**A Comprehensive Guide to Nigeria's Current Affairs**

**1. The Three Tiers of Government and Their Heads**

* **Federal Government**: Headed by the **President**.
* **State Government**: Each of the 36 states is headed by a **Governor**.
* **Local Government**: Each local government area is headed by a **Local Government Chairman**.

**2. The Arms of Government and Their Heads**

* **Executive**: Headed by the **President** at the federal level and **Governors** at the state level.
* **Legislative**: The **National Assembly** at the federal level, comprising the **Senate** (headed by the **Senate President**) and the **House of Representatives** (headed by the **Speaker**).
* **Judiciary**: Headed by the **Chief Justice of Nigeria** at the federal level.

**3. Political Parties in the National Assembly**

* **All Progressives Congress (APC)**
* **Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)**
* **Labour Party (LP)**
* **New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP)**
* **All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA)**

**4. Key Leaders in Nigeria**

* **President of Nigeria**: **President Bola Ahmed Adekunle Tinubu**.
* **FCT Minister**: **Nyesom Wike** (as of January 2025).
* **Minister of State for the FCT**: **Dr. Mahmud Mariya**.

**5. Geopolitical Zones in Nigeria**

**North Central:**

* Benue (**Makurdi**)
* Kogi (**Lokoja**)
* Kwara (**Ilorin**)
* Nasarawa (**Lafia**)
* Niger (**Minna**)
* Plateau (**Jos**)
* Federal Capital Territory (**Abuja**)

**North East:**

* Adamawa (**Yola**)
* Bauchi (**Bauchi**)
* Borno (**Maiduguri**)
* Gombe (**Gombe**)
* Taraba (**Jalingo**)
* Yobe (**Damaturu**)

**North West:**

* Jigawa (**Dutse**)
* Kaduna (**Kaduna**)
* Kano (**Kano**)
* Katsina (**Katsina**)
* Kebbi (**Birnin Kebbi**)
* Sokoto (**Sokoto**)
* Zamfara (**Gusau**)

**South East:**

* Abia (**Umuahia**)
* Anambra (**Awka**)
* Ebonyi (**Abakaliki**)
* Enugu (**Enugu**)
* Imo (**Owerri**)

**South South:**

* Akwa Ibom (**Uyo**)
* Bayelsa (**Yenagoa**)
* Cross River (**Calabar**)
* Delta (**Asaba**)
* Edo (**Benin City**)
* Rivers (**Port Harcourt**)

**South West:**

* Ekiti (**Ado-Ekiti**)
* Lagos (**Ikeja**)
* Ogun (**Abeokuta**)
* Ondo (**Akure**)
* Osun (**Oshogbo**)
* Oyo (**Ibadan**)

**6. Legislative Powers of the Legislature**

* Enacting laws for the peace, order, and good governance of the federation.
* Approving the national budget and appropriations.
* Ratifying treaties and international agreements.
* Oversight of the executive branch through investigations and hearings.
* Impeachment of the President, Vice President, and other federal officials.

**7. Exclusive and Concurrent Lists**

**Exclusive List** (Federal Government Only):

* Defense
* Foreign Affairs
* Currency
* Immigration
* Customs and Excise Duties

**Concurrent List** (Shared by Federal and State Governments):

* Education
* Health
* Agriculture
* Roads
* Environmental Protection

**8. Principal Officers of the National Assembly**

* Senate President
* Deputy Senate President
* Speaker of the House of Representatives
* Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives
* Majority Leader

**9. Fundamental Human Rights of Nigerians**

* Right to Life
* Right to Dignity of the Human Person
* Right to Personal Liberty
* Right to Fair Hearing
* Right to Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion
* Right to Freedom of Expression
* Right to Freedom of Assembly and Association
* Right to Freedom of Movement
* Right to Own Property
* Right to Freedom from Discrimination

**10. National Problems and Solutions**

**Problems:**

* Insecurity
* Corruption
* Unemployment
* Poor Infrastructure
* Education Crisis

**Solutions:**

* Strengthening security agencies and intelligence gathering
* Implementing strict anti-corruption measures
* Creating more job opportunities and supporting entrepreneurship
* Investing in infrastructure and public utilities
* Reforming the education sector and increasing funding

**11. Government Programs to Improve Lives**

* Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program
* National Social Investment Program (NSIP)
* Agricultural Transformation Agenda
* Youth Empowerment Program (such as N-Power)
* National Housing Scheme

**12. National Symbols**

* National Flag
* National Coat of Arms
* National Anthem
* National Pledge
* Nigerian Currency

**13. Vision and Mission Statements**

**FCTA:**

* **Vision**: To build a model city that is efficient, inclusive, and globally competitive.
* **Mission**: To provide effective governance and infrastructure for sustainable development in the FCT.

**SEB:**

* **Vision**: To ensure quality basic education for all.
* **Mission**: To regulate, monitor, and improve basic education in the FCT.

**UBEB:**

* **Vision**: To provide accessible, quality, and free basic education to all children in Nigeria.
* **Mission**: To ensure universal enrolment, retention, and completion of basic education.

**14. National Coat of Arms Features and Meanings**

* **Black Shield**: Represents Nigeria’s fertile soil
* **White Wavy Band (Y-shape)**: Represents the Niger and Benue rivers
* **Two Supporting Horses**: Symbolize dignity and strength
* **Eagle**: Represents strength and pride
* **Green and White Wreath**: Symbolizes Nigeria’s rich agricultural heritage

**15. Meaning of the National Flag**

* **Green**: Represents Nigeria’s agricultural wealth.
* **White**: Stands for peace and unity.

**16. Significance of the Mace**

* Represents the authority of the legislature.
* Used to maintain order in legislative proceedings.
* Signifies the presence of an official sitting.
* A symbol of democratic governance.
* Without it, legislative sessions cannot be valid.

**17. Historical and International Facts**

**First Political Party in Nigeria:**

* **Nigerian National Democratic Party (NNDP)**, formed in 1923.

**Commonwealth Members Include:**

* Nigeria
* United Kingdom
* Canada
* India
* South Africa

**ECOWAS Chairman and Members:**

* **Current Chairman**: (As of 2025, to be confirmed from official sources)
* Members: Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Benin

**Countries that Recently Left ECOWAS:**

* Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger (as of early 2024)

**United Nations Organs:**

* General Assembly
* Security Council
* Economic and Social Council
* International Court of Justice
* Secretariat

**Specialized Agencies of the UN:**

* World Health Organization (WHO)
* United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
* International Monetary Fund (IMF)
* United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
* Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**OPEC Members Include:**

* Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Venezuela

**ECOWAS:**

* The Economic Community of West African States, established in 1975 to promote economic integration.

**African Union Members Include:**

* Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Uganda, Algeria, Morocco, Tanzania

1. New National Anthem of Nigeria

Title: "Nigeria, We Hail Thee"

Lyrics:  
Nigeria, we hail thee,  
Our dear native land,  
Though tribe and tongue may differ,  
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.

2. 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.

3. President Tinubu's Agenda (Renewed Hope Agenda)

Key Points of the Agenda:

Security and National Unity: Ensuring the safety of citizens and fostering unity across diverse ethnic groups.

Economic Growth and Job Creation: Implementing policies for economic stability, attracting investment, and reducing unemployment.

Education and Youth Development: Investing in educational reforms and youth empowerment programs.

Healthcare Reform: Improving healthcare facilities and making healthcare affordable and accessible.

Infrastructure Development: Upgrading transportation, power, and digital infrastructure to drive national development.