



Emerging Abuja Investment Forum 2025

Theme:

BRIDGING WORLDS - TURNING DIASPORA WEALTH INTO HOME GROWN OPPORTUNITIES

DATE:

17TH DEC., 2025

**VENUE: BON Pearl Hotel,
Jabi Lake, Abuja.**

TIME:

9.00 Prompt.

KEY SECTORS

- Tourism & Touriprenuers
- Startups
- Real Estate



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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, are proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

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.

PRESIDENT



**HIS EXCELLENCY
BOLA AHMED TINUBU GCFR**

**PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



**HIS EXCELLENCY
BARR. NYESOM EZENWO WIKE CON
HONOURABLE MINISTER-FCT**

Chief Host

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



HANNATU MUSA MUSAWA, Esq

MINISTER OF ART, CULTURE AND THE CREATIVE ECONOMY OF NIGERIA

HOST



HON. IBRAHIM AMINU
MANDATE SECRETARY
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

CO-HOST



OLOWOOKERE OLUBUNMI

PERMANENT SECRETARY
FCT. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Session Chair

E.A PROGRAM COORDINATOR



HON. KENNETH IBE-KALU

Director-General, Forum of Former Deputy Governor of Nigeria
Program Coordinator, Emerging Abuja

DIRECTOR OF TOURISM



Mrs. ANN NENADI DOGO
DIRECTOR TOURISM FCTA

EADIF PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR



DR. ELIJAH DODO
CHAIRMAN PLANING COMMITTEE
EMERGING ABUJA DIASPORA INVESTMENT FORUM 2025

E.A Program Advisor/Groovy December Coordinator, Germany



DR. KENNETH CHIBUEOGWU GBANDI

is a distinguished Diaspora leader, media consultant, and peace building advocate with over 28 years of experience championing the interests of more than 20 million Nigerians abroad.

As the longest-serving Nigerian Diaspora representative, he has played a pivotal role in fostering international collaborations, influencing policy, and driving transformative initiatives in migration, housing, and youth employment. His dedication to bridging the gap between Nigeria and the global community has earned him widespread recognition. Dr. Gbandi is the Emerging Abuja Program Advisor/Groovy December Ambassador.

E.A Program Advisor/Groovy December Coordinator, UK



CHIEF BARR MRS GEORGIAN OGECHI OPARA

Country/Region: London, UK Profession: Legal Practitioner Solicitor of England and Wales Barrister/Advocate of the Supreme Courts of Federal Republic of Nigeria
Passion: Social networker; nation builder and pro bono service provider.

Chief Opara is the Emerging Abuja Program Advisor/
Groovy December Ambassador.

**E.A Program Advisor/Groovy
December Coordinator, Turkey**



HON. BEN ONYEUKWU C. ANYAIBE

Business Consultant - Director Diamond Gates Multi Resources Ltd,
President, NIDOE Turkey & Ambassador For Peace Unity and
Cultural Heritage FESTAC Africa Renaissance.

SPEAKER 1

“TURNING CULTURE INTO CAPITAL-INVESTING IN TOURISM AND CREATIVITY”



(NTDA) Staff of the year 2022.

She is presently serving as the zonal
overseeing activities in the 6 States.

PROF. NANNA DASHE YAKUBU, PSLC,
LTD, NIPSS, FHTI, FITPN. CEO/M.D
Caskada Integrated Ltd Tourism, and
Hospitality Consultants.

A Seasoned and Tourism Industry expert,
Author and multiple Awards Winner.

Fellow of the Institute of Tourism
Professionals of Nigeria (FITPN)
Approved textbook author (Federal
Ministry of Education, (NERDC)

External Examiner

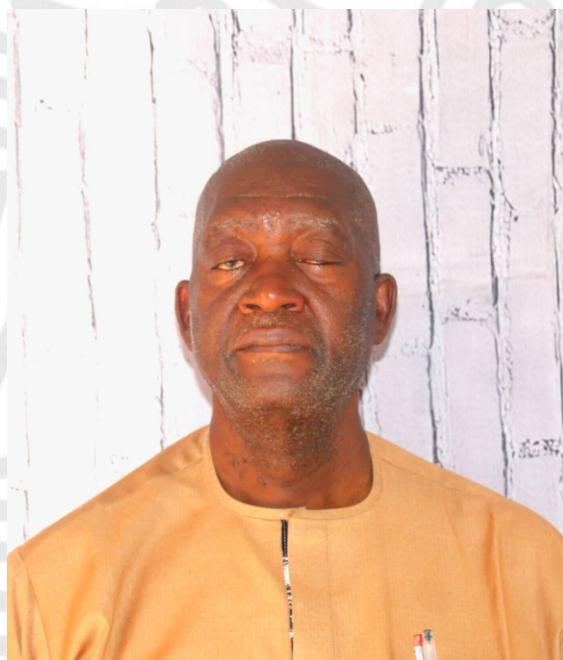
Prof. Nanna Dashe Yakubu is highly
respected; FIGURE IN Nigeria's tourism
Industry.

Nigerian Tourism Development Authority

Coordinator NTDA North Central Zone

SPEAKER 2

“CREATING ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR DIASPORAN INVESTMENT IN REAL ESTATE”



Prof. TERZUNGWE TIMOTHY DUGERI (KSM)

Holds a Doctorate in Estate Management from the University of Lagos (2011.)

Named the first University of Jos Professor of Estate Management in October 2022.

Earlier Prof. Dugeri was made a fellow of the Nigeria Institute of Estate Surveyors and valuers (NIESV) in 2008.

He has earlier as the Pioneer Head of Dept of Estate Management at the Kaduna State University between Oct. 2012- Feb 2017 and was also Deputy Dean, Faculty of Environmental

Science, KASU, he had taught at the Department of Estate Management of Kaduna Polytecnic for over two decades and left as Head of Department and Principal Lecturer .

Prof. Dugeri has also served on the NUC and NBTE on Programme accreditation teams to Several tertiary Institutions offering courses in Estate Management.

SPEAKER 3

THE PLACE OF STARTUPS IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT”



Mr. David Daser
President/CEO Digital Bridge Institute

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WELCOME ADDRESS

Emerging Abuja is a program designed to advance the rebranding of Abuja aimed at positioning the City as **Africa's Emerging Most Influencing Capital by 2029.**

The Emerging Abuja rebranding quest is envisioned to reengineer Abuja as a tourist and economic destination in Africa drawing significant visits from across the globe.

This rebranding which its implementation began in June, 2025 was given wings by the spirit and letter of Mr. President's Renewed Hope Agenda and the decisive and bold initiatives of "Mr. Projects" the Honorable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), H.E. Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, CON.

The Honorable Minister recognizes that infrastructure plays a central and indispensable role in the growth and sustainability of tourism. He is aware that infrastructure also forms the foundational systems and services that make destinations accessible, attractive, functional, and competitive.

He further understands that without adequate infrastructure, even the most naturally beautiful or culturally rich destinations struggle to attract and retain tourists. This commitment of the Honorable Minister is no more in doubt given his policy direction and the massive developmental projects currently being constructed in the territory.

This Diaspora Investment Forum is part of a side event at the Groovy December, 2025. The Forum is invoked to bring together Nigerians in diaspora and the Nigerian Private Sector Players in the three key sectors of interest this year to possibly forge a common front in partnership to invest in the following critical sectors of Tourism, Startups and Real Estate to enhance:

1. Assessment and Connectivity in the territory
2. Enhancement of Visitor Experience
3. Development of Tourist Attractions
4. Economic Growth and Investment Attraction amongst others.
5. Real estate development
6. Digitalization of businesses

In conclusion, infrastructure is the backbone of tourism development. It influences accessibility, visitor experience, safety, investment, environmental sustainability, and the overall competitiveness of a destination. Nations with strong infrastructure attract more tourists, increase revenue, and achieve long-term growth and this is well-known to the Honorable Minister, his Team and myself and this is the more reason I invite you to attend.

On this note I welcome all Participants, Exhibitors, Speakers and Presenters to this august gathering of great and visionary leaders including policy makers and leaders in the public sector.

I look forward to a rewarding event.
Thank you

**Hon. Kenneth Ibe-Kalu
Program Coordinator, Emerging Abuja.**

PROFILE OF EMERGING ABUJA DIASPORA INVESTMENT FORUM

CONCEPT NOTE

EMERGING ABUJA DIASPORA INVESTMENT FORUM 2025

A Flagship Event of ABUJA GROOVY DECEMBER

Theme:

"Bridging Worlds – Turning Diaspora Wealth into Homegrown Opportunities"

Date: 17 December 2025

Venue: Abuja, Nigeria

Format: Executive Investment Forum & Dealroom

Convener: Emerging Abuja Program

Host: Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA)

Participating States:

Niger Nasarawa Kaduna Kogi

Key Government Stakeholders:

- Federal Ministry of Arts, Culture & Creative Economy (FMACCE)
- Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)
- Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA)
- Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation (NIDO)

Financial Stakeholders:

- **First Bank of Nigeria – Lead Financial Partner**
- Other Financial Institutions & Custodians
- Investment and Capital Market Intermediaries

1. Background & Rationale

Diaspora remittances exceed **\$24 billion annually**, yet only a fraction enters structured, scalable investments. Many diaspora investors desire to invest but lack:

- Trustworthy pathways
- Credible deal flow
- Secure financial structures
- Institutional support

Abuja is strategically positioned as the center of the **Greater Abuja Growth Belt**, linking the FCT with Niger, Nasarawa, Kaduna, and Kogi States—an emerging regional economic corridor with opportunities across:

- Tourism
- Creative economy
- Tech and AI
- Real estate
- SMEs and startups
- Agro-industrial clusters
- Logistics hubs
- Renewable energy

The Emerging Abuja Diaspora Investment Forum 2025, a flagship event of **Abuja Groovy December**, offers a compact, investor-focused, government-backed platform for turning **diaspora wealth into homegrown opportunities**.

2. Purpose of the Forum

The Forum aims to:

- Present **six high-ticket, investment-ready opportunities** across four sectors and the Greater Abuja Green Belt.
- Provide diaspora investors clear, bankable pathways for investments ranging from **\$100,000 to \$10,000,000+**.
- Inaugurate the **Abuja Diaspora Investment Desk (ADID)** — a permanent coordination and facilitation structure.
- Strengthen collaboration among FMACCE, NIPC, FCTA, NIDO, and financial institutions.
- Position Abuja as the investment gateway for the North-Central region.
- Build long-term diaspora confidence through structured, high-trust platforms.

3. Stakeholder Architecture

A. Government Stakeholders

These MDAs provide policy direction, regulatory assurance, and national credibility:

FMACCE

- Supports tourism, creative economy, cultural capital, and soft-power investments.

NIPC

- Provides investment facilitation, regulatory clarity, risk management, and incentives.

FCTA

- Anchors the Green Belt Master Plan
- Hosts the Forum
- Coordinates participation of the four states

NIDO

- Represents diaspora investors globally
- Strengthens trust and investor connections

B. Financial Stakeholders

Financial institutions are central to investment execution.

First Bank of Nigeria — Lead Financial Partner

- Custodian of diaspora investment flows
- Provider of diaspora-friendly products
- Facilitator of escrow and secure channels
- Financing partner for qualified projects

Other Financial Institutions & Custodians

- Capital market operators
- Investment banks
- DFI partners
- Private fund managers

Why they are included:

Diaspora investors require secure, regulated, transparent structures.

Financial institutions provide:

- Escrow accounts
- Co-investment frameworks
- Risk mitigation tools
- Fund management

- Due diligence support
- Liquidity and capital intermediation

4. Structure of the Forum

a. Opening Ceremony

Remarks from:

- FMACCE
- NIPC
- FCTA
- NIDO
- Emerging Abuja Program

b. Green Belt & Regional States Spotlight

Five (5) presentations — 10 minutes each

- **FCTA:** Greater Abuja Green Belt Master Opportunity
- Niger State: Strategic agro-industrial or logistics opportunity
- Nasarawa State: Priority tourism, mining, or real estate corridor
- Kaduna State: Technology, commerce, or industrial expansion area
- Kogi State: Energy or transport hub opportunity

This positions the region as a coordinated investment ecosystem.

c. Sector Deep-Dive Conversation

A single curated conversation covering:

- Tourism & Creative Economy
- Tech & AI
- Real Estate & Urban Development
- SMEs & Startups

Insight-driven, solution-focused, and investor-oriented.

d. High-Ticket Deal Showcase

Six (6) curated investment-ready opportunities

Investment size: **\$100,000 – \$10,000,000**

Sectors:

- Tourism/Touriprenuer

- Real Estate
- 1 Startup

Each includes:

- Capital requirements
- ROI and IRR structure
- Governance
- Safeguards
- Exit timeline
- Diaspora participation model

e. Inauguration of ADID – Abuja Diaspora Investment Desk

A new permanent structure enabling:

- Investor onboarding
- Opportunity pipeline management
- Diaspora support
- Partnerships with First Bank and financial institutions
- Long-term capital flow facilitation

This institutionalizes diaspora investment beyond the Forum.

f. Private Investor Circle

Closed-door conversations between:

- Diaspora investors
- Opportunity owners
- Financial partners
- State representatives
- FCTA officials

This is where preliminary commitments begin.

g. Networking & Media Interaction

5. Why Diaspora Investors Will Attend

They will find:

- Government-backed opportunities

- Secure investment pathways
- Financial institution involvement
- Verified, curated deal flow
- Regional collaboration
- A platform designed for credibility and continuity

6. Why Sponsors Will Invest

- Anchor position in diaspora investment flows
- Visibility across 5 regional governments
- Alignment with creative economy, SME, and real estate financing
- Strategic presence during Abuja Groovy December
- Association with a high-value investment corridor
- Opportunity to shape ADID and future regional deal pipelines

7. Expected Outcomes

- Over **\$10 million** in investment interest
- ADID inaugurated and functional
- Strong diaspora–government–finance alignment
- Six high-value investment opportunities showcased
- Foundation for a **2026 Regional Investment Summit**

8. Conclusion

The Emerging Abuja Diaspora Investment Forum 2025 is a compact, effective, high-trust platform built to connect **diaspora wealth with government-backed, investment-ready opportunities**. With FMACCE, NIPC, FCTA, NIDO, First Bank, other financial institutions, and four strategic states, the Forum sets a new benchmark for high-ticket diaspora engagement during *Abuja Groovy December*.

FEES STRUCTURE

FOREIGN

Registration	\$50
Corporate Presentation of 10mins	\$120
Exhibition 4x4 Booth	\$200.00

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