

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE DRAFT AGENDA

S/No.	Session	Time	Topic	Speakers/Panelists/Moderators/Coordinators
DAY ONE – Friday, 22 August 2025				
	Juma’at Service	1:00pm		
	Opening of Delegates’ Registration	2:00pm –9:00pm		Micheal Okpara Square
DAY TWO – Saturday, 23 August 2025				
	Health Walk	7:00am		
	Delegates’ Registration	9:00am–10:00pm		Micheal Okpara Square
	Pre-Conference NEC	3:00pm		
	Welcome Cocktail	7:00pm		Hosted by the Chief Judge of Enugu State
DAY THREE – Sunday, 24 August 2025				
	Church Service	10:00am		Cathedral Church of New Shepherd
	Delegate’s Registration	9:00am-9:00pm		Okpara Square

	Opening Ceremony	4:00pm– 6:00pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks – Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR (10 Mins) • Welcome Address by Chairman Enugu Branch, V.C. Odoh, Esq. (2Mins) • Welcome Address by the Chairman, NBA AGC 2025, Local Organizing Committee – Ikeazor Akaraiwe, SAN (3 Mins) • Sights & Sounds – (2 Mins) • Welcome Address by Chairman AGCPC - Chief Emeka Obegolu, SAN (5 Mins) • Welcome Address by the Governor of Enugu State - His Excellency, Mr. Peter Mbah. (10Mins) • Goodwill Messages: (10 Mins) • Address by the NBA President – Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN (15 Mins) • Keynote Address: Mr. Julius Sello Malema (President, Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) South Africa.) (40mins)
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	Cocktail				
DAY FOUR – Monday, 25 August 2025					
	Breakfast Dialogue	9:00am 10:30am	–	<p>Set Forth at Dawn</p> <p>This is a call to action urging us to start new endeavors with the fresh energy of the morning. Success often starts before the world wakes. The quiet clarity of early hours offers the perfect space for strategic thinking, meticulous preparation, and decisive action.</p> <p>This is a conversation about moving forward without waiting for perfect conditions, taking action early, while the day is fresh and the path is clear.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mia Essien, SAN • George Okoro • Abdul Mohammed, SAN • Osita Chidoka, OFR, NPOM • Kanayo O. Kanayo (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Festus Emiri, SAN</p>
	Opening Plenary	10:30am 12:30pm	–	<p>It is the Economy, Stupid!</p> <p>Nigeria’s economy is in distress, our currency has plunged, purchasing power has collapsed, and the standard of living is under severe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo • Gabriel Okeowo • Oby Ezekwesili • George Etomi

			strain. Economic hardship now shapes everything politics, public mood, family stability, security, and how we respond to policies. This session will confront the harsh realities, unpack the root causes, and explore practical strategies to pull the Nigerian economy back from the brink.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seun Okinbaloye (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Mohammed Adelodun</p>
	Enugu State Showcase Session	12:30pm – 2:00pm	<p>Leadership for Transformation</p> <p>True leadership is anchored on values, vision, strategy, and integrity powered by innovation, technology, and critical thinking. This session will examine how we can be catalysts for Nigeria’s growth, using entrepreneurship and innovation as tools for change. It will share practical strategies to overcome barriers, unlock opportunities, and harness mentorship and education to develop bold, visionary leaders ready to build a prosperous nation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Peter Mbah • Ikechukwu Onoma, SAN • Osinachi Njeze <p>Coordinator: Mr Kingsley Udeh</p>
	Lunch	2:00pm – 3:00pm		
			<i>Breakout Sessions 3:00 – 4:30pm</i>	
	Breakout Session I	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Disruptive Artificial Intelligence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hassana Barnabas – Agbada, Esq (Lead Speaker) • Ikechukwu Uwanna

			<p>AI is fast becoming the new language of law, reshaping the profession in real time. With generative AI now embedded in legal research platforms and word-processing software, drafting complex legal documents can be done from a single prompt. This session will explore how lawyers must adapt to acquiring new skills, rethinking practice methods, and embracing technological competence. It will also examine the implications for legal education, from pedagogy and curriculum design to assessment methods, while tackling critical issues of academic integrity, fairness, and professional ethics in an AI-driven era.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obele Akinnrianye • Obinnaya Agbo • Rotimi Ogunyemi • Charles Omole (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Khadijah Adebanye Ajede</p>
	Breakout Session II	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Unbundling Tax Reforms</p> <p>Nigeria is amid its most sweeping tax overhaul in decades, reshaping policies, tightening enforcement, and reforming key institutions. This session pulls back the curtain on these changes, dissecting their scope, economic impact, and the opportunities and challenges they present. From boardrooms to marketplaces, we will explore how these reforms could redefine the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathew O. Gbonjubola • Hajara Bolanle Oniyangi • Tony Ejinkeonye • Michael Ango • Etigwe Uwa, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Temidayo Akeredolu</p>

			fiscal future for businesses, citizens, and the nation.	
	Breakout Session III	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Thirty years after Beijing</p> <p>The Beijing Declaration of 1995 was a watershed moment in the global movement for gender equality.</p> <p>Thirty years later, we examine the premise of the Conference vis-a-vis the gains, the challenges, and importantly - the opportunities that lay ahead for women's rights and empowerment across all sectors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Lever • Beatrice Eyong • Prof. Obi Aginam • Aisha Yesufu • Prof. Ebenezer Durojaiye • Mr. Ugochukwu Ogbonna • Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, SAN, OON (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Hadiza Sa'eed</p>
	Breakout Session IV	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Women in Leadership</p> <p>Diversity and inclusion are essential for a thriving society, and women's participation in various fields are crucial for achieving this goal. This discussion explores the impact of women in politics, business, the legal profession, and the judiciary, highlighting their unique perspectives and contributions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her Excellency, Toyin Saraki (Lead Speaker) • Senator Natasha Akpoti • Prof. Ifeoma Enemo • Aisha Ibrahim • Justice Ojoma Rachel Haruna • Aisha Ado Abdulahi (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Aisha Ado Abdulahi</p>
	Breakout Session V	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Infrastructural Deficit, Funding, Development, and Vandalism</p> <p>Discussion will focus on finding effective and sustainable sources to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Adebowale Adedokun (Lead Speaker) • Dr. Ahamed Abubakar Audi • A.O. Odum, SAN • Ibenaku Onoh

			<p>fund Nigeria's infrastructure deficit, and how to protect them from decay and vandalization. It will also explore how the global move to a zero-carbon economy will necessitate the significant replacement of existing energy infrastructure with renewable alternatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.C. Enwelum, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Dr. Egondy Ikeatu</p>
Breakout Session VI	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Dirty Money</p> <p>The scourge of “dirty money” is a pressing concern globally, with financial crimes such as money laundering, terrorism financing, and corruption posing significant threats to the integrity of financial systems and the rule of law. Lawyers and financial institutions play a critical role in preventing and detecting financial crimes. The panel will discuss how the RPC, 2023, Part II-NBAAMLIC, promotes or inhibits the fight against financial crimes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hajia Hafsat Abubakar Bakari (Lead Speaker) • Bisi Makanjuola • Prof. Sam Ojogbo • Sunusi Musa, SAN • Juliet Ibekaku-Nwagwu • Prof. Ernest Ojukwu, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Faith Nwanchor</p>	
Breakout VII	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Legal Ethics and Globalization</p> <p>A discussion of legal ethics in general and international legal ethics in particular; how external forces for change, including law, globalization, technology, politics, and internal forces for change and legal ethics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Ibrahim Abdullahi, SAN (Lead Speaker) • Augustine Okafor • Lotanna Chukwunyerere Leo • Rantiade Benson-Idahosa • Hon Justice Dimbga (Moderator) 	

			community are changing the face of global ethics. We will also discuss the regulation of the legal profession, vis-à-vis the existing structures and the sufficiency and fitness for purpose thereof, whilst assessing our progress, challenges and opportunities.	Coordinator: Folashade Abiodun
	Breakout VIII	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Owning in a Changing Environment</p> <p>The increasing demand for land has led to complex issues surrounding land use and ownership, including disputes over rights and ownership. As the country experiences growth and development, the demand for effective and efficient land administration, conveyance and probate services is increasing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice B.A. Waziri (Lead Speaker) • Adeleke Agboola, SAN • Paul Harris Ogbole, SAN • Chief Mrs. Tariere Egbegi • Jonathan Gunu Taidi, SAN • Olusegun Fabunmi, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Chika Josephine Oranye</p>
	Finals of Football Competition	5 pm		
	President’s Dinner	7 pm		Dinner Speech – Austin Alegeh, SAN
DAY FIVE – Tuesday, 26 August				

	Plenary Session I	9:30 am – 11:30am	<p>Citizens' Rights & Security Concerns</p> <p>The pursuit of justice and the maintenance of security are twin pillars upon which any functional society rests. In Nigeria, a nation grappling with complex socio-economic challenges, insecurity, and a populace often disillusioned with the justice system, the symbiotic relationship between the legal profession and law enforcement agencies is imperative. A genuine dialogue between these two critical stakeholders holds the key to reforming a system often perceived as an impediment rather than enabler of peace and security.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief of Army Staff (Lead) • Inspector General of Police • DG, DSS • Prof. Ojukwu • Mr. Femi Falana, SAN • Prof. Mike Ozekhome, SAN • Chief Emeka Ngige, SAN • Opeyemi Adamolekun, • Babatunde Ogala, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Chukwuma Ezeala</p>
	UNICEF Plenary Showcase	11:30am – 1:30pm	<p>UNICEF will deliver a paper on Re-imagining Justice for Children in Nigeria: Upholding Rights, Restoring Dignity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ibrahim Sesay (Lead Speaker) • Prof Joy Ezeilo, SAN, OON • Ohizoba Ehiede • Justice Theresa Obot • Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan • Justice Y.G Oshoala, • Prof. Uche Emelonye (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Mona Aika</p>
	Maritime Security Showcase Session	11:30am 1:30pm	<p>Peaceful Waters</p> <p>The Niger Delta region often regarded as 'the goose that lays the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sammy Ogbuku • Sammie Somiari, SAN (Moderator)

			golden eggs’ has had its fair share of high hopes and tragic lows. Drawing lessons from the past, and inspired by optimism for the future, the Niger Delta Development Commission is at the heart of the reimagining and repositioning the fortunes of the region with a view to rebuild and develop for the benefit of not only the region but of the country. The session will examine the challenges, prospects, and positive strides of the Commission and connect this with the imperative for wider maritime security within and beyond the Niger Delta region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy • Chudi Ofodile • M.D. Tantita • Abubakar Umar Issa • Hon. Justice Daketima Gabriel Kio <p>Coordinator: Chukwuma Ezeala</p>
	Lunch	2:00pm-3:00pm		
	Breakout Session I	3:00pm-4:30pm	<p>Building the future Firm</p> <p>Nigerian law firms must evolve to compete on a global scale. While growth should reflect our local realities, Nigeria cannot afford to operate in isolation. The shortage of internationally competitive firms is costing the nation millions in revenue and job opportunities both at home and abroad. Although a few firms are now delivering services at global standards, many more must rise to the challenge. This requires a shift towards stronger law firm partnerships rather than sole proprietorships, enabling resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tominiyi Owolabi (Lead Presenter) • Dr. Cally Cusson • Seun Adedipe, SAN • Gladys Oimage • Dr. Agada Elachi, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Mohammed Adelodun</p>

			pooling, specialization, and broader reach. Above all, it calls for sustained investment in capacity building, sharpening practice excellence, and empowering young lawyers because they are the foundation on which the future of the profession will stand.	
	Breakout Session II	3:00pm 4:30pm	<p>Rethinking “Political-Questions”</p> <p>The discussion is aimed at examining the doctrine of non-justifiability of internal affairs of political parties and the evolving posture of the Courts from non-interference to limited interference, only to the extent of promoting the rule of law and deepening democracy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.O. Sule, SAN • J.J. Usman, SAN • Shaba Ibrahim, Esq • Hon. Justice Onyi Anumonye • Prof R.A.C.E Achara (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Olaide Oluwayomi Ajewole</p>
	Breakout Session III	3:00pm 4:30pm	<p>Value vs. Money</p> <p>This discussion centers around financial policies and institutions, lending, interests, capitalism as useful economic stimulants vis-à-vis the necessity for strong and effective regulation and the opportunities abound for lawyers in the scheme of things.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agatha Nzekwe • Seun Abimbola, SAN • <u>Amaka Ezeno</u> • Chukwuemeka Eze, LLM, FCTI, NP • Prof. Gabriel Obiamarije Chinedum Okenwa, OFR (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Hafsat Kabara</p>
/	Breakout Session IV	3:00pm 4:30pm	Catch Them Young!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boonyameen Babajide Lawal, SAN

			<p>This session will take a critical look at Nigeria’s legal education system examining its structure, content, and delivery from the university level through the Nigerian Law School, and into the often-informal pupillage phase. It will interrogate whether the current curriculum is truly fit for purpose: Does it equip aspiring lawyers with the practical skills, global competitiveness, and ethical grounding required for modern legal practice? Are graduates prepared to serve clients effectively, adapt to emerging trends, and uphold the profession’s core values? The discussion will seek answers, expose gaps, and explore reforms necessary to produce the next generation of competent and principled legal practitioners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Sam Osamolu • Michael Numa, SAN • Prof. Maurice Obasi Nwabueze • Ndukwe Nnawuchi, SAN • Folashade Ali, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Sara Ajijola</p>
	Breakout V	3:00pm 4:30pm	<p>Relitigating Alternative Dispute Resolution in Nigeria</p> <p>ADR by its description and essence is not a subset of litigation but an alternative. It is meant to avoid the pitfalls of litigation, particularly the time lag and penchant for technicalities whilst often offering specialist resolution of dispute. However, the non-salutary reality of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabian Ajogwu, SAN (Lead Speaker) • Hon. Justice Eneche Eleojo (JCA) • Kehinde Ogunwunmiju, SAN • Rachael Osibu, Esq • Prince Tokunbo Kayode, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Aisha Ado Abdullahi</p>

			ADR, particularly Arbitration in Nigeria is that parties and Counsel often decide to railroad Awards into the Courts to be bugged up by the very challenges it was designed to avoid. The panel will highlight how best to optimize the advantages of ADR and avoid pitfalls.	
	Breakout VI	3:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Effective Workplace Compensation</p> <p>Effective Workplace Compensation will examine fair and sustainable remuneration systems, addressing how equitable pay, benefits, and welfare provisions impact productivity, retention, and professional ethics. The session will explore implications for lawyers as employers, employees, and advocates, while highlighting its broader relevance to workplace justice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Oluwasegun Faleye (Lead Speaker) • Abdul-Lateef Musa • Mrs. Nkiru Ogunaike • Mr. Innocent Eremiokhale • Madu Cynthia Kelechi • Folabi Kuti, SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Chinedu Maduba</p>
	Breakout VII	3:00pm 4:30pm	<p>Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021, Impact, Challenges and Opportunities for Lawyers</p> <p>4 years into the commencement of arguably one of the most important pieces of legislation in Nigeria, the panel will discuss the gains,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezeugo Kingston Chikwendu (Lead Speaker) • Ama Etuwewe, SAN (Lead Speaker) • Ogbugo Ukoha • Emma Ndiyo • Olawumi Nwano

			challenges that have characterized the implementation of the law, whilst identifying and expounding the opportunities that abound for lawyers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Yinka Omorogbe. SAN (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Dr. Faith Amarachi Okpara</p>
	Breakout VIII	3:00pm 4:30pm	<p>Expounding Sports & Entertainment Law</p> <p>This session will explore the vast opportunities these dynamic sectors offer beyond traditional practice, guiding young lawyers on how to harness their talents, expand their professional scope, and tap into the growing global markets for sports and entertainment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly Agbakoba-Onyejinaya (Lead Speaker) • Olumide Mustapha • Osaruyi Ayela-Uwangué • Christian Aniukwu • Olabamiji Adeyeye (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Temidayo Akeredolu</p>
DAY SIX – Wednesday, 27th August				
	Plenary	9:00am 11:00am	<p>Nigerian Bar Association: A peep into the future.</p> <p>This session will examine the evolving landscape of legal practice, with a focus on fair remuneration structures and the role of mandatory continuing legal education in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aare Olumuyiwa Akinboro, SAN • Lateef Omoyemi Akangbe, SAN • Prof. Foluke Dada • Mrs. Oyinkan Badejo Okusanya • John Aikpokpo Martins • Mrs. Mandy Asagba

			building competence, adaptability, and global competitiveness among Nigerian lawyers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Udo Jude Ilo (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Barbara Omosun, Esq</p>
	UNICEF Breakout Sesssion	11:00am – 12:30pm	Ending Child Detention: The Role of the NBA in Advancing Justice and Reintegration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Uju Agomoh, (Lead Speaker) • Mr. Kayode David • James Ibor, Esq. • Nkiru Maduechesi • Prof. Uche Emelonye (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Mona Aika</p>
	Breakout Session I	11:00am – 12:30pm	<p>Breaking the Chains of Exclusion Exclusion comes in different shades and for different reasons - some apparent, others obscured in generally accepted sentiments which have become enabled, even perpetuated by some of the very people and institutions that are best positioned to address and correct them. This session draws from a wide array of persons who understand and advocate for fairer and more equitable societies where talent and hard work, not circumstances determine access to opportunities.</p> <p>Supported by Lawyers with Disability Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Dr. Jake Epelle • Ikem Uchegbulam Esq. • Hon. Ayuba Burki Gufwan • Mrs Andem Nella, SAN • Hon. Justice Simon W. Amaduobogha (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Olaide Oluwayomi Ajewole</p>

	Breakout Session II	11:00am 12:30pm	<p>–</p> <p>Navigating Data Privacy Obligations in a Digital Economy: Sectoral Challenges, Shared Solutions.</p> <p>Data privacy obligations have become a defining challenge across sectors, with specific industries - such as finance, technology, telecommunications, healthcare, and professional services - facing unique privacy risks and compliance hurdles. This session will provide a practical overview of how privacy practitioners guide clients in navigating sectoral and cross-border data privacy issues, as well as proven tools for implementing effective data privacy frameworks that meet regulatory standards, enhance consumer trust and mitigate risk across board.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adanma Isamade – Lead Speaker • Ridwan Oloyede • Nonso Azih • Mr. Godson Ogheneochuko • Godson Oghenechukwu • Ebenezer O.C. Ogbuoji (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Junaidu Abubakar</p>
	Breakout Session III	11:00am 12:30pm	<p>–</p> <p>Access to Justice, Security & Accountability: Issues, Challenges and Advancing Solutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Uju Agomoh (Lead Speaker) • Peter Omenka • Aliyu Bagudu Abubakar • Deji Adeyanju • Sylvester Ndidi Nwakuiche, Mni • Monday Onyekachi Ubani, SAN • Yusuf Danmadami <p>Coordinator: Okey Ohagba</p>

	Breakout Session IV	11:00am 12:30pm	<p>AI and Professional Misconduct: Avoiding Pitfalls in a Tech-Driven Practice</p> <p>This session will delve into the potential dangers of overreliance on AI in legal work ranging from citing fictitious authorities to breaches of client confidentiality. Participants will learn practical measures to leverage AI responsibly while safeguarding ethical standards and protecting the integrity of their practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boma Alabi, OON, SAN • Adeola Olumeyan • Abdulazeez Elamah • Ibrahim Sule • Fernandez Marcus-Obiene <p>Coordinator: Orowhuo Okocha, Phd</p>
	Breakout Session V	11:00am 12:30pm	<p>Trailblazing Without Borders</p> <p>This session will feature dynamic practitioners who have exemplified innovation, resilience, and courage in their diverse legal journeys. Each panelist will share their perspective on the future of legal practice, their personal stories of navigating uncharted territories, and offer actionable advice for aspiring legal change-makers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah Bozimo, SAN (Lead Speaker) • Nosa John Garrick • Dr. Ngozi Joy • Abdulrauf Aboki Tijjani • Kurotams Justus • Rita Anwiri Chinda • Dr. Dayo Ashonibare • Belema Orubapo (Moderator) <p>Coordinator: Sopuruchi Rufus</p>

	Breakout Session VI	11:00am - 12:30pm	Prosecutorial Discretion and Accountability: Striking and Balance in a Democratic Society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Ben Odoh • Kayode Ajulo, SAN • Prof. Salim Bashir Magashi • Yusuf Abdulkadir, Esq • Dr. Ejike Okaphor • Labaran Shuaibu Magaji Phd. <p>Coordinator - Safiya Balarabe</p>
	Unbarred	8:00pm		
DAY SEVEN – Thursday, 28th August, 2025				
	Sessions AGM	9:00 am – 12:00pm		
	AGM	12pm		
	AGC Press Conference & Departure	1:30pm		