007 and 2009 he worked in the committee for electoral reform set up by the Nigerian government.

Most Rev. Dr. Matthew Hassan Kukah

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto, Nigeria.

DAY 1 Monday 25th October

OPENING PLENARY

TAKING THE LEAD:

A CONVERSATION ON LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOWERSHIP

Monday, 25th October 2021

11:00 - 12:30

Welcome Addresses

Prince O. Nyekwere

Chairman, NBA Port-Harcourt Branch & Chairman, NBA TCCP Local Organizing Committee

Omubo V. Frank Briggs

Chairman, NBA TCCP

The President's Address

Olumide A. Akpata

President, NBA

Special Address

H.E. Ezenwo Nyesom Wike

CON GSSRS POS (Africa)
Governor, Rivers State

Goodwill Messages

Abubakar Malami, SAN

Attorney-General of the Federation & Minister of Justice

Senator Ovie Omo-Agege

Deputy Senate President

Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila

Speaker, House of Representatives

Opening Address

Hon. Dr. Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad

CFR FNIALS
Chief Justice, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Vote of Thanks

Joyce Oduah

ACFE FICMC
General Secretary, NBA

MODERATOR

Seun Okinbaloye

Political Correspondent, Channels Television

PANELISTS

Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila

Speaker, House of Representatives

H.E. Dr. John Kayode Fayemi

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Dr. Bukola Saraki

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Joshua Nwachukwu

DAY 1

Monday 25th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 1A

REVERSING THE TREND:

A CALL FOR NATIONAL REORIENTATION

Monday, 25th October 2021

12:45 - 14:15

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Ifeanyi Osakwe
Yomi Nakpoberuo

MODERATOR

Rufai Oseni
Presenter, Arise Television

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Yemi Adamolekun
Executive Director, Enough is Enough

Aisha Yesufu
Founder, Citizens Hub & Member
#BringBackOurGirls Movement

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Monday 25th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 1C

THE LEVERS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Monday, 25th October 2021

12:45 - 14:15

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Funmi Adeogun
Dr. Princess Chukwuani

MODERATOR

Dr. Uju Agomoh
Founder & Director, PRAWA

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Ina Hommers
Country Director, GIZ Nigeria

Dr. Kreck Vladimir
Country Representative,
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Nigeria

Prof. Chinedum Babalola
Vice Chancellor, Chrisland University

Dr. Sam Amadi
Associate Prof. & Director, Abuja
School of Social & Political Thoughts

BREAKOUT SESSION 1B

WHO'S GOT YOUR BACK?

SYMPOSIUM ON CONSUMER PROTECTION

Monday, 25th October 2021

12:45 - 14:15

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Brown Osarenkhoe

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Managing Solicitor, Adegboruwa &
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Professor of Law, University of
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BREAKOUT SESSION 1D

DEALING WITH CONFLICTING DECISIONS FROM COURTS: MATTERS ARISING

Monday, 25th October, 2021

12:45 - 14:15

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DAY 2
Tuesday 26th October

PLENARY 2

A DEBATE ON FISCAL FEDERALISM

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

09:00 – 10:30

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Olaleye Adebiji
Managing Partner, Andersen Tax Nigeria

DAY 2
Tuesday 26th October

PRESENTATION BY
CONFERENCE OF WESTERN ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

10:30 – 10:45

SPEAKER

Markus Green
Assistant General Counsel, Pfizer Inc. & Board Member, Attorney General Alliance Africa

BREAKOUT SESSION 2A
THE FUTURE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

11:00 – 12:30

MODERATOR

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Kolade Olawuni

BREAKOUT SESSION 2B
WOMEN IN PRACTICE:
COPING WITH MODERN WORKPLACE BIASES, INEQUITIES AND CHALLENGES

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

11:00 – 12:30

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MODERATOR

Prof. Yinka Omorogbe
Research Prof., Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

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Chinyere Okorocho
Hadija Zainab Atoba

DAY 2
Tuesday 26th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 2C
REGULATING LEGAL PRACTICE

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

11:00 – 12:30

MODERATOR

Dr. Muiz Banire, SAN
Principal Partner, M. A. Banire & Associates

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Mofesomo Tayo-Oyetibo
Managing Partner, Twelve Legal

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Emeka Nwadioke
Steve Abah

DAY 2
Tuesday 26th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 2E
RIVERS STATE SHOWCASE:
TAKING THE LEAD IN
DEVELOPING AN INDEPENDENT
& VIRILE JUDICIARY

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

11:00 – 12:30

SPEAKERS

Prof. Zacchaeus Adangor, SAN
Attorney-General & Commissioner for Justice,
Rivers State

Inime Chinwenwo-Aguma
Commissioner, Social Welfare & Rehabilitation,
Rivers State

Presentation on Rivers State Court Management System "RivCoMIS" by the Rivers State Judiciary

Emeka Albert
Member, Rivers State Judiciary ICT
Committee

BREAKOUT SESSION 2D
CAREER DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH WITHIN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

11:00 – 12:30

MODERATOR

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University

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Efosa Ewere
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BREAKOUT SESSION 3A
JUSTICE SECTOR REFORMS:
INTERROGATING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE
BAR AND THE BENCH

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

12:30 – 14:00

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Justice of the Court of Appeal

Hon. Justice Mosunmola Dipeolu
Chief Judge, Ogun State

Wale Fapohunda
Attorney-General & Commissioner
for Justice, Ekiti State

Dr. Chukwuma Chinwo
Legal Practitioner & Public Affairs Analyst

Status on Implementation of Autonomy of States Legislatures and Judiciary upon the issuance of Executive Order 10

14:00-14:30

SESSION CO-ORDINATORS

Akinyemi Aremu
Leader Leneke

Senator Ita Enang LL.D
Secretary, Presidential Implementation
Committee on Autonomy of State Legislature
& Judiciary

DAY 2

Tuesday 26th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 3B

LEGAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: FIT FOR PURPOSE?

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

12:30 -14:00

SESSION CO-ORDINATORS

Mabel Ekeke
Ifeoma Ben

BREAKOUT SESSION 3C

OPPORTUNITIES IN EMERGING AREAS OF LEGAL PRACTICE

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

12:30 -14:00

SESSION CO-ORDINATORS

Oladele Oladunjoye
Onigah Benard

BREAKOUT SESSION 3D

THE DATA CONUNDRUM: PROTECTION, SECURITY, PRIVACY & FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

12:30 -14:00

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Oluyomi Akinyemi
Associate Director, Head of Data & Analytics,
KPMG Nigeria

DAY 2

Tuesday 26th October

WELLNESS OF THE ATTORNEY

Tuesday, 26th October 2021

14:00 – 15:00

SPEAKERS

Dr. Maymunah Kadiri
Founder, Pinnacle Medical Services Limited & Co-Founder Hygies Consult Nigeria Limited

Tare Dite-Ojoko
Author, "Sex on the Couch"

Presentation on NBA National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)

Dr. Eke Jonathan
Dr. Kapoona Etang

SESSION CO-ORDINATORS

Bubari Agara

DAY 3

Wednesday 27th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 4A

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN:

NOXIOUS FUNDS & FINANCIAL CRIMES

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

09:00 – 10:30

MODERATOR

Dr. Gbenga Oduntan
Associate Prof., University of Kent Law School &
Author "Fixing Nigeria's Illicit Financial Flows Report"

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Chairman, Economic & Financial Crimes
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Director/CEO, Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit

Babajide Ogundipe
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Olarenwaju Suraju
Chairman, Human & Environmental Development
Agenda

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BREAKOUT SESSION 4B

WORKPLACE & PROFESSIONAL HARASSMENT

LAUNCH OF NBA POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

09:00 – 10:30

MODERATOR

Aderinsola Fagbure
Principal Partner, In Black & White LP

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Ph.D. Student & Liu Scholar,
University of British Columbia, Canada

Titilayo Giwa
Company Secretary & Head of Legal, Ripen Marine
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Managing Partner, Aidan Partners

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Ebiere Ekpese
Dr. Foluke Dada

DAY 3

Wednesday 27th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 4C

GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

09:00 – 10:30

MODERATOR

Adeleke Alex-Adedipe
Managing Partner, Duale, Ovia & Alex-Adedipe

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Sirajuddin Kofo Salam-Alada
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Olumide Adesina
Financial Market Analyst

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Tosin Ajose

BREAKOUT SESSION 4D

TECHNOLOGICAL DISRUPTION IN LEGAL PRACTICE

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

09:00 – 10:30

MODERATOR

Kelechi Achinonu
Founder, Techlawyered

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Dr. Mary Imelda Obianuju Nwogu
Attorney-General & Commissioner for Justice,
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Founder, LegalNaija

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DAY 3

Wednesday 27th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 5A

FINANCING NIGERIA: AT WHOSE EXPENSE?

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

10:30 – 12:00

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Kelechi Nwuzi

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Partner, Africa Law Practice NG & Company

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Ronke Sokefun
Chairperson, Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation

Shubham Chaudhuri
Country Director, Nigeria, Western & Central African Region, World Bank

Gabriel Okeowo
Chief Executive Officer, Budget

DAY 3

Wednesday 27th October

BREAKOUT SESSION 5C

TAKING THE LEAD IN WOMEN'S VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

10:30 – 12:00

SESSION CO-ORDINATORS

Ifeanyi Osakwe
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MODERATOR

Evelyn Membere-Asimea
National Secretary, FIDA

LEAD PAPER

Hon. Justice Elsie Thompson
Judge, Rivers State High Court

PANELISTS

Babs Olugbemi
Author, "Taking the Lead"

Toun Okewale Sonaiya
Co-Founder & CEO, Women Radio 91.7FM

BREAKOUT SESSION 5B

DOING BUSINESS IN NIGERIA

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

10:30 – 12:00

SESSION CO-ORDINATORS

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Ifeoma Ben

MODERATOR

Gbenga Biobaku
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Rufus N. Godwin
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Ibrahim Abdullahi
CEO, Nasarawa Investment & Development Agency

BREAKOUT SESSION 5D

BUILDING A MODERN LEGAL PRACTICE

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

10:30 – 12:00

FULLY VIRTUAL

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Nneka Anionwu
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Moray McLaren
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DAY 3
Wednesday 27th October

CLOSING PLENARY

"WE THE PEOPLE..."

A DEBATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Wednesday, 27th October 2021

12:15 – 14:00

MODERATOR

Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN C.Arb.
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DAY 4
Thursday 28th October

NBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

		OFFICERS REPORT	PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT
			SECRETARY'S REPORT
			TREASURER'S REPORT
THURSDAY 28TH	12:00 – 16:00	STATUTORY REPORTS	COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION
			CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION
			LEGAL AID COUNCIL OF NIGERIA
			NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT COMMISSION
			NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCE LEGAL STUDIES
			NIGERIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION
			PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2015 [AS AMENDED IN 2019]
			AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE LISTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL MEETING

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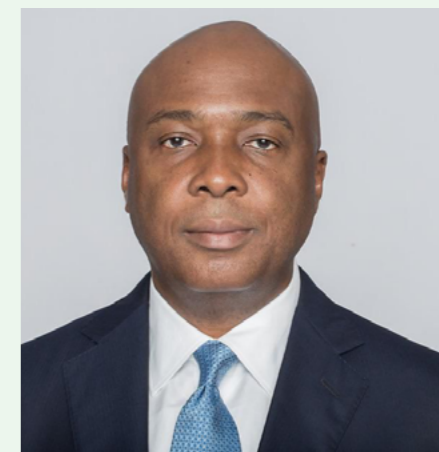
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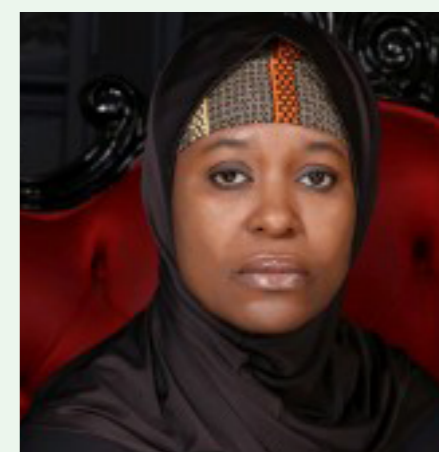
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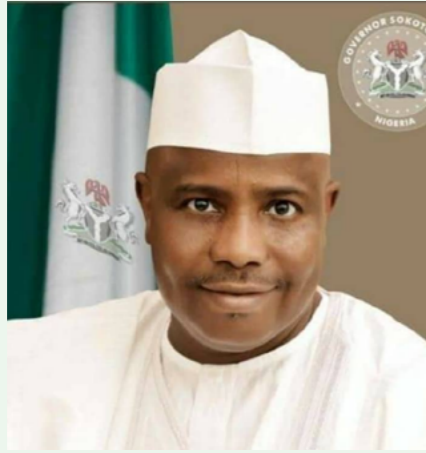
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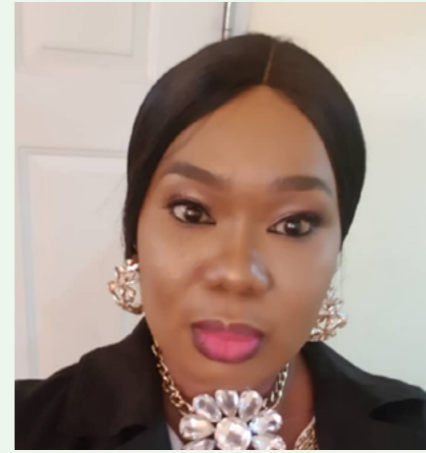
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RIVERS STATE AT A GLANCE

CREATION OF STATE

Before 1967, the area today called Rivers State was known as the Oil Rivers, arising from the critical importance of palm oil in the industries of 19th century England. The area now known as Rivers State served then as a satellite point for the exploration of the West African hinterland for the hunt, acquisition and exploration of timber, palm kernel, palm oil etc. Rivers State was created in 1967 and currently has 23 local Government areas.

The State has ever since maintained its enormous contribution to the wealth of Nigeria. Hence it is officially referred to as the Treasure Base of the Nation.

BOUNDARIES

Rivers State is bounded on the North by Imo and Abia States, on the West by Bayelsa State, on the East by Akwa Ibom State and on the South by the Atlantic Ocean, into which the many rivers and tributaries that crisscross the State, empty. These rivers include the New Calabar, Orashi and Bonny, which has a functional ocean terminal for the exportation of liquefied natural gas by the Federal Government. Others are Sombeiro, St. Bartholomew and Santa Barbara.

WEATHER, TERRAIN AND VEGETATION

Rivers State has a humid equatorial climate and mean annual rainfall ranging from 1,900 to 4,000 mm and experiences basically two climatic conditions- rainy season (April to October) and Dry season (November to March).

Temperatures average at 32 degrees Celsius with relative humidity between 55 and 90 percent depending on the season and location.

Its vegetation is largely tropical rain and mangrove forests, awash with massive sand banks, rivulets, creeks and beaches, in the riverine areas and splendid arable lands in the hinterland. The natural terrain

of the State presents one of the richest and most productive ecosystems in the world, with abundance of natural resources.

POPULATION, CULTURE AND ETHNICITY

Rivers State has a multi ethnic population of approximately 6million people; traditionally known for farming, fishing and trading activities. The people are hospitable, business friendly and have a unique and rich cultural heritage. Its major ethnic groups include Ikwerre, Kalabari, Ogoni, Andoni, Ibani, Ogba, Okrika, Ekpeye, Abua, Etche, Ndoni and Engenni amongst others. Quintessential Rivers indigenes are well known for their rich cultural heritage, always gracefully displayed in fashionable attires and traditional dress accessories.

ECONOMY

Rivers State has the fastest growing economy in Nigeria. It is the centre of Nigeria's hydrocarbon industry. She contributes about 50 percent of total on-shore oil production capacity and almost 100 percent of natural gas exported to various countries of the world in liquefied form.

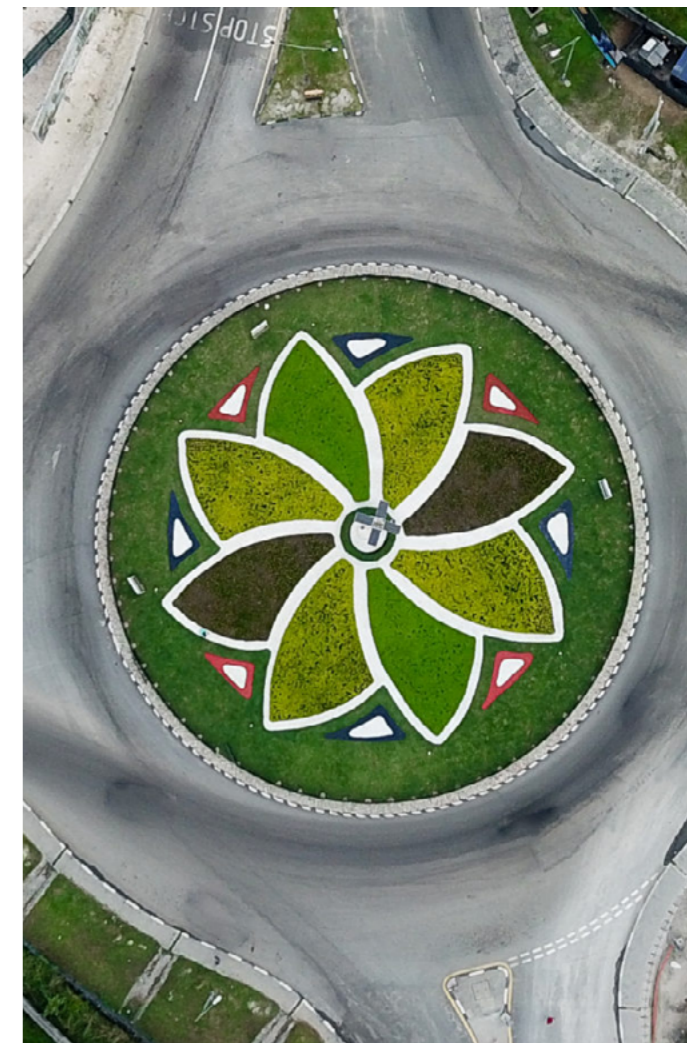
Its investment potentials have attracted a plethora of multinationals mainly in the oil and gas sectors and associated business concerns, making Port Harcourt, the State Capital, home to a high number of foreign nationals in Nigeria.

Port Harcourt is eminently adjudged the largest commercial and industrial centre in Nigeria, after Lagos.

Port Harcourt has also Nigeria's second largest and busiest seaport, an international airport, a functional railway transportation facility, two refineries, a petrochemical plant, a fertilizer plant, Oil and Gas Free Zone and Liquefied Natural Gas plant.

Virtually all financial institutions in the country have branches in Port Harcourt.

Port Harcourt plays host to many top grade Hotels, recreation centres and outfits. Night



life experiences is a boom in the State Capital.

JUDICIAL HUB

Rivers State is a destination for investments and businesses which may lead to disputes. The State Government in recognition of this fact has ensured the provision of Institutional support for the Judiciary in terms of modern functional courts and decent accommodation for Judges irrespective of the Courts they operate from. Rivers State hosts several courts from the: Magistracy, High Court, Federal High Court, National Industrial Court and the Court of Appeal. There is also a Multi Door Court House to aid alternative dispute resolution. The Rivers State Judiciary has established a court management system tagged RivCoMiS, which enables electronic filing of Court processes and Affidavits from any part of the world. E-filing speeds up court proceedings and eliminates fraudulent Affidavits. RivCoMiS supports searches related to land matters

with the issuance of LIS PENDES certificates.

EXPANSION OF THE CITY

In accordance with the original urban development master plan of the State, initiated as far back as the late 60s, the State Government has established a Greater Port Harcourt City Development Authority (GPHDP) for the further expansion of the Rivers State capital in order to control the current congestion in parts of the State capital. This project holds a lot of investment opportunities in real estate, infrastructure and in the hospitality industry.

CONCLUSION

The Government and people of Rivers State are honoured to host the Nigerian Bar Association AGC 2021. Welcome to Rivers State Nigeria. Enjoy your Stay in the Garden City.

ABOUT THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The Nigerian Bar Association is the foremost professional membership organisation for Legal Practitioners in Nigeria. It was formally registered in accordance with Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, as a Body Corporate (incorporated by Trustees) with RC No. 2368 on 8 April 1983. The Association is statutorily overseen by the General Council of the Bar, a statutory body established under Section 1 of the Legal Practitioners Act and responsible for "... the general management of the affairs of the Nigerian Bar Association (subject to any limitations for the time being provided by the constitution of the association) and with any functions conferred on the council by this Act or that constitution".

The President and 10 National Officers and operates from the National Secretariat; an 11-Storey Facility located in the Central Business District of Abuja, FCT, which is managed by the General Secretary and administered by the Executive Director and about 40 support staff. There are 125 active branches located across the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria and it is also organized into Sections, Fora, (Ad hoc and Standing) Committees, and Institutes.

The Nigerian Bar Association is statutorily governed by its Constitution, Standing Orders, and Uniform Bye-Laws for its Branches, Sections, Fora and Institutes. It has a National Executive Committee which comprises of all National Officers, past Presidents and General Secretaries, Chairmen and Secretaries of registered Branches and Sections and 180 distinguished members of the Association vested with executive powers over the organization.

Each Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association is governed by a Chairman, 10 Branch Officers and an Executive Committee comprising elected officers, immediate past Chairman and Secretary and 4 co-opted members. It also has Standing and Ad hoc Committees. The Sections, Fora and Institutes are led by a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a Council comprising of its officers, immediate past Chairman and Secretary, 5 nominated members and 3 co-

opted members.

Section 4 (a) (i) of the Nigerian Bar Association Constitution classifies a 'full member' of the organization as "any person duly enrolled at the Supreme Court of Nigeria as a legal practitioner and duly registered with one Branch of the Association". There are approximately 106,000 Legal Practitioners currently enrolled to practice at the Supreme Court of Nigeria out of which the Association has verified over 40,000 members.

CONCEPTUAL DEFINITION

To be the vanguard for the promotion and defence of the rule of law, good governance, social justice and the dignity of all persons.

VISION

To rank among the foremost Bar Associations in the world

MISSION

To use the law as an instrument for social change

MOTTO

Promoting the Rule of law.

CORE VALUES

Integrity, Excellence, Courage and Professionalism

INSTITUTIONAL CORE OBJECTIVES

Maintain and defend the integrity and independence of the Bar and the Judiciary.

- Promote timely and affordable access to justice.
- Promote and support of law reform initiatives
- Promote and protect the principles of the Rule of Law and respect for Human Rights
- Promote and advance quality and functional Legal Education, Continuing Legal Education, Advocacy and Progressive Jurisprudence
- Maintenance of the highest standards of professional conduct, etiquette and discipline among lawyers.
- Promote networking opportunities among the members of the Association, International Organisations, and with lawyers and law associations from other countries.
- Promote the welfare, security, economic, and professional advancement of the legal

profession in Nigeria.

- Create and maintain an Endowment fund for the proper observance and discharge of any of these aims.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Annual General Meeting

The Supreme Authority of the Association is exercised by the Annual General Meeting or an Emergency General Meeting of the Association.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

The National Executive Committee is saddled with the responsibility of controlling and managing the finances of the Association to achieve its set objectives.

NATIONAL OFFICERS

The National Officers are elected as provided for in Article 8 of the Nigerian Bar Association Constitution for a single term of two years.

There are fourteen elected National Officers as stated below;

- The President
- The First Vice-President
- The Second Vice-President
- The Third Vice-President
- The General Secretary
- The Assistant Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Welfare Secretary
- The Financial Secretary

The SECRETARIAT

The National Secretariat takes administrative responsibility of the Association's mandate. The Secretariat is saddled with the responsibility of meeting the needs and expectations of the Association's vast membership, National and Branch Officers, Committees, Sections, Fora and Institutes. The Secretariat provides administrative support, implements decisions of the Association's organs, and co-ordinates the Association's activities amongst others.

The Secretariat comprises of Directorates each supervised under the leadership of a Director who reports to the Executive Director. These Directorates include: Administration & Operations; Finance; Programmes; Bar Services; and Legal Policy and Regulatory Affairs.

OUR PROGRAMMES

The Nigerian Bar Association is focused on seven thematic program areas which include:

Administration of Justice:

One of the indices of good governance in a modern society is the presence of a smooth, efficient, and effective administration of justice system. There are many challenges that have been militating against an efficient and effective administration of justice in Nigeria. They include legal, institutional and co-ordination constraints, funding, corruption, lack of capacity, poor infrastructure. The Nigerian Bar Association has been a notable vanguard of reform of the Nigerian system of Administration of Justice, especially as it relates to criminal justice.

Anti-Corruption:

The anti-corruption framework in Nigeria is faced with tripartite problem of ineffective and weak policy, institutional and legal frameworks. The need for viable legal and policy frameworks is the focus of the Nigerian Bar Association's anti-corruption program. The Nigerian Bar Association is committed to this process and is using the tools of advocacy and technical assistance to support reforms.

Conflict Resolution:

Development can only occur in a peaceful and secured environment. The security challenges facing Nigeria, and Nigerians has driven the Nigerian Bar Association to play an active role in developing programmes and projects in the areas of conflict resolution and peace building.

Justice Sector Reforms:

The Nigerian Bar Association is committed to supporting justice sector reforms across Nigeria and has engaged in a number of initiatives over the years to ensure that significant reforms are attained within the justice sector.

Elections and Democracy:

The Nigerian Bar Association is presently engaged in electoral reform with specific emphasis on the legal framework and lingering problem of enforcement of electoral laws. It is also focused on the reform of the Electoral Justice System Rule of Law and Access to Justice: The Nigerian Bar Association remains a notable voice that keeps the Nigerian government accountable for rule of law infractions.

ORGANS AND BENEFITS

Sections, Fora and Institutes

Sections

Section on Business Law was created to promote the delivery of qualitative Business Law services to the Nigerian public, to promote uniform study on the common interest of Business Law practitioners and to encourage specialization by business law practitioners amongst others. For further information see www.nbasbl.org. Section on Legal Practice was created by the Nigerian Bar Association to promote and encourage specialized practice for Nigerian Lawyers and Law firms, to put the legal profession in its rightful place among championing the reform of the social and economic systems through a re-ordering of the laws and legal systems among others. For further information see www.nba-slp.org. Section on Public Interest and Development Law is a link between the Bar and the public is aimed at developing legal framework that underpin economic reforms, addressing issues relating to public Interest law and advocating the fundamental link between law its role and application to development.

Fora

Academic Forum was created to formulate programs that will address academic issues thereby advancing legal teaching and research in Nigeria. Young Lawyers Forum is open to all lawyers within 1-7 years at the Bar irrespective of age and gender. The forum is aimed at promoting the welfare and capacity developmental needs of young lawyers while also ensuring that young lawyers participate constructively in Bar activities. Women's Forum is open to female lawyers of all age groups. The Forum aims to advance and protect the interest of female lawyers and women generally, promoting their professional development and encouraging a spirit of camaraderie among members. Corporate Counsel Forum acts as the focal point for discussion and activities for In-House Counsels that are members of the Nigerian Bar Association on substantive and managerial issues and serves a central role in policy making by communicating views of In-House Counsel to range of external authorities. Lawyers in the Media Forum was established to cater to the diverse needs of legal practitioners who practice as journalists and related media personnel.

Other Fora include Lawyers' in the Legislature, Police Lawyers Forum, Prisons Lawyers Forum, Military Lawyers' Forum and Judges Forum

Institutes

Nigerian Bar Association Human Rights Institute has a mandate is to protect and promote the enforcement of Human Rights in Nigeria. Nigerian Bar Association Institute of Continuing Legal Education focuses on assisting members of the Association to develop their professional and academic capacity through trainings, workshops, seminars and courses.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Practice License:

The issuance of Bar Practicing Licenses to members of the Association, upon payment of the requisite annual fees for each legal year establishes the statutory right of such members to practice as Lawyers in Nigeria and grants them access to all privileges accruable to a legal practitioner within and outside the country such as:

Nigerian Bar Association Bar Card which functions as an identity card and a payment card for ATM, POS and on line transactions. The presentation of the Card entitles a lawyer to a variety of discount and other packages negotiated by Nigerian Bar Association with various merchants and service providers. Insurance Cover provides a life assurance policy with an annual coverage plan (the duration of the practicing fees).

Letter of Good Standing:

Provides a form of identification for bonafide members of the Association upon on request by companies, organization, schools and Bar Associations within and outside Nigeria.

NBA ID CARD

Our gateway to the world over in pushing for greater value for service, is the Nigerian Bar Association, Unified Multipurpose Identification (UMID) Card: the Bar Card. This card utilizes a microchip embedded in a smart card that will contain all the details relating to the bearer such as:

- The Name of the Lawyer
- Passport Photograph
- Supreme Court Enrolment Number

This Identity card will serve the multiple purpose of identifying a lawyer, as it will serve as a Debit card for ATM, POS and Online Transactions. The card will be issued at no cost. To get one you simply must have:

- Paid up his/her Bar Practicing Fees for the Year; been verified and had his/her data

enrolled in the NBA Data Base been issued with a valid enrolment number captured in the NBA Database.

- Have a passport sized photograph attached to his/ her application

Once you satisfy the criteria to sign up click the link below.

<http://sidios.com/nbaforms submission.aspx>
Visit www.nigerianbar.org.ng frequently for current updates on the Bar card and its features.

PERSONALISED ADHESIVE STAMPS:

The Stamp is only issued to verified legal practitioners whose names are on the Roll of Lawyers and in the database of the Nigerian Bar Association. It contains each lawyer's name, enrolment number and security features.

The NBA Stamp policy requires that lawyers must affix their personalized stamp on every legal document endorsed by or emanating from them, of professional conducts of legal practitioners 2007.

INSURANCE COVER

To cater for the welfare of its members, the NBA entered into a strategic partnership with Leadway Assurance Company Limited to provide a feasible insurance policy for all lawyers who pay their Annual Bar Practice Fees as at when due (January - March 31st).

The premium for this scheme is paid by the NBA and comes at no extra cost to lawyers.

The NBA/Leadway Assurance Scheme is ongoing there- fore any member of the Bar who is yet to subscribe to this scheme is enjoined to do so. Your Insurance Certificate will be sent to the email address provided as soon as your application is approved.

The Insurance policy options proposed by Leadway Assurance cover:

- Death or Accidental Permanent Total Accidental Disability;
- Accidental death;

- Critical illness and
- Accidental Medical Expenses

Details of All Lawyers:

1. Total number of Legal Practitioners are: 134,340 including new wigs of 2021.

2. Verified list of Legal Practitioners: 80,998

- Male: 15,172
- Female: 11,111

