

# NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL SUMMIT ON THE FUTURE OF NIGERIA

Wednesday 16th to Thursday 17th July 2025

Congress Hall, of the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja and Virtual Attendance Online

**CONVENERS:** 









## NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL SUMMIT PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

#### THEME:

### ACTUALISING A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY THAT WORKS FOR ALL IN NIGERIA



#### Wednesday, 16th July, 2025

- 1. National Anthem
- 2. National Praayer
- 3. Welcome Remarks- Chief Emeka Anyaoku, GCON
  - Chairman National Constitutional Summit
- 4. History of the Patriots
  - -General Ike Nwachukwu- Founding Member Patriots
- 5. Reflections on the Nigerian Constitution
  - -Chief Solomon Asemota
- 6. Remarks by Co Chairmen, Summit Coordinating Committee:
  - HE Senator Aminu Tambuwal
  - HE Otunba Gbenga Daniel
- Special Address by the National Security Adviser - Mallam Nuhu Ribadu 10mins
- Goodwill Messages Sultan of Sokoto,
   HE President Olusegun Obasanjo
   HE President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan
- Keynote SpeechesProf Ibrahim GambariProf Akin Oyebode
- 10. Interventions by Socio Cultural Groups
  Afenifere

Arewa Consultatative Forum Middle Belt Forum

Northern Elders Forum

Ohaneze

Pandef

11. Actualising a New Democratic Constitution for Nigeria: Legal & Legitimate Procedures -Prof Mike Ozekhome SAN Prof Yahaya Tanko Baba

Lunch 1 - 2pm

#### Day 1- Session 2

- 12. Most suitable System of Government for Nigeria: Presidential versus Parliamentary System or Mixed System? Hon Abdulsamad Dasuki/Barr Sola Ebiseni
- 13. Rotational Government Leadership in Nigeria: Any use and what options? -Senator (Dr) Femi Okuronmu/ Dr Jonathan Akuns
- 14. Appropriate Tenure for Elected Political Office holders in Nigeria: Single Term or Two Terms - Sen Shehu Sanni/ Dr Otive Igbuzor
- 15. Essentials of Democratic Federalism for Nigeria Chief Wole Olanipekun, SAN/ Dr Hakeem Baba Ahmed
- 16. Essential Reforms for INEC Prof Jibrin Ibrahim/ Dr Idayat Hassan
- 17. Actualising Electronic Voting & Transmission of Election Results in Nigeria -Dr Usman Bugaje/Barr Femi Falana, SAN
- 18. Necessities for Early and Diaspora Voting in Nigeria:? Hon Sodeeq Abdulahi/ Hon Abike Dabiri Erewa

- 19. All Elections in a Single Day Vs Staggered Elections, which is suitable for Nigeria -Barr Clem Nwankwo/Comrade Ene Obi
- 20. Proportional Representation and Inclusive Governance in Nigeria - Dr Oby Ezekwesili/ Mr Samson Itodo
- 21. Resource Persons: (Discussants/Rapporteurs)
  Prof. Chidi Odinkalu Discussant
  Dr Sam Amadi Discussant/Rapporteur
  Mr Auwal Rafsanjani Musa Discussant
  Prince Malik Ado-Ibrahim Discussant
  Prof. Jonathan Aremu Discussant/Rapporteur
  Chief Denzil Kentebe Discussant
  Comrade Ankio Briggs Discussant
  Dr Chido Onumah Rapporteur
  Hajia Ramata Usman General Discussant
- 22 General Discussion
- 23. Day 1 Close



#### Thursday, 17th July, 2025

- Patriots 6 Zonal Consultation Reports
   mins each
- Presentation of Draft Summit Communique (including Resolutions)
- Discussions on Draft Summit Communique
- 4. Adoption of Summit Communique and Resolutions
- 5. Lunch
- 6. Summit Close
  Press Conference



Prof Ben Nwabueze Immediate Past Chairman Eminent Patriots



HE Chief Emeka Anyaoku, GCON Chairman Eminent Patriots



Chief F. R. A. Williams
First Chairman Eminent Patriots



HE Otunba Gbenga Daniel
Co Chairman
Coordinating Committee
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HE Senator Aminu Tambuwal
Co Chairman
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Hon Olawale Okunniyi Secretary General Eminent Patriots



Obonganwan Barbara Etim James Secretary, Coordinating Committee National Constitutional Summit

#### **ABOUT THE PATRIOTS**

THE PATRIOTS (EMINENT NATIONAL LEADERS OF THOUGHT)

The Patriots are a Group of Non-partisan Eminent National Leaders of Thought of Nigeria, committed to the unity, good governance, stability and prosperity of Nigeria through inclusive popular advocacy for a new democratic Federal people's constitution.



The leadership and membership of the Patriots and the National Political Summit Group wish to express our sincere.appreciation to all who have contributed to the success of the National Summit on the Future of Nigeria's Constitutional Democracy We especially thank you

#### **Founding Patriots**

Chief F.R.A. Williams CFR SAN
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#### **Coordinating Committee**

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Alhaji Shettimah Yerima (Arewa Youths) -Ex Officio Member

Hon Olatorera Majekodunmi - Oniru (NPSG Secretariat) -Ex Officio Member

Barr Folarin Rotimi Williams (FRA Williams Chambers) - Ex Officio

Obonganwan Barbara Etim James (Patriots Secretariat) Secretary

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#### **Speakers**

Chief Emeka Anyaoku GCON

Prof Jibrin Ibrahim

Dr Usman Bugaje

Mallam Nuhu Ribadu

Hon Abike Dabiri Erewa

Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR (Former President of Nigeria)

President Olusegun Obasanjo GCON (Former President of Nigeria)

Comrade Ene Obi

Dr Oby Ezekwesili

Mallam Tanko Yakassai

Prof Ango Abdullahi

General Ike Nwachukwu, Founding Member of the Patriots (Rtd)

Gen TY Danjuma

Prof Wole Soyinka

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Dr Hakeem Baba Ahmed

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Senator Dr Femi Okuronnu

Senator Shehu Sanni

Dr Oby Ezekwesili

Prof. Akin Oyebode, SAN

Alhaji Ibrahim Gambari

Prof Wole Soyinka

Barr Wole Olanipekun SAN

Barr Femi Falana SAN

Prof Bolaji Akinyemi

Mr Otunba Bimbo Ashiru

Prof Mike Ozekhome SAN

Chief Solomon Asemota, SAN

Senator (Dr) Femi Okuronmu

Dr Otive Igbuzor

Senator Shehu Sanni

Chief Wale Olanipekun, SAN

Hajia Maryam Inna Ciroma, OON- Former Minister

Comrade Joe Ajaero - NLC President (Labour)

Prof Anthony Kila, Jean Monnet Professor of Strategy and Development

Oba Fasoranti Head of Afenifere Delegation

Obong Victor Attah, Former Governor of Akwa Ibom State,

Dr Bitrus Pogu, Chairman, Middle Belt Forum

Ambassador Godknows IGALI – Chairman, Pan Niger Delta Forum (PANDEF) Alhaji Mamman Mike Osuman, SAN – Chairman, Arewa Consultative Forum

(ACF)

#### Delegations

Afenifere

Arewa Consultatative Forum

Northern Elders Forum Ohaneze

Pandef

National Association of Person with Disabilities

National Youth Council

National Council for Women's Societies Womanifesto

Womanifesto
Middlebet Forum

Nkata Ndi Inyom Igbo (NNII)

Nigerian Labour Congress

Teachers Union Congress Ogun State Awori Obas Forum

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