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Nigeria NOW! Investing in Energy, Infrastructure & Mining
19-20th November 2026 – Transcorp Hilton Abuja, Nigeria

Over the past 15 years Nigeria has been unable to capture FDI which matches the scale of the opportunity Nigeria offers. However, since the arrival of President Tinubu, Nigeria has shifted gears to directly address the nations deficiencies and create a legitimate economy where FDI can secure a more active future.

Nigeria is ready for a new approach to raising global investment, a centrepiece which captures the success of the Tinubu administration and which will unite the nation behind a common purpose, a common mission and a 'central-moment-in-time' where Nigeria (the world's largest opportunity) stands united not only to showcase the opportunity for investors, but also the opportunity for nations worldwide as we prepare for the transformative role that Nigeria, and West Africa more widely, will play in our geo-political future.

Nigeria NOW! will serve the nation as the annual high-level expo to benchmark project delivery. Through project focused investor boardrooms, the government of Nigeria will have an ability to review and conduct deep dives into specific projects including large scale infrastructure and multilateral programmes such as M300. This will apply both transparency and urgency to projects of national importance, securing the Presidents vision to deliver projects at pace and scale.

We are honoured to have the patronage of the Minister of Solid Minerals Development, and to have the Lagos State Government, NIWIMNRO (Nigerian Indigenous Women in Mining & Natural Resources Organisation), Women in Mining, Nextier and The Electricity Hub as valued partners.

As part of this summit, we will be hosting a Youth Energy Summit (YES!) under the theme "Empowering Today's Entrepreneurs, Building Tomorrow's Industrialists". The YES! mission is to accelerate electrification across the continent while unlocking jobs at scale by engaging 10% of the population. For Nigeria to succeed we must also demonstrate the scale of the opportunity to the millions of young people looking to be part of Nigeria's economy within the next 10 years and make sure we are engaging them as part of the journey. We are working to build a 100-million-strong youth network across Africa through partnerships with industry leaders, governments, global institutions, and education organisations.

We are delighted to be working with Abuja University and Philomath University on this initiative, and to have the Youth Sustainable Development Network as YES! Community Partner.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nigeria NOW! and YES! Nigeria in Abuja. If you have any queries around participation, please contact me on gemma@energynet.co.uk or by WhatsApp on +44 7391 866 649.

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Agenda Outline

NB: Topics, times and speakers may be subject to change as the agenda develops.

Thursday 19th November 2026

07:00-08:30	**Registration & Coffee**	**Transcorp Hilton Abuja**
08:30-09:45 Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room	**YES! Nigeria - Empowering Today's Entrepreneurs, Building Tomorrow's Industrialists** The world's most exciting youth programme arrives in Nigeria, but what next?	
	YES! was created in response to a critical demographic reality: nearly half of Africa's population still lacks access to electricity. By 2050, the continent is expected to have the world's largest working-age population, with over 830 million young people aged 15–24. To keep pace with this growth, Africa must create approximately 1.5 million new jobs every month, a demand that will continue to rise (IMF). The mission of YES! is to accelerate electrification while unlocking employment at scale by engaging 10% of the population. Central to this ambition is the development of a 100-million-strong youth network across Africa, built through partnerships with industry leaders, governments, global institutions, and educational organisations.	
08:30-08:35	**EnergyNet Welcome Remarks** With roughly 70% of Nigeria's population aged under 30, youth are the engine of Nigeria's growth – what is the metric of success? • Simon Gosling, MD, EnergyNet	
08:35-08:45	**Keynote Speech** • Honourable Dayo Israel, National Youth Leader, All Progressives Congress (APC), Nigeria	
08:45-08:55	**Keynote Address:** **Connecting the Dots:** The mobile world and financial innovation have flourished in Nigeria, with companies like Flutterwave sitting at the crossroads of both sectors, whilst delivering a payments platform. • Omobolade Oghiadomhe, Chief of Staff, Nigeria, Flutterwave	

09:00-09:45	**Walk With Me Programme: Why YES!? Hear success stories from YES! Alumni and be blown away!** Nigeria's young people have an opportunity to contribute to and shape the Nation's future utilising a booming manufacturing and industrial base, AI and a surging amount of capital. We have invited some of the most active to showcase what they are doing and how they are doing it. **Moderator:** • Ahmed Adamu, Professor, Energy & Petroleum Economics University Lecturer & Dean of Faculty of Management & Social Sciences, Philomath University, Abuja, Nigeria and Leadership & Personal Development Expert, Millennium Prime Solutions, Nigeria **Speakers:** • Damilola Hamid Balogun, CEO & Co-Founder, Youth Sustainable Development Network • Abubakar Shuaibu, MD, Astound Power, Nigeria • Josephine Olamide Atoyebi, Advisor, 27th World Energy Congress, World Energy Council • Emmanuel Terwase, Co-Founder & CEO, Boost Power, Nigeria
09:45-10:00	**Session Switchover**
10:00-10:30 Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room	**Nigeria NOW! Investing in Energy, Infrastructure & Mining: Official Opening Ceremony**
10:00-10:10	**Host Welcome Address:** Chief Host of Nigeria NOW!: H.E. Honourable Dr. Oladele Henry Alake, Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria
10:10-10:20	**Presidential Keynote:** Articulation of the 2026 "Year of Delivery" doctrine
10:20-10:30	**Lifetime Achievement Award: Transforming Lives and Powering the Future** H.E. Honourable Professor Bart Nnaji, Chairman & CEO, Geometric Power and Former Minister of Power, Nigeria
10:30-11:00	**Coffee & Networking**

11.00-12.00 **Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room**	**The New Fiscal & Financing Architecture – the "Year of Delivery", the 2025 Tax Act & Unlocking Capital for Nigeria's Projects** How Nigeria is delivering on President Tinubu's "Year of Delivery" doctrine, creating a more attractive and predictable business environment, and mobilising domestic and international capital to finance projects at scale. • Deconstructing the 2026 Budget's N26.08 trillion capital expenditure • Targeted incentives, enhanced tax recovery, and the treatment of foreign-earned dividends, royalties, and rent • How stakeholders are innovating in deal structuring, co-investing and de-risking to bring projects to bankability • How credit guarantees, domestic banks, pension funds, and monetary and FX reforms can work together to support long-term infrastructure finance, investor confidence and repatriation • Modernised frameworks that reduce regulatory barriers, reform digital systems, and integrate government platforms to deliver competitively **2023-2026 Investment Highlights:** • Federal Infrastructure Allocation of ₦4.06 trillion ($2.7 billion) specifically for infrastructure development within the 2025 national budget. • ₦1 trillion was provided for Solid Minerals Development in the 2025 budget towards diversification of the Nigerian economy.
	Moderator: **Speakers:** Princess Zahrah Mustapha-Audu, DG, Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC), Nigeria Honourable Abayomi Oluyomi, Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Finance, Nigeria* Honourable Aminu Suleman Takuma, Commissioner, Niger State Ministry of Investment and Private Sector Development, Nigeria Osaze Osaghae, Ag. Head, Origination & Structuring, InfraCredit
12:00-12:15	**Session Switchover**

12:15-13:30 **Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room**	**Capitalising on Nigeria's Mineral Sector:** A Gateway for Global Investors Understanding the scale and opportunity of Nigeria's vast mineral wealth and West Africa's broader role in supporting global demand for critical minerals. • Nigeria's long-term vision for international partnerships and investment in the solid minerals sector • Increasing export capacity while promoting domestic processing, value addition and industrialisation • Understanding the policies and opportunities for foreign investors to participate in Nigeria's minerals sector • Positioning Nigeria within African and global critical-mineral supply chains **2023-2026 Investment Highlights:** • Major lithium processing investments, including US$600 million and US$200 million facilities • US$1 billion integrated iron ore-to-steel processing project • US$150 million Green Mining Investment Fund targeting gold, lithium and rare earth elements • US$400 million rare earth and critical-minerals processing project in Nasarawa State, bringing total processing capacity to approximately 18,000 tonnes per annum
	Keynote Address: H.E. Honourable Dr. Oladele Henry Alake, Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria **Moderator:** Felicia Dairo, Executive Director, Nigerian Indigenous Women in Mining & Natural Resources Organisation (NIWIMNRO) **Speakers:** Martins Imonitie, MD & CEO, Nigeria Solid Minerals Company (NSMC), Nigeria Tunde Arisekola, Senior Advisor, Geological & Minerals Information, African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC) Rose Chundung Ndong, President, Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS), Nigeria Nonye Ayeni, Executive Director & CEO, Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Nigeria Abubakar Sadiq Omar, MD, Steron Mining Augustine Menegbo, Country Manager, Nigeria, Segilola Resources Operating Limited (SROL) Ayo Fashina, Director, Office of Energy, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation
13:30-14:30	**Lunch - "Taste of the Regions" - A culinary showcase of regional Nigerian cuisines, curated to demonstrate agricultural diversity** **Zuma Grill**

14:30-15:45 **Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room**	**Power Sector Focus: Establishing a Robust Energy Mix to Attract World Class Investor Returns** While Nigeria is aggressively restructuring its power sector to drive downstream electricity capacity directly into high-growth industrial sectors like mining and refining, flagship initiatives like the Nigeria Electrification Project (NEP) and Mission 300 are scaling up the financial and commercial viability of rural off-grid markets, and Green Bonds offer new opportunities to international investors. • Accelerating power generation – Nigeria's short to medium goals to increase private sector participation • What has changed under this administration in Nigeria to support IPPs reaching financial close? • Structuring the $1 billion Domestic Green Bond – offering the opportunity to both domestic and international investors to access Nigeria's climate projects • Opportunities in the $2 billion National Climate Fund – using blended finance to accelerate investment in large-scale projects across critical sectors including energy, transport and infrastructure **2023-2026 Investment Highlights:** • Power Sector Reset Programme: ~~₦4~~ trillion invested in national generation companies • Presidential Metering Initiative: ~~₦~~1.325 trillion investment to deploy 7 million smart meters • DARES Renewable Energy Project: $750 million approved with World Bank
	Moderator: David Arinze, Senior Portfolio Officer, Energy Transition Challenge Fund (ETCF) & Lead, Renewable Energy Thematic Working Group, Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), Nigeria **Youth Moderator:** Rebecca Agadumo, Assistant Project Manager, Global Cleantech Innovation Program (GCIP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) **Speakers:** Abba Aliyu, MD & CEO, Rural Electrification Agency (REA), Nigeria Sunday Oduntan, MD & CEO, Association of Nigerian Electricity Distributors (ANED), Nigeria* Chijioke Okwuokenye, MD & CEO, Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC)* Seun Suleiman, MD, Siemens Energy, West Africa Farai Sekeso, Investment Director, DRE, Africa50 **Youth Speaker:** Abdallah Garba, CEO & Co-Founder, AAG Energy Solutions

15:45-16:15 Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room	**Lagos State Spotlight** Lagos State is setting a national benchmark for energy independence, ambitious power generation and a modern and effective road, rail and port infrastructure.
	Moderator: Temitope George, CEO, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria* **Speakers:** Honourable Biodun Ogunleye, Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources, Nigeria Honourable Abayomi Oluyomi, Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Finance, Nigeria* Honourable Oluwaseun Osiyemi, Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Transportation, Nigeria*
16:15-16:45	**Coffee & Networking**
16:45-17:00 Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room	**From Reform to Results: How Nigeria Is Rebuilding Investor Confidence in Energy** • Winning back upstream capital through fiscal incentives, regulatory clarity and faster contracting • Resetting power sector finances through the ~~₦~~4 trillion debt settlement bond programme, metering expansion and loss reduction • Gas as the engine of industrialisation - how gas-to-power, domestic feedstock and export-oriented industrial clusters can link energy reform to jobs, growth and a cleaner energy mix.
	Youth Moderator: Josephine Olamide Atoyebi, Advisor, 27th World Energy Congress, World Energy Council **Keynote Speech:** Olu Verheijen, Special Adviser to the President on Energy (Oil and Gas), Nigeria

17:00-18:15 Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room	**Nigeria NOW!** **Connecting the Markets: Road, Rail and Ports** The current global geopolitical climate is creating massive opportunities for Nigeria's import/export sectors. • An overview of Nigeria's current large scale infrastructure project pipeline • Will Nigeria seek a PPP model or alternative financing structures to deliver large scale infrastructure projects? • Port infrastructure and the global supply chain over the next ten years **2023-2026 Investment Highlights:** • $3 billion Lagos Green Line rail corridor linking critical trade zones to the Lekki FTZ • Kano-Maradi Rail project backed by a ₦34.24 billion capital vote to create a Sahel logistics hub • $1.126 billion secured for Section 1 of the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway • $2.27 billion PPP approved for Bakassi Deep Seaport (Cross River State) • $1.14 billion PPP approved for Port of Ondo Deep Seaport (Ondo State) • $950 million modernisation project for Apapa & Tin Can Island (Lagos) through UKEF financing agreement
	Keynote Address: H.E. Honourable Prince Shuaibu Abubakar Audu, Minister of Steel Development, Nigeria **Speakers:** H.E. Honourable Adegboyega Oyetola, Minister of Marine & Blue Economy, Nigeria* Vladislav Bystrenko, CFO, Mota-Engil Nigeria Suren Abeywickrema, Vice President & Country Head, Nigeria, ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms (ARISE IIP) Adaobi Nnorukah, Investment Director, ARM-Harith Infrastructure Investment
18:15-20:30	**Gala Reception – "The Spirit of Nigeria" - A Cultural Celebration**
	Nigerian Art - Exclusive Silent Auction Exclusive silent auction of *The Last Mile (2026)*, a mixed-media sculpture by Abuja-based artist Abdulsalam Abdul Adabara which explores the relationship between Nigeria's natural resources, infrastructure ambitions and the challenge of ensuring economic value reaches its people. The winning bid will be shared between the artist and a designated NGO, supporting Nigerian creativity and a charitable cause.
	Gala Reception & Nigerian Art Exhibition As part of Nigeria NOW! 2026, a special art exhibition will bring together contemporary Nigerian artists whose work explores identity, culture, sustainability and the country's future.



Friday 20th November 2026

09:00 onwards **Transcorp Hilton Abuja**	**Private Sector Meetings** ***Invitation Only*** *Please contact Lucian@EnergyNet.co.uk*

Nigerian Art Exhibition - Meet the Artists

Abdulsalam Abdul Adabara
A contemporary paper sculptor based in Abuja, Nigeria. His practice transforms discarded materials, including nylon, cellophane and paper, into sculptures that explore consumerism, identity and the meaning of value. Known for his *Headless Shopper* series, Adabara challenges perceptions of status and wealth, creating artworks that are physically light but carry significant social commentary.

John Kings Madubuike
Nigerian sculptor, poet and spiritual philosopher exploring consciousness, cultural identity and human existence through wood and fibreglass sculptures. His works include Petals of the Moon and Before the Labels, examining suffering, identity and Nigeria's cultural evolution.

Jupress Chizurum
Abuja-based contemporary mixed-media artist whose work explores identity, resilience and Nigeria's potential. Her works include The Nigerian Dream, envisioning a country where infrastructure and opportunity encourage people to build their futures at home, and What Lies Beneath Our Feet, inspired by Nigeria's mineral wealth.

Theophilus Chinonso Agwunwa
Nigerian textile collage artist who transforms discarded Ankara fabrics into expressive artworks celebrating cultural identity, sustainability and the resilience of African women. His Pillars of Strength series highlights dignity, heritage and the often unseen contributions of women.