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STAIN**

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1-5 DECEMBER

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria We Hail Thee'
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ,
In brotherhood, we stand,
Nigerians all, and proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honour'd,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.

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.

THE PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.

THE NBA PRAYER

Almighty God our Creator, we pray you to be with us in all our deliberations and to direct our endeavors so that we shall continue in all humility to glorify thy name and do that which is right and just for our profession, its members, our fellow men and our country.

AMEN



His Excellency,
Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



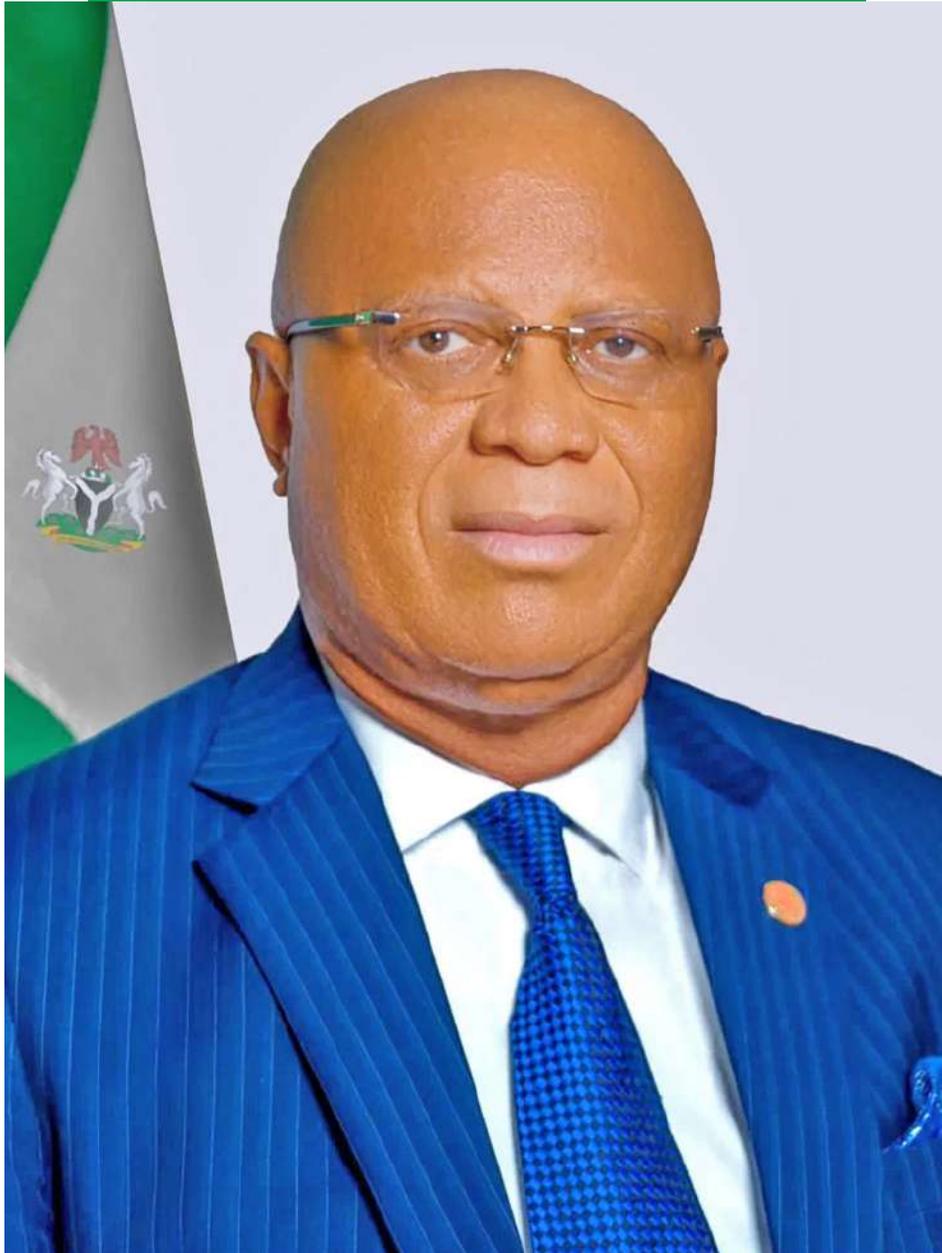
Distinguished Senator,
Godswill Obot Akpabio, GCON
President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria



Honourable Justice
Kudirat Motonmori Olatokunbo Kekere-Ekun, GCON
Chief Justice of Nigeria



Prince Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN
Attorney General & Minister For Justice



His Excellency,
Pastor Umo Eno
Governor, Akwa Ibom State



Honourable Justice
Ekaete F. Fabian-Obot
Chief Judge, Akwa Ibom State



Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN
President, Nigerian Bar Association



Uko E. Udom, SAN
Attorney-General & Commissioner for Justice,
Akwa Ibom State



Prof. Paul Ananaba, SAN
Chairman, NBA-SPIDEL Interim Management



Associate Professor Uju Agomoh
Chair, NBA-SPIDEL 2025 Conference
Planning Committee (CPC)



YOU ARE WELCOME

“Welcome to Akwa Ibom, where every journey is a celebration of life. Akwa Ibom is not just a destination; it is a vibrant community complemented by our warm hospitality.”

Pastor Umo Eno
Executive Governor, Akwa Ibom State





WELCOME ADDRESS BY CPC CHAIR

It is with great pleasure and a profound sense of purpose that I welcome all delegates, speakers, partners, and guests to the 2025 Annual Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association – Section on Public Interest and Development Law (NBA-SPIDEL). This year’s gathering, themed “A Banner Without Stain: Justice, Accountability and Development,” invites us to collectively reflect on the values that define our profession and shape our nation’s progress.

In a time marked by rapid social, political, and economic shifts, the call for justice and accountability has never been more urgent. The legal community stands at the heart of this conversation, uniquely positioned to influence reforms, strengthen institutions, and safeguard the rights and dignity of all persons. As custodians of the law, we must continually interrogate how our systems, practices, and advocacies contribute to sustainable development and the public good.

This conference brings together a distinguished array of jurists, policymakers, scholars, civil society leaders, and practitioners to engage in meaningful discourse, share innovative ideas, and chart pathways for impactful action. Across panel discussions, plenaries, workshops, and networking sessions, we will explore the intersections between justice delivery, responsible governance, and the development aspirations of our society.

We are profoundly grateful to our distinguished Keynote Speaker (Prof Chidi Odinkalu) and Keynote Responder (Prof Stephen Shute) for accepting our invitation and for enriching this conference with their deep knowledge and experience. We also extend heartfelt thanks to all Session Chairs, Lead Speakers, Discussants, and Panelists whose intellect and contributions will illuminate our conversations and inspire action.

Our appreciation further goes to the Government and people of Akwa Ibom State for their gracious support towards the hosting of this conference. We especially acknowledge the Honourable Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice of Akwa Ibom State, whose collaboration and hospitality have been invaluable in preparing for this event.

I also wish to express deep gratitude to the President of the Nigerian Bar Association for his unwavering support, generosity and encouragement. I also thank the Chairman of the Interim Management Committee of SPIDEL - Prof Paul Ananaba for his guidance, cooperation, and commitment throughout the planning process. Same goes to Okey Ohagba (Secretary) and other members of the Interim Management Committee.

My sincere thanks go to my colleagues on the Conference Planning Committee for their dedication, creativity, and countless hours of work. Your resilience and teamwork have ensured that this conference stands on a strong foundation. I equally applaud the Chair and members of the Local Organizing Committee, whose tireless efforts on the ground have made the logistics and coordination seamless.



Permit me to make special mention of Chief Assam Assam SAN who is both a member of the Conference Planning Committee, and a consultant to the Local Organising Committee (LOC), for his insight and guidance. I commend the dedication of our partners, and our volunteers whose tireless efforts have made this conference possible. I also thank all participants for investing your time and intellect in this important convening.

As we begin this year’s conference, I encourage all participants to engage wholeheartedly, share boldly, and reflect deeply on the roles we must play in ensuring that justice, accountability, and development thrive in our society. May the outcomes of our deliberations strengthen our resolve to keep the banner of public interest and development law flying without stain.

On behalf of the Conference Planning Committee, I warmly welcome you to the NBA-SPIDEL 2025 Annual Conference and wish you a fruitful, engaging, and memorable experience.

Thank you.

Associate Professor Uju Agomoh
Chair, Conference Planning Committee (CPC)



WELCOME ADDRESS BY SPIDEL CHAIRMAN

PROTOCOLS

It is with great pleasure and privilege that I welcome all of us on behalf of the Governing Council of the NBA-SPIDEL to this unique gathering, which brings together the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Honourable Justice Kudirat Motonmori Olatokunbo Kekere-Ekun, The Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Prince Lateef Fagbemi, SAN, President of Nigeria Bar Association, Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN, Honourable Justices, members of the Body of Benchers, Distinguished Senior Advocates of Nigeria, key representatives from Legal Sector, Civil Society Organizations, Public Interest Activists, Development Experts, Stakeholders and National Authorities, to the Public Interest Annual Conference. We gather once again as stewards of the rule of law, custodians of justice, and defenders of the public interest in all its dimensions.

Four years ago, in Ibadan, during my first term as chairman of SPIDEL, I had the privilege of addressing this distinguished body. The theme then was, **“The Role of Public Interest Governance in Nigeria.”** At that time, we spoke passionately about the urgent need for institutions to be built on integrity, transparency, and genuine accountability to inspire genuine public trust. Yet today, we must confront an uncomfortable truth: the transformation we envisioned remains largely unrealized. The challenges we identified persist; the reforms we championed remain slow; and the promise of public interest governance continues to face the resistance of entrenched systems.

It is this reality that makes our 2025 theme — **“A Banner Without Stain: Justice, Accountability and Development”** — not just appropriate, but necessary, compelling and inescapable. It compels us to confront the gap between aspiration and achievement, between what we profess and what we practice, between the Nigeria we hope for and the Nigeria we experience.

A nation’s banner is a reflection of its values. To keep it unstained requires integrity, transparency, and courage. For us in the legal community, it means that justice must not merely be done, but must be seen to be done — consistently, fearlessly, and without fear or favour. Justice remains the stabilizing force of society and the assurance that every citizen, regardless of status, stands equal before the law.

Justice cannot flourish without accountability. Accountability is the ongoing test of whether leadership serves the public or merely manages the moment.

It is the framework that protects institutions from corrosion and ensures that power remains tethered to responsibility. If we are honest with ourselves, our national progress has been slowed not by the absence of laws, but by the absence of patriotism, dedication, commitment and accountability.

I dare say that without justice and accountability, meaningful development becomes impossible. Development does not occur in a vacuum; it is built on trust, fairness, strong fundamentals and strong governance. Public interest law is therefore not a peripheral concern — it is the engine room of national transformation. When we strengthen public-interest governance, we unlock the pathway to sustainable development.

It is in this context that the words of the prolific author and civil rights activist James Baldwin remain profoundly true: **“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”**

This conference gives us another opportunity — perhaps a more urgent one — to recommit to the ideals we have long espoused. We must move beyond analysis to action, beyond advocacy to impact. The responsibility rests on each of us to help shape a Nigeria where institutions are strong, rights are protected, and governance truly serves the public good. That is the banner!

I remember as a child in July 1974, when President Quid Daddah of Mauritania and General Yakubu Gowon came to Port Harcourt. I and other pupils lined the streets waving Nigerian flags. That pristine



flag to me symbolized an unblemished future. Now, 51 years later I stand before you a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and Chairman of SPIDEL, I cannot say that I have been handed a banner without stain.

The importance having a banner without stain is underscored by the fact that it occupies a special place in our national anthem. We must go beyond just singing it and give it pride of place.

Over the next few days, we will engage in robust discussions, enlightening plenary sessions, and meaningful exchanges aimed at strengthening our collective capacity to promote the rule of law and defend the rights of the ordinary citizen. I urge all participants to contribute actively, to listen deeply, and to leave this conference more inspired and better equipped to advance justice in our various spheres.

I must commend the central planning committee led by Associate Prof. Uju Agomoh, members of the transition committee, local organizing committee led by Godswill A. Umoh, our sponsors, our partners, and all our volunteers! whose tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have made this event possible. Organizing a Conference of this scale is never easy, but with teamwork, vision, and passion, we have made it happen.

On behalf of NBA-SPIDEL, I sincerely appreciate the Government of Akwa Ibom, His Excellency, Umo Eno, the Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom State Hon. Justice Ekaete F. Fabian-Obot, all the great people of Akwa Ibom State for their immense support and hosting of this Conference, the leadership of NBA (the Bar that works for all), the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice of Akwa Ibom, Uko E. Udom SAN, Chief Assam Assam SAN, the Heads of Courts, the Senior Advocates of Nigeria in Akwa Ibom State and NBA Uyo branch. Our distinguished speakers, partners and participants. Your presence here speaks to your commitment to these ideals.



As we begin this conference, may we find clarity, conviction, and renewed determination — so that the banner we carry as stakeholders in public interest remains, indeed, without stain.

Ladies and gentlemen, i welcome you to the 2025 NBA-SPIDEL Annual Conference.

Thank you and God Bless.

PROF. PAUL C. ANANABA,
SAN, FCI Arb., FNIM, FCIA, FICMC.
CHAIRMAN, NBA-SPIDEL



SPECIAL ADDRESS BY NBA PRESIDENT, MAZI AFAM OSIGWE SAN

Your lordships, your Excellencies, the Keynote Speaker and the Keynote Responder, learned silks, colleagues, honoured guests, and esteemed members of the NBA-SPIDEL community,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I welcome you to the 2025 Annual Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association Section on Public Interest and Development Law (NBA-SPIDEL). Each year, this conference offers us an opportunity to reflect on our calling as legal professionals—to defend justice, uphold human dignity, and advance the public good. This year’s gathering reinforces these ideals with renewed purpose and clarity.

NBA-SPIDEL remains one of the most vital engines driving the NBA’s core objectives, mandate, vision, and mission. Through its consistent focus on public interest litigation, governance reforms, human rights advocacy, and community-centred legal interventions, SPIDEL breathes life into the values upon which the NBA stands. It ensures that our Association does not merely speak about justice, equity, and accountability but actively pursues them in ways that transform institutions and enrich lives across Nigeria.

I commend SPIDEL for its unwavering commitment to these ideals. Its work continues to demonstrate that the NBA’s relevance is not confined to our profession alone, but is critically tied to the welfare of the nation. I am deeply inspired by the dedication of SPIDEL’s interim leadership council, SPIDEL membership, and partners whose collective efforts keep public interest law at the forefront of national discourse.

Let me express my profound appreciation to all who made this conference possible. To the Conference Planning Committee, your diligence, resilience, and creativity are commendable. To our sponsors, partners, speakers, volunteers, and every individual or organization that contributed to the planning and successful execution of this event, the Nigerian Bar Association extends its heartfelt thanks.

A special appreciation must go to the Government and good people of Akwa Ibom State for their generous support and warm hospitality. Your commitment to hosting this important gathering reflects a deep appreciation for the rule of law and the role of legal institutions in national development.

I also express sincere gratitude to the judiciary, the Federal Ministry of Justice, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria (LACON), the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), and the many other government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and development partners who attended or graciously sent representatives. Your presence affirms a shared commitment to good governance, justice sector reform, and the strengthening of democratic institutions.

As President of the Nigerian Bar Association, I reaffirm the NBA’s unwavering support to strengthen SPIDEL and expand its capacity to lead national conversations and interventions in public interest and development law. We will continue to bolster its structures, elevate its visibility, and deepen its impact as a strategic pillar of our Association.

I encourage all participants to engage fully with the sessions, build new partnerships, and allow the insights gained here to fuel action across our communities and institutions. May this conference inspire us all to pursue justice with courage, humility, and unwavering resolve.

Thank you, and welcome to NBA-SPIDEL 2025.

Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN
NBA PRESIDENT





PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

DAY 1: MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2025

10:00AM > 5:00PM	<p align="center">TOUR</p> <p align="center">An experience of the Sights and Sound of Akwa Ibom</p> <p align="center">📍 Full Day (Within & Outside Uyo)</p>
12NOON	<p align="center">ARRIVALS / ONSITE REGISTRATION/ COLLECTION OF CONFERENCE MATERIALS</p> <p align="center">📍 NBA UYO BRANCH HOUSE</p>
6:00PM	<p align="center">WELCOME COCKTAIL/PARTY</p> <p align="center">📍 NBA UYO BRANCH HOUSE</p>

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2025

09:00AM	<p align="center">REGISTRATION</p> <p align="center">ONSITE REGISTRATION/COLLECTION OF MATERIALS CONTINUES</p> <p align="center">📍 Conference Registration Desk, IBOM HOTEL</p>
09:00AM > 12:00AM	<p align="center">CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY</p> <p align="center">📍 IBOM HOTEL</p> <p align="center">SESSION 1</p> <p align="center">KEYNOTE SESSION</p>
12:45PM > 1:30PM	<p align="center">SESSION 2</p> <p align="center">📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p align="center">PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS</p>
1:30PM > 2:45PM	<p align="center">SESSION 3</p> <p align="center">📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p align="center">LAW, GOVERNANCE, & DEVELOPMENT</p>
2:45PM > 3:45PM	<p align="center">LUNCH BREAK</p>
3:45PM > 5:00PM	<p align="center">SESSION 4 (BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1 & 2)</p> <p align="center">📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p align="center">BRIDGING ACCESS TO JUSTICE GAP IN NIGERIA</p>



6:00PM	<p>CHIEF ASSAM, SAN JUSTICE BASH <i>Featuring: MAP – Living By Design & Many More</i> 📍 The NBA Secretariat – Banking Layout, Uyo HOST: CHIEF ASSAM ASSAM, SAN</p>
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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2025

08:00AM > 09:00AM	<p>REGISTRATION 📍 ONSITE REGISTRATION/COLLECTION OF MATERIALS CONTINUES</p>
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09:00AM > 09:30AM	<p>UNDERSTANDING THE REMUNERATION ORDER: A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE NBA REMUNERATION COMMITTEE</p>
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09:30AM > 09:45AM	<p>PRESENTATION ON THE 365 DAYS FREE SUBSCRIPTION OF MEETSESSION & TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR NBA – SPIDEL 2025 CONFERENCE REGISTERED ATTENDEES</p>
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09:45AM > 11:15AM	<p>SESSION 5 📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p>PRESS FREEDOM AND CYBER-SECURITY LAW IN NIGERIA: BRIDGING THE JUSTICE GAPS</p>
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11:15AM > 12:45PM	<p>SESSION 6 📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p>STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AT NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVELS</p>
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12:45PM > 1:00PM	<p>HEALTH BREAK</p>
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1:00PM > 2:30PM	<p>SESSION 7 📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p>NIGERIA'S TAX REFORM AGENDA: FINANCIAL REPRIEVE OR ECONOMIC REPRESSION?</p>
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2:30PM > 3:30PM	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>
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3:30PM > 5:00PM	<p>SESSION 8 📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p>PUBLIC INTEREST, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY: SECURING THE BANNER</p>
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7:00PM	<p style="text-align: center;">VARIETY NIGHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 TBC</p>
DAY 4: THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2025	
07:00AM > 09:30AM	<p style="text-align: center;">NBA-SPIDEL GOLF KITTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 IBOM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, IBOM GOLF RESORT</p>
08:00AM > 09:00AM	<p style="text-align: center;">REGISTRATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONSITE REGISTRATION/COLLECTION OF MATERIALS CONTINUES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 Conference Registration Desk, IBOM HOTEL</p>
09:00AM > 09:30AM	<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL PRESENTATION</p>
09:30AM > 11:00AM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 IBOM HOTEL, (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TACKLING CORRUPTION IN THE NIGERIAN JUSTICE SECTOR: THE ROLE OF THE BAR</p>
11:00AM > 11:15AM	<p style="text-align: center;">TEA BREAK</p>
11:15AM > 12:45PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 IBOM HOTEL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE: ELECTORAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY</p>
12:45PM > 1:00PM	<p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH BREAK</p>
1:00PM > 2:30PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 IBOM HOTEL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE ROLE OF ZONAL/REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: IMPACTS, CHALLENGES & PROSPECTS</p>
2:30PM > 3:30PM	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BREAK</p>
3:30PM > 5:00PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 IBOM HOTEL</p>



3:30PM > 5:00PM	WALKING THE TALK: STRENGTHENING PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY THROUGH THE NBA-SPIDEL – A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE
5:00PM > 6:00PM	NBA-SPIDEL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ELECTION OF OFFICERS 📍 IBOM HOTEL
7:00PM	DINNER / CLOSING PARTY 📍 IBOM HOTEL HOST: The Senate President
DAY 5: FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2025	
08:00AM > 12:00NOON	NBA-SPIDEL GOLF KITTY 📍 TBC HOST: IBOM GOLF RESORT
10:00AM > 11:00AM	CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE / FORMAL SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS
11:00PM	POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES/ ATTRACTIONS/DEPARTURE

COLOUR CODE FOR THE 2025 NBA-SPIDEL CONFERENCE NAME TAGS



DELEGATES



CPC
LOC
SPIDEL INTERIM
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE



RESOURCE
PERSONS



WORKERS
RAPORTEURS
VOLUNTEERS
PROTOCOL



VIP



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12NOON	<p style="text-align: center;">VISIT TO UYO CUSTODIAL CENTRE</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">HOST: LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE</p>
6:00PM	<p style="text-align: center;">WELCOME COCKTAIL/PARTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 NBA UYO BRANCH HOUSE</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">HOST: HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL & COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE, AKWA IBOM STATE</p>

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2025

09:00AM	<p style="text-align: center;">REGISTRATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONSITE REGISTRATION/COLLECTION OF MATERIALS CONTINUES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">📍 Conference Registration Desk, IBOM HOTEL</p>
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Welcome Remarks:

Associate Prof. Uju Agomoh
Chair, NBA-SPIDEL 2025 Conference
Planning Committee (CPC)

Welcome Address by:

Prof. Paul Ananaba, SAN
Chairman, NBA-SPIDEL

NBA President's Address

Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN

GOODWILL MESSAGES

Abubakar Aliyu

DG, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria (LACON)

Adwoa Kufuor-Owusu

Senior Human Rights Adviser in Nigeria,
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner
on Human Rights (OHCHR)

Presentation of the
NBA-SPIDEL Annual Conference Speech of
The Honourable Minister of Justice &
Attorney-General of the Federation
Prince Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN

09:00AM
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12:00AM

Address of the Special Guest of Honour

Honourable Justice
Kudirat Motonmori Olatokunbo Kekere-Ekun, GCON
Chief Justice of Nigeria

Address of the Distinguished Guest of Honour

Senator Godswill Akpabio, GCON
Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Video Documentary
on Akwa Ibom State (3-5 Minutes)

**Address & Formal Declaration of
the Conference Open by**

His Excellency,
Pastor Umo Eno, PhD.
Governor of Akwa Ibom State.

KEYNOTE SESSION

SESSION CHAIR

Hon Justice Nwaoma Uwa
Justice of the Supreme Court.



<p>09:00AM > 12:00N00N</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KEYNOTE SPEAKER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Chidi Odinkalu Professor of Practice in International Human Rights Law, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA & Chair, Governing Council - Chukwemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RESPONSES BY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Stephen Shute Professor of Criminal Law & Criminal Justice; Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Sussex, UK & President, IPPF</p>
<p>Questions/Interventions</p> <p style="background-color: #00728f; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">VOTE OF THANKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Okey Leo Ohagba Secretary, NBA-SPIDEL</p> <p style="background-color: #f9a825; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Group Photographs / Media Parley/Health Break/Networking Visit to Exhibition Stands</p>		
<p>12:00N00N > 12:45PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 2 📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)</p> <p style="background-color: #76923c; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">COMPÈRE: Mfon Udoinyang / Dr. Chris Inwang / Rapulu Nduka</p> <p style="background-color: #76923c; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SESSION MANAGERS: Abdulahi Karaye & Chisom Onuoha</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS Public Presentation of the National Legal Aid Strategy 2026-2036 NBA/NBA-SPIDEL/LACON/PRAWA/INTERNATIONAL IDEA</p>	
<p>12:45PM > 1:15PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation of the Awards to the Winners of the NBA-SPIDEL Essay, Poetry and Spoken Words on the Theme of the Conference <i>NBA President, NBA General Secretary, NBA-SPIDEL Chair & Prof. Shuaib Mohammed – President, Network of Paralegal Training Institutions & Former President, Association of Law Teachers in Nigeria, and Former, Dean Faculty of Law, Bayero University Kano/Chairman, Panel of Assessors for the competition.</i></p>	
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2:45PM
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3:45PM

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 4 (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)

📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)

BRIDGING ACCESS TO JUSTICE GAP IN NIGERIA

BREAKOUT GROUP 1

COMPÈRE: Rapulu Nduka & Ikara O. Ikara

SESSION MANAGERS: Designated CPC Members

Baseline Reports from States on Implementation of the National Legal Aid Strategy 2026–2036)

(Expanding access to legal aid; pro bono services, paralegal training & services; justice for vulnerable groups (children, women, PWDs, detainees); partnerships between government, civil society, and the private sector, etc.)

Legal Aid Council/PRAWA/NBA -SPIDEL/Component 2 RoLAC/International IDEA

PRESENTERS

SESSION CHAIR

Prof. Paul Ananaba
Chairman -NBA SPIDEL

LACON Zonal Directors
(SS, SE, SW, NC, NE, NW)

Dahiru Mohammed
Manager, Research & Documentation, PRAWA

Prof. Shuaib Mohammed
President, Network of Paralegal Training Institutions

3:45PM
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5:00PM

BREAKOUT GROUP 2

COMPÈRE: Enome Amatey & Hilary Ogbonna

SESSION MANAGERS: Uwem Umoh, Anwanhabasi Umanah, Augustine Udoh

Data, Technology and Justice Delivery – Status, Challenges & Prospects

(Digital tools: e-filing, case management, virtual courts; Crime registries, offender management, Tracking Impact & Data Management /Integrated data platforms; Artificial Intelligence (AI), electronic tagging, and predictive analytics in justice; Tackling digital inequality, cybersecurity, and funding gaps).

(Component 1 - International IDEA, Devon Technologies)

SPEAKERS

SESSION CHAIR

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Alternate Chair, CPC

Ms. Nnenna Eboh
Nigerian Institute of Advance Legal Studies (NIALS)

Hon Justice Mabel Segun – Bello
Federal High Court, Enugu

Jasper Ukachukwu
Director, UNTH Foundation &
Data Management Expert

Francis Nworah
Chairman, NBA Digital Committee

John Aikpokpo-Martins
Federal High Court, Enugu

6:00PM

CHIEF ASSAM, SAN JUSTICE BASH

Featuring: MAP – Living By Design & Many More

📍 The NBA Secretariat – Banking Layout, Uyo

HOST: CHIEF ASSAM ASSAM, SAN



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2025

08:00AM
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09:00AM

REGISTRATION
ONSITE REGISTRATION/COLLECTION OF MATERIALS CONTINUES

📍 Conference Registration Desk, IBOM HOTEL

09:00AM
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09:30AM

UNDERSTANDING THE REMUNERATION ORDER: A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE NBA REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

LEAD PRESENTER

Akajiugo Emeka Obegolu, SAN
Chair NBA Remuneration Committee

09:30AM
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09:45AM

PRESENTATION ON THE 365 DAYS FREE SUBSCRIPTION OF MEETSESSION & TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR NBA – SPIDEL 2025 CONFERENCE REGISTERED ATTENDEES

LEAD PRESENTER

Peter E. Bemshima
CEO, Devon Technologies Ltd.

09:45AM
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11:15AM

SESSION 5
📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)

COMPÈRE: Dr. Reuben Abati / Chimamkpa / Augustine Udo / Bright Otoho

SESSION MANAGERS: Ofonime Etuknwa & Peter Ime Akpan

PRESS FREEDOM AND CYBER-SECURITY LAW IN NIGERIA: BRIDGING THE JUSTICE GAPS

SESSION CHAIR

Hon. Justice G. Daketima Kio
Rivers State Justiciary

LEAD SPEAKER

Femi Falana, SAN
Human Rights & Constitutional Law Advocate

DISCUSSANTS

Dr. Monday Onyekachi Ubani, SAN
Police Public Relations Officer
Force Headquarters, Abuja

Chinedu Agu
Bassey Anwanane, Esq.

11:15AM
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12:45PM

SESSION 6
📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)

COMPÈRE: Chinelo Ofoegbunam & Ellen Altraide

SESSION MANAGERS: Bulus Atsen, Otonba Olumide Olaiya, Funmi Adeogun

STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AT NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVELS

Concurrent Placement of Correctional Service (State Correctional Service Laws; Effective Implementation of Non-Custodial Measures in Nigeria - The Role of Lawyers and Other Justice Sector Stakeholders; Formal vs Informal Justice System)



11:15AM
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12:45PM

SESSION CHAIR

Hon. Justice Sulieman Galadima
Retired Justice of the Supreme Court &
Chairman, National Parole Board

LEAD SPEAKER

Associate Professor Uju Agomoh
Chair, Conference Planning Committee
(CPC) & President, PRAWA

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Dr. Paul Ikenna Ukam
Department of Commercial & Corporate Law,
Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria Enugu

12:45PM
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1:00PM

HEALTH BREAK

1:00PM
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2:30PM

SESSION 7

📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)

COMPÈRE: Dr. Reuben Abati / Bright Otoro / Dorn Ckclaimz Enamhe

SESSION MANAGERS: Enome Amatey & Abdullahi Karaye

**NIGERIA'S TAX REFORM AGENDA: FINANCIAL
REPRIEVE OR ECONOMIC REPRESSION?**

PANELISTS

Tony Ezenwoke

Sen. Dino Melaye (Virtual)

Dr. Oracle Nwala, mni (Virtual)
Federal Commissioner Tax Appeal/Chairman,
Tax Appeal Tribunal Southeast Zone

Prof. Tete Micheal Adam
Professor of Law

SESSION CHAIR

Uko E. Udom, SAN
The Attorney General &
Commissioner of Justice,
Akwa Ibom State

Q&A / Photograph

2:30PM
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3:30PM

LUNCH BREAK



3:30PM
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5:00PM

SESSION 8

📍 IBOM HOTEL (Nwaniba Hall)

COMPÈRE: Dr. Reuben Abati / Bright Otoho / Dorn Ckclaimz Enamhe

SESSION MANAGERS: Enome Amatey & Abdullahi Karaye

Public Interest, Accountability and Transparency: SECURING THE BANNER

(This session explores how the public interest intersects with legal ethics, civic advocacy, and beneficial ownership disclosure. It highlights the lawyer's role as a gatekeeper in promoting transparency and strengthening democratic accountability)

PANELISTS

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Abia State Judiciary

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Chairman, Economic and Financial
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Prof. Fabian Ajogwu, OFR, SAN
Professor of Corporate Governance &
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Kunle Edun, SAN

Public Interest Litigator &
Policy Advocacy Expert

Soji Apampa
CEO, Convention for Business Integrity (CBI)

President Aigbokhan
FOI/RUDILAC

Q&A / Photograph

7:00PM

VARIETY NIGHT

📍 TBC

DAY 4: THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2025

07:00AM
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09:30AM

NBA-SPIDEL GOLF KITTY

📍 IBOM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, IBOM GOLF RESORT

08:00AM
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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Prof Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, SAN,
OON – Executive Director, WACOL

SESSION CHAIR

Augustine Alegeh, SAN
(Past President, NBA)

09:30AM
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11:00AM

SESSION 9

📍 IBOM HOTEL, (Nwaniba Hall)

COMPÈRE: Augustine Udoh / Saadatu Mohammed

SESSION MANAGERS: Emeka Nwadioke, Abdullahi Karaye, Sadiya B. Saleh, Chisor Keje



TACKLING CORRUPTION IN THE NIGERIAN JUSTICE SECTOR: THE ROLE OF THE BAR

Steps to effectively fight corruption in law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, and correctional service delivery in Nigeria; Ethics of non-compliance; and strengthening the capacity of NBA to Self - Regulate.

09:30AM
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11:00AM

SESSION CHAIR

Hon. Justice Ekaete Obot
Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom State

ADDRESS

Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN
Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)

LEAD PRESENTER

Worgu Boms, Esq.
Former Attorney General,
Rivers State

PANELISTS

High Chief Prof. Ogugua V.C. Ikpeze, PhD.
Former Dean, College of Law, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka

Chief Emeka Ngige, SAN
Chairman, Council Of Legal Education

Hon. Justice Comfort Ani, PhD.
Judge of the Enugu State High Court

Bayo Akinlade, Esq.

Prof. Ernest Ojukwu, SAN

Abiodun Owonikoko, SAN

Dr. Juliet Ibekaku – Nwagwu
Anti-Corruption and Governance Reform Consultant (Virtual)

Q&A / Photographs

11:00AM
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11:15AM

TEA BREAK

SESSION 10

📍 IBOM HOTEL

COMPÈRE: Dorn Cklaimz Enamhe / KOK / Bright Otobo/ Amara Muojeke

SESSION MANAGERS: Princess Frank-Chukwuani, Chinelo Audrey Ofoegbunam, Idris Abayomi Shehu

BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE: ELECTORAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Post-2023 electoral lessons and Pre 2027 reforms; Independence and credibility of electoral institutions; Legal reforms against malpractice and impunity; and Role of political parties, civil society, judiciary.

11:15AM
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12:45PM

SESSION CHAIR

Augustine Alegeh, SAN
Past President, NBA

SPECIAL ADDRESS

Prof. Joash Amupitan, SAN
Chairman, INEC

PANELISTS

Jibril Samuel Okutepe, SAN

Dr. Onyechi Ikpeazu, SAN

Oluseun Abimbola, SAN

Prof. Nnamdi O. Obiaraeri

Sampson Itodo
Executive Director - Yiaga Africa

Ozioma Izuorah
Faculty of Law, Baze University, Abuja

Q&A / Photograph



12:45PM
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1:00PM

HEALTH BREAK

SESSION 11

📍 IBOM HOTEL

COMPÈRE: Chinelo Audrey Ofoegbunam / Bright Otobo/ Amara Muojeke

SESSION MANAGERS: Richard Iyaha, Chisom Onuoha & Ledua Zor-Akekue

THE ROLE OF ZONAL/REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: IMPACTS, CHALLENGES & PROSPECTS

SESSION CHAIR

Hon. Justice B.A. Georgewill
Justice of the Court of Appeal

SPECIAL REMARK

Engr. Abubakar Momoh
Minister of Regional Development

LEAD SPEAKER

Dr. Sam Amadi
Director, Abuja School of Social & Political Thoughts

DISCUSSANTS

Prof. Moji Eseyin
Dean of Law, University of Uyo

HRH. David Serena Dokubo Spiff

Andrew Odum, SAN
Chair, NBA-SPIDEL
Development Law Committee

Prof. Shuaib Mohammed
President, Network of Paralegal Training Institutions
& Former President, Association of Law Teachers in
Nigeria, and Former, Dean Faculty of Law, Bayero
University Kano

1:00PM
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2:30PM

Q&A / Photographs

2:30PM
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3:30PM

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 12

📍 IBOM HOTEL

COMPÈRE: Bright Otobo Esq/Anayo Evaristus Onyekwere/Augustine Udoh, Esq.

SESSION MANAGERS: Okey Ohagba, Esq. & Ofonime Etuknwa, Esq.

WALKING THE TALK: STRENGTHENING PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY THROUGH THE NBA-SPIDEL – A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE

SESSION CHAIR

Olumide Akpata
Past President NBA

LEAD SPEAKER

Charles Mekwunye, SAN

PANELISTS

Olumuyiwa Akinboro, SAN
Mrs. Oyinkasola Badejo-Okusanya, SAN
Mrs. Foluke Dada-Lawanson
Lateef Oluyemi Akangbe, SAN
Dr. Monday Onyekachi Ubani, SAN

3:30PM
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5:00PM

Q&A / Photographs



5:00PM > 6:00PM	NBA-SPIDEL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ELECTION OF OFFICERS <small>📍 IBOM HOTEL</small>
7:00PM	DINNER / CLOSING PARTY <small>📍 IBOM HOTEL</small> HOST: The Senate President
DAY 5: FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2025	
08:00AM > 12:00NOON	NBA-SPIDEL GOLF KITTY <small>📍 TBC</small> HOST: IBOM GOLF RESORT
10:00AM > 11:00AM	CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE / FORMAL SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS
11:00PM	POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES/ ATTRACTIONS/DEPARTURE

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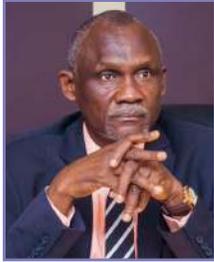
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NBA President



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DG, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria
(LACON)



Adwoa Kufuor-Owusu
Senior Human Rights Adviser in Nigeria,
Office of the United Nations High
Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR)



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Justice of the Supreme Court



Prince Lateef Fagbemi, SAN
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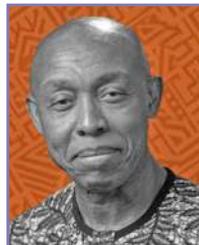
H.E. Pastor Umo Eno, PhD.
Governor of Akwa Ibom State.

SESSION CHAIR



Hon Justice Nwaoma Uwa
Justice of the Supreme Court

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Prof. Chidi Anslem Odinkalu
Professor of Practice in International Human Rights
Law, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts
University, USA & Chair, Governing Council -
Chukwemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University

RESPONSES



Prof. Stephen Shute
Professor of Criminal Law & Criminal
Justice; Pro Vice Chancellor, University
of Sussex, UK & President, IPPF

SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

KEYNOTE SESSION



Prof. Chidi Odinkalu - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Chidi Anselm Odinkalu, Professor of Practice in International Human Rights Law, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University; Chair, Governing Council, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University; Chair, Truth, Justice, and Peace Commission, South-East Nigeria.

A lawyer from Nigeria, Chidi Anselm Odinkalu is Professor of Practice in International Human Rights Law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts and also Chairs the Governing Council of the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University in Anambra State, Nigeria. Since 2022, Odinkalu has led the Truth, Justice, and Peace Commission, a transitional justice established to address legacies of violence and trauma in the states of south-east Nigeria.

In 2017, Odinkalu was part of a three-person Panel of Eminent Persons which facilitated the return of The Gambia to the Commonwealth. He was involved in the negotiations which led to the creation in 1998 of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and has more recently led the advocacy which culminated in the adoption in February 2024 of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Specific Aspects of the Right to a Nationality and the Eradication of Statelessness in Africa. A former Chair of Nigeria's National Human Rights Commission, Odinkalu is also associated with several international advocacy initiatives on human rights, forced displacement and mass atrocities. Among others, he Chairs the Boards of the International Refugee Rights Initiative and of Global Rights and is a trustee of Atrocities Watch Africa.

Odinkalu's current research interests include the right to leisure and human wellbeing in international law, the transformation of judicial integrity in comparative constitutional systems, the institutional dimensions of regionalism and the future of multilateralism. He received his Ph.D in law from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



PROF. STEPHEN SHUTE - RESPONSES

Prof. Shute has strategic responsibility for resources, planning, innovation, and sustainability at the University of Sussex. He was the Head of the School of Law, Politics and Sociology, having been appointed to that post in October 2009. Between March and September 2014, he served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the Social Sciences.

He is an elected Member of the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation. In 2014 he was appointed as a Member of the Advisory Board of the Arts and Humanities Research Council. He also chairs the AHRC's Public Policy Advisory Group and was a Member of the AHRC's Doctoral Training Review Group.

Between 2004 and 2013 he was a Member of the AHRC's Peer Review College. In 2004-2005 he served as a Member of the AHRC's Law Review Panel. He has also chaired AHRC Award Panels. In 2013 he was a Member of the AHRC's Assessment Panel for Block Grant applications. He has been a Member of Economic and Social Research Council's Peer Review College since 2012. He was a co-founder and organiser of the Oxford Amnesty Lectures.

SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

SESSION 2

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

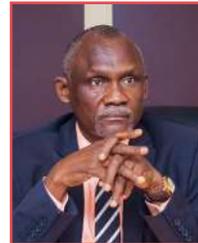
**Public Presentation of the
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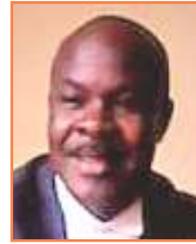
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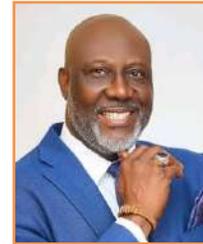


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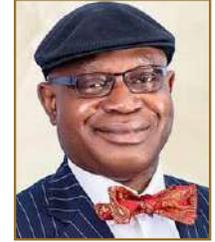


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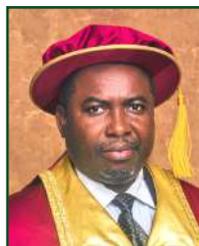
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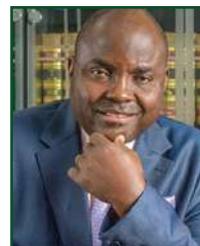
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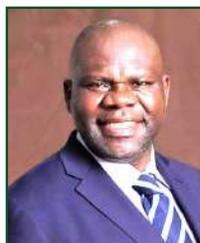
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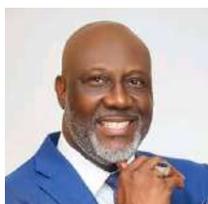
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Akwa Ibom State, the “Land of Promise” is Nigeria’s 21st State. It was created on 23rd September, 1987 by the Military Administration of General Ibrahim Babangida after years of prolonged struggle by the people who occupied the mainland part of the former Cross River State.

The Ibibio Union, formed in 1928, had transformed from a mere cultural association to a goal driven institution by 1948, thus championing and promoting the cause of state creation in Nigeria.

Akwa Ibom State covers a total land mass of 7, 081sq.km. It lies within latitude 05°00 North and 07°50 East with a population more than 7.9m people.

Akwa Ibom State is a microcosm of Nigeria in terms of ethnicity. there are 3 major ethnic groups in the State, namely; Ibibio, Annang and Oro, each with a colourful variety of customs, norms and traditions, making the state a kaleidoscope destination of choice for tourists.

The state, reputed to be one of the safest if not the safest in Nigeria, is also noted for its manifold culture, hospitality and leisure bouquet offerings. This modest boast is reputedly manifested in the gorgeous array of rich artefacts and a variety of cultural appropriations and traits experienced and expressed in language, ethnic groupings, marvellous cuisines, family systems, fashion, architecture, festivals, traditional enterprise, healing and farming systems evolving into world-class Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and avant-garde recreational facilities governed by a subsisting political tradition that has helped to stabilize the state in decades of peace.



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Historical Facts

Akwa Ibom State has a rich historical legacy, including the establishment of the first experimental Local Government in British West Africa and the founding of the first Qua Iboe Church. Notably, it produced the first Roman Catholic Cardinal in West Africa, Cardinal Dominic Ekanem, and the first commissioned Nigerian Soldier, Wellington Umoh Bassey.

The state is also known for its significant historical events, such as hosting the second highest slave depot in West Africa and the Aba Women Riot of 1929. Additionally, Akwa Ibom is the birthplace of influential figures like Dr. Egbert Udo Udoma, the first Governor General of Uganda, and Chief Nyong Essien, the first Chairman of the Eastern Nigeria House of Chiefs.



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