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2025 International Leadership Conference on Leadership, Governance, Sustainable Change and Wealth Creation (2.0)

Theme:

Shaping Transformational Leaders for a
Changing World: Tackling Insecurity,
Governance, and Development



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For the 2025 International Leadership Conference (Version 2.0), bringing together global leaders, scholars, and changemakers to address insecurity, complex leadership, and AI-driven strategies for advancing the UN SDGs leadership. This platform fosters collaboration and reimagines leadership through resilience, inclusivity, and justice, empowering participants to innovate responsibly and shape sustainable futures for Nigeria, Africa, and beyond

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2025

9 am - 1:00 pm WAT (Lagos, Nigeria)
1 am - 5:00 am PDT (Vancouver, Canada)
2 am - 6:00 am MDT (Calgary, Canada)

ABUAD/TWU/CentreLSD Partner's Time Zones

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM SAST (Pretoria, South Africa)
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM EAT / TRT (Nairobi, Kenya / Kampala, Uganda / Istanbul, Turkey)
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM GST (Dubai, U.A.E)
11:30 AM – 3:30 PM IRST (Tehran, Iran)
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM IST (New Delhi, India)
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM CST / SGT (Beijing, China / Singapore)
5:00 AM – 9:00 AM BRT (São Paulo, Brazil)
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM CEST (Munich, Germany)
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Dr. Tunji Alausa
Federal Minister of Education, Nigeria
Special Guest of Honour



His Excellency, Gov, Biodun A. Oyeibanji
Executive Governor of Ekiti State
Special Guest of Honour



Aare Afe Babalola CON, OFR, SAN, LL.D (London)
Founder & Chancellor, ABUAD
Chief Host



Yeye Aare Modupe Babalola, FSM
Wife of the Founder/
CEO ABUAD Ventures
Host

Institutional Heads



Dr. Todd Martin
President & Vice Chancellor, TWU



Prof. E. Smaranda Olarinde, FCARB, FCAI
Vice Chancellor, ABUAD



Mr. Monday Osasah, FSM
Executive Director, CentreLSD

Speakers and Panel Session Moderator



Major General AK Ibrahim
Commandant, NDA, Kaduna
Discussant 1



Dr. Otiye Igbuzor, FSM
Founding Executive Director, CentreLSD
Keynote Speaker



Dr. Phil Laird
Vice President of Innovation, TWU
Discussant 2A



Dr. Imbenzi George
Director, Intl. Partnerships, TWU
Discussant 2B



Prof. Damilola Olawuyi SAN
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RISP), ABUAD
Panel Moderator



Professor Adenike Temidayo Oladiji
Vice-Chancellor, FUTA
Discussant 3



BIO OF DR. OTIVE IGBUZOR - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Otiye Igbuzor is the Founding Executive Director of the African Centre for Leadership, Strategy & Development (Centre LSD) (See www.centrelsd.org). He is also the General Overseer of Palace of Priests Assembly (PPA) (www.priestassembly.org). He was the Chief of Staff to the Deputy President of the Senate in the 9th National Assembly. He was one-time International Head of campaigns of ActionAid International and Country Director of ActionAid Nigeria. ActionAid International is an international organization working with people, communities, associates and partners in over 50 countries in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe to eradicate poverty and injustice. (See www.actionaid.org). He was also an honorable Commissioner in the Police Service Commission (PSC) from 2008-2013 representing civil society. (See www.psc.gov.ng). Prior to joining ActionAid, he was a Programme Co-ordinator of Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), an independent research, information and training institution dedicated to policy-oriented scholarship on questions of democratic development and peace building in the West African sub-region. He also served as the Secretary of Citizens' Forum for Constitutional Reform (CFRC), a coalition of over one hundred civil society organizations committed to a process led and participatory approach to constitutional reform in Nigeria (See www.cddwestafrica.org). Previously, he was a lecturer at the Delta State University, Lagos Centre and has published many scholarly articles on democracy, gender, politics and development. He is the author several books including Perspectives on Democracy and Development, Challenges of Development in Nigeria,

Overcoming Challenges of Transformation in Nigeria, National Security and Policing in Nigeria, Alternative Development Strategy for Nigeria, Nigeria: Public Administration Reforms and the Emergence of Buhari (2015), Leadership, Development and Change, Triumphant Christian Living. Called to Serve God and Humanity, Reigning as Kings and Priests and Contemporary Issues on Development and Change in Nigeria. He is the co-editor of two authoritative books on Constitution making and Constitutionalism in Nigeria: Contentious Issues in the Review of the 1999 Constitution and A Citizens' Approach to Making a People's Constitution in Nigeria, and two others, one on Poverty Eradication titled Poverty Eradication in Nigeria: Perspectives on a Participatory and Pro-Poor Approach and the other on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) titled Can Nigeria achieve the MDGs in 2015? In all, he has 55 academic publications including twelve books and 16 articles in local and international journals. He holds a bachelors' degree in Pharmacy, two masters' degrees in Public Administration and International Relations and a doctorate degree in Public Administration specializing in Policy Analysis.

He was a founding and leading member of many human rights and mass democratic organizations in Nigeria in the 1980s and '90s. He is a member of many professional associations including Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA), Institute of Strategic Management Nigeria (ISMN), Nigerian Institute of Management, Chartered Institute of Directors (CIoD) and Institute of Leadership, United Kingdom. He is a fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) and Institute of Strategic Management, Nigeria (ISMN). He is a past President of Institute of Strategic Management, Nigeria (ISMN) (www.ismn.com) and President of The Ejio & Otiye Igbuzor Foundation (www.igbuzorfoundation.org). He sits on the board of several organizations including Oando Foundation, Police Health Maintenance Ltd (Police HMO), Centre for Women's Health and Information (CEWHIN), Nigerian Women Trust Fund and Partnership Opportunities for Women Empowerment Realization (POWER). In recognition of his leadership roles, he was appointed by the immediate past Secretary General of United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki Moon in October, 2012 into the Global Network of Men Leaders to end Violence Against Women (www.un.org).

BIO OF MAJOR GENERAL AK IBRAHIM (COMMANDANT, NDA, KADUNA) - DISCUSSANT 1

Maj Gen Abdul Khalifah Ibrahim was Born on 19 March 1968 and he is a member of the 39th Regular Combatant Course of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA). On 19 September 1992, he was commissioned into the Nigerian Army Infantry Corps for a sojourn that marked the beginning of more than 3 decades of dedicated service to Nigeria, Africa and the wider world. Throughout his career, he has held a wide array of command, staff and instructional appointments at tactical, operational and strategic levels. From his early days as a Platoon Commander in 177 Battalion, he quickly demonstrated the qualities of a capable leader. He went on to serve as Operations Officer under the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), Company Commander 7 Amphibious Battalion and later as Military Observer and Team Leader with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). His leadership prowess was further displayed when he became Garrison Commander 13 Brigade, Commander 14 Brigade and subsequently Deputy Sector Commander in Liberia. He later returned and served as Chief Instructor (C) Army Wing at the NDA where he contributed immensely to the training and development of Cadets.

Maj Gen Ibrahim's operational record is both extensive and distinguished. He has participated in numerous peace keeping, support and enforcement operations including Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia and Operation HARMONY in the Bakassi Peninsula. He also participated in several internal security operations across Nigeria such as Operation RESTORE HOPE in the Niger Delta, Operation MESA and Operation YAKI in Kaduna as well as Operations SHIRIN HARBI and HARBIN KUNAMA in the North West (NW). He was a key field commander in Operation LAFIYA DOLE in Maiduguri where he served as General Officer Commanding (GOC) 7 Division and Sector 1 Commander. As GOC, he spearheaded decisive operations against terrorism and insurgency. Thereafter, he served as the Force Commander (FC) Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) in NDjamena, Chad, where he coordinated troops from Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon and Benin in coalition Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency (CTCOIN) operations.

As FC MNJTF, he recorded groundbreaking successes that transformed the operational environment of the Lake Chad Basin (LCB). He successfully conceptualized, planned and executed 2 major multinational operations, Operations SHARAN FAGE and LAKE SANITY, both of which dealt devastating blows to terrorist cells, strongholds and networks within the LCB. Under his leadership, more than 1,000 terrorists were neutralized, including key commanders while several enclaves, training camps and improvised explosive device factories were destroyed. His strategy also induced the surrender of over 4,000 terrorists and their families while more than 1,000 captives, comprising men, women and children were rescued from captivity. Beyond battlefield victories, he placed emphasis on humanitarian and Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC). He facilitated the return of thousands of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees to their ancestral homes across Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon. This operational exploit restored life to communities that had been desolate for nearly a decade. It further brought about the resumption of farming, fishing and trading in towns such as Damasak, Kirawa, Cross Kawa and Baga as well as enabled the peaceful celebration of festivals in communities like Malam Fatori and Diffa for the first time in 8 years.

In recognition of his exceptional command and leadership successes both as GOC and FC, he was then awarded with the Nigerian Army Outstanding Decisive Command Medal (NAODCM). Likewise, he was also conferred with the National Order of Chad (NOOC) by the Government of Chad and the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) by the Government of Nigeria. He has also held several other appointments that shaped both policy and training within the Nigerian Army. These include serving as Deputy Director (DD) Research and Development at Defence Headquarters (DHQ), DD Veteran Affairs at Army Headquarters (AHQ), Senior Resource Fellow at the Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC) and DD Policy and Plans at the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW), Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA). Before his appointment as Commandant NDA, he was Commander Infantry Corps (CIC), a position that underscored his reputation as a trusted leader within the Infantry.

Maj Gen Ibrahim is not only a soldier of action but also a man of intellect and learning. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in History from the NDA, a Postgraduate Diploma in Management from Ahmadu Bello University and a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan. Professionally, he has attended several courses including the Young Officers and Anti-Tank Platoon Commanders' Courses, Junior and Senior Staff Courses at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College (AFCS) Jaji, Company and Battalion Commanders' Courses and the prestigious National Defence College (NDC) in Abuja. He has also benefited from international training and strategic engagements such as the African Contingency Operations Training Assistance (ACOTA) Programme and the African Land Forces Summits held in the United States and Zambia. Unsurprisingly, his service and dedication have been recognized through numerous awards and honours aside the aforementioned. These include Corps Medal of Honour (CMH), Grand Service Star (GSS), Distinguished Service Star (DSS), Meritorious Service Star (MSS), Forces Services Star (FSS) and the General Operations Medal (GOM). He is also a recipient of Command Medal (CM), 2 times awardee of Field Command Medal (FCM) and Field Command Medal of Honour (FCMH). Internationally, his contributions to peace and security have been recognized with medals from UNMIL and UNMISS alongside the ECOMOG Medal. Beyond his military achievements, Maj Gen Ibrahim is a family man, married and blessed with 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. He enjoys engaging in current affairs, reading, horse riding, sports and travelling. His favourite games include football, badminton and table tennis as sport endeavours that reflect his commitment to physical fitness and mental alertness. As Commandant NDA, Maj Gen Abdul Khalifah Ibrahim embodies the ideals of courage, discipline, scholarship and leadership. His life of service is a reminder that the Academy is not merely an institution for military training, but a cradle for leaders who will shape the destiny of the nation and safeguard its future. His example teaches that with dedication, integrity and the pursuit of excellence, every cadet has the potential to rise to the highest levels of command and service, both within Nigeria and on the international stage.





'Short Bio of Philip G. Laird, PhD - Discussant 2A

Dr. Philip Laird completed his academic training at UBC and SFU, culminating in a specialized PhD in Psychology and the Law. Dr. Laird served as a faculty member for over a decade teaching at the undergraduate, graduate, and executive education levels as well as supervising over 50 honors and graduate theses. Known as a leader and change agent with academic insight, emotional intelligence and business acumen, Dr. Laird has become an accomplished university executive with a proven passion for higher education and solid history of supporting and elevating university brand, programs, and enrollment worldwide. His extensive work with government, educational, and business organizations has served to develop programs and expand learning opportunities for students from around the globe. He has also served as the key point person for major academic initiatives at TWU including adult, online, international, assessment, intellectual property, educational support services, and remote campus development. Revenue through areas of responsibility have quadrupled under Dr. Laird's leadership with annual average revenue generation growth of over 20%. Dr. Laird currently serves as the Vice President, Innovation, Global and Academic Partnerships. Today, over 200 faculty and staff serve within the divisions Dr. Laird leads with cumulative annual revenues of close to 13 million dollars. Dr. Laird regularly represents TWU internationally and has become a spokesperson for the development of non-traditional learning methods and modalities and the expansion of Global Education worldwide. An avid athlete, Dr. Laird regularly plays and coaches youth baseball in the local community. Dr. Laird lives in Langley, BC with his wife and 6 children.



'Short Bio of Imbenzi George, LL.M, Ph.D. - Discussant 2B

Honorary Consul General of Kenya in British Columbia, Canada

Foreign and Public Policy Analyst | Leadership Strategist | International Engagement Expert

Dr. Imbenzi George is a distinguished diplomat, scholar, and thought leader with extensive expertise in foreign policy, public administration, and global engagement. Serving as the Honorary Consul General of Kenya in British Columbia, Canada, Dr. George has been instrumental in fostering robust bilateral relations with a focus on trade, healthcare, and education. His

strategic initiatives have elevated partnerships and created impactful opportunities for Kenya's global presence. In academia, Dr. George holds dual leadership roles as a Sessional Assistant Professor of Leadership at Trinity Western University (TWU). He also serves as Director of International Engagement for Africa and India, advancing TWU's strategic vision in fostering collaboration across India, China, and Africa. Under his stewardship, innovative synergies have been developed to optimize service delivery for institutional partners and mutual stakeholders worldwide. A visionary leader and a strategic innovator, Dr. George excels in translating complex business strategies into transformative outcomes across public, private, and social sectors. He is recognized for his expertise in organizational vision enhancement, global marketing trends, and developing entrepreneurial and international development initiatives. With a proven track record, he has successfully led high-impact projects that bridge management, policy, and diplomacy. Dr. George was inducted into the prestigious Phi Alpha Honor

Society in 2011, a testament to his exceptional academic achievements in Public Policy and Administration during his Ph.D. studies at Walden University, USA. His doctoral work specialized Foreign Policy, with further academic research work in Strategic Management of Information, focusing on the intersection of technology, e-governance, and public administration to improve organizational productivity and service delivery. He also holds a Graduate Certificate in Implementing Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, further underscoring his expertise in strategic policy implementation.

Dr. George holds a Master's in Law, International Law from Leeds Beckett University, UK, with a specialization in Security, Conflict, and Human Rights. This interdisciplinary background enriches his ability to navigate complex global challenges, particularly in knowledge and learning management, legal frameworks, and corporate governance. With over 30 years of professional experience, including 28 years in executive leadership roles, Dr. George currently serves as the Executive Director of MYERT CORPS INC. and heads the Centre for Global Leadership; Diplomacy in Vancouver, Canada. His dynamic career reflects a commitment to fostering global partnerships, driving innovation in leadership education, and promoting sustainable development initiatives. Dr. George's career exemplifies excellence in diplomacy, academia, and global leadership, making him a highly respected figure in the international policy and development landscape.



'Short Bio of Professor Adenike Temidayo Oladiji - Discussant 3

Prof Adenike Temidayo Oladiji was born on 27th April 1968 and she attended Christ Anglican School, Ijomo-Oro, and Iludun Oro Nursery and Primary School between 1972 and 1977. She had her secondary education at St. Claire's Anglican Grammar School, Offa, from 1977 to 1982.

Prof. Oladiji obtained B.Sc.; M.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees in Biochemistry from University of Ilorin, Nigeria in 1988, 1991 and 1997 respectively. She had further trainings at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (MASHAV program), Canadian Institute for Innovation Development (CANDIDEV), Calgary Alberta, Canada and African Leadership Institute, Dayton Ohio, USA. She was exchange Scholar of Association of African Universities to University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

The erudite scholar joined the services of the University of Ilorin in July 1992 as an Assistant Lecturer and was appointed a Professor in September 2011. Prior to joining the University, she worked as Research and Development Officer at Kwara Breweries Limited, Offa.

With over 29 years of continuous service in the university system, Prof. Adenike Oladiji has mentored many doctoral students and supervised to completion many doctoral theses. She has held various positions and served on many University Committees as Chairman or Member. She was Head of Department; Sub Dean of Faculty; Deputy Director, Centre for International Education; Director, Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT); Director, Central Research Laboratories; Coordinator, U6 Consortium (a consortium of six universities across Africa); Dean, School Of Basic Medical Sciences (Kwara State University, Malete); Coordinator, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer office, University of Ilorin; Board Member, Technology Incubation Centre, Ilorin; Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences and Member, Governing Council, Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa and Crown Hill University, Eyenkorin, Ilorin.

A prolific researcher with over 100 publications, Prof. Oladiji has won many distinctions and awards, which include University's Merit Award, Certificate of Merit, and scholarships, among others. She is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science and Fellow, Nigerian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

She has served as Chairman or Member of many accreditation panels of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Member, Research and Development Standing Committee of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), JAMB Committee on Internationalisation of Tertiary Education, and has been an external examiner in over 20 universities nationally and internationally. She is Advisory Board Member of C.G. Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology, Uka Tarsadia University, Maliba campus, Bardoli, India and Director of Administration, Association of West African Universities (AWAU). Professor Oladiji has attracted research grants for research, institutional development and capacity building. She has attended and presented many keynote/lead papers in national and international conferences.

She is a Member of many professional bodies including West Africa Research and Innovation Management (WARIMA), American Society of Nutrition, Organization for Women in Science for Developing World (OSWD), Science Association of Nigeria and Nigerian Society for Experimental Biology.

Prof. Adenike Oladiji is a sports lover, an award winner in Badminton, serving as Captain, Unilorin Veteran Badminton club. She is happily married and blessed with children.





Short Bio of Professor Funmi Olonisakin of King's College, London, United Kingdom

Professor 'Funmi Olonisakin is Vice-President International, Engagement and Service (IES) at King's College London. She is also Professor of Security, Leadership and Development at the African Leadership Centre in the School of Global Affairs at King's. In her role as Vice-President IES, Professor Olonisakin seeks to facilitate the deployment of King's assets (including knowledge, scholarship and talent in service of society) locally, nationally and internationally, to enable transformative and lasting impact. She is committed to building interdisciplinary and international collaboration, and sustaining equitable partnerships to realise positive and lasting impact within and beyond King's. Producing knowledge that influences change beyond the academy has been at the heart of Professor Olonisakin's research work and life as an academic. She has positioned her work to serve as a bridge between academia and the worlds of policy and practice. Her research has been shaped by her interest in deepening understanding of why civil wars relapse, and the drivers of youth vulnerability and exclusion in the developing world. More recently, she has sought to explore the interface between leadership, peace, and security as a basis to unpack and understand the big transnational problems that confront the world today.

Professor Olonisakin founded the African Leadership Centre (ALC) both at King's and in Kenya, as a collaboration between King's and the University of Nairobi in 2010. The ALC aims to develop a new community of leaders generating cutting edge-knowledge for peace, security and development in Africa. Previously, Professor Olonisakin worked in the United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in New York, between 1999 and 2003. From 2003 until 2013, she was Director of the Conflict Security and Development Group at King's College London. In January 2015, United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki Moon, appointed Professor Olonisakin as one of seven members of the Advisory Group of Experts (AGE) on the Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture; and in 2016, as a member of the Advisory Group of Experts for the United Nations Progress Study on Youth, Peace, and Security. She was a member of the United Nations University Council from May 2018 to May 2025 and served as Chair of Council from 2022 to 2025. Olonisakin has been recognised for her contribution in several areas. She was awarded the Fellowship of King's College in 2020. University of Pretoria (UP), where she was appointed as an Extra-Ordinary Professor in 2016, conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) on Professor Olonisakin in May 2022 in recognition of her significant contributions to the promotion of peace, security, justice, and international solidarity in Africa, with special reference to women and youth. The Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) also conferred an honorary doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Defence and Security Studies on her in October 2022.

Professor Olonisakin was educated at the University of Ife, Nigeria (now Obafemi Awolowo University) and King's College London, graduating with a BSc. Honours in Political Science (Ife, 1984) and MSc and PhD in War Studies (King's 1996) respectively. She was a post-doctoral Fellow at the Department of Political Sciences in UP in 1998 and was awarded a McArthur Foundation post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of War Studies from 1998-1999.



Short Bio of Victor Ezeugo of Times Higher Education (THE), United Kingdom

Victor Okeugo is an international growth executive focused on scaling commercial solutions in Sub-Saharan Africa. Over the last 12 years, he has helped to execute the Africa growth agenda of organizations across multiple industry verticals. In recent years, his focus has revolved around establishing partnerships and implementing strategic initiatives to drive innovation, research productivity, and global visibility in Africa's higher education institutions.

He currently leads business development for Times Higher Education across West, Central, and East Africa. He works with university leaders, nongovernmental organizations, and related stakeholders to define and execute initiatives around university rankings, international visibility, and TNE policy development, among others. He joined THE from a similar regional position at Elsevier.



Short Bio of Professor Mohammed Larbi Kerkeb - AAU First Vice-President, Morocco.

A recognized expert in higher education, research, and innovation governance, he currently serves as the First Vice-President of the Association of African Universities. With over thirty years of experience, he has developed strong expertise in strategic management and public governance, reinforced by extensive experience in designing and implementing international partnerships. His career is distinguished by a firm commitment to digital transformation and the integration of artificial intelligence in higher education and research. Visionary and dedicated, he actively promotes innovation, entrepreneurship, and the use of digital technologies as key drivers of socio-economic development. Renowned for his leadership and change management abilities, he also possesses proven skills in institutional communication and academic diplomacy, as well as a deep mastery of quality management and quality assurance in higher education.



Short Bio of Dr Omololu Fagbadebo of Durban University of Technology, South Africa.

Dr. Omololu Fagbadebo holds a Ph.D. degree in Political Science from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, in 2016. He participated in the Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) on American Politics and Political Thought Fellowship at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA, in 2010. His research focuses on comparative politics, legislative studies, public governance, development studies, public institutions, public leadership, and African government and politics. His recent book publications include Political Governance and the African Peer Review Mechanism: Comparative Analysis (2025), The Legislature in Nigeria's presidential Democracy of the Fourth Republic: Power, Process and Development (2023), Democracy and Political Governance in South Africa: The African Peer Review Mechanism (2023). He has published journal articles in reputable journals and presented papers at academic conferences. He is an Associate Editor of SN Social Sciences and the Managing Editor of a newly established Journal of Public Management and International Relations (JPMIR).





Event Schedule

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| 8.30 AM- 9.00 AM | REGISTRATION & NETWORKING (VIRTUAL ATTENDEES LOG IN) |
| 9.00 am | ANTHEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ABUAD Anthem• Nigeria National Anthem• Canadian Anthem |
| 9:10 am – 9:20 am | Introduction of Dignitaries |
| 9:21 am – 9:36 am | Welcome Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. E. Smaranda Olarinde (Vice-Chancellor, ABUAD)• Dr Todd Martin (TWU President/Vice-Chancellor)• Mr. Monday Osasah, Executive Director, CentreLSD |
| 9.36 am - 9.41 am 9.42 am - 9.47 am | Address by the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal Minister of Education, Nigeria - Dr Tunji Alausa• Governor of Ekiti State - H.E. Governor Biodun Oyebanji |
| 9.48 am - 9.52 am | Citation of Keynote Speaker |
| 9.53 am - 10:30 am | Keynote Address: Speaker: Dr Otive Igbuzor (Founding Executive Director, CentreLSD) Topic: Transformational Leadership in an Insecure and Disruptive Era: Building Ethical, Resilient, and Impactful Leaders for Africa |
| 10.31am - 10.41 am | Health Break (ABUAD Video) |
| 10.42 am - 11:02 am | Discussant 1 (Governance & Insecurity): Facilitator: Major General AK Ibrahim (Commandant, Nigerian Defence Academy, NDA, Kaduna) Topic: Leadership, Insecurity, and Good Governance: Pathways to Stability and National Renewal |
| 11:03 am - 11:10 am | Goodwill Message: Times Higher Education - Victor Okeugo (Business Development Manager) |



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| 11:12 am - 11:27 am | Discussant 2 (Education and Youth) Facilitator: Dr Phil Laird (Vice President, TWU, Canada) Topic: Future Leaders in an AI-Driven, Security Challenged World: Empowering Students for Innovation and Peacebuilding |
| 11:28 am - 11:38 am | Facilitator: Dr Imbenzi George (Director, Int Partnership) Topic: Future Leaders in a Security-Challenged World: Empowering Students for Innovation, Peacebuilding, and International Engagement |
| 11:39 am - 11:44 am 11:45 am - 11:50 am 11:51 am : 11:56 am | Goodwill Messages: Kings College, London - Prof Funmi Olonisakin Association of African Universities (AAU) - Prof Kerkeb Mohammed Larbi Durban University of Technology, South Africa - Dr Omololu Fagbadebo |
| 11:57 am : 12:17 pm | Discussant 3 (Healthcare & Sustainability) Facilitator: Professor Adenike Temidayo Oladiji (Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure) Topic: Leadership, Security, and Development: Strengthening Resilience through Health, Education, and Service |
| 12:18 am - 12:33 pm | Panel Session/Question and Answers Session Moderator: Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnership), ABUAD |
| 12:34 pm - 12:44 pm | Founder's Remarks: Aare Afe Babalola CON, OFR, SAN, LL.D (London)... Founder/Chancellor, ABUAD |
| 12:44 pm - 12:50 pm | Presentation of Communiqué: Rapporteur-General - Dr. Emenike Umesi, Director of Leadership, CentreLSD |
| 12:51 pm - 12:56pm | Vote of Thanks: Lady Christie Oluborode, FNIM - Registrar/Secretary to Council, ABUAD |
| 12:57 pm - 1:00 pm | ANTHEMS (In Reverse Order) |
| 1.01 pm - 1:30 pm | Group Photograph/Networking Directorate of Corporate Affairs - Mr. Tunde Olofintila |



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Pre-Registration

Onsite Attendees (ABUAD)

Pre-registration time: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM.

- Attendees can register at designated registration and conference information booths.
- Only registered attendees will receive a Certificate of Participation after the conference.
- The certificate will be jointly awarded by TWU and ABUAD

Online Attendees (GLOBAL)

- Must register to attend the conference virtually.
- No need to register again to receive certificates after initial registration.
- All registered and participating attendees will receive certificates.
- The name on the certificate will match the exact information given during registration.
- Certificates will be sent to the email address provided at the time of registration.
- The certificate will be jointly awarded by TWU, CentreLSD, and ABUAD.

Health Break

As our sessions progress, snacks and drinks will be available at the foyer, however, at a cost for those interested to snack on something. If you're onsite, feel free to grab snacks and engage in brief networking. Please note that this break is optional, and the main event will continue uninterrupted. If you choose to partake, it's a chance to refresh and connect, but staying engaged with the ongoing sessions is equally encouraged.

Panel Discussion Protocols

- Questions for the panelists can be submitted to the Q&A portal throughout the session.
- When posting questions, please specify the presenter to whom the question is directed.
- There will be three segments dedicated to panel discussions.
- Presenters will address the questions during their panel segment.
- Questions will also be entertained from attendees present live at the ABUAD auditorium.
- The discussion will be guided by the moderators, with questions alternating between those from the virtual audience and those from the onsite attendees.

Special Note: Panelists are renowned experts in their respective fields. Some will not be delivering individual talks but will engage participants through the discussion segments.

The panel discussion will be a hybrid session. Speakers are listed in the order of their presentations.



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