HIGH LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE

“Infrastructure and Structural Transformation in Nigeria”

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Nigeria is one of Africa's largest economies with a growth rate of about 7% over the five years due to improved economic performance and sustained policy improvements. However, it faces the challenge of translating growth into poverty reduction and reduced social inequality. Therefore, in recognition of the need for more inclusive growth the government has stepped up institutional implementation of its transformation agenda (2011-2015) as outlined in its mid-term report.

In response to Nigeria’s own national agenda, the Bank's country strategy aims at primarily supporting the deepening of a sound policy environment and investing in critical infrastructure to promote economic development. It is within this context that the proposed high level policy dialogue on infrastructure and structural transformation has been crafted by the Bank in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the National Planning Commission.

The Dialogue will focus on the challenges and opportunities faced by Nigeria, while bringing in experiences and lessons from other countries. In addition, the Dialogue will bring together policy makers, private sector, academics, civil society activists and development partners.
AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00  Registration and Coffee

9:00-09:45  OPENING SESSION

MC: Mr. Ebere Young Acharaike
Opening Statements:

- Welcome & Introduction by Dr. Ousmane Dore, Resident Representative, AfDB Nigeria Field Office
- Opening Remarks by:
  - Mr. Zondo Sakala, Vice president, Country Programs & Policy, AfDB
  - Dr. Shamsuddeen Usman, Federal Minister, National Planning
- Official Opening by Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, CME & Federal Minister of Finance

09:45-10:45  SESSION 1: INFRASTRUCTURE AND FINANCE GAP

Moderator: Mr. Janvier Litse, Director, Regional Department, West Africa, AfDB
Presenters:

- National Planing Commission – Highlights of National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan (By McKinsey tbc)
- Mr. Russell Cheetam, Consultant, AfDB – Infrastructure Action Plan for Nigeria

10:45-11:15  Discussion

11:15-11:30  COFFEE/TEA BREAK

11:30 - 12:30  SESSION 2: INFRASTRUCTURE AND FINANCE OPTION

Moderator: Prof. Mthuli Ncube, Vice President and Chief Economist, AfDB

Panel 1: Infrastructure Bonds Alternative Financing Options

- Dr. Njuguna Ndungu, Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya
- Mr. Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria
- Mr. Uche Orji, CEO, National Wealth Sovereign Fund, Nigeria
- Mr. Charles Boamah, Vice President, Finance, AfDB (tbc)
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**Moderator:** Dr. Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa – Director, Research, AfDB

**Presenter:**
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**Moderator:** Dr. Shehu Yahaya, Executive Director, Nigeria, AfDB

**Panel 2: Key Drivers of Structural Transformation in Nigeria**

- [Dr. Akinwunmi Ayo Adesina](#), Federal Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- [Dr. Olusegun Aganga](#), Federal Minister of Trade and Investment.
- [Mrs. Sola David-Borha](#): CEO, Stanbic IBTC
- [Prof. Mike Obadan](#), Department of Economics, University of Benin *(tbc)*

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**17:00 - 17:10**  CLOSING REMARKS by VP Mthuli Ncube