



# The Pivot Conference

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FROM THE GROUND UP

theme :

Building a Prosperous Future  
for SouthEastern Nigeria

# **BACKGROUND**

The Pivot emerges as an imperative response to the need for a fresh perspective on the development trajectory of communities across Africa. With a focus on engaging stakeholders in constructive dialogue and proactive problem-solving, The Pivot aims to reshape our societal narrative, redirecting it towards prosperity, equity, and progress.

## **OUR VISION**

A brighter and better future.

## **OUR MISSION**

To create a dynamic platform that nurtures visionary thinking, open discourse, and collaborative actions; ultimately cultivating solutions that uplift and advance our society.

## OUR CORE VALUE

**Integrity:** We uphold unwavering honesty and ethical conduct as the foundation for all our actions and interactions within The Pivot community.

**Innovation:** By embracing creativity and fresh thinking, we create inventive solutions that address complex societal challenges and drive positive change.

**Collaboration:** We foster a culture of teamwork and open dialogue, uniting diverse perspectives to collectively forge impactful initiatives within our shared community.

**Excellence:** We strive relentlessly for the highest standards in all our endeavors, dedicating ourselves to achieving outstanding outcomes and leaving a lasting positive impact.

# PIVOT OVERFLOW

- National Anthem 10:00-10:10
- Anambra Anthem
- Video clip of the previous edition 10:15- 10:20
- Welcome Address by the ED 10:25 – 10: 30
- Spoken words I 10:35-10:45
- Presentation 10:50- 11:10
- Spoken word II 11:15- 11:20
- First speaker 11:25- 11:55
- Second Speaker 12:00 – 12:30
- Music interlude 12:35- 12:40
- Third speaker 12:45-1:15
- Fourth speaker 1:20- 1:50
- Five minutes interlude 1:50 – 1:55
- SMEDAN panel session 2:00- 2:30
- Fireside chat 2:35-2:50
- Bootcamp session/video 2:55-3:05
- Pitching session 3:10-3:40
- Judges deciding 3:40-3:50
- Announcement of winner and presenting
- Cheques and awards 3:50-4:00
- Announcement/vote of thanks/pledge 4:00-4:15

# WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR/CONVENER

Distinguished guests

Esteemed speakers

Partners, and everyone present here today,

It is my great honor and privilege to welcome you to the second edition of The Pivot Conference. Today, we stand at the crossroads of potential and purpose, ready to engage in conversations that will shape the future of Southeastern Nigeria.

When we first envisioned The Pivot, it was more than just an event. It was a call to action - a space where critical dialogues could take root and bloom into tangible solutions for the challenges that we, as a region, continue to face.

As we gather here today, we have a unique opportunity to spark ideas that can uplift our people, rejuvenate our economy, and restore the pride of Southeastern Nigeria.

Southeastern Nigeria is a region known for its industrious people, its rich cultural heritage, and its resilience. Yet, despite this, we are also faced with a range of challenges - insecurity, unemployment, infrastructure deficits, and a lack of investment in critical sectors. These issues are not insurmountable. They are opportunities for us to unite, innovate, and chart a new course.

At The Pivot, we don't focus on problems. We seek solutions. To examine how we can leverage our strengths, our human capital, our entrepreneurial spirit, and our rich natural resources to drive meaningful progress.

Today, we are privileged to have in our midst thought leaders, business moguls, policymakers, community organizers, and academic scholars. This diverse gathering of minds is critical because the solutions we seek require collaboration across sectors.

Each of us has a role to play. Whether you are in business, government, civil society, or the creative industry, your voice and your expertise are needed to pivot Southeastern Nigeria toward a future defined by prosperity, equity, and sustainability.

The future we want for Southeastern Nigeria is one where our industries thrive, where our cities are hubs of innovation, and where every young person has access to opportunities that can transform their lives and their communities.

At The Pivot, we firmly believe in the power of ideas to drive change. But ideas alone are not enough. They must be coupled with action, investment, and a collective determination to see them through. Our conference today is the first step in that process. Additionally, The Pivot Challenge represents our first step in the direction of investment, through which we are supporting young changemakers in the Southeast with capital, access to market and mentorship support to scale their impact.

In conclusion, I want to remind us all of one key fact: change does not happen in isolation. It happens when individuals, communities, and nations come together with a shared purpose. That is why we are here today.

The journey to transform Southeastern Nigeria will not be easy, but it is one we must embark on together. It requires bold ideas, strong leadership, and unwavering commitment. But most of all, it requires us to believe in the potential of our region, to see beyond its current challenges, and to take actionable steps toward its future.

I want to thank all of you for being here today, for your commitment, and for your belief in the mission of The Pivot. Together, we will chart a new course. Together, we will redefine the narrative of Southeastern Nigeria.

Thank you, and welcome to The Pivot Conference 2024!



# Ifedy Ralph Eze, Esq

## Executive Director

# MEET OUR SPEAKERS

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



# Dr. Oby Ezekwesili

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## DR. OBY EZEKWESILI

Meet Oby Ezekwesili, one of our speakers for the pivot conference, 2024.

Obiageli Kathryn Ezekwesili, former Minister of Solid Minerals, Nigeria, is an economic policy expert. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Nigeria, Master's degree in International law and diplomacy from the University of Lagos, and a master of public administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School at Harvard University.

She is a renowned humanitarian and activist.

Oby Ezekwesili is the chairperson at the School of Politics Policy and Governance (SPPG), the founder, Human Capital Africa and a senior fellow at Yale.

Added to her portfolio is that she is a globally regarded good governance champion and technocrat, and also a Nobel prize nominee, 2018, for global work on Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.

She is going to be one of our speakers for the pivot conference, 2024.

# SESSION SPEAKER



## VEN. PROF. CHINEDU NEBO

Meet Ven. Prof. Chinedu Nebo, one of our session speakers for the Pivot conference, 2024.

From the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, he bagged a B.Sc in Mining Engineering (first class honours, and University-wide prize for outstanding student)

He's the former Vice Chancellor of UNN and currently the Vice Chancellor of the University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State. He's also the Pro-chancellor and chairman Governing Concoletof Coal City University, Enugu.

He's also a former minister of Power, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

He has such distinguished national honours as OON (Office Of The Order Of Niger-2009), NPOM (National Productivity Order Of Merit-2012), CON (Commander Of The Order Of Niger -2014) among others.

Prof. Chinedu Nebo is also an Archdeacon in Nike Diocese of the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion.

# SESSION SPEAKER



## WILLIAMS UCHEMBA

Meet Williams Uchemba, one of our speakers for the pivot conference, 2024.

Williams Uchemba is an award winning Nollywood actor, youth leader, humanitarian producer and entrepreneur.

He has his educational background from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN), with a B.A in International Relations.

As an actor, he has featured in over 90 movies, some of which were the most successful movie projects in Nollywood; sugar rush, merry men 2, story story: the African Rideshare are some of his notable movies. He is also a movie producer, philanthropist, and motivational speaker.

He is the founder and CEO of Williams Uchemba Foundation (WUF), a non profit organization whose pilot program is a nationwide effort to take 1000 kids off the streets and send them back to school, while empowering their parents too, and also the founder and convener of TxE Africa.

Williams also has leadership skills, having served as the former Deputy Nigerian Youth Representative at the United Nations Youth Assembly, New York.

He is also a social media influencer.

Williams Uchemba will join us at The Pivot conference as one of our seasoned speakers who have the passion to drive phenomenal change across the southeast.

# SESSION SPEAKER



## MR. JUDE OBIEKWE.

Meet one of our distinguished speakers for the Pivot Conference, Mr. Jude Obiekwe.

Mr. Jude Obiekwe is the CEO of Catchline Group. He is also a seasoned Leadership Coach, Business Consultant, and a Venture Capitalist.

With an impressive 20+ years of expertise in fueling growth, innovation, and human potential, Mr. Jude Obiekwe brings unparalleled insights to the table. His vast experience spans leadership development, business strategy, and strategic investments.

Join us as we tap into his wealth of knowledge and expertise and get ready for inspiring discussions and actionable takeaways!

# SESSION SPEAKER



## CHIAMAKA NNAKE

Meet Our Renowned Speaker, Chiamaka Nnake, FCCA, MBA.

She's the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning, Anambra State.

As a seasoned leader and strategic thinker, Chiamaka brings over two decades of expertise in finance, planning, and economic development. Her impressive track record showcases team leadership and collaboration, exceptional analytical and problem-solving skills, excellent interpersonal and communication abilities, proven proficiency in delivering complex projects under tight deadlines, among others.

# SESSION SPEAKER



## ENGR. CHIDOMÈRE NDUBUISI (MNSE)

Meet one of our speakers for the pivot conference 2024, Engr. Chidomere Ndubuisi (MNSE)

He is the CEO of Pamtech Group.

Chidomere Ndubuisi, who has analytical skills in both finance and business, is currently on the track to becoming Africa's most innovative billionaire. He is also known as Nigeria's billionaire mechanic.

Engr. Ndubuisi, due to his principles of service to humanity, and the drive to provide direct solutions to the emerging trends in the oil and gas, and automotive industries, founded the Pamtech Group.

In the leadership sector, he has served as the technical assistant to Imo State SDGs for 19 years. Among many of his achievements, the establishment of the Pamtech Autoland and the Modern Parts Plaza speaks of his indefatigable nature and commitment to innovation and change. He is also a creator of and mentor to creative opportunities for small scale businesses, the indigent, and young adolescents in school.

Outside the professional walls, he enjoys reading, journaling and playing table tennis.

He is one among our firebrand speakers for the 2024 pivot conference.

# SESSION SPEAKER



## CHUKWUEMEKA FRED AGBATA (CFA)

Meet one of our speakers, Chukwuemeka Fred Agbata (CFA), MD/CEO, Anambra State ICT Agency, an ecosystem builder, a global innovator and a partner with Pacer Ventures.

He's currently the Director of the Innovation Support Network (ISN) Hubs and Nigerian Internet Registration Association (NiRA), respectively.

He is committed to supporting technology startups on the African continent.

His track record spans around having versed knowledge and experience in ICT related companies, and equally having multiple feathers in the annals of his history.

# PIVOT CHALLENGE FINALIST



Name : Emmanuel Ezea  
Firm : Onegrid energies  
Position : CEO



Name : Nwakuba Ezinne  
Firm : Negs Empire  
Position : Founder



Name : Ted Eni  
Firm : D.E.T services.  
Position : CEO

# MEET OUR TEAM LEADS



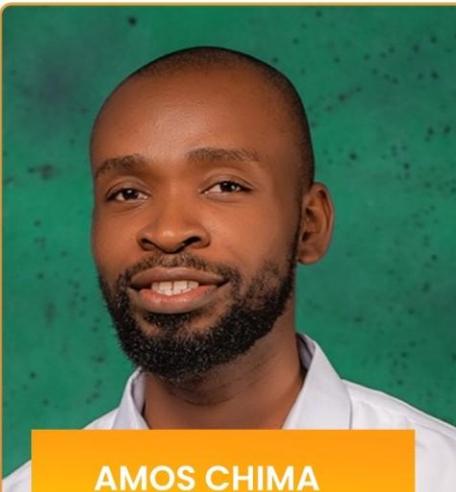
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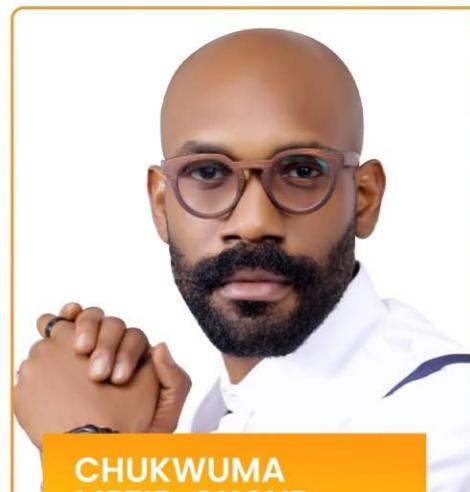
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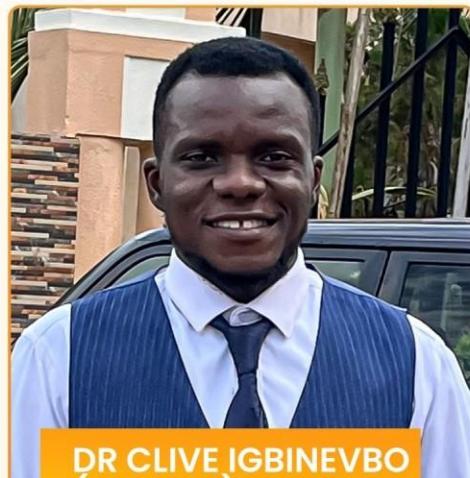
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(OBINNA)

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AND PARTNERSHIP  
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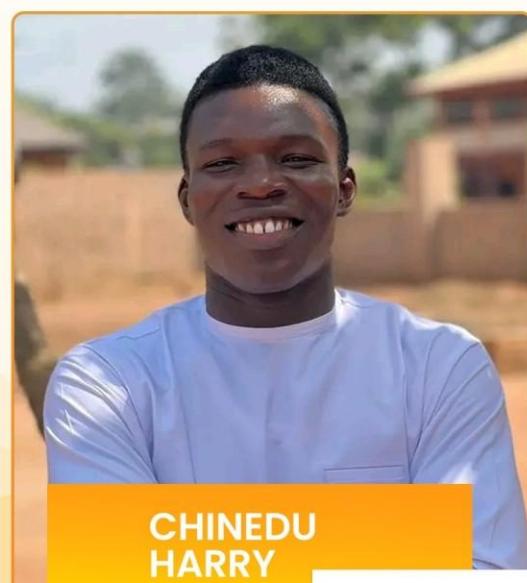
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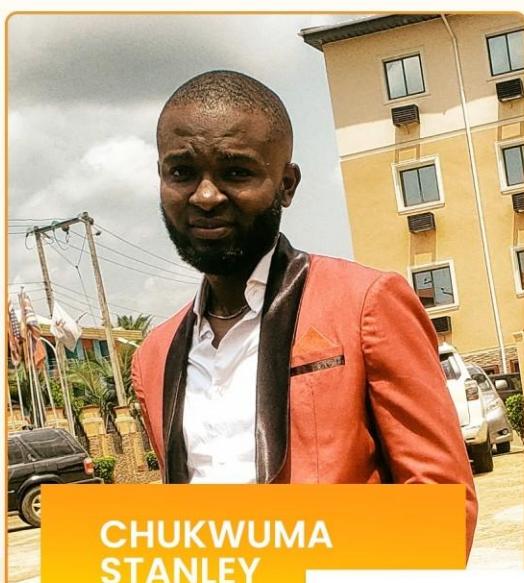
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COMMUNITY  
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STRATEGIST



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TECH TEAM



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STANLEY

TEAM LEAD  
GRAPHICS DESIGN

## GAMES & FUN

A E O U Y L N R T I M S  
S T E A M R O C K E T S P  
T E C H N O L O G Y I T S  
R O C K E T S P A C E O E  
E I N S T E I N I U M L T  
R T Y U I O S S T E M R T  
E V E N I N G S T A R S O E  
T E R R A F O R M I N G T E  
C O S M O S U N I V E R S E

Words to find:

1. ROCKET
2. SPACE
3. TECH
4. STAR
5. EINSTEIN
6. COSMOS
7. UNIVERSE
8. STEAM

Challenge: Find all 8 words horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

J G N I D R O C E S U T A O L  
E V E N I N G S T A R S R T Y  
U I O S S T E M R T C A E H L  
O E U T A O S S I R I S H T E  
C O S M O S U N I V E R S E T  
R T Y U I O S S T E M R T G N  
I T E R A T I O N S P A C E T  
M U L T I V E R S E O E T A O L  
T E R R A F O R M I N G T E C  
H C L O E U T A O S S I R I S

Words to find:

1. GALAXY
2. BLACKHOLE
3. NEBULA
4. QUASAR
5. ASTRONAUT
6. COSMOS
7. SPACETIME
8. PLANETARY
9. STELLAR
10. ORBITAL

Challenge:

Find all 10 words horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

Note:

Words may overlap.

A E O U Y L N R T I M S  
S T E A M R O C K E T S P  
T E C H N O L O G Y I T S  
R O C K E T S P A C E O E  
E I N S T E I N I U M L T  
R T Y U I O S S T E M R T  
E V E N I N G S T A R S O E  
T E R R A F O R M I N G T E  
C O S M O S U N I V E R S E

### Cryptic Clues:

1. "Fruitful journey's starting point"
2. "Innovative spark's catalyst"
3. "Growth hacker's holy grail"
4. "Network effect's backbone"
5. "Disruptive tech's precursor"
6. "Entrepreneur's North Star"
7. "Adaptation's key driver"
8. "Global village's cornerstone"
9. "Mindful leader's guiding principle"
10. "Pivotal moment's trigger"

### Challenge:

Find the 10 words corresponding to the cryptic clues.

Note:

Words may overlap.

T A E L N O I M R T C A E H L  
O S S I L E Z E K W E U Y B A  
R T C A E H L O S U C H E M B  
A E L M O R T C A E H L O S U  
C H I N E D U N E B O E Z E K  
W E S I L I V E N U C H E M B A  
E H L O S U C H E M B A R R I  
F E D I E Z E O B I E K W E N C  
H C A E H L O S U C H E M B A E  
L I U C H E M B A E K W E S I L  
I V E N U C H E M B A R R I F E

Words to find:

1. EZEKWESILI
2. NEBO
3. UCHEMBA
4. OBIEKWE
5. IFEDI
6. WILLIAMS
7. CHINEDU
8. JUDE
9. BARR
10. OBY

## Did you know that:

- The pivot challenge is launched in May every year?
- The winners of the bootcamp challenge are awarded during the conference?
- Barrister Ifedi Eze is the convener of 'The Pivot' conference?
- Williams Uchemba, an award winning Nollywood actor and a social media influencer will be present at this year's pivot conference?
- 'Lights-on media' is a bi-annual publication by the 'The Pivot'?
- The Pivot conference is held every 1st October annually?
- 'The Pivot' emerges as a response to the need for a fresh perspective on the development of communities across Africa?
- The shortest war in history was between Britain and Zanzibar on August 27, 1896, and lasted only 38 minutes!
- There's a specie of jellyfish that's immortal (*Turritopsis dohrnii*)?
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds?
- Human nose can detect over 1 trillion different scents?
- Butterflies taste with their feet?
- There's a type of fungus that turns ants into "zombies" (*Ophiocordyceps unilateralis*)?

## Did you know that:

- The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on Earth?
- A caterpillar can eat 27,000 times its body weight in one day?
- Butterflies can't fly if their body temperature is below 55°F (13°C)?
- There's a species of shark that can live for up to 500 years (Greenland shark)?
- The oldest known piece of literature is the Epic of Gilgamesh (circa 2100 BC)?
- The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35: 'Jesus wept'?
- The longest recorded reign of a monarch was King Louis XIV of France (72 years)?
- Humans have a unique tongue print, just like fingerprints?
- You produce around 25,000 quarts of saliva in a lifetime?
- The human nose can detect over 1 trillion different scents?
- Your eyes can process 36,000 bits of information every hour?
- The longest recorded fingernails were 909.6 cm (358.5 in) long?
- The first webcam was created to monitor a coffee pot (1991)?
- The longest recorded phone call lasted 50 hours and 4 minutes?
- The first computer bug was an actual insect stuck in a relay switch (1947)?

## Did you know that:

- In Arizona, a man can legally beat his wife once a month.
- Drink one glass of water before you sleep, it can help to prevent pimples.
- Garlic can make your nails grow faster.
- It is very possible for ladies to die due to a broken heart. It is called stress cardiomyopathy.
- Legend says, when you can't sleep at night, it's because you're awake in someone else's dream.
- There's a restaurant in the China that sells human flesh and, it's legal because of their rapid growing population.
- Being able to instantly respond with sarcasm to silly questions is a sign of a healthy brain.
- If you remember your dream, it wasn't actually a dream, it was a message.
- "Birth marks" are where you have been killed in your past life.
- Rats can't vomit, that's why rat poison works
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
- In China, there is a website that lets you rent a girlfriend for as low as \$31 for a week.
- Childbirth is the second most painful thing in the world, right next to being burned alive.
- The slime produced by snails is so protectively slimy that a snail could crawl along the edge of a razor blade without cutting itself.
- There are no 24 hours a day. It takes 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4 seconds, the time it takes the earth to rotate on its axis.

## Meet our Partners



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