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Our own dear native land
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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 honoured
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 NATIONAL 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.



ICAN ANTHEM

Bless God ICAN fount of treasure
In triumph her banner raise
Standing stronger in harmony
Building our land together
Dreams of our founding fathers
We are striving to attain
Accounting values that we share
Through all ages be sustained

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How pleasant to see a new dawn
Building on good foundation
Moulding Accountants full of trust
To raise ICAN's banner higher
Wearing new hopes and visions
Sowing seeds of greatness
Steering ICAN to victory
A bright future is now assured

Chorus:
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Your accuracy we cherish
We uphold your integrity

ICAN CREED

I pledge to serve ICAN my great Institute
With all my strength and might
To be accurate, diligent and uphold
To defend the ICAN Act, Code of Ethics and its
To ensure the unity and progress of the Institute
so help me God

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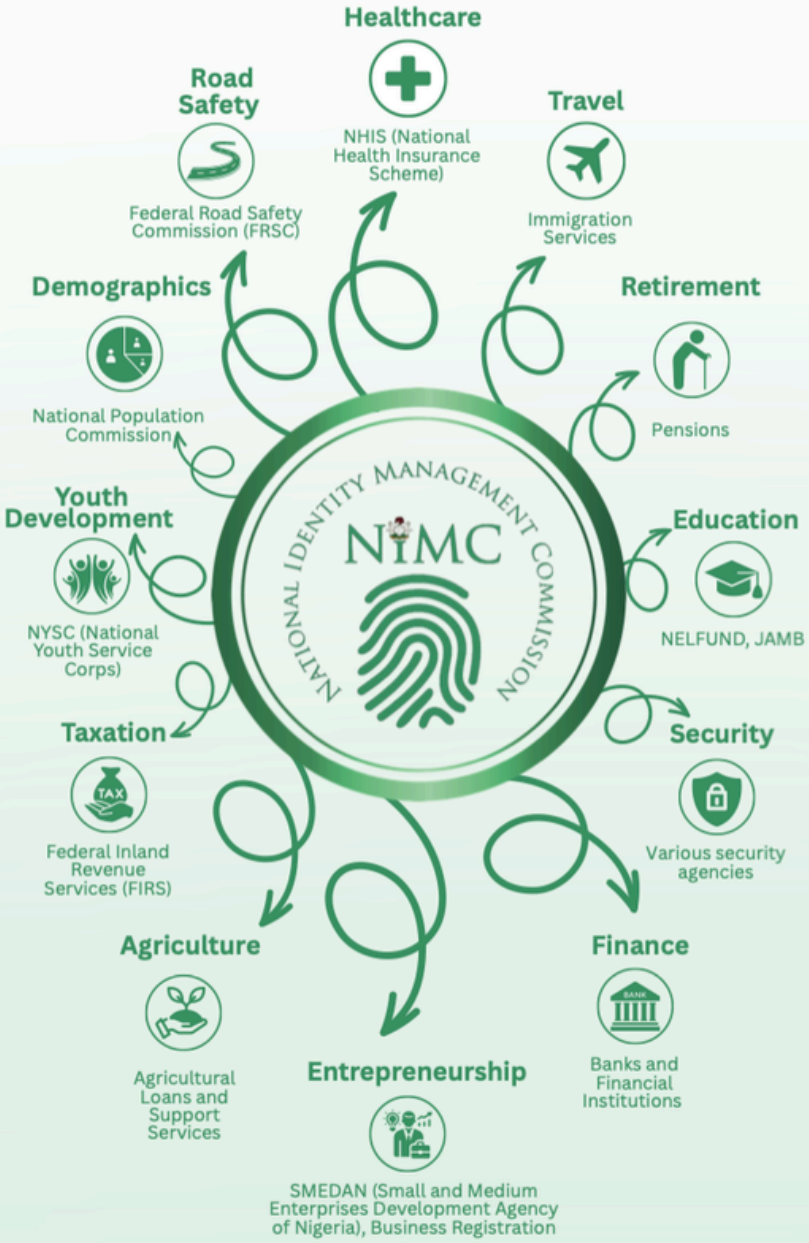
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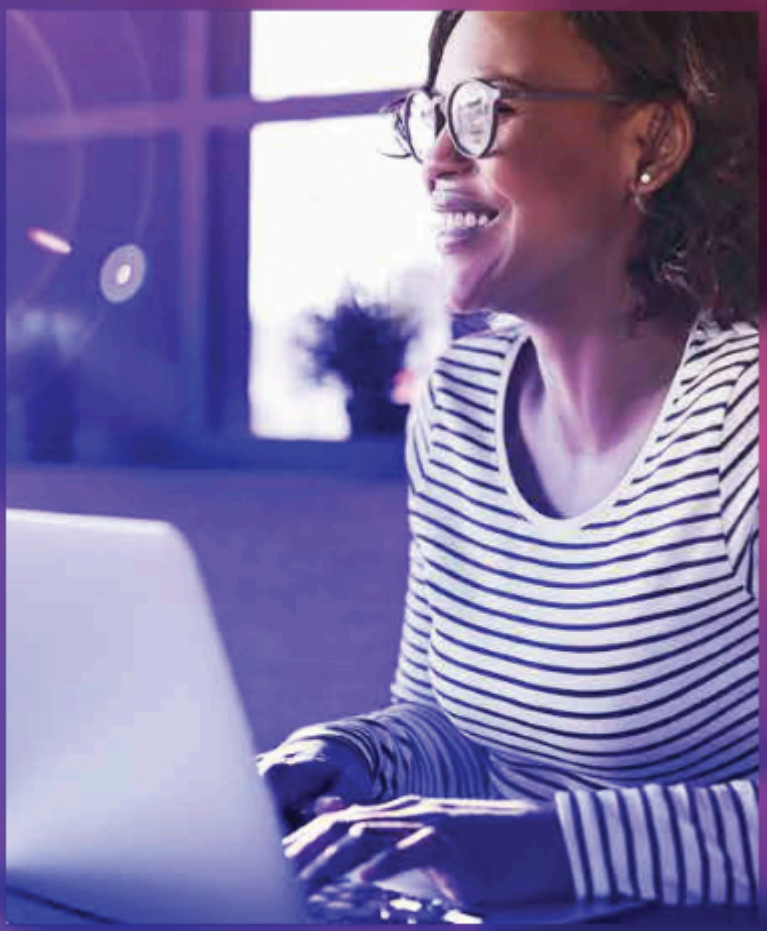


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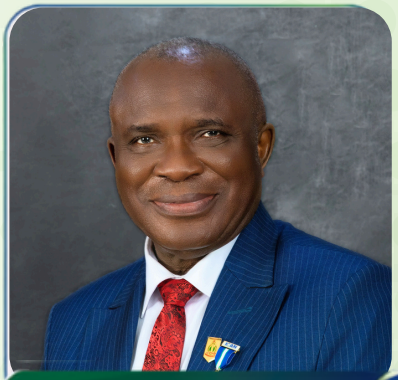
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This Conference comes at a defining moment for our nation. Nigeria's aspirations for sustainable growth, economic resilience and national security demand more than ambitious policies and impressive statistics. They require productive enterprises, strong institutions, responsible leadership and public resources that translate into meaningful improvements in people's lives.

Our theme reflects a fundamental conviction: **a strong economy creates opportunities, security protects them, and accountability ensures that both serve the people.**

For Chartered Accountants, this places a greater responsibility upon our profession. Beyond preparing financial statements and assuring financial information, we must help institutions make sound decisions, safeguard resources, anticipate risks and demonstrate measurable value. **Our responsibility does not end when the accounts balance; it extends to what those accounts mean for society.**

This commitment is reflected in our Presidential Strategic Doctrine, ***WE ARE ICAN***, through which we are advancing institutional accountability, professional excellence, ethical leadership and future-ready competencies.

As we engage in the Conference's deliberations, I encourage every participant to look beyond identifying challenges towards advancing practical solutions. Let our conversations inspire stronger partnerships, better decisions and renewed commitment to nation-building.

I warmly welcome you all and wish you an intellectually rewarding and memorable Conference.

Hajia Queensley Sofuratu Seghosime, mni, MSc, FCA
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DAY TWO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 9:00 am - 9:30 pm

Venue: BOLA AHMED TINUBU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA

TOPIC: **INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

SYNOPSIS

The global accountancy profession stands at a defining moment. Economic uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, technological disruption, sustainability challenges and declining public trust are reshaping expectations of professional accountants. As artificial intelligence transforms traditional accounting functions and institutions face increasing demands for transparency and accountability, the profession must demonstrate its relevance not only through reliable financial reporting but also through the quality of decisions, governance and economic outcomes it helps to shape.

This session will examine the evolving role of the accountancy profession in strengthening economic resilience, protecting the public interest and sustaining confidence in institutions and markets. Drawing on international perspectives, it will explore how professional accountants can contribute to responsible financial management, effective governance, business sustainability, technological innovation and the integrity of public and private institutions.

Particular attention will be given to the opportunities and responsibilities facing the profession in Africa, where demographic change, economic transformation, digitalisation and development financing needs demand new capabilities and stronger institutions. The session will consider how professional accountancy organisations can strengthen professional education, uphold ethical standards, embrace emerging technologies, develop future-ready accountants and support national development priorities.

Ultimately, the session will challenge the profession to look beyond compliance and historical reporting towards leadership, foresight and measurable impact. It will reinforce the proposition that the future relevance of accountants will depend not simply on their mastery of numbers, but on their ability to translate professional competence, ethical judgement and trusted information into stronger institutions, more resilient economies and sustainable prosperity.



MR JEAN LEON MARIE DEL BOUQUOT
IFAC PRESIDENT
Speaker

PROGRAMME

DAY TWO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 9:30 am - 10:45 am

LEAD PAPER

Venue: BOLA AHMED TINUBU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA

TOPIC: **BEYOND NUMBERS STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY, SECURING THE NATION**

SYNOPSIS

The 56th Annual Accountants' Conference takes place amid economic uncertainty, geopolitical realignment, technological disruption and institutional pressures. Globally, governments and businesses face constrained fiscal space, debt pressures, shifting trade and investment patterns, climate and energy concerns, artificial intelligence and growing cyber threats. For Nigeria, these forces intersect with the imperative to accelerate growth, create employment, attract investment, strengthen public finances and rebuild confidence in institutions. The challenge is not simply to manage uncertainty, but to build the capacity to prosper through it.

Against this backdrop, "Beyond Numbers: Strengthening the Economy, Securing the Nation" challenges the profession to look beyond recording outcomes to understanding their causes, anticipating their consequences and using evidence to shape better outcomes. Numbers remain indispensable, but their ultimate value lies in the quality of judgement and decisions they enable.

This is increasingly the terrain of the modern accountant. While reliable financial information and financial discipline remain fundamental, professional relevance now extends to strategy, resource allocation, risk management, governance, technology, resilience and evidence-based policy. As routine processes become increasingly automated, distinctive professional value will lie more in interpreting information—what the numbers reveal, what risks they signal and what decisions they should inform. Technical competence remains indispensable; judgement, foresight and ethical responsibility increasingly determine its impact.

At the heart of the Conference is a wider proposition: economic strength and national security are mutually reinforcing. A nation cannot sustainably secure itself without the economic capacity to finance institutions, invest in infrastructure and human capital, support productive enterprise and withstand shocks. Equally, prosperity cannot flourish where insecurity disrupts production, raises business costs, discourages investment and diverts resources from development. Economic management is therefore part of the architecture of national security, just as security is a foundation for sustainable economic development.

The timing of the Conference adds particular significance. As Nigeria approaches another general election, questions of economic management, institutional credibility, accountability and national security will assume greater prominence. The Conference provides an opportunity to elevate the conversation beyond personalities and partisan contestation to the enduring fundamentals of national progress: how resources are mobilised and used, productive enterprise and employment expanded, institutions strengthened and national resilience secured. Whatever the outcome of the electoral process, these responsibilities transcend political cycles.

Security must consequently be understood beyond physical protection. National resilience can be weakened by:

- fiscal instability and unemployment, which constrain state capacity and deepen social vulnerability;
- food and energy insecurity, which undermine households and productive activity;
- corruption, financial crime and illicit financial flows, which divert resources and weaken institutions;
- cyber threats, which expose businesses, financial systems and critical infrastructure; and
- weak institutions, which erode investment, accountability and public confidence.

Economic vulnerability can become national vulnerability. Conversely, sound economic management, productive enterprise, credible institutions and technological resilience can strengthen national stability.

The accountancy profession has a distinctive, though collaborative, contribution to make. Accountants help safeguard resources, strengthen controls, allocate capital, assess risk, combat financial misconduct and evaluate whether expenditure and investment deliver intended outcomes. Working with policymakers, business leaders, regulators, technologists and other professionals, they can help convert financial intelligence into better decisions and accountability into stronger institutions.

Technology heightens this responsibility. Artificial intelligence, data analytics and digital systems can strengthen forecasting, audit, fraud detection, taxation and financial management, while creating challenges around cybersecurity, data integrity and ethics. Sustainability and the energy transition similarly require institutions to connect emerging risks with investment, financing and long-term value. The imperative is not merely to embrace change, but to govern it responsibly.

Underlying these issues is trust. Economies depend on confidence in institutions, markets on confidence in information, and public finance on confidence that resources are responsibly managed. Ethics and accountability are therefore not peripheral professional ideals; they are part of the infrastructure of functioning economies and resilient societies.

The Conference seeks to move discussion from diagnosis to informed action—challenging assumptions, drawing lessons from Nigeria and beyond, and developing practical approaches to strengthen professional practice, institutional decision-making and public policy. Its value will lie not in promising solutions that a conference alone cannot deliver, but in improving the quality of the ideas, decisions and actions that follow it.

The challenge before today's accountant is therefore larger than asking, "Are the numbers correct?" It is also to ask: What do they mean? What risks do they reveal? What decisions should they inform? What value can they create?

That is the deeper meaning of going beyond numbers: not moving away from numbers, but moving through them—from information to insight, from insight to judgement, and from judgement to measurable impact.



H.E. GOVERNOR BABAJIDE SANWOOLU
Executive Governor of Lagos State
Speaker

PROGRAMME

DAY TWO | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 | 11:00 am - 12:15 Pm

PLENARY 1 **Venue:** BOLA AHMED TINUBU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA

TOPIC: **INSTITUTIONALISING REFORMS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Nigeria has no shortage of reforms. Successive administrations have introduced ambitious measures to strengthen the economy, improve public institutions, mobilise revenue, attract investment and accelerate development. Yet a persistent challenge remains: how to make good reforms endure beyond the administrations that introduce them.

The true measure of reform is not simply whether a policy is announced or implemented, but whether it becomes sufficiently embedded in institutions, laws, systems and governance processes to withstand political transitions, economic shocks and changing priorities. Sustainable development ultimately requires reforms that depend less on individuals and more on strong institutions, credible rules, effective systems and a culture of accountability.

This challenge is particularly consequential as Nigeria undertakes significant economic, fiscal and institutional reforms across taxation, public financial management, monetary policy, energy, investment and digital transformation. These reforms could materially reshape the country's economic trajectory, but their lasting impact will depend on institutional capacity, policy coherence, stakeholder ownership, transparency and effective implementation. The imperative is to move from "reform as an event" to "reform as a system". This means embedding reform within institutions capable of learning, measuring outcomes, responding to changing conditions and making evidence-based adjustments.

The timing is especially significant as Nigeria approaches another general election. Political transitions can test the durability of public policy, particularly where reforms are closely identified with particular administrations rather than embedded within institutions. The challenge is therefore not to insulate policy from legitimate democratic choice, but to ensure that reforms which demonstrably advance the public interest are supported by credible institutions, evidence, stakeholder ownership and accountability. National development cannot continually restart with every political cycle.

Institutionalising reform consequently requires more than legislation or administrative directives. It demands stronger institutional capacity, professional public services, reliable data and monitoring systems, effective accountability mechanisms and sufficient stakeholder ownership to sustain implementation. Policy continuity must also be matched by the capacity to evaluate and improve reforms: institutionalisation should preserve what works, correct what does not and adapt as circumstances change.

This matters profoundly for economic confidence. Frequent policy reversals, inconsistent implementation and institutional disruption increase uncertainty, weaken investor confidence and raise the cost of long-term decision-making. Businesses, households and investors require reasonable confidence not that policies will never change, but that changes will be predictable, evidence-based, transparently governed and institutionally coherent.

The accountancy profession has an important contribution to make. Chartered Accountants can strengthen reform through financial governance, independent analysis, performance measurement, risk management, accountability and evidence-based advice. Professional bodies can reinforce this contribution by promoting ethical standards, developing institutional capacity and creating credible platforms for engagement among government, business and other stakeholders. Beyond measuring expenditure, the profession can help determine whether reforms are translating resources into measurable public value.

The central question for this plenary is therefore not simply, "What reforms should Nigeria undertake?" It is the more enduring question: "How do we make good reforms endure?"
The session will examine how Nigeria can transform reforms from short-term policy interventions into resilient institutional frameworks capable of delivering sustainable economic and social outcomes. It will explore the conditions for policy continuity, institutional capacity, accountability, effective implementation and performance measurement, while considering the roles of government, the private sector, professional accountants and other stakeholders in sustaining reform.
Ultimately, Nigeria's development will depend not only on the quality of the reforms it introduces, but on its capacity to institutionalise, evaluate and continuously improve them. The enduring legacy of reform is not the policy announced today, but the institution, system and public value that remain tomorrow.



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Sun, Oct 18, 2026	6:00 am – 6:00 pm	Religious Activities (Christian and Moslem)	Abuja Continental Hotel
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026			
Mon, Oct 19, 2026	8:00 am – 11:59 pm	Registration of Conference Participants	SilverBird Galleria | Akintola Williams House | M&M Event Centre
	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm	SWAN Meeting	Transcorp Hilton Hotel
	3:00 pm – 10:00 pm	District Societies' Parade	Transcorp Hilton Hotel
	6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner	Delegates' Individual hotels
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026			
Tue, Oct 20, 2026	6:00 am – 7:00 am	Keep Fit Activities	Abuja Continental Hotel
	7:00 am – 7:30 am	Breakfast	Delegates' Individual hotels
	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Arrival of Delegates	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	8:45 am – 8:50 am	Opening Prayer	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	9:00 am – 9:30 am	International Professional Perspectives	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	9:30 am – 10:45 am	Lead Paper	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	10:45 am – 11:00 am	Motivational/Health Talk	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Plenary 1	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	Leg Stretch	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Opening Ceremony/Exhibition opening/Photographs	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026			
Wed, Oct 21, 2026	6:00 am – 7:00 am	Keep Fit Activities	Abuja Continental Hotel
	7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Delegates' Individual hotels
	9:00 am – 10:15 am	Plenary 2	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	10:15 am – 10:45 am	Motivational Talk	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	10:45 am – 12:00 noon	Plenary 3	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	12:00 noon – 12:30 pm	Health Talk	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Plenary 4	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	Light Refreshment	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre
	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Sports competition / Novely Match	Abuja Continental Hotel / TYB Golf Club
	7:00 pm	Dinner	Delegates' Individual hotels



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Date	Time	Event	Venue
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026			(TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL, ABUJA)
Thu, Oct 22, 2026	6:00am 7:30am	Jogging Competition	Abuja Continental Hotel
	7:30am 9:00am	Breakfast (Delegates Individual Hotel)	Delegates' Individual hotels
	9:00am 10:00am	Plenary 5	Transcorp Hilton Hotel
	10:00am 11:00am	Presentation of Prizes to Winners of Sports Competition	Transcorp Hilton Hotel
	11:00am-12noon	Rapporteur's Report/Communiqué	Transcorp Hilton Hotel
	12:00noon - 2:00pm	CLOSING CEREMONY / REMARKS • Closing Remark by ICAN President Hajia Queensley Sofuratu Seghosime, mni, MSc, FCA • Announcements by the Conference Director Oladele Oladipo, FCA • Address by the Special Guest of Honour • Vote of Thanks by ICAN Vice President Mazi Etofolam F. Osuji, mni, DBA, FCA • Conference Parting Song ICAN Anthem/National Anthem	Transcorp Hilton Hotel
	2:00pm 4:00pm	Lunch (Delegates Individual Hotels)	Delegates' Individual hotels
	6:00pm - 11:59pm	GALA NITE / DINNER / RAFFLE DRAW • Introduction of Guests by Conference Director Oladele Oladipo, FCA • Welcome Address by President, ICAN Hajia Queensley Sofuratu Seghosime, mni, MSc, FCA Cutting of the Conference Cake • Dinner Music by: ------- (BATICC) & Disc Jockey (Shettima Hall, BATICC, Marques) • Raffle Draw Music! Music!! Music!!! • Vote of Thanks by ICAN Vice President Mazi Etofolam F. Osuji (Dr), mni, FCA Music Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!	Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre, Abuja, Nigeria
DAY FIVE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026			
Fri, Oct 23, 2026	6:00am 7:00am	Keep Fit Activities	Abuja Continental Hotel
	7:00am 8:00am	Breakfast (Delegates Individual Hotels)	Delegates' Individual hotels
	12:00pm	Departure	Delegates' Individual hotels.

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DAY THREE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 9:00 am - 10:15 am

PLENARY 2 **Venue:** BOLA AHMED TINUBU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA

TOPIC: **FROM ENTERPRISE TO INSTITUTION — LESSONS FROM MY JOURNEY**

SYNOPSIS

Building a successful enterprise is a remarkable achievement; building an institution that endures beyond its founders is a greater test of leadership. While enterprises may begin with an individual's vision, ambition and entrepreneurial courage, enduring institutions require something more: a compelling purpose, strong governance, shared values, capable people, disciplined execution and the capacity to evolve across generations.

Nigeria's economic transformation depends not only on the creation of new businesses but also on the emergence of resilient, globally competitive institutions capable of creating sustainable value. Yet many promising enterprises struggle to progress beyond their founders, institutionalise decision-making, develop leadership pipelines or sustain growth through economic uncertainty and changing market conditions. The challenge is therefore not simply how to build a profitable business, but how to create an organisation whose relevance, credibility and impact outlive the individuals who established it.

Drawing on his entrepreneurial and leadership journey at Sahara Group, Mr Kola Adesina will explore the defining choices, experiences and lessons involved in transforming entrepreneurial ambition into institutional strength. The session will examine how vision becomes organisational purpose, how personal leadership evolves into shared responsibility, and how governance, culture, talent development and strategic discipline enable businesses to grow without losing the values on which they were founded.

Central to this journey is the transition from founder-dependent leadership to institutional capability. As enterprises expand, informal relationships and individual judgement must increasingly give way to effective systems, transparent processes, accountability, professional management and deliberate succession planning. The true measure of leadership is therefore not simply what an individual achieves while in charge, but what the organisation remains capable of achieving when that individual is no longer at its centre.

The session will also consider the realities of building and sustaining enterprises in Nigeria and across Africa, where infrastructure constraints, policy uncertainty, financing pressures, technological change and global competition demand resilience, innovation and long-term thinking. It will explore how leaders navigate setbacks, make difficult decisions, develop people, preserve organisational values and balance commercial ambition with responsibility to employees, communities and society.

For Chartered Accountants and other professionals, the lessons extend beyond entrepreneurship. Financial discipline, sound governance, risk intelligence, ethical judgement and accountability are essential to institutional maturity. However, the profession must also develop the strategic insight, leadership capabilities and commercial understanding required to help organisations move beyond short-term financial performance towards enduring value creation.

Ultimately, the session will challenge participants to reconsider the meaning of success and legacy. An enterprise may be built around a vision; an institution is built to sustain that vision beyond the visionary. The enduring achievement of leadership is not merely to build something successful, but to create something capable of remaining relevant, resilient and valuable long after its original architects have stepped aside.

The central question is therefore not simply, "What have I built?" but "What have I built that can endure without me?"



DR. KOLA ADESINA, MFR, FNSE
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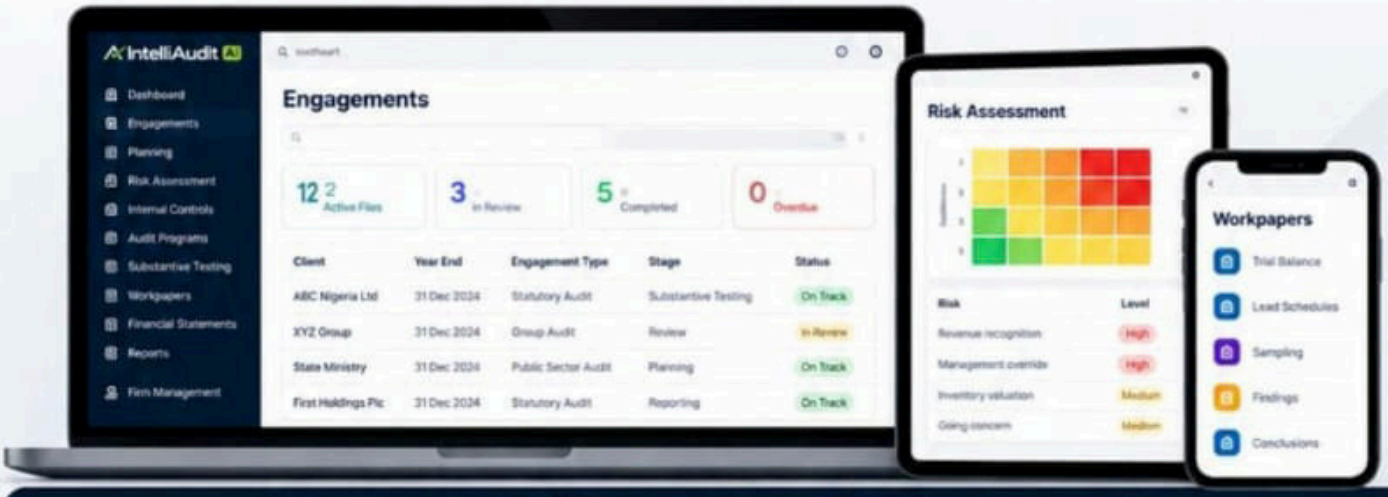
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DAY THREE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

PLENARY 3 **Venue:** BOLA AHMED TINUBU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA

TOPIC: **NATIONAL SECURITY — PATHWAY TO A TRILLION DOLLAR ECONOMY**

SYNOPSIS

Nigeria's aspiration to become a trillion-dollar economy is not merely a question of increasing GDP. It requires an environment in which businesses can invest, productive activity can flourish, citizens can prosper and institutions can function effectively. At the foundation of these conditions lies national security.

Insecurity imposes an economic cost. It disrupts production and commerce, destroys productive assets, raises the cost of doing business, constrains investment, weakens public revenues and erodes the confidence required for long-term economic transformation. Conversely, a secure environment enables farmers to cultivate, manufacturers to produce, businesses to expand, goods and people to move, and investors to commit capital with greater confidence. Security is therefore not only a public responsibility or fiscal cost; it is an economic enabler.

National security must consequently be understood beyond the protection of territorial integrity. In a complex and interconnected economy, it encompasses economic, food, energy, cyber and human security, infrastructure protection and institutional stability. Terrorism, banditry, cybercrime, oil theft, illegal mining, insecurity in agricultural communities and organised crime do more than threaten lives and property; they constrain productivity, disrupt supply chains, weaken revenues and diminish national economic capacity.

The pathway to a trillion-dollar economy therefore requires Nigeria to examine not only how much it spends on security, but how effectively security expenditure protects and enables economic value. This calls for a shift from predominantly reactive responses towards an integrated approach combining intelligence, prevention, technology, community engagement, institutional coordination and economic opportunity. The objective must be both to protect lives and to safeguard the productive capacity on which prosperity depends.

The relationship between security and economic strength is mutually reinforcing. Greater security enables investment, entrepreneurship, innovation and industrialisation; expanding economic activity broadens the revenue base; and stronger public finances increase the State's capacity to fund security, infrastructure, education, healthcare and other development priorities. Conversely, persistent insecurity suppresses economic activity and revenues precisely when greater public resources are required to address it. Security and prosperity can therefore reinforce each other; conversey, their absence can create a cycle of vulnerability.

This makes fiscal governance central to the security conversation. The challenge is not simply to allocate more resources to security, but to ensure that resources are transparently managed, strategically deployed and linked to measurable outcomes. Strong public financial management, procurement, accountability and performance measurement are essential to ensuring that security expenditure delivers public value.

For Chartered Accountants, this creates an important dimension of professional responsibility. The profession can contribute through financial transparency, revenue mobilisation, anti-money-laundering frameworks, forensic accounting, risk management, public-sector accountability and data-driven analysis. Chartered Accountants can help trace illicit financial flows, identify leakages, strengthen controls, evaluate expenditure and ensure that scarce public resources are directed towards priorities that enhance both economic resilience and national security.

The central question for this plenary is therefore not simply, "How much should Nigeria spend on security?" It is the more consequential question: "How can national security become an enabler of investment, productivity and sustainable economic transformation?"

The session will examine national security as a whole-of-society economic imperative and explore how government, business, professional bodies, communities and citizens can collectively create the conditions for investment and productive activity to thrive. It will consider the connections among security, fiscal capacity, institutional effectiveness, technology, economic opportunity and public accountability, and the practical measures required to strengthen Nigeria's resilience.

Ultimately, the significance of a trillion-dollar economy will lie not in the milestone itself, but in what it represents: a safer, more productive and resilient economy capable of creating opportunity, sustaining institutions and improving lives. Nigeria will not achieve enduring prosperity by pursuing growth and security on separate tracks. Securing the nation strengthens the economy; strengthening the economy expands the capacity to secure the nation.



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Speaker

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DAY THREE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

PLENARY 4 **Venue:** BOLA AHMED TINUBU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA

TOPIC: **DIGITAL GOVERNANCE: LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY**

SYNOPSIS

Digital transformation is reshaping how governments operate, businesses function and citizens engage with public institutions. For Nigeria, it presents an opportunity to confront longstanding governance challenges by making institutions more transparent, accountable, efficient and responsive. But digital governance is not simply about moving government services online; it is about using technology to improve how government works, how public resources are managed and how institutions are held accountable.

This distinction is critical. Automating an inefficient process may simply reproduce inefficiency at greater speed and scale. Technology does not automatically create good governance. Its value lies in whether it strengthens institutions, improves decisions, reduces opportunities for abuse and delivers better outcomes for citizens.

The possibilities are significant. Integrated digital systems can improve revenue mobilisation, procurement, expenditure management and service delivery; strengthen audit trails and regulatory compliance; and provide timely information for evidence-based decision-making. Properly designed, they can make public resources more traceable and institutional performance more measurable, reducing the opacity within which waste, leakages and misconduct can thrive.

Digital governance can also reshape the relationship between institutions and citizens. Accessible platforms can improve access to public information, enable citizens to monitor programmes and expenditure, facilitate feedback and strengthen participation. Greater visibility can reinforce public trust, but only where digital systems themselves are trustworthy. Transparency delivered through systems that are insecure, exclusionary or built on unreliable data cannot produce sustainable accountability.

The challenge is therefore not simply technological, but institutional. Effective digital governance depends on reliable infrastructure, interoperable systems, sound regulation, cybersecurity, data integrity, privacy safeguards, digital inclusion and capable institutions. As artificial intelligence and automated decision-making become more prominent, questions of algorithmic accountability, bias, explainability and human oversight will become increasingly important. Digital transformation must therefore be governed with the same seriousness as the financial and institutional systems it increasingly supports.

For the accountancy profession, this transformation has profound implications. Digital tax administration, electronic invoicing, automated compliance, data analytics and technology-enabled financial reporting are changing both the tools and expectations of professional practice. Chartered Accountants increasingly require competence beyond conventional financial information to encompass data governance, digital controls, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and technology-enabled assurance.

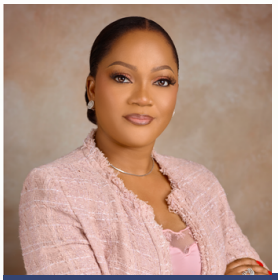
More fundamentally, the profession has an important role in ensuring that digital systems themselves support integrity, accountability and better governance outcomes. Accountants can contribute to the design and assurance of controls, interrogate data quality, assess technology-related risks, strengthen auditability and help ensure that automated processes remain subject to effective oversight. Working with policymakers, regulators, technologists and other professionals, they can help build systems in which public money is more traceable, decisions more auditable and institutions more accountable.

The real test of digital governance is therefore not how extensively government uses technology, but whether technology improves the quality of governance itself. This means strengthening transparency, making public resources more traceable, improving institutional performance and creating systems in which accountability is designed into digital processes rather than added as an afterthought.

The session will examine how data analytics, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, integrated platforms and other emerging technologies can strengthen financial management, accountability, regulatory compliance, assurance and stakeholder engagement. It will also consider the institutional and ethical safeguards necessary to manage cybersecurity, privacy, data integrity, inclusion and other emerging digital risks.

Ultimately, the success of digital governance should not be measured by the number of services moved online or technologies deployed. The real test is whether technology makes resources more traceable, institutions more accountable, services more effective and citizens more confident in the systems that serve them.

Digital transformation becomes meaningful when technology does more than automate government; it makes government work better and answer more clearly for its decisions and results.



ENGR. (DR) ABISOYE COKER-ODUSOTE
Director General, National Identity Management Commission
Speaker

PROGRAMME

DAY FOUR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026 9:00 am - 10:00 am

PANEL CONVERSATION **Venue:** TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL

TOPIC: **ACCOUNTANTS IN POLITICS: STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY**

SYNOPSIS

Politics ultimately determines how national priorities are chosen, how public resources are mobilised and allocated, and how competing needs are translated into policy. Taxation, expenditure, borrowing, investment, regulation and public services are therefore not only economic questions; they are political choices with profound consequences for national development.

Against a backdrop of fiscal pressures, economic uncertainty and growing demands for accountability, an important question arises: should accountants remain principally advisers to those who make these choices, or should more of them enter the arena in which the choices themselves are made?

Chartered Accountants bring financial expertise, analytical discipline, an understanding of public finance and a professional commitment to integrity and accountability. These capabilities can strengthen public leadership by bringing greater attention to the affordability, sustainability and measurable consequences of policy choices. Where political commitments are disconnected from economic realities, even well-intentioned programmes can produce waste, fiscal stress and unintended consequences. Accountants can help bridge this divide by translating political aspirations into costed, measurable and financially sustainable choices.

Participation in politics, however, extends beyond seeking elective office. It encompasses political and public-sector leadership, policy advocacy, legislative engagement, economic planning, civic participation and other avenues through which public choices are shaped. Accountants are equipped to interrogate budgets, assess fiscal risks, evaluate programmes, strengthen revenue and expenditure management, and demand greater transparency in the stewardship of public resources.

For Nigeria, the question is especially timely. As the country approaches another general election, public debate will increasingly centre on competing promises about economic growth, jobs, infrastructure, security and social welfare. Yet every promise carries a cost, a financing requirement and an opportunity cost. Sound governance requires not only compelling promises, but credible answers to what they will cost, how they will be financed, how implementation will be measured and what trade-offs they require. The profession can help elevate political discourse from the attractiveness of promises to the credibility and sustainability of choices.

But accounting competence alone does not make an effective political leader. Politics requires vision, judgement, communication, negotiation, coalition-building, empathy and an understanding of the social realities within which policy operates. The challenge for accountants entering public life is therefore to combine technical competence with political leadership without surrendering the ethical foundations of the profession.

This raises a deeper issue. Political life often involves competing interests, imperfect choices and pressure to compromise. How can accountants participate effectively while preserving integrity, objectivity and accountability? How should professional bodies support members who enter public leadership while safeguarding the independence and non-partisan standing of the profession itself? The objective cannot simply be to have more accountants in politics; it must be to have accountants whose presence improves the quality of politics and governance.

The challenge for the profession is therefore larger than encouraging more accountants to enter politics. It is to consider how professional competence, judgement and ethical responsibility can improve the quality of public leadership and the decisions through which national resources are governed.

The session will examine the contribution accountants can make across elective and appointive office, policymaking, legislative engagement, public-sector leadership and civic advocacy. It will explore how financial expertise can strengthen policy formulation, fiscal discipline, reform implementation and accountability, while confronting the leadership and ethical challenges professionals may encounter in political life.

Ultimately, Beyond Numbers calls accountants to consider whether professional responsibility ends with reporting the financial consequences of public decisions. If the profession possesses knowledge capable of improving those decisions, there is a legitimate case for deeper engagement in the processes through which they are made.

Accountants should not only count the cost of poor governance; they should help shape the choices that prevent it.



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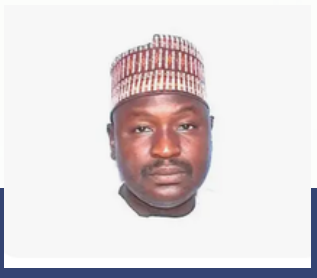
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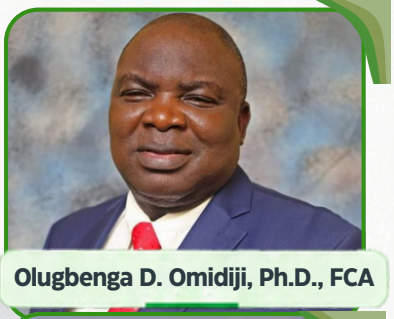
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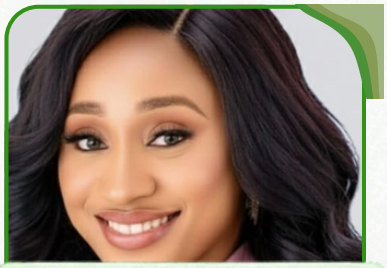
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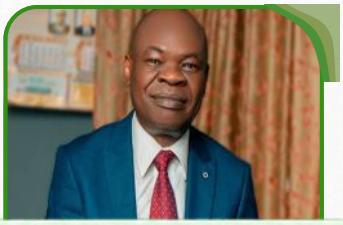

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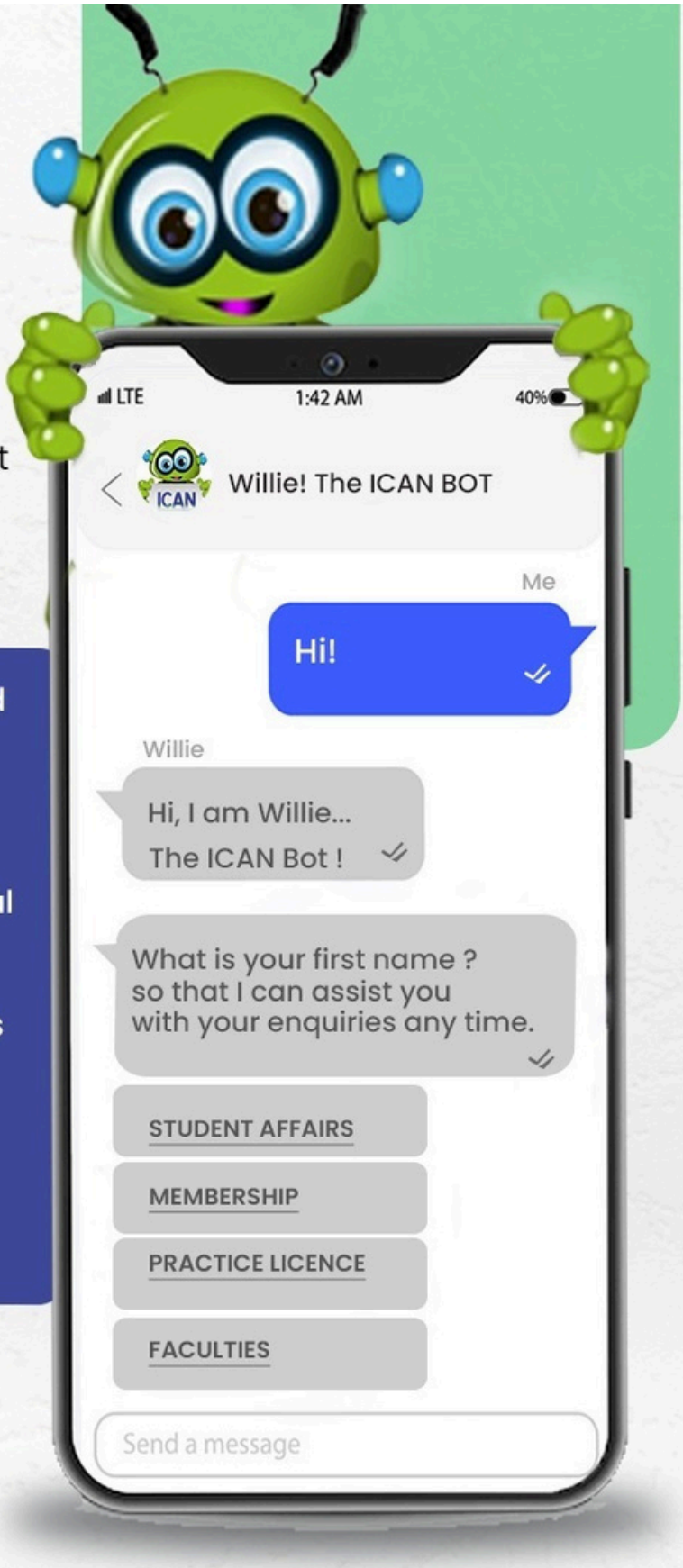



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With His sheep securely fold you,
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Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at next Conference,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2.
God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still divide you,
God be with you till we meet again.
[Refrain]

3.
God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you,
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