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# Agenda

## ■ Arrival / Registration / Breakfast (8:00 – 9:30 am)

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## ■ Opening Session (9:30 – 10:00 am)

**Comper** **Tolu Adeleru-Balogun**, Head of Programmes, News Central TV

**Hosts** **Opeyemi Adamolekun**, ED, EiE Nigeria  
**Gabriel Okeowo**, Country Director, BudgIT, Nigeria

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## ■ Opening Prayer

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## ■ Videos

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## ■ Goodwill Message

- **Tubosun Alake**  
Commissioner, Innovation, Science & Technology, Lagos State.

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## ■ Keynote Address (10:00 – 10:45 am)

**Technology as a Catalyst for Political Action in Africa**

- **Prof. Yemi Osinbajo** (SAN),  
Guardian, Timbuktu Africa Innovation Foundation  
Former Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

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## ■ Opening Plenary (11:00 am – 12:15 pm)

**The Intersection of Technology, New Media, & Political Action in Africa:  
Demand and Supply Perspectives**

**Moderator** **Morayo Afolabi-Brown**, Managing Director, TVC Entertainment

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## ■ Special Spotlight Session (12:15 – 1:00 pm)

**25 Years of Democracy in Nigeria in the 4<sup>th</sup> Republic**

**Facilitator** **Morayo Afolabi-Brown**, Managing Director, TVC Entertainment

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■ **Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Demand & Supply Sides) (1:10 – 2:10 pm)**

**Breakout A**

- *Technology & Political Action in Africa: Present Realities and Future Possibilities*

**Moderator** *Isabella Adediji, Founder and CEO, Yellow Taramind Productions*

**Breakout B**

- *Emerging Technologies for Enhanced Governance & Electoral Integrity in Africa*

**Moderator** *Samson Itodo, Executive Director, Yiaga Africa*

■ **Lunch Break (2:15 – 3:00 pm)**

■ **Closing Plenary (3:10 – 3:55 pm)**

*Relevance of the Private Sector as Technology Innovators and Connectors*

**Moderator** *Ayo Mairo-Ese, Anchor, Arise TV*

■ **Closing Remarks (3:35 – 4:00 pm)**

*Connecting the Dots – Academia, Private Sector, Government, & Civil Society*

- *Opeyemi Adamolekun, Executive Director, EiE Nigeria*

■ **Content Creators Competition in partnership with TASCK (4:00 – 4:40 pm)**

**Panel of Judges**

- *MI Abaga, Nigerian Rapper, Song Writer & Producer*
- *Keziah Mallam, Singer, Song Writer and Producer*
- *Peter Akah, Content Creator*
- *Blaqbonez, Nigerian Rapper & Singer*
- *Anto Lecky, Educator, Entertainer & Entrepreneur*

**Compere** *Ayo Mairo-Ese, Anchor, Arise TV*



## Conference Speakers



Keynote Speaker

### Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN

Prof. Yemi Osinbajo is the immediate past Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. A professor of law and a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, he has had a distinguished career as an academic, lawyer, and public servant. As Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice in Lagos State, he led significant judicial reforms and improved access to justice for the poor. As Vice President, he championed policy initiatives in national development planning, climate change, digital technology, and social investment. After his tenure, he has taken on advisory roles with global organizations focusing on energy transition, innovation, and African development. Throughout his career, Osinbajo has remained committed to social justice, founding initiatives that provide free education, healthcare, and legal services to the underprivileged. His breadth of experience and dedication to public service make him a respected figure in Nigeria and globally.



Panelist

### Dr. Bosun Tijani | NIGERIA

Dr. Bosun Tijani is the Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He is the co-founder and former CEO of Co-Creation Hub (CcHUB), a leading pan-African technology and innovation centre. Under his leadership, CcHUB became a vital catalyst for the African tech ecosystem. Before CcHUB, he worked at the International Trade Centre in Geneva and led the networking and coordination of innovation agencies across Europe. Dr. Tijani holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, a Master's in Information Systems and Management, and a Doctorate in Innovation and Economic Development. He is an adjunct professor at the Wits School of Governance, a Desmond Tutu Fellow, and a fellow of the Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law at Stanford University.



Panelist

### Mondli Gungubele | SOUTH AFRICA

Deputy Minister Mondli Gungubele was appointed by President Cyril Ramaphosa as the Deputy Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies of the Republic of South Africa at the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> democratic administration with effect from June 30, 2024, after serving in

the same portfolio as Minister from March 6, 2023, to the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> democratic administration. He previously served as Minister in the Presidency.

Mondli Gungubele has extensive experience in local, provincial, and national government and believes in strategic planning and effective monitoring of systems to ensure government is held accountable for delivering services to the people. He is a political activist who spent much of his youth fighting for a liberated and just South Africa united in diversity. He holds a BCom (Law) Degree and a National Diploma in Nursing with various other certifications. He serves as a member of the National Executive Committee and National Working Committee of the African National Congress.



### **Mohamed Farahat | EGYPT**

Mohamed Farahat is an Egyptian lawyer, consultant, trainer, and political and legal researcher. He holds a degree in Law from Cairo University and several post-graduate diplomas in international law, human rights and civil society, international negotiation, African studies-politics division, parliamentary studies, and migration and refugees studies. Mohamed Farahat is a member of the AI Advisory Board, UN, a member of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of African Internet Governance Forum (AFIGF), a member of the board of African Digital Rights Network (ADRN), North Africa, a representative at E-Governance and Internet Governance Foundation for Africa (EGIGFA) and is chairman of the board of directors of Innovation for Change, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Hub.



### **Tunji Lardner | NIGERIA**

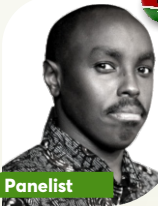
Tunji Lardner is a seasoned media professional and international development expert with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Lagos. His career spans journalism, academia, and international organizations, including significant roles within the United Nations system. Lardner's academic contributions include positions as an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University's School of Journalism and a Research Fellow at the Freedom Forum Media Studies Centre. He also studied as a Reuter Scholar/Knight Fellow at Stanford University.



Panelist

**Hannah Kates** | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Hannah Kates leads the Open Data division at Stears, a Pan-African data company. Her Open Data team creates impactful data products that increase transparency into Africa's political systems and the management of public goods. She is an experienced product manager and data scientist focusing on data products that aid decision-making and enhance understanding of societal issues. She has extensive expertise in data analytics, data visualization, urban planning, public policy, global development, and environmental concerns. Before relocating to Nigeria, she managed a portfolio of public data explorer tools at the New York City Department of City Planning.



Panelist

**Richard Muraya** | KENYA

Richard Muraya is a multidisciplinary expert in open-source intelligence, civic technology, and digital cartography, specializing in human-centred climate action and democratic processes in Kenya. His professional expertise centers on designing innovative, accessible tools that amplify grassroots voices and inspire local participation in sustainable development.

With extensive project management experience across the African continent, Muraya has collaborated with United Nations agencies, Kenyan public service, and international non-profit organizations. He is a community development expert, public policy specialist, and citizen scientist committed to environmental conservation, government accountability, and human rights.

As founder of The Demography Project, an independent youth-led non-profit, Muraya leverages civic technology and citizen science to enhance participatory democracy and community engagement. His work strategically combines data visualization, grassroots journalism, and collective action to empower local communities and drive meaningful social change.



Panelist

**Lidet Tadesse | ETHIOPIA**

Lidet Tadesse is an analyst and strategic advisor whose work focuses on geopolitics, governance, peace and security in Africa, Europe-Africa relations, the African Union (AU) and its global partnerships, Africa in multilateralism and the geopolitics of the Horn of Africa. In recent years, Lidet has written and spoken on the digital-governance nexus, digital geopolitics and implications for Africa, gender and digital activism, and the AU's normative role in digital governance in Africa. Lidet is currently the Head of the Inclusive Governance and Accountability workstream at ECDPM, a think tank whose work focuses on Europe-Africa relations.

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Panelist

**Mutemi Wa Kiama | KENYA**

Edwin Mutemi wa Kiama is a Kenyan social justice entrepreneur, human rights defender, and strategic communicator. As the founder of Mzalendo Halisi Foundation and a pioneer in using social media for advocacy in Kenya, he has significantly influenced public discourse on governance and social accountability.

Edwin is deeply involved in various African social movements, focusing on political accountability, tax justice, ethical leadership, and climate change. He co-chairs the Africans Rising Movement Coordinating Collective and leads This Is Africa Trust, promoting African stories from an African perspective.

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Moderator

**Samson Itodo | NIGERIA**

Samson Itodo is a renowned Nigerian lawyer, community organizer, and development expert with over a decade of experience in governance reform, electoral governance, and civic engagement. As the Executive Director of Yiaga Africa, he has spearheaded initiatives to strengthen democratic institutions and promote youth inclusion in politics. Samson is the founding convener of the globally recognized #NotTooYoungToRun adopted by the UN, AU, and ECOWAS. He also serves on the boards of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) and the Kofi Annan Foundation. With a focus on social movements and their impact on public policy, Samson continues to champion people-centered governance across Africa.



Panelist

### Iyinoluwa Samuel Aboyeji | NIGERIA

Iyinoluwa Samuel Aboyeji OON is a renowned Nigerian entrepreneur celebrated for his influential role in Africa's tech and business sectors. As the co-founder of Andela and Flutterwave, Aboyeji has reshaped the global tech and payments landscape. His innovative work earned him a spot among New African magazine's Top 100 Most Influential Africans in 2019.

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Panelist

### Dr. Lawrence Bayode | NIGERIA

Dr. Lawrence Bayode is the Director ICT, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Nigeria. He is responsible for the development, performance, delivery and maintenance of all IT software and hardware for the commission's day-to-day activities and for elections. His extensive expertise in election technology has been instrumental to the deployment and implementation of technologies that support the electoral process. He is devoted to promoting teamwork, achieving excellence, dynamism and professional distinction, and outstanding performance.

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Panelist

### Prof. Geci Karuri-Sebina | SOUTH AFRICA

Geci Karuri-Sebina is an Associate Professor at the Wits School of Governance (WSG) with a multidisciplinary academic background. She holds degrees in Computer Science and Sociology (Iowa) and urban Planning and Architecture (UCLA) and a PhD from Wits University. A distinguished scholar in innovation systems, urban development, and governance, she hosts the Civic Tech Innovation Network and is affiliated with prominent institutions, including the African Centre for Cities, South African Cities Network, and Singularity University's Global Faculty.

Her extensive professional experience includes roles with South Africa's National Treasury, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and Human Sciences Research Council. She has served on critical national boards, including the South African Council of Planners and the Johannesburg Development Agency Board. Currently, Karuri-Sebina serves as Vice-Chair of AfricaLICS and Regional Advisor of the Africa Innovation Summit, continuing to shape discourse on urban innovation and future governance.



### **Gbenga Sesan** | NIGERIA

Gbenga Sesan is the Executive Director of Paradigm Initiative (PIN), a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting under-served young Africans with digital opportunities and protecting online rights. With a background in Electronic and Electrical Engineering and extensive executive education, he has become a global leader in digital rights and inclusion. Recognized by various international institutions, Gbenga serves on the UN Internet Governance Forum Leadership Panel, is a Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur, and advises organizations like WHO and World Economic Forum. His work spans over 27 African countries, promoting an open, accessible internet and empowering youth through technology. Internationally acclaimed, he has been listed among top African tech voices and continues to shape digital policy and technological discourse.



### **Peterking Quaye** | LIBERIA

Peterking Quaye is a policy researcher and advocacy specialist and the founder and Regional Executive Director of West Africa ICT Action Network, an ICT-based sub-regional non-profit organization working on internet governance, cyber and digital capacity development, AI, digital inclusion and digital rights advocacy for better public policy in West Africa. He works at the intersection of technology and human rights, leading strategic sub-regional and national advocacy engagements, research, and capacity-building programs. Peterking holds an MBA in Procurement and Supply Chain Management from the AME University Graduate School, Liberia, a BSc. in Marketing from the University of Professional Studies, Ghana, a Diploma in Business Studies from the Institute of Professional Studies, Ghana, as well as other certificates in Internet Governance, Network Administration, Human Right International and Cybercrime Investigation and a two-times ICANN fellow.



### **Dr. Grace Githaiga** | KENYA

Dr. Grace Githaiga is a seasoned C-level executive with over 20 years of experience in ICT policy advocacy, regulation, and strategic leadership. She is currently the Convenor of the Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet), where she has built impactful partnerships with key stakeholders such as the Communications Authority, Safaricom, and Huawei. Grace has played a

pivotal role in shaping ICT policy in Kenya and across Africa, including co-drafting the African Charter on Broadcasting and lobbying UNESCO to adopt it. She also serves on the boards of Ushahidi Inc., the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IWARN), and Kenya Community Media Network (KCOMNET). Known for her work promoting community broadcasting and mentoring young professionals, Grace leads initiatives that drive digital inclusion and policy reform across the continent.



Panelist

### Ousman Kallay | LIBERIA

Ousman L. Kallay is the Country Director of iLab Liberia, overseeing the organization's operations and initiatives in Liberia. iLab Liberia is known for using technology to address various social issues and promote innovation.

In the dynamic world of Information Technology (IT), where innovation is key, individuals like Ousman L. Kallay stand out as beacons of inspiration. With a rich tapestry of experiences in IT, education, and community development, Ousman has carved a niche for himself as an inclusive leader and tech enthusiast.



Panelist

### Melanie du Plessis | SOUTH AFRICA

Melanie du Plessis is the ICT Manager responsible for Business Systems at the Electoral Commission. This area encompasses the development and maintenance of IT systems in respect of in-house electoral systems, geographic information systems (GIS), and financial systems. She has been at the Electoral Commission for more than 26 years.

She holds an Honours degree in Computer Science from the University of Pretoria and has successfully completed a Senior Management Programme at the Continuing Education department of the University of Pretoria. She has been involved in the IT industry for the past 36 years and is a member of the Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa (IITPSA). Her hobbies include, golf, metal jewelry making, creative writing and photography. She also completed a life coaching course in 2018.



## Isabella Adediji | NIGERIA

Isabella Adediji is the founder and Managing Director of Yellow Tamarind Productions, a media, PR and edtech company based in Lagos, Nigeria. She is a graduate of Education with English and Drama from the University of Cambridge. She began her career in corporate communications at Nestlé Nigeria PLC.

Her passion for education led her to the classroom where she taught English Literature, Sociology and History. During this time, she created and presented her first television show, *Africana Literati*. She has gone on to present other edutaining programmes such as *The Movie Buff Show* on Africa Magic Showcase, *Correct Student* on City 105.1 FM and *Nolly Silver Screen on Views Channel*. She also hosted *The FrontPage* on Radio Continental 102.3 FM, *Politico Politica* with Isabella Akinseye on Views Channel and *Searchlight* on Radio Now 95.3 FM. She is a regular guest host on the popular live youth talk show, *Rubbin' Minds* on Channels Television.

Also known as The Intelligent MC, Isabella has over a decade of experience anchoring corporate and social events. On weekends, you can catch her on stage as a traditional wedding compere with the stage name *Alaga Sisi Bella* (Alaga Oloyinbo, Alaga to lo Cambridge).



## Sholabomi Shasore | NIGERIA

Engr. Sholabomi Mosunmola Shasore is a distinguished Lagos State civil servant with a robust career spanning over 15 years. Having joined the Lagos State Civil Service in 2009, she has served in various critical roles across multiple Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), including the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Office and Lagos State Public Procurement Agency.

Before her recent appointment as Permanent Secretary of the Office of Political, Legislative and Civic Engagement, effective July 15, 2024, Shasore was the Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. Before becoming a Permanent Secretary in February 2021, she was the Director of the Procurement Agency, where she played a pivotal role in statewide repositioning and development initiatives.

A professionally credentialed engineer, Shasore is a member of the Council for the Regulations of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) and the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) in the United Kingdom.

**Speaker****Betty Enyonam Kumahor | GHANA**

Betty Enyonam Kumahor is the Managing Partner of The Cobalt Partners, a digital advisory firm that has rapidly expanded to three African countries (Ghana, Nigeria, and Kenya) within 18 months. With over 50 consultants, the firm has acquired more than 500 clients through two successful acquisitions.

Previously, she served as Regional Managing Director of Pan-Africa for ThoughtWorks, where the company was nominated as the Best African Company of the Year in 2013. Before ThoughtWorks, she worked at Ernst & Young, leading the Service Delivery Technology function and expanding IT advisory services in West Africa.

Betty is a prominent speaker on digital innovation, particularly focusing on frugal innovation from emerging economies. She has contributed to national technology initiatives, including Ghana's National Broadband Policy and GASSCOM. Additionally, she is passionate about mentoring young women, having guided over 400 secondary school girls in career development.

**Speaker****Nkem Nweke | NIGERIA**

Nkem Nweke brings over 15 years of experience in the technology sector with a passion for driving Innovation and solving complex challenges. His experience spans problem framing, design sprints, and product development, and he is dedicated to creating solutions that address local challenges while delivering global impact. Nkem's professional journey includes important roles at organisations like Hewlett-Packard and Dimension Data. Most recently, he spent a decade at Microsoft, where he held positions in consulting and technology strategy, culminating in his leadership of the Innovation team for Microsoft's Engineering division across Africa.

He collaborates with organizations to navigate their digital transformation journeys, offering experience in design, product development, and innovation through facilitation, workshops, and advisory engagements.

As a thought leader in the technology space, Nkem actively shares his insights as a keynote speaker and panel moderator at high-profile events across the region, inspiring audiences with his visionary approach to innovation and growth.



### **M.I. Abaga | NIGERIA**

M.I. Abaga: Nigerian Hip-Hop Trailblazer Born in Jos, Plateau State, M.I. Abaga is a pioneering Nigerian rapper who transformed the African hip-hop landscape. After studying in Michigan, he returned to Nigeria and quickly became a music industry innovator. His 2008 debut album, *Talk About It*, established him as a sharp-tongued wordsmith, blending gritty hip-hop with vibrant Afro-pop styles.

A Chocolate City label mainstay for 13 years, Abaga has won multiple awards and helped launch the careers of artists like Wizkid and Ice Prince. His critically acclaimed albums, including *A Study in Self-Worth: Yxng Dxnzl*, explore profound themes of mental health and personal growth. Known for his dynamic *Illegal Music* mixtape series and collaborations, Abaga has consistently pushed the boundaries of Nigerian popular music, earning international recognition as a versatile artist and producer.



### **Keziah Mallam | NIGERIA**

Keziah Mallam is a genre-defying creator who embraces artistic fluidity, establishing herself as a full-time artist in 2020. As a guitarist, producer, and singer-songwriter, she has crafted a distinctive sound she calls "Afro-ethereal" - a unique musical synthesis that blends her Nigerian and British cultural backgrounds.

Her music is characterized by rich harmonies, intricate percussion, and Afro drumming, drawing inspiration from artists like Brandy and D'Angelo while incorporating Alte musical elements. Mallam's approach to music creation is intentionally unconstrained, rejecting industry pressures and conventional expectations.

By seamlessly merging diverse musical influences, Mallam creates a sound that is simultaneously innovative and familiar. Her work represents more than just music; it's a creative expression that transcends traditional genre boundaries, offering listeners a fresh yet accessible musical experience.



Judge

**Anto Lecky | NIGERIA**

Dr. Munirat Antoinette Lecky, known as 'Anto Lecky,' rose to fame as a semi-finalist on Big Brother Naija in 2018. Born in New Jersey to Nigerian parents, before Big Brother, Anto Lecky was Head of Operations for the Continental Basketball League in Lagos. She has since forged a multi-faceted career as an actress, model, host, influencer, educator, speaker, and humanitarian. She co-owns haircare and branding companies and serves as creative director for a university in Benin. Her NGO, The Live Wire Project, promotes girls' education and voter engagement in Nigeria. She has received awards recognizing her excellence and advocacy, including an honorary doctorate from ISCOM University in 2018.



Judge

**Blaqbonez | NIGERIA**

Emeka Akumefule, known professionally as Blaqbonez, is a dynamic Nigerian rapper who has disrupted the hip-hop scene with his unapologetic style and bold proclamations. Rising to prominence after winning Terry Tha Rapman's Zombie competition in 2012, he quickly established himself as a formidable lyricist.

A computer engineering graduate from Obafemi Awolowo University, Blaqbonez began rapping at 13 and has since become a prominent voice in Nigerian hip-hop. His provocative stance of claiming to be "the greatest rapper in Nigeria" is designed to challenge and inspire his peers.

With critically acclaimed projects like Bad Boy Blaq (2018), Sex Over Love (2021), and Young Preacher (2022), Blaqbonez has collaborated with notable artists including Nasty C and Olamide. His dense lyricism, catchy beats, and audacious persona continue to push the boundaries of contemporary African rap.



Judge

**Peter Akah | NIGERIA**

Peter Akah is an actor, creative media assistant, Human Rights Advocate and passionate advocate for a better Nigeria. He is a Human Physiology and Basic Medical Science graduate from the University of Calabar with years of experience across different fields, including entertainment, banking, media, human rights protection, promotion and enforcement, and citizen advocacy and enlightenment for fostering patriotism and active participation in nation building.

A believer in strong and effective leadership that seeks to improve the lives and well-being of all citizens and build a society with shared prosperity, peace, and justice and where every child has equal opportunities to grow, develop and live up to their potential.



### **Opeyemi Adamolekun | NIGERIA**

Opeyemi is an active citizen. She currently serves as the executive director of Enough is Enough Nigeria (EiE), a non-partisan network of individuals and organisations committed to building a culture of good governance and public accountability in Nigeria through active citizenship.

Opeyemi has a 23-year diverse career spanning the public and private sectors in the United States and Nigeria. She volunteers for Kaleyewa House, an NGO founded by her late mother focused on the elderly and serves on the Editorial Board of ThisDay Newspapers.

In 2018, she was named as one of the Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD), endorsed by the United Nations in the Humanitarian & Religious category. In 2019, she joined the Africa Program of the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) in the US as a non-resident Senior Associate. In May 2022, she won the Global Citizen Prize.

She has an MSc in Development Studies from the London School of Economics (LSE) and an MBA from Oxford University's Saïd Business School.



### **Gabriel Okeowo | NIGERIA**

Gabriel is a development professional with more than 15 years of progressive experience and the Country Director at BudgIT, a civic-tech organization raising the standards of transparency, accountability, and service delivery in the Nigerian government and governance. Gabriel holds a Bachelor's and Master's in Sociology and a Master's in Project Development and Implementation (MPDI). He is also certified in data processing and management information systems (DPMIS). Gabriel's experience cuts across social integration, community development, health promotion, organizational development, and the promotion of public sector transparency and accountability. Gabriel has led several development projects within international organizations, nationally and across seven West African countries.



### **Ayo Mairo-Ese | NIGERIA**

Ayo is a multiple award-winning broadcaster and media professional currently anchoring Africa's premier Breakfast Show at Arise News Channel. An International Relations graduate from Swansea University, she has distinguished herself in broadcasting since 2014, working with platforms like Cool TV and Nigeria Info FM.

Her illustrious career includes interviewing notable personalities such as CNN's Richard Quest, Hollywood Actor Eric Roberts, and various international government officials and thought leaders. In 2023, she was named one of the top 25 most powerful women in Nigerian journalism.

As a versatile media professional, Ayo is an accomplished event host, hosting high-profile events like the PEBEC Awards and UBA CEO Awards. She is the Principal Trainer of the Public Speaking Program and actively mentors professionals in communication and broadcasting. An advocate for women's empowerment, she serves on multiple foundations and continues to inspire through her multifaceted career.



### **Morayo Afolabi-Brown | NIGERIA**

Morayo Afolabi-Brown is a Nigerian TV host and Managing Director of TVC Entertainment Channel. She previously served as Deputy Director of Programmes at TVC News and is well-known as the host of Your View, a breakfast show inspired by The View.

Born on July 6, 1980, she is the only daughter of late Nigerian Bar Association President, Alao Aka-Bashorun. Morayo studied Political Science at Rutgers University, returning to Nigeria in 2004 after a decade abroad. She is married to lawyer Femi Afolabi-Brown, and they have four children.

Her career began in media in 2005, progressing through roles in PR, content development, and channel acquisition before joining TVC. She has developed TV concepts like Girlfriends and Changing Lives. In June 2023, she launched her book, *Becoming The Queen of Talk TV*, marking her 10-year journey in broadcasting. In December 2023, she was appointed Managing Director of TVC Entertainment Channel.



## Tolulope Adeleru-Balogun | NIGERIA

Tolulope is a seasoned broadcast journalist with over twelve years of experience, this media professional has made significant marks in political television and radio broadcasting. During a remarkable seven-year radio tenure, her show consistently ranked among the top 5 in Lagos, standing out among 32 competitive stations.

Beyond broadcasting, she is a dedicated media consultant who has collaborated with numerous non-governmental organizations and civil society groups. Her work spans critical campaigns focusing on voter education, civic participation, government transparency, accountability, child and women's rights, and media literacy.

Her professional philosophy centers on authentic storytelling and amplifying diverse voices and narratives. When not engaging in media work, she balances her professional life by reading, experimenting with culinary arts, and cherishing moments with family and friends. Committed to meaningful communication, she continues to drive impact through innovative media strategies and compelling storytelling.

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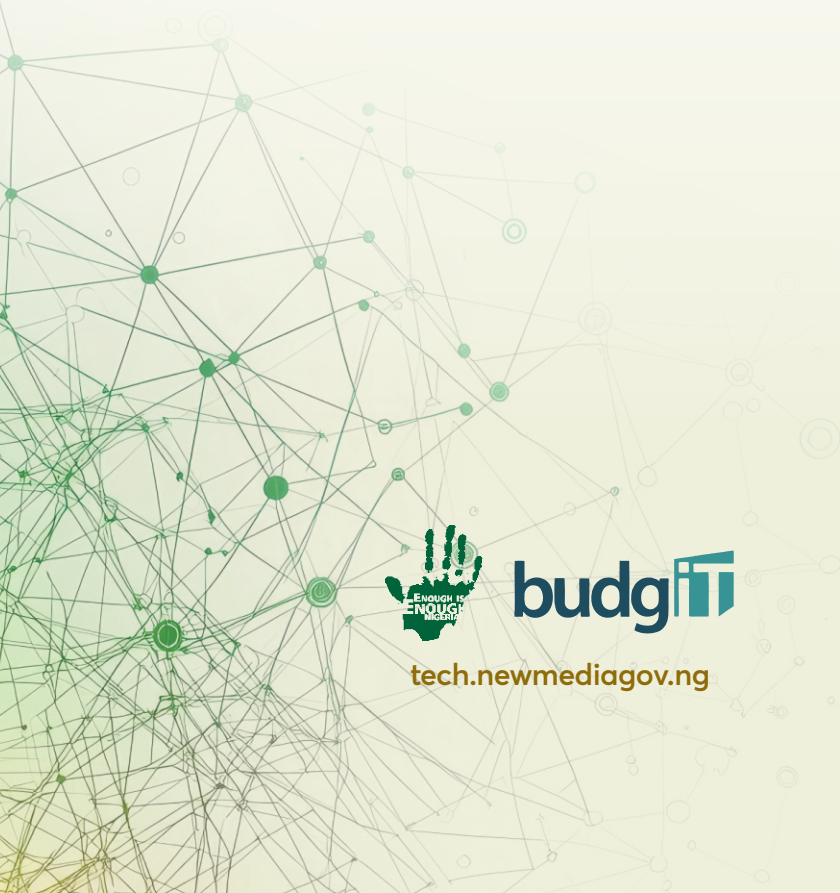
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1. Participants must wear their name tags inside the Forum venue at all times.
2. Do not tweet, post, or publish information about participants in a way that suggests stalking, offensive communication or bullying.
3. Pictures, audio and/or video recordings of the Forum will not be used for commercial purposes.



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