



Annual
General
Conference

Beyond Limits '26

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DATES

21–28 Aug 2026

VENUE

Port Harcourt

STATE

Rivers State

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to Beyond Limits

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On behalf of the Annual General Conference Planning Committee, it is my singular honour to welcome you to the 66th Annual General Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association.

This year's theme, *Beyond Limits*, is both an invitation and a challenge. It asks us, as a profession, to move past the boundaries that have long defined our practice — beyond the courtroom, beyond convention, and beyond the comfortable certainties of yesterday — to imagine what Nigerian law can become when we dare to reach further.

Over eight remarkable days in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, we will bring together the Bench, the Bar, government, industry experts, and civil society for a programme that spans the issues shaping our nation and our profession: from artificial intelligence in legal practice and the future of policing, to tax reform, arbitration, energy, and the rights of the most vulnerable among us. We are honoured to be joined by leaders in government, the judiciary, and industry experts from across Nigeria and beyond, alongside distinguished partners including the University of Sydney.

None of this would be possible without the tireless work of the Planning Committee, our host Branch, our sponsors and partners, and the thousands of members who make this conference the largest gathering of lawyers on the African continent.

I invite you to engage fully — in the plenaries and the breakout rooms, at the cultural night and the football pitch, in the quiet conversations between sessions where so much of the real work of our profession gets done. Let us go, together, beyond limits.

Abdul Mohammed, SAN

Chairman, AGC 2026 Planning Committee
Nigerian Bar Association



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Chairman
AGC 2026 Planning Committee

A Conference Designed For

A portrait of Abdul Mohammed, SAN, a Black man with short dark hair and a light beard, wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a patterned bow tie. He has his arms crossed and is looking directly at the camera. The background is a neutral, light grey.

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Abdul Mohammed, SAN

CHAIRMAN · AGC 2026 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Welcome to Port Harcourt

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Eight Days, One Profession

The Nigerian Bar Association's Annual General Conference is the largest gathering of legal professionals on the African continent – a week of plenaries, breakout sessions, dialogue, and fellowship uniting the Bench, the Bar, government, and industry experts.

8 DAYS	45+ SESSIONS	27 BREAKOUT TRACKS	200+ SPEAKERS
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THEME	Beyond Limits
DATES	Friday 21 – Friday 28 August 2026
VENUE	Port Harcourt, Rivers State
HOST	Nigerian Bar Association, in partnership with the Rivers State Government
PRESIDENT	Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN — President, Nigerian Bar Association

Plenaries & Showcases Headline conversations on politics, security, policing, and the economy featuring national leaders.	Breakout Sessions 27 specialist tracks across law, business, technology, energy, and human rights.
Sections & Forums Dedicated programming from SBL, SPIDEL, YLF, NBAWF, FIDA, and LWDF.	Fellowship Cultural Night, Health Walk, Football Finals, Unbarred, and the President's Dinner.

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Day One

Friday, 21 August 2026

Arrivals & Registration

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM Opening of Delegates' Registration

1:00 PM Jumaat Service

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Day Two

Saturday, 22 August 2026

Community & Fellowship

7:00 AM	Health Walk
7:00 AM	Tree Planting / Community Clean-Up
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Delegates' Registration
3:00 PM	Pre-Conference NEC
6:00 PM	Welcome Cocktail
	Hosted by the Chief Judge of Rivers State

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Day Three

Sunday, 23 August 2026

Opening Ceremony

10:00 AM

Church Service

Anglican Church

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Delegates' Registration

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Address · Sights & Sounds · Welcome Address by Abdul Mohammed, SAN (Chairman, AGC Planning Committee) · Goodwill Messages — HRH the Shehu of Borno, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, the Attorney-General of the Federation & Minister of Justice, President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association · Address by the NBA President, Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN · Address by the Governor of Rivers State, Sir Siminalaye Fubara · Declaration of Conference Open — President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR · Keynote Address — Former President of Liberia, H.E. George Weah · Vote of Thanks — Dr Mobolaji Ojibara, NBA General Secretary · NBA Cultural Night

7:00 PM

Opening of the Friendship Centre

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Day Four

Monday, 24 August 2026

Nation, Politics & Practice

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Breakfast Dialogue — Nation Under Construction

An unfiltered conversation on the issues shaping Nigeria's future.

Femi Falana, SAN · Sen. Dino Melaye, Esq. · Prof. Chidi Odinkalu · Hon. Muhammed Gudaji Kazaure · Isaac Ssemakadde (President, Uganda Law Society) · Rufai Oseni — Moderator

Coordinator: Mohammed Adelodun

10:40 – 10:50 AM

Showcase — Dr Ope Olusaga

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Opening Plenary — Politics, People, and Nigeria's Future

Presidential hopefuls answer the questions that matter most for 2027.

APC Presidential Candidate · ADC Presidential Candidate · PDP Presidential Candidate · NDC Presidential Candidate · AAC Presidential Candidate · PRP Presidential Candidate · Samson Itodo — Moderator

Coordinator: Chukwuma Ezeala

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Second Plenary — Policing in Transition

Nigeria's shift to multi-level policing, and what it means for the Bar.

Rt Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR — Lead Speaker · ..., SAN · Senior Sulayman · Hon. Justice Mabel Segun-Bello — Moderator

Coordinator: Hafsatu Kabara

2:00 – 2:40 PM

Lunch Break

04

Day Four

Monday, 24 August 2026

Nation, Politics & Practice

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

Delegates may choose one session per time slot.

SESSION I
Counsel and Code
AI's growing role in legal practice — opportunity, ethics and risk.
Hon. Justice Kassim Zannah · Prof. Robinson Tombari Sibe · Adedunmade Onibokun, Esq. · Ibrahim Haroon · Zainab Mohammed Bello · Adebanke Ajede · Shallom Ikenga — Moderator
Coord: Adebanke Ajede

SESSION II
Modern Shylock
The legal playbook for debt recovery, insolvency and business rescue.
Kemi Pinheiro, SAN · Chikwem Ihekweazu, SAN · Emeka Odikpo · Kunle Ogunba, SAN · Solomon Ogbu · Adeyemi Pitan, SAN — Moderator
Coord: Chinyere Nwakaego Dinwoke

SESSION III
Law, Politics, and the People's Mandate
Elections, the Electoral Act, and the judiciary's role in democratic legitimacy.
Hon. Justice Ejembi Eko, JSC (Rtd) · INEC Chairman · Onyechi Ikpeazu, SAN · Mahmud Magaji, SAN · Liborous Oshoma, Esq. · Hon. Moses Okezie-Okafor · Dr Charles Omole — Moderator
Coord: Abdulrasheed Usman

SESSION IV
Bar to Spotlight
Lawyers building unconventional careers beyond the courtroom.
Dr Emmanuel Olowononi · Bobo Ajudua · Timi Agbaje · Oluwatoyin Sanni · Chioma Ikwu · Umoh Edet · A.G. Cross River State — Moderator
Coord: Folashade Abiodun

SESSION V
Vitals & Verdict
Medical negligence litigation in an age of accountability.
Hon. Justice Olukayode Adegbola Adeniyi, JCA · Dr Abdu Enejo / Dr Jonathan Nimi Hart · Prof. Nasiru Adamu Aliyu · Prof. Cheluchi Onyemelukwe-Onuobia · Margaret Jenifer Oputa · Dr Faithful Miebaka Daniel · Sunusi Musa, SAN — Moderator
Coord: Godwin Okoriko Ochai

SESSION VI
Inmates
Pre-trial detention, bail reform and the future of speedy justice.
Dr Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo · Paul Erokoro, SAN · Funke Adeoye · Inibehe Effiong · Deji Adeyanju · Sagir Gezawa · Festus Ogun — Moderator
Coord: Lawrence Adeghonghon

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Day Four

Monday, 24 August 2026

Nation, Politics & Practice (cont'd)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

Delegates may choose one session per time slot.

SESSION VII
Borderless Boardrooms
Corporate governance and cross-border compliance for Nigerian companies.
Prof. Fabian Ajogwu, SAN · RG, CAC · Uzo Oshogwe · Mrs Toyin Bashir · Mrs Joke Aliu · Steven Thiru · Dele Oye — Moderator
Coord: Muhammed Khalifa Umar

SESSION VIII
Fair Play, Fair Price
Competition law, consumer protection and market dominance.
Babatunde Irukera — Lead · Okonache Ogar · Dr Chukwudebem Anyigbo, SAN · Prof. Ibrahim Sule · Saviour Sam · Jarigo Francis · Maryam Shehu Mohammed — Moderator
Coord: Adela Yongo

SESSION IX
Damages & Discretion
Oil and gas disputes, environmental justice and judicial discretion.
Hon. Justice Turaki Adamu Mohammed · Emonye Adekwu, SAN · Sam Brown · Mr Henry Omosigho · Imoh Ekpaidot · Ama Etuwewe, SAN · Miannaya Aja Essien, SAN, FCI Arb — Moderator
Coord: Suleiman Abdulganiu

SESSION X
Across Borders
Surrogacy, adoption and cross-border family law.
Prof. Ngozi Ezeilo, SAN · Genevieve Nwodo Wakeley-Jones · Abimbola Badejo · Aalonebari Gborogbosi · Undiga Umuekpere, Esq. · Chinaecherem Nwaubani · Hon. Justice Dr Daketima Kio — Moderator
Coord: Amarachi Okereafor

5:00 PM Finals of the Football Competition

05

Day Five

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Security, Economy & Enterprise

10:00 – 11:40 AM

Plenary — Known Gun Men

Security leaders, lawyers and policymakers on the legal and institutional gaps fuelling insecurity.

Inspector-General of Police · DG, DSS · Chief (Dr) Anthony Okechukwu Ojukwu · Very Dark Man · Dele Farotimi, Esq. · A.T. Aboki, Esq. · Ebun-Olu Adegoruwa, SAN — Moderator

Coordinator: Folashade Abiodun

11:50 AM – 1:20 PM

Showcase I — Resource Control

Protecting the Niger Delta from environmental harm while unlocking sustainable investment.

Capt. Warredi Enisuoh · NDDC Rep — Chiedu Ebie · Iniruo Wills · Prof. Obasi Maurice Nwabueze · Dr Obinna Onya · Edemumoh Asuquo Essang · Gbenga Wellington — Moderator

Coordinator: Chinedu Samuel Maduba

1:20 – 2:30 PM

Lunch Break

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Day Five

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Security, Economy & Enterprise

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

Delegates may choose one session per time slot.

SESSION I

Pay Now, Prosper Later

Making Nigeria's new tax reforms work in practice.

Taiwo Oyedele · Dr Zacch Adedeji · Ahmed Raji, SAN · Amina Ibrahim · Fatima Dattijo Muhammad · Dr John Nwabueze · Adedayo Adedeji, SAN · Stanley Alieke — Moderator

Coord: Sarah Ajijola

SESSION II

Too Big to Fail?

Systemic risk and Nigeria's banking regulatory framework.

Olayemi Cardoso · Prof. Bode Ayorinde · Uche Wigwe, Esq. · Patrick Abang · NDIC Representative · Nelson Iheanacho · Felicia Kemi Segun — Moderator

Coord: Dr Cashmia Oforo

SESSION III

Rookie to Rainmaker

Mentorship, pupillage and building a standout legal career.

Prof. Yusuf Ali, SAN · Adedayo Adeshina, SAN · Hon. Justice Nehizena Afolabi, JCA · Tosin Oba Olufon · Adekunle Igoniko Abiola · Adela Yongo — Moderator

Coord: Adela Yongo

SESSION IV

Ban to Billions

Regulation, innovation and investor protection in Nigeria's crypto market.

Prof. Ibrahim Abdullahi, SAN · Abdulhakeem Ago · Dr Muhammed Jiya · Favour Uche · DG, SEC · Deborah Enyone Oni · Chukwuka Ikwuazom, SAN — Moderator

Coord: C.J. Oranye

SESSION V

Lagos Seat, London Law

Rethinking the default choice of seat for Nigerian arbitrations.

Prof. Paul Idornigie, SAN · Prof. McCarthy Mbadugha, SAN · Dorothy Udeme Ufot, SAN · Mr Chiwendu Madumere · Godwin Idiagbonya, SAN · Mohammed Musa Sakaba, Esq. · Mr Tolu Aderemi, FCIArb — Moderator

Coord: Sadiq Umar Madaki

SESSION VI

Final Boarding Call

Passenger rights, airline responsibility and Nigeria's aviation law.

Dr A.U. Uguoma · Air Peace Representative · Capt. Boyo · United Airlines Representative · Michael Achimugu · Dr V.N. Enebeli · Idowu J. Lawrence — Moderator

Coord: Dr Egondur

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Day Five

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Security, Economy & Enterprise (cont'd)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

Delegates may choose one session per time slot.

SESSION VII

Sovereign Wealth

Strategic investment and sovereign wealth funds for national prosperity.

NSIA GC / Head of Externally Managed Investments · Ali Zubairu, MNI, SAN · Mohammed Yilji Jibrin · Dr Samson Raphael Osagie · Etaba Agbor · S.F.K. Akaolisah — Moderator

Coord: Faithvin Nwanchor

SESSION VIII

E-Commerce and Procurement

Digital, transparent public contracting under the Nigeria First policy.

Dr Adebowale Adedokun · Kashifu Abdullahi · Mr Fatai Idowu Onafowote · Engr. Sanusi Aminu Yero · Andrew Odum, SAN · Leo Stan Ekeh

Coord: Chinedu (Chairman's)

SESSION IX

People-Centred Justice Practices Across Africa

Comparative approaches to justice reform across the continent.

Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON · Mr Lateef Fagbemi, SAN · Mr Jude Ilo · Hanna Arayaselassie · Alpha Sesay · Mr Gbolahan Adeniran · Mrs Oyinkansola Badejo-Okunsanya — Moderator

7:00 PM

President's Dinner

Dinner Talk — Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON

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Day Six

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Practice, Power & People

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Plenary I — UNICEF

10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

Plenary II — Future Practice

Building scalable, sustainable and future-ready legal practices.

Eleojo Enenche, JCA · Mark Mordi, SAN · Folashade Ali, SAN · Ken Etim · Kayode Adeniji · Zainab Muhammed Bello · Freedom Eje — Moderator

Coordinator: Olabamiji Adeyeye

12:20 – 1:10 PM

Showcase II — NSITF

Adeola Adedipe, SAN · Prof. Gabriel O.C. Okenwa · Bridget Ashang · Mrs Nkiruka Ede-Ogunnaike, Esq. · Mr Abdul-Lateef Musa · William Nsobundu

Coordinator: Abdulrasheed Usman

1:20 – 2:30 PM

Lunch Break

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Day Six

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Practice, Power & People

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

Delegates may choose one session per time slot.

SESSION I

Contracts Without Ceilings*Future-proof commercial contracts amid economic disruption. (SBL Session)*

Prof. Anthony Kila · Naheemat Saleeman · Gloria Iroegbunam · Festus Onyia · Hon. Justice Ken Amadi · Ebi Harry — Moderator

Coord: *Endurance Uhumuavbi*

SESSION II

The Business of Fees*Pricing, structuring and recovering legal fees with confidence. (SLP)*

Bode Olanipekun, SAN · Chinasa Unaegbunam, SAN · Chinyere Okorocho · Ikechukwu Ekwueme · Aisha Ado Abdullahi · Esosa Omo-Usoh · Emeka Obegolu, SAN — Moderator

Coord: *Fadekemi Otun*

SESSION III

Reimagining Public Interest Law*Strategic litigation for accountability and inclusive development. (SPIDEL)*

Prof. Auwal H. Yadudu — Lead · Osita Chidoka · Hilda Dokubo · Junaidu Marshal, PhD · Prof. Aisha Sani Maikudi · Paul Daudu, SAN — Moderator

SESSION IV

Position, Build, Thrive*Navigating competition, mentorship and opportunity as a young lawyer. (YLF)*

Desmond Orisewezie · Abila Deinmobowei · Umar Faruq Hussain · Muhammed Adam · Onyinye Omenugha — Moderator

Coord: *Etaba Agbor*

SESSION V

Big Energy: Women Who Lead*Leadership, ambition and legacy-building for women in law. (NBAWF)*

Prof. Grace O. Akolokwu · Hon. Justice T.S. Oji · Dr Aisha Sulaiman Jahun · Dr Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe · Olufunke Adekoya, SAN · Jennifer Obayuwana · Justice Amina Augie, JSC (Rtd) — Moderator

Coord: *Huwaila Muhammad Ibrahim*

SESSION VI

Let There Be Light*Reform, investment and the future of Nigeria's power sector.*

Mr Joseph Olasunkanmi Tegbe · Dafe Akpeneye · Akinwale Omoboriowo II · Damilola Olawuyi, SAN · GENCO Representative · DISCO Representative · Halima Ahmad Katun — Moderator

Coord: *Dr Amarachi Okpara*

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Day Six

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Practice, Power & People (cont'd)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

Delegates may choose one session per time slot.

SESSION VII

Beyond Limit: Closing the Gap

Closing the protection gap for the rights of women and children in Nigeria. (FIDA)

Hon. Justice Kio Daketima · Rasheedat Mohammed · Florence Amiesimaka · Peretimi Peterside · Dr Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi · Faithvin Nwanchor

Coord: Rachel Andrew

SESSION VIII

Beyond Barriers

Removing barriers to full participation for lawyers with disabilities. (LWDF)

Justice Christopher · Mamuzo Erebe, SAN · Dr Cally Cussons · Mary Musa Omoyeme

8:00 PM

Unbarred

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Day Seven

Thursday, 27 August 2026

Sections & Annual General Meeting

9:00 – 11:00 AM Sections' Annual General Meetings

11:00 AM Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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Day Eight

Friday, 28 August 2026

Closing & Departure

10:00 – 11:00 AM AGC Press Conference

11:00 AM Swearing-In Ceremony

— Departure

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