

Theme :

The Reform Imperative: Building a Prosperous and Inclusive Nigeria by 2030

6TH - 8TH, OCTOBER 2025

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The 31st Nigerian Economic Summit (NES #31), themed **"The Reform Imperative: Building a Prosperous and Inclusive Nigeria by 2030,"** comes at a pivotal moment in Nigeria's development journey. With bold reforms already underway, NES #31 will convene a diverse gathering of global leaders, senior government officials, CEOs, economists, development partners, scholars, and change-makers to build consensus on the next phase of Nigeria's transformation and shape actionable policies and practical solutions for Nigeria's socioeconomic development. The Summit will adopt a pragmatic, future-facing lens to shape a cohesive national agenda that balances macroeconomic stability with inclusive growth.

Summit Objectives

The principal objectives of NES #31 are to:

- Forge a consensus on Nigeria's reform trajectory balancing stability and inclusion;
- Develop sector-specific reform strategies;
- Galvanise stakeholder input into the National Medium-Term Development Plan;
- Scale proven subnational reform models; and
- Strengthen public-private-development partnerships for reform delivery.

On the Agenda

Discussions at NES #31 will be guided by three core Pillars: **Reforms, Resilience, and Results**. These pillars form the foundation for the Summit's agenda. The Summit will dissect Nigeria's reform priorities across five critical sub-themes.

Driving Industrialisation-led Growth

Building a job-rich and diversified real economy

Nigeria's weak productive foundation, hampered by infrastructure deficits, inconsistent policies, and widespread informality, necessitates a focus on industrialisation and enterprise development, particularly for job-creating MSMEs. Transforming this landscape is crucial for economic advancement. Summit discussions will therefore, prioritise a new industrial policy centred on local value chains, energy accessibility, and efficient logistics.

Unlocking Investment amid Global Trade Shifts

Positioning Nigeria as a resilient and competitive investment destination

Amidst global economic instability and trade divisions, Nigeria's reforms present a critical opportunity for sustainable investment. NES #31 aims to synchronise monetary and fiscal policies to manage inflation and drive growth. Key is establishing clear, stable investment policies with effective dispute resolution, and forging strategic global alliances to attract trade and capital within evolving supply chains.

Building Infrastructure for Competitiveness

Modernising Nigeria's physical and digital backbone

Infrastructure inadequacy, particularly in energy, transport, housing, and connectivity, is crippling growth in Nigeria. Securing the economy's future necessitates significant investment in climate-resilient and inclusive infrastructure. Integrated logistics, expanded digital networks, and a national digital transformation strategy are crucial to foster enterprise and human development.

Advancing Inclusion for Shared Growth

Turning demographic potential into economic value

Nigeria's predominantly youthful population underscores the critical importance of investing in its human capital for future prosperity. However, insufficient investment in education, healthcare, and social protection could exacerbate inequality and diminish the benefits of ongoing reforms. Achieving inclusive growth necessitates policies that broaden access, safeguard vulnerable populations, and empower all citizens to actively participate in the nation's progress.

Strengthening Institutions for Sustainable Impact

Translating reform intent into delivery and accountability

Successful effective reform transcends policy creation, hinging on robust institutions capable of execution. Nigeria must fortify its public sector, enhance transparency, and establish enduring systems to maintain reform momentum. NES #31 will prioritise public sector reform based on performance and leadership accountability, alongside institutional capacity-building for effective implementation and monitoring.

5 Plenaries

4 Interactive Sessions

4 CEO Roundtables

5 Design Workshops

3 Forums

10 Dinner Sessions

Programme Structure

DAY 0 – Sunday, 5 th October, 2025						
				14:00–21:00 On-Site Summit Registration		17:00–19:00 Dinner Session
DAY 1 – Monday, 6 th October, 2025						
	09:00–11:30 Opening Plenary		12:00–14:00 Plenary	(Lunch) 14:20–15:50 Interactive Panels	16:20–17:35 Plenary	18:30–20:30 Dinner Sessions
DAY 2 – Tuesday, 7 th October, 2025						
08:00–09:15 Breakfast Meetings	09:45–11:00 Plenary	11:30–12:45 Design Workshops	13:15–14:15 Lunch	14:45–16:00 CEO Roundtables	16:15–18:00 Closing Plenary	18:30–20:30 Dinner Sessions
DAY 3 – Wednesday, 8 th October, 2025 – Nigeria Investment Days (NIDs)						
	09:00–11:20 Opening Plenary	12:15–13:30 Breakout Sessions	13:45–15:00 Lunch	15:15–16:45 Plenary	17:00–18:30 Governors' Roundtable	18:30–18:40 Closing

About the Annual Nigerian Economic Summit

The first Nigerian Economic Summit (NES #1) was held from February 18 -20, 1993. Participants at NES #1 concluded that it is imperative for the private sector to continuously dialogue and cooperate with the public sector. Since that first Summit, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, a private sector-led think tank and non-profit organisation, has organised the annual Nigerian Economic Summit in partnership with the Federal Government of Nigeria. The NES has become the flagship event of government and business and has provided a credible and widely recognised platform for forging understanding and consensus on the national economic policy direction and growth strategies. Over the past 32 years, national and global policymakers and business leaders have acknowledged that the annual NES is the premier platform for public-private dialogue in Nigeria.