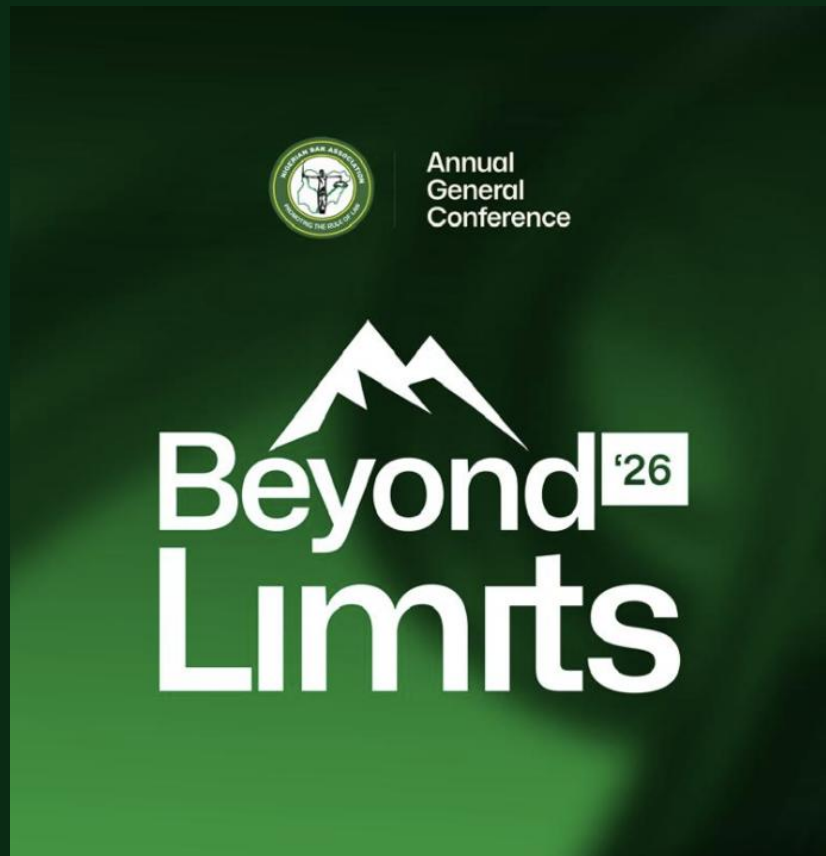




OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DATES

21–28 Aug 2026

VENUE

Yakubu Gowon Stadium

STATE

Rivers State

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to Beyond Limits

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

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Chairman, AGC 2026 Planning Committee
Nigerian Bar Association

A Conference Designed For

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

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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

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

1:00 PM

Jumaat Service

02

Day Two

Saturday, 22 August 2026

Community & Fellowship

7:00 AM	Health Walk
7:00 AM	Tree Planting / Community Clean-Up
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 — Mr Ope Olugasa
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Opening Plenary — Democracy & Governance 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 · Senior Sulayman · Nnadubem Moghalu · Prof. Nuhu Mohammed Jamo Coordinator: Hafsatu Kabara
2:00 – 2:40 PM	Lunch Break

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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 Ebiyerin G. Omukoro (Judge, High Court of Bayelsa State) · Prof. Robinson Tombari Sibe · Adedunmade Onibokun · 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.

Professor Joash Ojo Amupitan, SAN (INEC Chairman) · Onyechi Ikpeazu, SAN · Mahmud Magaji, SAN · Liborous Oshoma · Hon. Moses Okezie-Okafor · Abdulrasheed Usman — Moderator

Coord: Abdulrasheed Usman

SESSION IV

Bar to Spotlight

Lawyers building unconventional careers beyond the courtroom.

Dr Emmanuel Olowononi · Yemisi Falaye · Timi Agbaje · Oluwatoyin Sanni · Chioma Ikokwu · Etaba Agbor · A.G. Cross River State — Moderator

Coord: Folashade Abiodun

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Day Four

Monday, 24 August 2026

Nation, Politics & Practice (cont'd)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

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SESSION V

Vitals & Verdict

Medical negligence litigation in an age of accountability.

Hon. Justice Olukayode Adegbola Adeniyi, JCA · Dr Jonathan Nimi Hart · Prof. Nasiru Adamu Aliyu · Prof. Cheluchi Onyemelukwe · 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 Edeghonghon Erewele

SESSION VII

Borderless Boardrooms

Corporate governance and cross-border compliance for Nigerian companies.

Hussaini Ishaq Magaji, SAN (RG, CAC) · Uzo Oshogwe · Mrs Toyin Bashir · Mrs Joke Aliu · Steven Thiru · Ituah Imhanze · 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 Chukwudubem Anyigbo, SAN · Ibrahim Sule · Saviour Sam · Jarigo Francis · Maryam Shehu Mohammed — Moderator

Coord: Adela Yongo

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Day Four

Monday, 24 August 2026

Nation, Politics & Practice (cont'd)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

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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 · Ama Etuwewe, SAN · Miannaya Aja Essien, SAN, FCI Arb · Peter Imoh Ekpaidot — Moderator

Coord: Suleiman Abdulganiyu

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 · Chinaecherem Nwaubani · Hon. Justice Dr Daketima Kio — Moderator

Coord: Amarachi Grace 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 · A.T. Aboki · 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 Enisuh · Chiedu Ebie · Iniruo Wills · Prof. Obasi Maurice Nwabueze · Dr Obinna Onya · Edemumoh Asuquo Essang · Gbenga Wellington — Moderator

Coordinator: Stella Jumbo

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.

Sen. Osita Izunaso, Ph.D · 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.

Prof. Bode Ayorinde · Uche Wigwe, Esq. · Patrick Abang · Olufemi Kushimo · Nelson Iheanacho · Chief Emeka Ngige, SAN — Moderator

Coord: Dr Cashmia Ofurum

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 Igonikon 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 · Dr Emomotimi Agama (DG, SEC) · Deborah Enyone Oni · Chukwuka Ikwuazom, SAN — Moderator

Coord: Chika Oranye

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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 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 A. Idiagbonya, SAN · Baba Lawal Aliyu, FCIArb, UK · Mr Tolu Aderemi, FCIArb — Moderator

Coord: Sadiq Umar Madaki

SESSION VI

Final Boarding Call

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

Dr Augustine U. Uguoma · Air Peace Representative · Capt. Boyo · Prof. Obiora Okonkwo · Michael Achimugu · Dr Victor N. Enebeli · Idowu J. Lawrence — Moderator

Coord: Dr Egondur Ikeatu

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 · Lami Wendy Adams · Chinedu Mofunaya · S.F.K. Akaolisah — Moderator

Coord: Faithvin Nwanchor

SESSION VIII

E-Commerce and Procurement

Digital, transparent public contracting under the Nigeria First policy.

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

Coord: Dr Faith Amarachi Okpara

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Day Five

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Security, Economy & Enterprise (cont'd)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS · PARALLEL TRACKS

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SESSION IX

People-Centred Justice Practices Across Africa

Comparative approaches to justice reform across the continent.

Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON · Udo Jude Ilo · Alpha Sesay · Akingbolahan Adeniran · Prof. Stephen Ouma Akoth

SESSION X

IST

Examining the place of the Investments and Securities Tribunal in the Nigerian Capital Market.

Prof. Augustine Agom · Alex Morka · Prof. Ibrahim Abdullahi, SAN · Dr Sylvanus Gbendazhi Barnabas · Val Uche Obi, SAN — Moderator

Coord: Femi Idowu

7:00 PM

President's Dinner

06

Day Six

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Practice, Power & People

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Plenary I — UNICEF: Justice Beyond Limits, For Every Child, Justice

Access to justice is a core component of child protection and the rule of law; Nigeria's national assessment found over 133,000 children and young adults deprived of liberty between 2018 and 2022.

Polycarp Okorie · Prof. Nkechi Emma-Echiegu · Aliyu Bagudu Abubakar (DG, Legal Aid Council) · Nigerian Police Force Representative · Nigerian Correctional Service Representative · Mona Aika — Moderator · Dr Godwin Chinedu Odo — Moderator

Coordinator: Ayodeji Oni

10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

Plenary II — Future Practice

Building scalable, sustainable and future-ready legal practices.

George Etomi · Mark Mordi, SAN · Folashade Ali, SAN · Kayode Adeniji · Isaiah Bozimo, SAN · Saadatu Hamu Aliyu · Freedom Ominyi Eje — Moderator

Coordinator: Olabamiji Adeyeye

12:20 – 1:10 PM

Showcase II — NSITF

Adeola Adedipe, SAN · Prof. Gabriel O.C. Okenwa · Bridget Ashang · Nkiruka Henrietta Ede-Ogunnnaike · Abdul-Lateef Musa · William Nsobundu

Coordinator: Chukwuka Ebube

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 · Chinyere Okorocha · Ikechukwu Ekwueme · Aisha Ado Abdullahi · Isdore Uzuo · Emeka Obegolu, SAN — Moderator

Coord: Fadekemi Ottun

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

Coord: Onyema James

SESSION IV

Position, Build, Thrive

Navigating competition, mentorship and opportunity as a young lawyer. (YLF)

Emokiniovo Dafe-Akpedeye · Desmond Orisewezie · Abila Deinmobowei · Umar Faruq Hussain · Muhammed Adam · Onyinye Omenugha · Ikechukwu Obialor — Moderator

Coord: Etaba Agbor

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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 V

Big Energy: Women Who Lead

Leadership, ambition and legacy-building for women in law. (NBAWF)

Prof. Grace O. Akolokwu · Hon. Justice Tamunoigoni S. Oji · Dr Aisha Sulaiman Jahun · Amina Oyagbola · Dr Vera Sam-Dike · Dr Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe · Justice Amina Augie, JSC (Rtd) — Moderator

Coord: Sadiya Sule

SESSION VI

Let There Be Light

Reform, investment and the future of Nigeria's power sector.

Joseph Olasunkanmi Tegbe · Dafe Akpeneye · Akinwale Omoboriowo II · Prof. Damilola Olawuyi, SAN · Atiku M. Jafar · Halima Ahmad Katun — Moderator

Coord: Aaron Ologe

SESSION VII

Beyond Limit: Closing the Gap

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

Rashidat Mohammed · Faithvin Nwanchor · Peretimi Judith Peterside · Dr Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi · Florence Amiesiamaka — Moderator

Coord: Rachel Adejo-Andrew

SESSION VIII

Beyond Barriers

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

Arinze D. Mbanefo · Mamuzo Erebe, SAN · Prof. Azubike Onuora-Oguno · Mary Musa Omoyeme · Nehemiah Danjuma · Her Honour Yalaju Selase — Moderator

Coord: Dumebi Tina Makwe Unuareokpa

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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