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Day One – Thursday 19 November 2026

07:00	Transcorp Hilton Abuja
	07:00 – 08:30 Registration & Coffee
08:30	Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room
	<div>08:30 – 09:45 YES! Nigeria – Empowering Today’s Entrepreneurs, Building Tomorrow’s Industrialists Opening Ceremony</div> <div>The world’s most exciting youth programme arrives in Nigeria, but what next?</div> <div>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.</div> <div>EnergyNet Welcome Remarks: Simon Gosling, MD, EnergyNet</div> <div>With roughly 70% of Nigeria’s population aged under 30, youth are the engine of Nigeria’s growth – what is the metric of success?</div> <div>Keynote Speech: Honourable Dayo Israel, National Youth Leader, All Progressives Congress (APC), Nigeria</div> <div>Keynote Address: Omobolade Oghiadomhe, Chief of Staff, Nigeria, Flutterwave</div> <div>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.</div> <div>Walk With Me Programme: Why YES!? Hear success stories from YES! Alumni and be blown away!</div> <div>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.</div> <div>Speakers<div><div><div>Damilola Hamid Balogun</div><div>CEO & Co-Founder, Youth Sustainable Development Network</div></div><div><div>Abubakar Shuaibu</div><div>MD, Astound Power</div></div><div><div>Josephine Olamide Atoyebi</div><div>Advisor, World Energy Congress, World Energy Council</div></div></div></div>
09:45	Networking Gallery
	09:45 – 10:00 Session Switchover
10:00	Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room
	<div>10:00 – 10:30 Nigeria NOW! Investing in Energy, Infrastructure & Mining: Official Opening Ceremony</div> <div>Host Welcome Address: Chief Host of Nigeria NOW!: H.E. Honourable Dr. Oladele Henry Alake, Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria</div> <div>Presidential Keynote: Articulation of the 2026 “Year of Delivery” doctrine</div>
10:30	Networking Gallery
	10:30 – 11:00 Coffee & Networking Gallery Coffee & Networking Gallery
11:00	Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room
	<div>11:00 – 12:00 The New Fiscal Architecture – the “Year of Delivery”, Navigating the 2025 Tax Act & Nigeria’s Modernised Framework</div> <div>How Nigeria is delivering on President Tinubu’s “Year of Delivery” doctrine and creating a more attractive and predictable business environment for foreign investors to succeed.</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Deconstructing the 2026 Budget’s N26.08 trillion capital expenditure.NSIA’s strategic position to support FDI as a co-investorUnderstanding the streamlined and consolidated tax framework, targeted incentives & enhanced tax recoveryUnderstanding foreign-earned dividends, royalties, rent, and tax reforms.Modernised frameworks reducing regulatory barriers, reforming digital systems, and integrating government platforms to deliver competitively</div> <div>2023-2026 Investment Highlights:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">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.</div> <div>Speakers<div><div><div>Princess Zahrah Mustapha-Audu</div><div>DG, Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC), Nigeria</div></div></div></div>

12:00

12:00 – 12:15 Session Switchover

12:15

Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room

12:15 – 13:30 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 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

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Dr. Oladele Henry Alake
Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria



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MD/CEO, Nigeria Solid Minerals Company, Nigeria



Tunde Arisekola
Senior Advisor, Geological & Minerals Information, African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC)



Rose Chundung Ndong
President of Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS)



Abubakar Sadiq Omar
MD, Steron Mining

13:30

Taste of the Regions

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch – “Taste of the Regions” – A culinary showcase of regional Nigerian cuisines, curated to demonstrate agricultural diversity

14:30

Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room

14:30 – 15:45 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

Moderators



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Speakers



Sunday Oduntan
MD & CEO, Association of Nigerian Electricity Distributors (ANED), Nigeria



Chijioke Okwukenye
MD & CEO, Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC), Nigeria



Carol Koech
Vice President, Africa, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet



Farai Sekeso
Investment Director, DRE, Africa50

15:45

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15:45 – 16:15 Lagos State Spotlight

	<p>Lagos State is setting a national benchmark for energy independence, ambitious power generation and a modern and effective road, rail and port infrastructure.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <div><div><div>H.E. Honourable Biodun Ogunleye Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources, Nigeria</div></div><div><div>Temitope George CEO, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria</div></div><div><div>Oladimeji-Yisa Taiwo MD, Lagos State Independent System Operator (LAISO), Nigeria</div></div></div>
16:15	<p>Networking Gallery</p>
	<p>16:15 – 16:45 Coffee & Networking Gallery</p>
16:45	<p>Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room</p> <p>16:45 – 17:00 From Reform to Results: How Nigeria Is Rebuilding Investor Confidence in Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Winning back upstream capital through fiscal incentives, regulatory clarity and faster contractingResetting power sector finances through the ₦4 trillion debt settlement bond programme, metering expansion and loss reductionGas 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. <p>Keynote Speech: Olu Verheijen, Special Adviser to the President on Energy (Oil and Gas), Nigeria</p> <p>Lagos/Kogi/Osun Room</p> <p>Connecting the Markets: Road, Rail and Ports</p> <p>The current global geopolitical climate is creating massive opportunities for Nigeria’s import/export sectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">An overview of Nigeria’s current large scale infrastructure project pipelineWill 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 <p>2023-2026 Investment Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">\$3 billion Lagos Green Line rail corridor linking critical trade zones to the Lekki FTZKano-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 <p>Keynote Address: H.E. Honourable Prince Shuaibu Abubakar Audu, Minister of Steel Development, Nigeria</p> <p>Moderator</p> <div><div><div>Rachel Moré-Oshodi CEO, ARM-Harith Infrastructure Investment</div></div></div>
18:15	<p>Gala Dinner</p>
	<p>18:15 – 20:30 Gala Reception – “The Spirit of Nigeria” – A Cultural Celebration</p>

