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BREAKING the CYCLE:

HOW NIGERIA CAN LEAD
AFRICA FROM POVERTY TO
PROSPERITY.

Programme



15 NOV
2025



9am



NAF Conference
Centre, Kado, Abuja

NATIONAL ANTHEM

- 1 Nigeria, we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribes and tongues may differ,
In brotherhood we stand
Nigerians all, are proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.
- 2 Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honoured,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.
- 3 O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

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Why the Colloquium



Africa is a continent of paradoxes — vast natural and human resources, yet persistent poverty. Over 63% of Nigerians (133 million people) live in multidimensional poverty, while insecurity, weak institutions, and policy inconsistencies continue to limit progress. Nigeria, as Africa's largest economy and most populous nation, holds the key to transforming this narrative.

The 2025 Paul Alaje Colloquium, themed “Breaking the Cycle: How Nigeria Can Lead Africa from Poverty to Prosperity”, seeks to provide a platform for high-level dialogue on how Nigeria can unlock its potential and inspire Africa's prosperity.

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Objectives

The Colloquium aims to:

1. Examine Nigeria's role as a catalyst for Africa's prosperity.
2. Provide evidence-based analysis of poverty cycles and strategies for economic transformation.
3. Explore policy, governance, technology, and security pathways to sustainable growth.
4. Engage youth, women, and innovators as central actors in Africa's economic future.
5. Produce actionable recommendations for policymakers, private sector leaders, and development partners



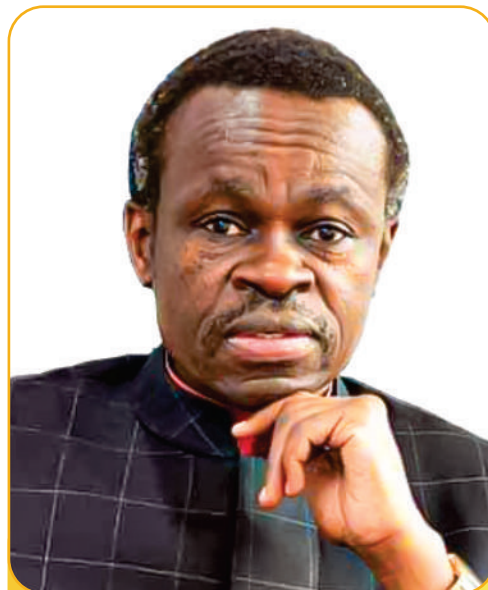
His Excellency

Sen. Kashim Shettima, GCON

Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Kashim Shettima Mustapha is a Nigerian politician and banker currently serving as Vice President of Nigeria alongside President Bola Ahmed Tinubu since May 29, 2023. He holds degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Maiduguri and the University of Ibadan.

Beginning his career as a lecturer, he later excelled in banking, rising to General Manager at Zenith Bank. Entering public service in 2007, he served in various Borno State cabinet roles before becoming governor in 2011 and 2015, steering the state through the Boko Haram crisis. Afterward, he was elected Senator for Borno Central.

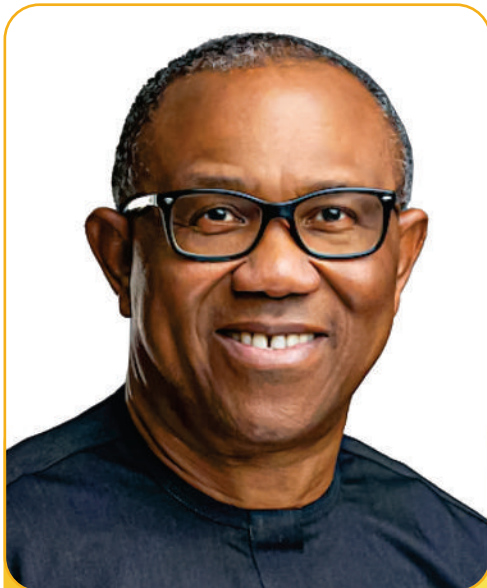


Professor

P.L.O Lumumba

Nairobi, Kenya

Prof. P.L.O Lumumba is a distinguished Kenyan lawyer, scholar, and Pan-Africanist renowned for his passionate advocacy for good governance, integrity, and African unity. He holds degrees in Law from the University of Nairobi and a Doctorate in the Law of the Sea from the University of Ghent, Belgium. A former Director of the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission and the Kenya School of Law, he has dedicated his career to promoting ethical leadership and justice. Through the PLO Lumumba Foundation, he mentors young Africans and inspires civic consciousness, self-reliance, and transformational leadership across the continent and beyond.



His Excellency
Peter Gregory Obi, CON
Former Governor of Anambra State

Peter Gregory Obi (CON) is a businessman and politician from Onitsha, Anambra State. He earned a degree in Philosophy from the University of Nigeria and attended executive programs at Harvard, LSE, and Kellogg. A successful banker, he became the youngest chairman of Fidelity Bank and served on various corporate boards. As Governor of Anambra State (2006–2014), he was acclaimed for fiscal discipline, educational advancement, and healthcare reforms. Obi later ran as Nigeria's vice-presidential candidate in 2019 and presidential candidate under the Labour Party in 2023, advocating good governance, accountability, and economic reform.



His Royal Majesty
Drolor Bosso Adamtey I
Accra, Ghana

His Royal Majesty Drolor Bosso Adamtey I is the Suapolor (paramount ruler) of the Se (Shai) Traditional Area in Ghana, enthroned in 1999. He combines his traditional leadership role with global educational, diplomatic, and humanitarian engagements. He served as the first Chancellor of the University of Professional Studies, Accra, and has founded leadership and development initiatives promoting education and innovation. A bestselling author, inspirational speaker, and cultural ambassador, he champions youth empowerment, inclusive growth, and unity across Africa and the diaspora. In 2025, he became the Greater Accra representative on Ghana's Council of State.



His Excellency
Caleb Mutfwang
Executive Governor
Plateau State

Barr. Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang is a lawyer-turned politician who has been serving as the Governor of Plateau State since May 2023. He holds a law degree and was called to the Nigerian Bar in December 1989. Prior to becoming governor, he served as Chairman of Mangu Local Government Area and has extensive experience in legal practice and local governance.

His administration's guiding agenda is titled "The Time is Now," focusing on security, infrastructure development, human-capital investment, and economic revitalisation in Plateau State.



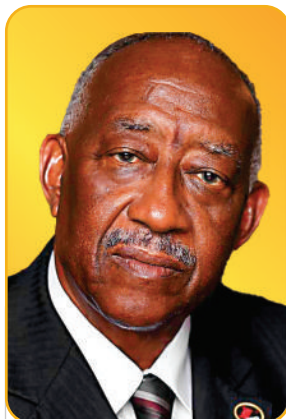
Her Excellency Chief
Alice Obasanjo
Wife of the Former
President of Nigeria

H. E. Chief Mrs. Alice Bola Obasanjo, wife of former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, is a respected leader, health practitioner, and advocate for service to humanity. Born in Ogun State, she has dedicated her life to uplifting the marginalized, elderly, and less privileged, while exemplifying humility, faith, and compassion.

A mother, grandmother, and mentor, she is widely admired for her generosity, peace-loving spirit, and commitment to empowering others.



His Excellency
Dr. Abdul-Nashiru Issahaku
Former Governor,
Central Bank of Ghana



H.E. Amb. Dr.
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Consul General, Antigua and
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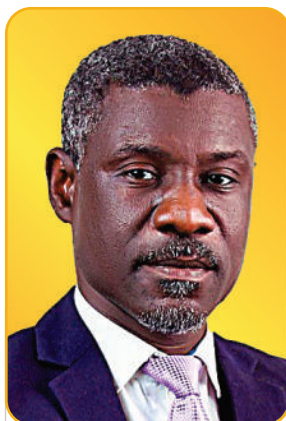
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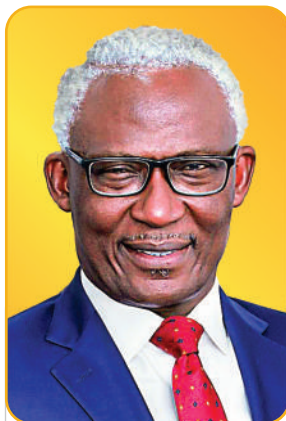
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with Nancy on AIT



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MEET THE CONVENER



Dr. Paul Alaje

(Ph.D. FCMIB),
Chief Economist and Senior
Partner at SPM Professionals

Dr. Paul Alaje is a leading African economist, development finance expert, and senior partner at SPM Professionals, a distinguished economic and management consulting firm headquartered in Abuja, Nigeria. Renowned for his clarity of economic thought, data-driven policy analysis, and strategic advisory to governments and institutions, Dr. Alaje works at the intersection of public finance, sustainable development, and enterprise growth across emerging and frontier markets.

He is an advisor to sub-national governments, public agencies, and national development institutions on economic planning, fiscal reform, and investment frameworks aimed at strengthening macroeconomic stability and inclusive growth. Dr. Alaje serves as a consultant to the Abuja Enterprise Agency under the Federal Capital Territory Administration and to the Government of Plateau State, where he contributes to long-term economic competitiveness strategies and resource optimization.

His work spans economic modeling, public sector reform, infrastructure financing, enterprise development, and value chain transformation. He has also supported private sector organizations in scaling operations, enhancing organizational resilience, and improving market performance in highly competitive environments.

Dr. Alaje is recognized globally for his policy commentary and analysis. He has been featured on international media platforms including the BBC, Al Jazeera, CNBC Africa, and CGTN, among others. His research and advisory engagements emphasize evidence-based governance, inclusive wealth creation, and the role of innovation in accelerating development outcomes.

He holds advanced academic and professional qualifications in Economics and Finance and continues to contribute to global dialogue on Africa's economic transformation, regional competitiveness, and sustainable growth.

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TIME	ACTIVITIES	PERSONS	DURATION
9:00am – 9:30am	Arrival and Registration of Guests	Red Carpet (MC Amana & Bisola Ilori)	30 mins
9:30am – 9:50am	Mood setting	Sax	20 mins
9:50am – 9:55am	National Anthem	MC Amana & Sound	5 mins
9:55am – 10:00am	Introduction of Guests	MC- Stanley Bentu	5 mins
10:00am – 10:07am	Welcome Address	Chairperson	7 mins
10:07am – 10:22am	Keynote Speech 1	HRM Adamtey	15 mins
10:22am – 10:32am	Special Address	Chief Mrs Alice Obasanjo	10 mins
10:32am – 10:42am	Interlude	Voice Artiste	10 mins
10:42am – 11:02am	Keynote Speech 2	Prof P.L.O Lumumba/Wallace	20 mins
11:02am – 11:12am	Keynote Speech 3	Gov. Caleb Mutfwang	10 mins
11:12am – 11:22am	Goodwill Message	Other Special Guests	10 mins
11:22am – 11:32am	Prize presentation to participant of previous colloquium	Chairperson & Joan	10 mins
11:32am – 11:44am	Paper Presentation on Economic Transformation	Prof. O. Saibu	12 mins
11:44am – 12:34am	Panel Session (Economic Transformation)	Panelists	50 mins
12:34pm – 12:44pm	Q & A	Moderator / Audience (Questions & Reward)	10 mins
12:44pm – 12:49pm	Recognize essay participants & prize presentation; Secondary School Category Essay Winner.	Winner Secondary School	5 mins
12:49pm – 12:57pm	Keynote Speech	H.E. Peter Obi	8 mins
12:57pm – 1:12pm	Convener's Address	Dr Paul Alaje	15 mins
1:12pm – 2:02pm	African Panel Session	Panelists	50 mins
2:02pm – 2:12pm	Q&A	Moderator / Audience (Questions & Reward)	10 mins
2:12pm – 2:17pm	Prize presentation; Undergraduate Category Essay Winner	Winner Undergraduate	5 mins
2:17pm – 2:22pm	Interlude	Ricky	5 mins
2:22pm – 2:32pm	Security Paper Presentation	Gen. Ayoola	10 mins
2:32pm – 3:22pm	Security Panel Session	Panelists	50 mins
3:22pm – 3:32pm	Q & A	Moderator / Audience (Questions & Reward)	10 mins
3:32pm – 3:37pm	Prize presentation; Postgraduate Category Essay Winner	Winner Postgraduate	5 mins
3:37pm – 3:47pm	Interlude	Sarkin Dariya	10 mins
3:47pm – 4:37pm	Governance Panel Session	Panelists	50 mins
4:37pm – 4:47pm	Q&A	Moderator / Audience (Questions & Reward)	10 mins
4:47pm – 4:52pm	Rapporteur	Rapporteur	5 mins
4:52pm – 4:57pm	LOC and Volunteer Appreciation	Convener	5 mins
4:57pm – 5:00pm	National Prayer	MC	3 mins

MEET OUR TEAM



Dr. Paul Alaje | Convener



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