

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (PACs), **THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA,
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ABUJA





SUNDAY 6TH JULY - 2025 THURSDAY 10TH JULY

@ CONGRESS HALL, TRANSCORP HILTON, ABUJA 10:00 AM DAILY









NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Nigeria we hail thee, our own dear native land, Though tribes and tongues may differ, in brotherhood we stand Nigerians all, and proud to serve our sovereign Motherland.

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Our flag shall be a symbol that truth and justice reign, In peace or battle honored, and this we count as gain, To hand on to our children a banner without stain.

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O God of all creation, grant this our one request Help us to build a nation where no man is oppressed, And so with peace and plenty Nigerians may be blessed.

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 honor and glory
So help me, God.







His Excellency,

Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR

President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces
Federal Republic of Nigeria.







His Excellency,
Sen. Kashim Shettima, GCON
Vice President, Federal Repbulic Of Nigeria







His Excellency,

Sen. Godswill Obot Akpabio, GCON

President of the Senate, Federal Republic Of Nigeria







Rt. Hon Abbas Tajudeen, Ph.D, GCON

Speaker, House Of Representatives Federal Republic Of Nigeria.







SEN. BARAU I. JIBRIN, CFRDeputy President of the Senate,
Federal Republic Of Nigeria



RT. HON. BENJAMIN KALU, PhD, CFRDeputy Speaker, House Of Representatives,
Federal Republic Of Nigeria









SEN. ALIYU AHMED WADADAChairman, Public Accounts Committee (PAC),
Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria



REP. BAMIDELE SALAMChairman, Public Accounts Committee (PAC),
House of Representatives, Federal Republic of Nigeria



SEN. NWEBONYI ONYEKA PETER Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria



REP. JEREMIAH UMARU, ACA.Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee (PAC),
House of Representatives, Federal Republic of Nigeria





ABDULRAHMAN ABDULRAZAQ

Kwara State Governor

Chairman, Governors Forum



SEN. ADEMOLA JACKSON NURUDEEN ADELEKE Governor Of Osun State Special Guest of Honour, Conference Dinner/Gala Night



MRS. DIDI ESTHER WALSON-JACK, OON, mni Head of the Civil Service of the Federation



ENGR. ABDULLAHI A. SULE
Governor Of Nasarawa State
Special Guest of Honour, Conference Dinner/Gala Night





MR. EDWIN W. HARRIS JR.

Director General, Inter-Governmental Action Group
Against Money Laundering In West Africa, (GIABA).

Keynote Speaker



RT. HON. ADEBO E. OGUNDOYIN, Chairman, Conference of Speakers of Legislatures



MR. SHAAKAA KANYITOR CHIRA
Auditor General For The Federation



MR. ADEBAYO OLAWALE EDUN,
Minister Of Finance And Coordinating
Minister Of The Economy







MR. SHAMSEDEEN
BABATUNDE OGUNJIMI,
Accountant General of the Federation



VICTOR MURUAKO

CHAIRMAN/CEO,
Fiscal Responsibility Commission



OLA OLUKOYEDE

Chairman,
Economic and Financial
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DR. MUSA ADAMU ALIYU, SAN

Chairman,
Independent Corrupt Practices and Other
Related Offences Commission (ICPC)





HAFSAT BAKARI

Chief Executive Officer,
Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU)



DR. RABIU OLOWO

Chief Executive Officer,
Financial Reporting Council



DR. ADEBOWALE A. ADEDOKUN

Director General,

Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)



HON. MEDARD LUBEGA SSEGGONA, MP

Chairperson,
African Organization of Public
Accounts Committees (AFROPAC).





MR FREDERICK RIAGA CEO, African Association of Accountant Generals (AAAG)



MR. AKIN OYEBODE Chairman, Confernce Of State Commissioners Of Finance



UMAR AHMAD BALARABE
Accountant- General, Sokoto State &
Chairman Forum of Accountant Generals.





BACKGROUND

The 2025 National Conference on Public Accounts and Fiscal Governance is a landmark national initiative organized by the **Public Accounts Committees (PACs) of the Senate and House of Representatives, National Assembly, Federal Republic of Nigeria.** As a constitutionally mandated oversight bodies, the PAC is tasked with reviewing and scrutinizing the reports of the Auditor-General of the Federation, ensuring that public funds are utilized efficiently and that governance is anchored on transparency and accountability. The Committee is critical in holding Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) accountable and ensuring fiscal prudence across the public sector. With a growing demand for integrity and transparency in the use of public resources, the work of the PAC has never been more critical to Nigeria's democratic development.

The 2025 National Conference is being convened as part of the legislative reform drive of the People's House Agenda. It is an avenue for stakeholders across Nigeria's fiscal governance architecture to converge, share insights, evaluate progress, and shape the future of public financial management. This year's theme, "Fiscal Governance in Nigeria: Charting a New Course for Transparency and Sustainable Development," reflects a collective aspiration to entrench robust governance systems that improve accountability and fiscal performance at all levels of government.

This high-level conference will convene the Chairmen of State Public Accounts Committees, State and Local Government Auditor Generals, Commissioners of Finance, Directors of Finance, Honorable Ministers, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, and top technocrats across Nigeria. Over five days, the conference will address pertinent topics including audit implementation, digital finance tracking, subnational fiscal oversight, anti-corruption frameworks, and more. It is a national dialogue and technical workshop in one, designed to build institutional capacity and inspire collective action for governance reforms. The NCPAFG will also serve as a prelude to the Annual Conference of the West African Association of Public Accounts Committees (WAPAC) scheduled to hold later in year following Nigeria's emergence as the winner of the hosting right for 2025 edition.





OBJECTIVES

The conference is designed to deliver both intellectual and institutional value. Its primary aim is to enhance the capacity of public sector, financial managers and oversight bodies to operate with greater efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- Build Institutional and Human Capacity: it aims deliver targeted capacity development and skill-building sessions for Public Accounts Committees, Auditors, Financial Managers and Regulatory Officers across all tiers of government, with an emphasis on contemporary tools and practices for audit efficiency and oversight.
- Facilitate Knowledge Exchange and Co-learning: Create a participatory environment for dialogue and experience-sharing among national and international stakeholders on public sector audit reforms, accountability practices, and digital innovations in fiscal governance.
- 3. **Strengthen Audit Implementation Frameworks:** Examine the current institutional frameworks and technical bottlenecks limiting the implementation of audit recommendations, and recommend specific mechanisms for reform, enforcement, and institutional compliance.
- 4. **Harmonize National and Sub-National laws and PAC's practice direction:** To align and standardize the laws, procedures, and operational guidelines of Public Accounts Committees (PACs) and other stakeholders in fiscal governance space across the national and sub-national levels for greater consistency and effectiveness in public financial oversight.
- 5. **Foster Broad Stakeholder Commitment to Transparency and Accountability:** Build consensus and shared responsibility among all actors in the fiscal governance space to uphold accountability, reduce leakages, and institutionalize sound public financial management practices.
- 6. **Promote Post-Legislative Scrutiny and Enhanced Sub-national Accountability:** Deepen the capacity of sub-national legislatures and PACs in post-legislative audit and oversight to bridge the accountability gap between budget appropriations and actual service delivery.
- 7. **Explore Global Best Practices in Digital Governance and Anti-Corruption:** Introduce proven international models in audit automation, fiscal tracking, and anti-corruption technologies in line with the evolving demands of a digital economy and 21st-century governance.





Technical Programme

PRE- CONFERENCE SPECIAL DINNER

DATE: SUNDAY, 6TH JULY, 2025

VENUE: KANO HALL, TRANSCORP HILTON, ABUJA

TIME: 6:00PM



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ACTIVITY

STRATEGIC PRE-CONFERENCE SPECIAL DINNER

THEME: Rethinking the Fight Against Corruption, Inefficiency, and wastages in Public Resource Management - Leveraging the Ongoing Fiscal Reform Momentum

SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOURS:

- Distinguished Sen. Bamidele Opeyemi, Leader of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Rt. Hon. Prof. Ihonvbere Omozuanvbo Julius, Leader of the Nigerian House of Representatives

| 6:00PM - 6:10PM | Arrival/Registration |
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| 6:20PM - 6:30PM | Welcome Remarks by - Rep. Bamidele Salam, Chairman, PAC, Nigerian House of Representatives |
| 6:30pm - 6:40pm | Remarks by - Sen. Aliyu Ahmed Wadada , Chairman, PAC, Nigerian Senate |
| 6:40PM - 7:10PM | Goodwill message by Mr. John E. Mutu – Executive Director, African Parliamentary Resource Centre (APRC) Remarks by Mr Ifeanyi Ugwuoke, National Programme Manager, partnership for Agile Governance and Climate Engagement (PACE) Remarks by UK-FCDO (Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office) |
| 7:10PM - 7:30PM | Responses/Questions/Commitments to Presentation by Participants |
| 7:30PM - 7:50PM | Special Remarks by the Leader of the House - Rt. Hon. Prof. Julius Ihonvbere |
| 7:50PM - 8:20PM | Special Remarks by the Leader of the Nigerian Senate - Distinguished Sen. Michael Opeyemi Bamidele |
| 8:30PM | Dinner and Closing Activities |





DAY ONE - MONDAY JULY 7, 2025

THEME:

SETTING THE STAGE – RETHINKING FISCAL GOVERNANCE IN NIGERIA

OPENING CEREMONY

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Arrival of Participants/ Registration |
| 10:00 AM - 10:10 AM | Arrival of The Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, GCON, Ph.D, Speaker, House of Representatives & Sen. (Dr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio, GCON, President of the Senate |
| 10:10 AM - 10:20 AM | Arrival of H.E, Sen. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. |
| 10:20 AM - 10:25 AM | National Anthem/ National Prayer |
| 10:25 AM - 10:35 AM | Welcome Remarks: Rep. Bamidele Salam, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Nigerian House of Representatives |
| 10:35 AM - 10:45 AM | Remarks: Sen. Ahmed Aliyu Wadada, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Nigerian Senate |
| 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM | Goodwill Messages |
| | Hon. Medard Lubega Sseggona, MP, President, African Organization of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC), Nairobi, Kenya |
| | 2. Mr. Zacch Adedeji, PhD, Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service |
| | Mr. Olukoyede Ola, Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) |
| | Mr. Adebayo Olawale Edun, Minister of Finance and Coordinating minister of the Economy |
| | 5. H.E. Abdulrahman AbdulRazaq, Chairman, Nigerian Governors Forum |
| 11:00AM - 11:10 AM | Remarks - Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, GCON, Ph.D, Speaker, House of Representatives |
| 11:10AM - 11:20 NOON | Remarks - Sen. (Dr) Godswill Obot Akapabio, GCON, President of the Senate |
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| 11:25 NOON - 11:45 PM | Formal Opening and Special Remarks by H.E. Sen. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria/ Official Unveiling of a Special House of Reps PAC News Magazine by H.E, Mr President, C-In-C. |
| 11:45 PM - 12: 00 PM | Group Photograph/ Tea-break |
| | TECHNICIAL SESSION ONE |
| 12:05PM - 12:35PM | Keynote: Global Trends in Fiscal Governance and Accountability: Lessons for Nigeria Mr. Edwin W. Harris Jr., Director General, Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa, (GIABA). |
| | FIRST PANEL SESSION SESSION THEME: The State of Fiscal Governance in Nigeria |
| 12:35 PM - 2:00 PM | Session Chairman: RT. HON. JULIUS IHONVBERE Topic: Nigeria's Fiscal Architecture: Challenges, Contradictions, and the Imperative for Sustainable Reform Moderator: Prof. Sam Amadi, Director, Abuja School of Social and Political Thought Lead Discussant: Prof. Oyebamiji, Taofeek Adewale, PhD, FCA, FCTI, AILEX, FIIM, Managing Partner/CEO, Seyi Katola & Company (Chartered Accountants) Panel Discussants: 1. Mr. Afam Josiah Osigwe, SAN - President, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) 2. Hajiya Hafisat Abubakar Bakari - Chief Executive Officer/ Director Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) 3. Haruna Nma Yahaya mni, Ph.D., FCA - President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) 4. Dr. Rabiu Olowo, Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria |
| 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM | Open Discussions/Comments/Questions - All Participants |
| 2:30 PM - 3:00PM | Announcements/Lunch/Closing |





DAY TWO - TUESDAY JULY 8, 2025

THEME:

REFORM PATHWAYS: COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES, REDESIGNING INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS FOR EFFICIENCY, EQUITY AND SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

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| 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Recap of Day One Activities and Learning Outcomes Conference Recap Video Play |
| | Facilitator: Multimedia |
| | Goodwill Messages |
| | Rt. Hon. Adebo E. Ogundoyin, Chairman Conference of Speakers of State Legislatures of Nigeria. Mr. Shaakaa Kanyitor Chira, Auditor General for the Federation Mr. Shamsedeen Babatunde Ogunjimi, Accountant General of the Federation |
| 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Super Plenary Session |
| | Topic: The Impact of the Renewed Hope Administration's Fiscal Governance and Economic Reforms on National Development. |
| | Speaker: H.E. Sen. Kashim Shettima, GCON, Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria. |
| 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Tea -Break |
| 12:00 PM - 12:20 PM | Plenary Session |
| | Topic: Strengthening Public Accountability Through Institutional Reforms and Civic Engagement |
| | Speaker: Mr. Frederick Riaga, CEO, African Association of Accountant Generals (AAAG) |





| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 12:20 PM - 1:20 PM | Panel/Plenary Session Two |
| | Session Chairman: SEN. MICHAEL BAMIDELE OPEYEMI, LEADER OF THE SENATE |
| | Topic: Public Accounts Oversight and Institutional Roles- Sub-Topic: Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs), and Legislative Oversight: Enhancing Independence and Impact |
| | Moderator: Mr. John Mutu, Executive Director, African Parliamentary Resource Center (APRC) |
| | Panel Discussants: Rt. Hon. Adebo E. Ogundoyin, Chairman Conference of Speakers of State Legislatures of Nigeria. Hon. Medard Lubega Sseggona, MP, President, African Organization of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC), Nairobi, Kenya Mr Olusegun Elemo, Head, Civil Society Coalition on Audit in Nigeria Mr. Shaakaa Kanyitor Chira, Auditor General for the Federation Rt. Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai, PhD. Legislative Oversight Expert Mr Ifeanyi Ugwuoke, National Programme Manager, Partnership for Agile Governance and Climate Engagement Center (PACE) |
| 1:20 PM - 1:40 PM | Open Discussions/Comments/Questions – All Participants |
| 1:40 PM - 2:40 PM | Technical Workshop Breakout Session (Paralell Tracks) |
| | Track A: Budget, Procurement Reforms, Audit Institutions and Legislative Engagement |
| | Track A Coordinator: Sen Nwebonyi Onyeka Peter, Deputy Chairman, Senate, PAC |
| | Topic 1: Public Procurement Integrity: Tackling Ghost Projects and Overpricing |
| | Facilitator: Engr. (Mrs) Margret Oguntala, FNSE, President, Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) |
| 1:40 PM - 2:40 PM | Topic 2: Audit Institutions at Subnational Levels: Capacity, Independence, Reform and Legislative Oversight Without Borders |
| | Facilitator: Prof. Na-Allah Abdelrasaq, Professor of Economics, University of Abuja. |
| | Track B: Digital Transformation and Transparency Tools |
| | Track B Coordinator: Hon. Tunji Akinosi, Nigerian House of Reps/Member, PAC. |





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| | Topic 1: Government Integrated Financial Management Information Systems (IFMIS): Federal and State Adaptation |
| | Facilitators: 1. Mr. Shamsedeen Babatunde Ogunjimi, Accountant General of the Federation 2. Dr. Chinedu Okeke,PhD, Financial Management Systems Expert Topic 2: From Fragmentation to Integration: Open Government Data and the Harmonization of Accounting Standards and Practices at subnational and Local Government Levels |
| | Facilitator: Professor Maryam Isyaku, Professor of Accounting/Head of Department, Modibbo Adama University, Yola |
| 2:40 PM - 3:20 PM | Plenary Session |
| | Chairman of Session: Distinguished Senator IYIA ABASS, Nigerian Senate *REPORT FROM TECHNICAL BREAKOUT WORKSHOP SESSION Moderator: Rt. Hon. Jeremaih Umaru, Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee (PAC) |
| 3:20 PM - 3:50 PM | Lunch/Closing |
| 3:50PM - 4:50PM | General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Public Accounts Committees Chairmen |
| 3:50PM - 4:50PM | General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Clerks of Public Accounts Committees |





DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY JULY 9 2025

T H E M E:

CHARTING THE FUTURE – INNOVATION, INCLUSION & IMPACT

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| 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM | Victor Muruako Esq, CHAIRMAN/CEO, Fiscal Responsibility Commission Dr. Adebowale A. Adedokun, MCIPS, CIMLT, ACFE, Director-General, Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) H.E, Malam Umar A. Namadi, FCA, Governor of Jigawa State |
| 10:20AM - 10:50AM | Fireside Chat with the Mr. Olayemi Cardoso, Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria Topic: Aligning Monetary Policy with Effective Fiscal Governance: Building a Transparent and Sustainable Economic Future Moderator: Hon. Saidu Musa Ahmed (SMA), |
| 10:50 AM - 11:50 AM | PANEL/PLENARY SESSION THREE Session Chairman: H.E, Rt. Hon. Bejamin Okezie Kalu, PhD, CON, Deputy Speaker, Nigerian House of Representatives Topic: Transparency, Anti-Corruption and the Future of Fiscal Governance in Nigeria |
| | Moderator: Senator Ireti Kingibe, Member, Public Accounts Committee, Senate/Chairman Senate Committee on Women Affairs Lead Discussants: Mr. Olukoyede Ola Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) |
| | Panel Discussants: Hon. Prince Kayode Akiolu, Chairman, House Committee on Anti-Corruption Dr. Iliyasu B. Gashinbaki, President, Chartered Institute of Forensic and Certified Fraud Investigators of Nigeria Dr. Adebowale A. Adedokun, Director-General, Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) Former NFIU CEO |





| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Open Discussions/Comments/Questions – All Participants |
| 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Tea -Break |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Technical Workshop Breakout Session (Paralell Tracks) |
| | Track A: Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening |
| | Track A Coordinator: Hon. Bappah Aliyu Misau, Nigerian House of Reps/Member, PAC |
| | Topic 1: Capacity Gaps in Public Finance Institutions: Bridging the Divide |
| | Facilitator: Chief Hajia Zuwaira Talatu Kishimi, B.SC, MBA, CPA, IRELAND, FCNA 14th President and Chairman of Council, Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) |
| | Topic 2: Standardizing Fiscal Laws, Financial Reporting and Oversight Tools Across States |
| | Facilitators: 1. Rt. Hon. Ibrahim A. Isiaka, Deputy Chief Whip, Nigerian House of Representatives 2. Dr. Rabiu Olowo, CEO, Financial Reporting Council (FRC) |
| | Track B: Citizen Engagement and Sustainable Fiscal Governance Framework |
| | Track B Coordinator: Hon. Asama Daniel, Nigerian House of Reps/Member, PAC |
| | Topic 1: Fiscal Transparency Portals, Budget Tracking, Audit and the Role of Social Media |
| | Facilitator: Mr. Oluseun Onigbinde, Founder, BudgIT Nigeria. |
| | Topic 2: Interagency/Intergovernmental Coordination and Peer Learning Mechanisms for Public Service Delivery |
| | Facilitator: Mrs. Didi Esther Walson-Jack, OON, mni, Head of the Civil Service of the Federation |
| | Topic 3: Debt Control and Transparency in Fiscal Matters: The Imperative of Operationalizing the Fiscal Responsibility Act across the States. |
| | Facilitator: Victor Muruako Esq, CHAIRMAN/CEO, Fiscal Responsibility Commission |





| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Closing Plenary: |
| | Chairman of Session: H.E, Sen. Barau Jibrin, CON, Deputy President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria |
| | Moderator: |
| | The Abuja Declaration on Fiscal Governance - Charting a New Course Resolutions, Commitments, and the Way Forward" |
| | Adoption of key resolutions and Stakeholders commitments |
| | Launch of the PACs National Legislative Working Group on Sustainable Fiscal Governance in Nigeria |
| | Inauguration of the National Organizing Committee for the WAAPAC Annual Conference, Abuja 2025 |
| 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM | Lunch/Recess |
| 6:00 PM | Gala Night/Closing Dinner/Special Recognition of Partners & Award of Certificate to Participants |
| | Chairmen of Session: 1. H.E, Ademola Nurudeen Jackson Adeleke, Governor of Osun State |
| | 2. H.E, Abdullahi Sule, Governor of Nasarawa State |





Major Partners































