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Mr. Opeyemi Agbaje, CEO of RTC Advisory Services, is a seasoned finance and strategy expert recently appointed PenCom Chairman. His career spans law, banking, academia, and public policy. A thought leader and educator, he's served on key boards, earned national honours, and remains committed to governance, integrity, and family.



Dr. Ken Onyeali-Ikpe
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Dr. Ken Onyeali Ikpe holds a Ph.D. in Development Economics from the Academy of Sciences, School of African Studies, Moscow, Russia. He is an alumnus of the Advanced Management Programme (AMP) at Lagos Business School and also trained at IESE Business School, Barcelona, Spain.



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Mr. Olu Akanmu
Academic Director,
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Mr. Akanmu is a seasoned commercial and tech ecosystem leader with experience across fintech, banking, telecoms, FMCG, and healthcare. He is also an Executive in Residence at Lagos Business School and was formerly President and Co-CEO of OPay Nigeria.



**Dr. Monday Michaels
Ashibogwu,**
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CEO, The Republic Media
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Dr. Ashibogwu brings deep expertise in training, fintech, and public relations. He is a renowned Digital Communications Expert with a focus on integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital media into communication strategies.

He specializes in crisis management and online reputation planning and measurement. As the 10th National Publicity Secretary of the Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME) from 2016 to 2021, he led training on cybercrime and security communications for military and paramilitary organizations.

He is a champion of sustainability standards, corporate strategy, and crisis leadership.



CEO'S PROFILE

Jude NDU

Africa Global CEO,
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My name is Jude NDU', Africa Global CEO, Africa Global Economic Forum® owners of The Economic Forum Series®.

I belong to a new breed and hybrid of Creative Thought Leaders wielding Strategy, Creative Conceptual BIG IDEAs, Change and Innovation as Strategic Theme's and Content for Building Africa's Global BRANDs, Influencing Policy, Audiences and Critical Stakeholder Engagements across business markets, different industry segments and the Public Sector in an ever Changing Modern Consumer Behaviour, and as Weapon for Fighting Competitive Business Battles.

Whoever Owns Creativity and Strategy, Owns the BRAND and BUSINESS.

An alumnus of Pan Atlantic University, Jude NDU is a strategic brand management, marketing innovation and revenue transformation leader with deep expertise in the business media, marketing and advertising industry. With a pedigree and track record of pioneering sustainable business growth initiatives, Jude has driven impactful change and innovation across major print media houses in Nigeria notably BusinessDay, Guardian and Vanguard.

At BusinessDay Media, publishers of BusinessDay Newspapers, Jude served as Divisional Executive Head, BusinessDay (BD) TRAINING and Strategic Marketing Manager, where he conceptualized, synthesized the idea and led the creation and development of BusinessDay Training—a new Strategic Business Unit (SBU) designed to diversify income streams, reinforce brand positioning and build a recurring revenue generating model for the organization.

Building on this success, Jude exported the business model to The Guardian Newspapers as the founder and pioneer Executive head, Guardian Conferences & MasterClasses division. This initiative was born out of a strategic paper and board-level presentation titled “Diversify or Die,” which underscored the need for innovation and business model reinvention in traditional media.

Just six months into this role, Jude was appointed Chief Commercial Officer (Commercial Director). In this executive capacity, he led a transformative Enterprise Wide Cross-Value Selling and Commercial Integration Project, aligning all revenue-generating units—digital, advertising, circulation, subscriptions, and events—under a cohesive commercial strategy. The initiative emphasized cross-functional synergy, marketing innovation, and strategic brand development as levers for accelerated business and revenue growth.

Jude brings a dynamic combination of strategic thinking, operational execution, and change management leadership to organizations seeking to thrive in the evolving media and ecosystem economy.

Programme of Events

8:30 - 10:00 AM

- Guest Arrival and Registration
- Networking Tea/Hospitality

1. Opening and Protocols

10:00 - 10:15 AM (15 mins)

- National Anthem and Opening Protocols - Anchor/Host
- Welcome Address - Jude NDU, CEO, Africa Global Economic Forum
- Goodwill Messages from Key Partners [News Central and Proshare]

2. Opening Keynote Addresses

10:15 - 11:00 AM

- Policy and Regulatory: Driving MSME Financing Through Policy and Public Private Partnerships, Mr. Opeyemi Agbaje, Chairman, National Pension Commission (PenCom)
- Access to Market: Digital Transformation and Innovation, Sandra Ekene Enwezoh, Vice President, Digital Partners & Enablers, Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa, Mastercard
- Finance: Unlocking MSME Finance for Nigeria's \$1 Trillion Economy, Mrs. Chizoma Okoli, DMD, Access Bank
- Finance: Unlocking MSME Finance for Nigeria's \$1 Trillion Economy, Hassan Imam, MD/CEO Keystone Bank
- Transition/Brief Interlude

3. Keynote CEO Panel Discussion

11:00 - 11:50 AM

Theme: Driving Innovation, Collaboration and Scalable Models for MSME Financing

Panelists:

- Mrs. Chizoma Okoli, DMD/CEO - Access Bank
- Mr Hassan Imam, MD/CEO - Keystone Bank
- Bonaventure Okhaimo, MD/CEO, National Credit Guarantee Company
- Eric Ntumba, MD/CEO, Baobab Nigeria
- Dr. Folasade Femi-Lawal, Country Manager and Area Business Head, West Africa, Mastercard

Moderator: Teslim Shitta-Bey, Chief Economist, Proshare Nigeria

11:50 - 12:05 PM

- Networking Tea Break

4. Policy and Regulatory Panel Session

12:05 - 12:50 PM

Theme: Policy and Regulatory Enablers for MSME Financing

Panelists:

- Dr. Stanley Jacob President, FintechNGR
- Tony Emoekpere, President, ATCON
- Ifeanyi Oputa, DG, NASSI
- Foyinsolami Akinjayeju, CEO EFInA

Moderator: Stephen Ipalibo Lawson

5. Capital Markets Dialogue

12:50 AM - 13:35 PM

Theme: Unlocking Non-Bank Finance for MSMEs

Panelists:

- Bola Ajomale, Executive Commissioner, Operations, Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Jude Onyeka Chiemeka, MD/CEO - Nigerian Stock Exchange Limited (NGX)
- Eguarekhide Longe, MD/CEO - NASD PLC
- Haruna Jalo-Waziri - MD/CEO, CSCS PLC

Moderator: Joan Mustapha, News Central

13:35 - 14:30 PM

- Lunch Break and Informal Networking

6. Closing Segment

14:30 - 15:00 PM

Sponsor Acknowledgements: Mastercard, Access Bank, Keystone Bank, EfInA, Bol, Baobab Nigeria, CSCS, etc.

Closing Remarks - Forum Convener, Jude Ndu

7. Networking Cocktail

15:00 - 15:30 PM

- Business Networking and Media Interactions

**SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR
AND KEYNOTE POLICY ADDRESS**

Mr. Opeyemi Agbaje

Chairman, National Pension Commission (PENCOM) and Founder/CEO of RTC Advisory Services Ltd

Mr. Opeyemi Agbaje is the Founder and CEO of RTC Advisory Services Ltd and was recently appointed Chairman of the National Pension Commission (PenCom) by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. With over four decades of post-graduation experience, he is a distinguished finance, investment, and strategy professional whose multidisciplinary career spans law, banking, academia, consulting, and public policy. Widely recognised as a thought leader in business, economy, and governance, Mr. Agbaje's contributions continue to shape Nigeria's financial and policy landscape.

He graduated with honours in Law from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) in 1985, and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1986. He obtained an LLM from the University of Lagos in 1989, an MBA from IESE Business School, Spain in 1997, and is completing a Doctorate in Business Administration from Eaton Business School.

Mr. Agbaje began his career at the Directorate of Public Prosecutions in the old Bendel State Ministry of Justice, later working at Kola Awodein & Co (SAN) and the Legal Department of First Bank of Nigeria Plc. In 1990, he became a foundation staff of GTBank, where he rose to Assistant General Manager within eight years, and ultimately served as Executive Director before transitioning out of mainstream banking in 2004.

Since then, he has led RTC Advisory Services Ltd, a pioneering indigenous consultancy providing expertise in economy, policy, strategy, and organisational transformation. Alongside this, he has played a pivotal role in academia—teaching Business Strategy and the Environment of Business at Lagos Business School since 1999, where he also served as Senior Fellow and Head of the Strategy and Entrepreneurship Department.

Beyond academia, Mr. Agbaje is a respected policy commentator. His widely-read Economy, Polity, Society column ran in BusinessDay Newspaper from 2006 to 2019, while his policy-focused television programme, The Policy Council, aired on Channels TV from 2011 to 2015.

He has also served on several boards, including the Lagos State Security Trust Fund (2011-2019), the Ogun State Security Trust Fund (2019-2021), and Chemical and Allied Products Plc (2011-2019). He chaired The Convention on Business Integrity and is currently a Director of FCSL Finance Company Ltd, one of Nigeria's oldest licensed finance institutions.

Mr. Agbaje has received numerous honours, including the Igbo College National Merit Award for Professional Excellence (2019). He is a Knight of John Wesley (KJW) in the Methodist Church, a philanthropist, and a devoted family man, married with adult children.

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Mrs. Chizoma Okoli

Deputy Managing Director,
Access Bank Group

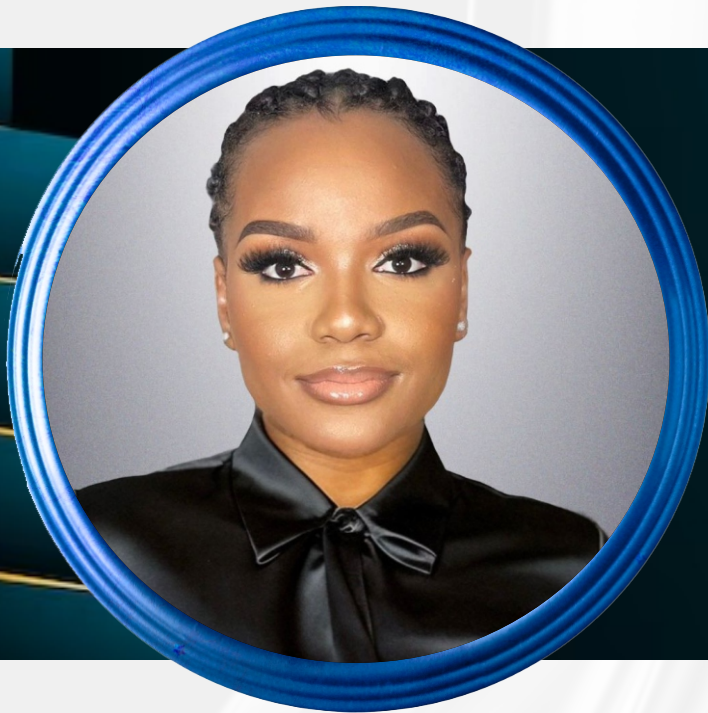
Chizoma Okoli currently serves as the Deputy Managing Director of Access Bank Group, where she provides strategic leadership to the Retail Banking Division. In this role, she drives operational excellence, fosters stakeholder engagement, and ensures sustainable financial performance across one of Africa's most dynamic banking institutions.

Appointed Deputy Managing Director in May 2022, Mrs. Okoli brings with her nearly three decades of rich banking experience. Her career began in 1992 as an Executive Trainee at the defunct Diamond Bank Plc, where her dedication and exceptional performance earned her rapid promotions, culminating in her appointment as Executive Director in 2016. Following the landmark merger between Access Bank and Diamond Bank in 2019, she was appointed Executive Director of the Business Banking Division, a role in which she demonstrated remarkable leadership and business growth acumen.

Her expertise spans commercial and consumer banking, corporate banking, branch and institutional banking, as well as business development. She holds a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Benin and a Master's in Business Administration from Warwick Business School in the United Kingdom.

Mrs. Okoli is an Honorary Senior Member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria and a Member of the Institute of Credit Administration of Nigeria. She has enriched her professional journey by attending globally acclaimed executive education programmes, including the Advanced Management Programme at Wharton Executive Education, University of Pennsylvania, and the Senior Management Programme at the Lagos Business School.

Her journey reflects not only resilience and excellence but also a commitment to redefining leadership within the African banking industry.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sandra Ekene Enwezoh

Vice President, Digital Partners & Enablers, Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa, Mastercard

Sandra Ekene Enwezoh serves as Vice President of Digital Partners & Enablers for Mastercard in Eastern Europe, the Middle East & Africa (EEMEA). Based in Lagos, she leads Mastercard's strategic alliance with MTN across 16 countries, driving fintech commercialization, ecosystem development, and sustainable revenue growth.

Since joining Mastercard in 2019 as Manager of Product Sales, Sandra has consistently delivered results, achieving a remarkable 40% year-over-year revenue growth across 32 markets. She advanced into business development and digital partnerships, where she was instrumental in Mastercard's \$200 million investment in MTN Group Fintech—an initiative that has significantly advanced digital financial inclusion across Africa.

Before her journey at Mastercard, Sandra built a solid foundation at Ericsson, holding various roles in engineering, solution sales, and account management across Africa and the

Middle East. She successfully delivered major telecommunications projects, crafted radio access network sales strategies, and developed high-level partnerships with mobile operators. Her outstanding contributions earned her the prestigious Middle East and Africa Power Award for Sales in 2018.

Sandra is an alumna of the University of Sheffield, UK, where she earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering with Business Skills and received the Best Innovative Business Project Award. She has also studied French at Institut Français in London and completed a foundation in engineering at Cambridge Seminars.

With over 14 years of experience across telecommunications, payments, and financial technology, Sandra is deeply passionate about inclusive growth through innovation, strategic partnerships, and data-driven decision-making. She is a respected thought leader who frequently speaks on fintech innovation, public-private collaboration, and the transformative role of digital infrastructure in shaping Africa's future.

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Mr. Hassan Imam

Managing Director,
Keystone Bank Limited

A circular portrait of Mr. Hassan Imam, a middle-aged Black man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie. The portrait is set against a dark background and is framed by a blue circular border.

Hassan Imam is the Managing Director of Keystone Bank Limited, bringing with him over three decades of distinguished leadership in the banking industry. Before joining Keystone Bank, he held senior executive roles at Fidelity Bank, serving as Executive Director and Executive Compliance Officer (ECO). His vast experience covers Commercial Banking, Consumer Banking, SME Banking, Risk Management, Trade Finance, and Transaction Banking, making him one of the most versatile leaders in the financial services sector.

Throughout his career, Hassan has chaired critical committees such as the Criticized Asset Committee (CAC) and the Operational Risk and Service Measurement Committee (OPRISK), where he successfully managed operational risks, strengthened asset quality, and advanced sustainable risk management frameworks.

A strong advocate of continuous learning and professional growth, Hassan holds a Master of Business

Administration (MBA) from Business School Netherlands, an MSc in Treasury Management, and an MSc in Banking & Finance from Bayero University, Kano, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto. He also completed the Senior Management Program (SMP31) at the Lagos Business School, Pan-Atlantic University.

His commitment to excellence has taken him to some of the world's most prestigious business schools, including Harvard Business School, Oxford University's Saïd Business School, IESE Business School in Barcelona, Wharton at the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford Graduate School of Business, and the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Hassan is also an active member of leading professional organizations such as The Institute of Credit Administration (FICA), the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), and the Chartered Public Accountants (CPA), reflecting his dedication to professionalism and ethical leadership.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Mr. Bonaventure Okhaimo

Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer,
National Credit Guarantee Company
Limited (NCGC)

Mr. Bonaventure Okhaimo serves as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Credit Guarantee Company Limited (NCGC). With more than three decades of leadership in banking, credit operations, product development, and strategic finance, he brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of impact.

Before his appointment at NCGC, Mr. Okhaimo was the Chief Operating Officer of the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN), where he played a pivotal role in strengthening institutional systems and expanding access to finance. He currently sits on the Board of Impact Credit Guarantee Limited (ICGL) as a Non-Executive Director. His career journey has spanned across retail and SME banking, institutional finance, information technology, and customer service delivery, positioning him as a versatile leader with a broad industry perspective.

Academically, he holds an LLB from the University of Benin and a BL from the Nigerian Law School, Lagos. He also earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from Rivers State University, an MBA in Financial Management from the Federal University

of Technology, Owerri, and a Chartered Banker MBA from Bangor University, UK. Furthering his academic distinction, he holds a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Business from the Catholic University of Murcia (UCAM), Spain.

Mr. Okhaimo is a Fellow of the Institute of Credit Administration (ICA), and a proud member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), the Chartered Banker Institute (UK), and the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM). His commitment to continuous learning has seen him complete executive education at world-class institutions including Harvard Business School, Wharton, MIT Sloan, Columbia Business School, Oxford Saïd, and Queen's University, Canada. His global exposure also includes professional internships with Standard Bank in South Africa and Standard Chartered Bank in Zimbabwe and Kenya.

A visionary leader and reform advocate, Mr. Okhaimo is deeply passionate about expanding access to credit for MSMEs and strengthening Nigeria's credit guarantee framework. Through his work, he continues to champion inclusive economic growth, financial inclusion, and the transformation of Nigeria's credit landscape.

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Mr. Eric Ntumba

CEO, Baobab Nigeria

Eric Ntumba is a seasoned banking professional whose career spans some of the most respected institutions in the financial sector, including Equity Bank, Procredit Bank, BCDC, and Citigroup. With years of executive leadership, he has built a reputation for driving growth, innovation, and impact across Africa's banking landscape.

His remarkable achievements have earned him recognition in the prestigious Choiseul Africa 100 ranking, highlighting him as one of the continent's most influential young leaders. He is an alumnus of the Atlantic Dialogues Emerging Leaders program and the Africa-French Young Leaders initiative, as well as a distinguished Mandela-Washington Fellow—affirming his role as a global thought leader in finance and development.

Beyond his banking expertise, Eric is also an award-winning novelist,

bringing creativity and depth to his professional journey. He holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the renowned French National School of Administration (ENA), where he further honed his skills in governance and policy.

Eric Ntumba's unique blend of financial acumen, leadership, and innovation makes him an inspiring voice in shaping Africa's MSME finance ecosystem.

SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Dr. Folasade Femi-Lawal

(FCA, FCIT, MBA)

Country Manager and Area Business Head,
West Africa, Mastercard

Dr. Folasade Femi-Lawal is a distinguished leader and seasoned Digital Transformation Executive with over three decades of experience spanning financial services, management consulting, telecommunications, and business advisory. She currently serves as Country Manager and Area Business Head, West Africa at Mastercard, where she is responsible for advancing the brand's presence across the region, driving performance and strategic direction, and fostering innovative payment solutions in partnership with governments and regulators to build a World Beyond Cash.

Her career journey began in 1995 at PricewaterhouseCoopers as a Senior Associate in Audit & Business Advisory Services before moving into the banking sector. In 1998, she joined United Bank of Africa (UBA) as Head of Loan Monitoring Unit, overseeing the bank's loan portfolio and regulatory compliance. She later assumed a prominent role at FirstBank as Head of Card & Messaging Business, where she managed over eleven million cards and directed card product strategies across subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Senegal, Gambia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea.

Folasade has been instrumental in shaping Nigeria's digital finance landscape, serving as Vice President of the Committee of E-Business Industry Heads (CeBIH), a platform dedicated to driving innovation and collaboration in the financial ecosystem. Her impact and influence extend beyond corporate leadership, as she

actively champions women empowerment and financial inclusion. She is strongly affiliated with organisations such as Women in Management, Business and Public Service (WIMBIZ) and the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) initiative launched by the U.S. Consulate General.

Recognised for her outstanding leadership, she was honoured with the Visionary Leader in Technology and Business Award at The CIO and C-Suite Awards Africa in 2024, and was named among the Forty-Five Most Influential Women in Digital Transformation by CIO Africa Magazine.

An accomplished scholar, Folasade holds a B.Sc. in Accounting from Obafemi Awolowo University, an MBA in Information Management System from Texila American University, Guyana, and an Honorary Doctorate from Veridian Christian University in recognition of her impact in Business and Christian Leadership. She has further enriched her expertise through professional and executive education at Pan-African University, Harvard Business School, London Business School, and Gershon Lehman Consulting (USA).

A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, the Chartered Institute of Taxation, and the Association of Enterprise Risk Managers, she is also a member of the Forbes Business Development Council and the Committee for Open Banking API Standard.

Dr. Folasade Femi-Lawal embodies visionary leadership, resilience, and excellence, making her one of the most influential voices in Africa's financial and digital transformation space.



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Foyinsolami Akinjayeju

Chief Executive Officer, Enhancing Financial
Inclusion and Advancement (EFInA)
FCA | MBA | BGS | Transformation Leader
| Inclusive Finance Advocate

Foyinsolami Akinjayeju is a seasoned transformation leader and passionate advocate for inclusive finance, bringing over two decades of expertise in strategy, enterprise transformation, and financial systems development.

She built a remarkable career at PwC, where she spearheaded large-scale transformation projects across diverse sectors, working closely with high-level government stakeholders, corporate boards, and senior executives. Her leadership has guided organizations through complex change environments, driving operational scale-up, business growth, and systems improvement at both national and organizational levels.

Today, Foyinsolami serves as the Chief Executive Officer of EFInA, a financial sector deepening organization committed to systemic change and expanding access to financial services for underserved communities. Under her leadership, EFInA champions data-driven insights, digital innovation, and policy advocacy, with a strong focus on

improving financial inclusion for women, youth, micro, small and medium enterprises, and rural populations.

Her passion for social impact extends beyond finance. She previously led a pioneering network of over forty-five technology-enabled, low-cost schools, where she introduced digital innovations and operational reforms that significantly improved access to quality education for underprivileged children, raising learning outcomes on a scalable model.

A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), Foyinsolami is also an alumna of the Lagos Business School and a proud member of the prestigious Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Widely recognized for her thought leadership in financial inclusion, systems change, and digital transformation, she continues to inspire new pathways for inclusive growth and sustainable development.



SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Dr. Stanley Jacob

President, FinTech Association of Nigeria
(FinTechNGR)

Dr. Stanley Jacob is a distinguished Fintech Executive and Business Leader recognized for his deep passion for platform orchestration, nurturing start-ups, driving innovation, building partnerships, and advancing financial inclusion. He currently serves as the Chief Executive of Zest (formerly Stanbic IBTC Financial Services Limited), the wholly owned fintech subsidiary of Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC.

As a thought leader in the financial technology ecosystem, Dr. Jacob is the President and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Fintech Association of Nigeria (FINTECHNGR), Vice President (Western Africa) of the Africa Fintech Network (AFN), Past Chairman of the Committee of e-Business Industry Heads of Nigeria (CeBIH), and a current member of the Advisory Council of CeBIH. He also serves on the Governing Council of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) where he contributes actively on the Fintech & Innovation and Capacity Building Committees.

Before joining Stanbic IBTC, Dr. Jacob held several notable leadership positions across global institutions. He was Head of Financial Institutions (West Africa) and Country Business Director (Nigeria) at Mastercard International, Group Head of Consumer Payments at Ecobank, where he supported operations across 33 African countries, and Head of Digital Bank at Standard Chartered Bank, overseeing retail markets across Africa. He was also the pioneer Chief Operating Officer of

Fortis Mobile Money, one of Nigeria's earliest licensed mobile money providers.

Deeply passionate about sustainability and the future of green finance, Dr. Jacob holds a Doctoral Degree in Green Finance from Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia (UCAM), Spain. His academic journey also includes an MBA in Technology Management from ADBU, India, a Post-Graduate Diploma in Digital Business from Emeritus, Singapore, and a Post-Graduate qualification in Public Policy & Administration. He has further sharpened his expertise through executive management courses on strategy, cybersecurity, and digital finance at world-class institutions including the University of Oxford, Columbia Business School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy (Tufts University), and the University of Georgia.

Dr. Jacob's professional affiliations underscore his commitment to excellence. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (FCIB), a Member of the Institute of Directors (MIoD), a Certified Cards & Payments Professional (CCPP), a Fellow of the Institute of Credit Administration (FICA), and a licensed Project Management Professional (PMP).

With a career defined by innovation, leadership, and a relentless drive to shape the future of finance in Africa and beyond, Dr. Stanley Jacob continues to inspire a new generation of leaders and innovators in the fintech ecosystem.



SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Mr. Tony Izuagbe Emoekpere

President, Association of
Telecommunications Companies of Nigeria
(ATCON) Chief Executive Officer,
Anchor Telecoms

Tony Izuagbe Emoekpere is a transformative leader at the intersection of technology, media, and telecommunications. As President of the Association of Telecommunications Companies of Nigeria (ATCON), he guides Africa's largest telecom market with a vision grounded in collaboration, innovation, and sustainable growth. Since assuming office in 2023, his leadership has been marked by bold advocacy for broadband expansion, regulatory alignment, and resilient infrastructure—all aimed at advancing Nigeria's digital economy.

His journey began with a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University. Emoekpere cut his teeth at Linkserve Ltd, Nigeria's pioneering ISP, where he engineered radio links that brought connectivity to businesses in the country's nascent internet era. His technical expertise soon led him to MTN Nigeria during its landmark 2001 launch, where he played a pivotal role in deploying the first base stations across the South-West and spearheaded landmark projects like the Marshal Plan Site Build.

In 2005, he founded Anchor Telecoms, a company that has since grown into a pan-African leader in telecom infrastructure services. Under his stewardship, Anchor Telecoms evolved into a hub of TMT convergence, creating subsidiaries such as MangoNet Integrated Services—focused on bridging connectivity gaps with fiber-to-the-home and wireless solutions—and Anchor Digital

Media, a platform producing localized TV content and streaming services that amplify Nigerian voices through technology-driven storytelling. Today, Anchor Telecoms operates across five African nations, with expansions underway in Kenya, Ethiopia, and the United Kingdom.

As ATCON President, Emoekpere has made policy alignment a priority, advocating strongly for Nigeria's National Broadband Plan 2020-2025 while addressing infrastructure bottlenecks such as right-of-way challenges. His tenure emphasizes sector resilience through pragmatic tariff reforms, and talent development via strategic collaborations with institutions like the Digital Bridge Institute to equip Nigerian youth with future-ready digital skills.

For Emoekpere, leadership is rooted in collective progress. "The telecom sector thrives when stakeholders unite," he affirms. "Our goal is not just connectivity, but building ecosystems where technology drives enterprise, media shapes culture, and infrastructure enables inclusion."

Looking ahead, his work at Anchor Telecoms is pioneering AI-driven network optimization for underserved regions, green energy-powered infrastructure to reduce costs and environmental impact, and digital content hubs to democratize access to education and entrepreneurial resources.

Beyond the boardroom, Emoekpere is a devoted family man, mentor, and avid cyclist who believes in nurturing the next generation of tech innovators. His philosophy is simple yet profound: when technology, media, and telecoms converge, nations are not only connected—they are empowered.

SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Mr. Ifeanyi Christopher Oputa

Director General, Nigerian Association
of Small-Scale Industrialists (NASSI)

Ifeanyi Christopher Oputa is a dedicated advocate for small businesses across Nigeria. As Director General of NASSI, he has become a powerful voice for MSMEs, ensuring their challenges are addressed at decision-making tables where policies that shape their survival are made. His leadership has been pivotal in shifting government perspectives and fostering stronger support for small businesses in Nigeria's volatile economy.

Trained as a Chemical Engineer, Ifeanyi is also a serial entrepreneur whose optimism has fueled ventures from catering, fashion, and gift packaging to industrial procurement. After valuable stints with Chevron, Shell, and NNPC, he boldly embraced entrepreneurship full-time, founding Colvi Limited while still an undergraduate. Today, Colvi thrives as a holding company

with investments spanning creative arts and commercial real estate.

His entrepreneurial footprint includes Clippers salons, Xerox copy centers, Kodak pro-labs, and the renowned Studio24—now Africa's largest retail photography and digital imaging enterprise. Over four decades, he has trained and employed thousands of young Nigerians, shaping the next generation of entrepreneurs and creatives.

Widely traveled and globally connected, Ifeanyi's journey reflects resilience, innovation, and a lifelong passion for enterprise. A proud father to Maria Ndaliaku and a son of Aboh, Ndokwa East LGA of Delta State, he continues to inspire as a leader dedicated to business growth, youth empowerment, and national transformation.



SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Mr. Bola Ajomale

Executive Commissioner, Operations
Nigerian Securities and Exchange
Commission

Bola Ajomale is a consummate professional with over three decades of distinguished service in the finance industry, both locally and internationally. An economist, accountant, banker, investment adviser, and capital market regulator, he has played a pivotal role in shaping Nigeria's capital market landscape.

He studied Economics with a major in Accounting at the University of Leeds, West Yorkshire, and completed his National Youth Service with the Big Four accounting firm, Ernst and Whinney (now Ernst & Young).

Currently serving as Executive Commissioner, Operations, at the Nigerian Securities and Exchange Commission, Bola brings with him vast experience in auditing,

stockbroking, credit rating, corporate finance, investment banking, and regulatory consulting. His passion for improving transparency, liquidity, and innovation in capital markets has seen him pioneer the only SEC-registered Over-the-Counter market in Nigeria.

A strong consensus builder, Bola has served on numerous committees spanning market expansion, regulation, FinTech, and SME finance. He is recognized for his humility, integrity, and outstanding negotiation skills. As a leader, he demonstrates visionary thinking and exceptional communication, while as a problem solver, he continues to apply entrepreneurial drive and innovative solutions to advance Nigeria's financial ecosystem.

SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Mr. Jude Onyeka Chiemeka

Chief Executive Officer,
Nigerian Exchange Limited

Jude Onyeka Chiemeka is the Chief Executive Officer of Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX), a fully owned subsidiary of Nigerian Exchange Group. With over three decades of professional experience in securities trading, asset management, and investment banking across African markets, he stands as a proven leader in driving capital market innovation and growth.

He began his journey with The Nigerian Stock Exchange in February 2019 as Divisional Head of Trading Business and later advanced to Divisional Head of Capital Markets in 2021. Before becoming CEO, he served as Executive Director of Capital Markets, where he championed strategic initiatives that strengthened market depth and investor confidence.

Before joining the Exchange, Mr. Chiemeka held executive roles in top-tier financial institutions. At United Capital Securities Limited, a subsidiary of United Capital Plc, he served as Managing Director/CEO, leading the firm's pioneering cross-border trading under the West African Capital Market Integration initiative. He also drove product innovation, including the issuance and listing of Nigeria's first Eurobond Mutual Fund (\$10M) and the Wealth for Women Mutual Fund, the country's first gender-focused mutual fund.

His career further includes distinguished leadership at Chapel Hill Denham Securities as CEO/MD, where he positioned the firm among the top 10 brokerage houses, and at RenCap Securities Nigeria, a subsidiary of Renaissance Capital Plc, where he strengthened client acquisition, trading, and business operations. Earlier in his career, he made notable contributions at Afrinvest West Africa Ltd as Head of Securities Trading, leading landmark deals such as Nigeria's first Global Depository Receipts (GDR) transaction, the Nigerian International Debt Fund, and pioneering reverse GDR trades. He began his career in 1994 at Dominion Trust Limited.

A respected professional, Mr. Chiemeka is a Fellow and Council Member of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers, a Fellow of the Association of Investment Advisers and Portfolio Managers, and a Member of the Institute of Directors and the UK Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI). He is also an Associate of the Certified Pension Institute of Nigeria.

Mr. Chiemeka is an alumnus of the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, Lagos Business School, and the University of Lagos. His extensive experience, thought leadership, and unwavering commitment to market development continue to shape the Nigerian and African capital markets.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Mr. Eguarekhide Longe

Managing Director, NASD PLC

Mr. Eguarekhide Longe is a distinguished Investment Management professional with over three decades of experience. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers since 1990, he holds a B.Sc. in Political Science from the University of Ibadan (1986) and an MBA from IESE Business School, University of Navarra, Spain (2002).

His career spans Securities Trading, Asset Management, Venture Capital, and Pension Management, with leadership roles across renowned institutions. He began as a Securities Dealer at Securities Transactions & Trust Company Limited (now Afrinvest West Africa Limited), later serving as a Capital Market Adviser at Shell Trustees Nigeria Limited (now Shell Closed Pension Fund Administrators Limited). He went on to lead First Funds Limited, then the Venture Capital subsidiary of First Bank Nigeria PLC, as Head of Investment Advisory. His career trajectory continued with Managing

Director roles at Kakawa Asset Management Limited and AIICO Pension Managers Limited, where he served from 2011 to 2021.

Currently, Mr. Longe is the Managing Director of NASD PLC, the Over-The-Counter (OTC) Stock Exchange. With strong expertise in operations, systems analysis, business development, and change management, he has excelled in both start-up and turnaround contexts, delivering lasting impact.

His leadership qualities extend beyond corporate boardrooms. Between October 2015 and March 2018, he was entrusted with steering the Pension Fund Operators Association of Nigeria (PenOp), the trade body for firms under the Contributory Pension Scheme, where he championed industry collaboration and growth.

A seasoned professional with robust interpersonal skills and a track record of excellence, Mr. Longe continues to shape the financial services industry with visionary leadership.

SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Mr. Haruna Jalo-Waziri

Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer,
Central Securities Clearing System Plc
(CSCS)

Mr. Haruna Jalo-Waziri is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Central Securities Clearing System Plc (CSCS), Nigeria's premier Financial Market Infrastructure company that provides depository, clearing, and settlement services across multiple exchanges in the Nigerian capital market.

With over three decades of distinguished experience spanning investment banking, securities trading, pension funds administration, asset management, business development, and financial market regulation, he has built an exceptional reputation as a transformative leader in Nigeria's financial landscape. An award-winning executive, Mr. Jalo-Waziri is an alumnus of Lagos Business School, IESE Spain, and the Venture Capital Institute of America. He also holds degrees in Economics and Business Administration, and is a Chartered Stockbroker, an Associate of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI) UK, as well as a Life Member of the Institute of

Directors, Nigeria.

Beyond his role at CSCS, he is a key contributor to global and regional financial market development. He serves as the Vice Chair of the Africa and Middle East Depositories Association (AMEDA), and represents the World Forum of Central Securities Depositories (WFC) on the Board of the International Securities Services Association (ISSA) in Geneva. In addition, he actively supports industry-wide policy development through his membership on committees of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers, and the Nigerian Economic Summit Group.

A passionate advocate for education and social impact, Mr. Jalo-Waziri also lends his expertise to several non-profit organizations. He sits on the Advisory Board of BusinessDay, and contributes to the missions of Special Olympics Nigeria and the AIFA Reading Society.



PARTNER'S PROFILE

Mr. Kayode Akintemi

Managing Director & Editor-in-Chief,
News Central TV

Mr. Kayode Akintemi is a distinguished media executive and veteran broadcaster with more than three decades of experience shaping Africa's media landscape. Currently serving as the Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief of News Central TV, he is at the forefront of driving innovation, digital transformation, and editorial excellence across the Pan-African space.

His career has spanned leadership roles at some of Africa's most influential media organizations. He previously served as General Manager of Channels TV, was the founding Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief of Plus TV Africa, and held the position of Executive Director at Arise News. Internationally, he has worked as a media consultant to the London Borough of Hillingdon in the UK, and he is widely recognized as a trusted voice, having anchored presidential media chats with both Goodluck Jonathan and Muhammadu Buhari.

Mr. Akintemi's academic journey began with a Higher National Diploma in Mass Communication (Broadcast Journalism) from Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology. His professional affiliations reflect his broad influence and commitment to media standards, with memberships in the Royal Television Society (UK), the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, the Radio Academy, the Society of Information Technology Management (UK), and the Institute of Directors (IOD).

Beyond his professional achievements, he is celebrated for his unwavering commitment to ethical journalism, mentorship of young professionals, and dedication to shaping Africa's media narrative with integrity and purpose.

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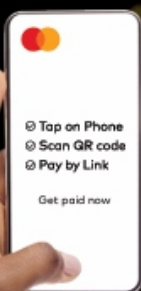
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