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# 14<sup>th</sup> AfICTA SUMMIT

## THEME

**Advancing Inclusive Economic Growth:**  
The Role of Security, Digital Skills, and  
Indigenous Content in Regional, National, & SME  
Development



**12 - 14 October 2026**

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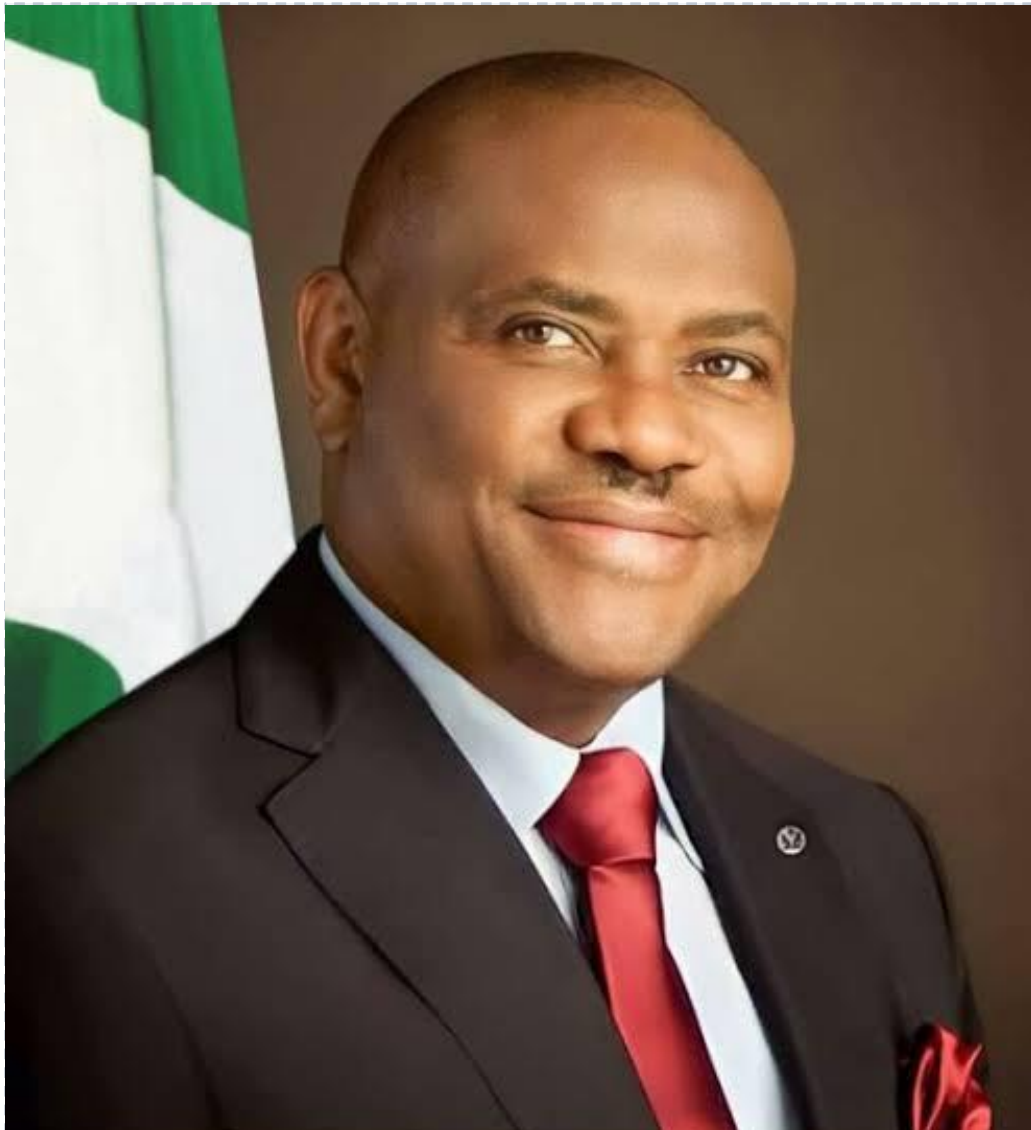
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**H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR**

**President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**

# Honourable Minister

*Federal Capital Territory, Abuja*



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**Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory**

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# Chairman's Remarks

**Dr. Segun H. Olugbile**

Chairman, Africa ICT Alliance (AfICTA)



Your Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu; Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Nyesom Ezenwo Wike; distinguished guests of honour; representatives of government, regulators, development partners, industry leaders, innovators; members of the AfICTA Advisory Council; past Chairs; fellow Board members; delegates; ladies and gentlemen.

It is with deep humility, gratitude, and a renewed sense of responsibility that I welcome you to the 14th AfICTA Summit here in Abuja, Nigeria. We are especially proud to host this landmark event in strategic collaboration with the High-Tech Centre for Nigerian Women and Youth.

This Summit is convened under a theme that speaks directly to Africa's present challenge and future opportunity: "Advancing Inclusive Economic Growth: The Role of Security, Digital Skills, and Indigenous Content in Regional, National, and SME Development". This is not a mere slogan; it is a strategic call to action.

Africa stands today at a defining economic and digital turning point. Across our continent, digital technologies are opening new pathways for enterprise growth, public service delivery, innovation, and continental trade via the AfCFTA. Yet, the promise of the digital economy will not become inclusive prosperity by accident. It must be deliberately built, securely governed, locally driven, and commercially enabled.

For that reason, this Summit focuses on three foundations that Africa must get right: Security, Digital Skills, and Indigenous Content. We must deepen African software development, local tech manufacturing, AI capacity, and creative digital content. Africa must not only participate in the digital economy; Africa must shape it.

## Chairman's Remarks

At AfICTA, we will continue to serve as a continental voice for African ICT businesses, a stronger platform for practical value: market access, trust readiness, business visibility, partnerships, and sustainable revenue opportunities.

I therefore invite participants to engage with this Summit to dismantle barriers to financing and market access. In this context, we ask governments for enabling policies, regulatory clarity, and stronger public-private collaboration. We ask regulators for balanced frameworks that protect citizens while enabling innovation. We ask the private sector for quality, integrity, ambition, and readiness to scale across borders. To development partners and investors, we ask you to treat African technology firms not only as beneficiaries but as builders and co-creators. To our youth and women, we say clearly that Africa's digital future belongs to you, and we are committed to unlocking SME growth and increasing your participation in the tech ecosystem.

Ladies and gentlemen, I encourage you to let this Summit deliver partnerships and commitments to implementation, business opportunities, and a stronger platform for African technology businesses to compete, grow, and lead.

On behalf of the Board and continental membership of AfICTA, I warmly welcome you to the 14th AfICTA Summit. May our deliberations be fruitful, our partnerships enduring, and our impact measurable.

Thank you, and God bless Africa.

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*Honouring the leaders who built the Alliance*



**Dr. Jimson Olufuye**

**Founder & 1st Chair**

Nigeria  
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# About the 14th AfICTA Summit

*People · Skills · Innovation · Inclusive Growth*

Africa's digital economy presents significant opportunities for economic diversification, job creation, innovation and improved public service delivery. However, achieving inclusive and sustainable digital-driven growth requires more than technology infrastructure. It depends on a secure digital environment, a digitally skilled population, and the development and adoption of indigenous digital content and solutions.

At the regional, national and SME levels, these three elements (security, digital skills and indigenous content) can play a critical role in strengthening productivity, competitiveness and economic participation. The 14th Summit will examine how governments, businesses and other stakeholders can leverage digital technologies to promote inclusive economic growth, while addressing the challenges of cybersecurity, skills gaps, data protection, limited local content, and the need to implement appropriate policy frameworks.

## THEME

*Advancing Inclusive Economic Growth: The Role of Security, Digital Skills, and Indigenous Content in Regional, National, and SME Development*

## DATES

**12–14 October 2026**

## VENUE

**RMRDC Auditorium, Maitama,  
Abuja**

## FORMAT

**Hybrid: in person and online**

## ABOUT AfICTA SUMMITS

|                   |                                                                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1ST · 2013</b> | Lagos, Nigeria, hosted by Nigerian stakeholders                         |
| <b>2ND · 2014</b> | Egypt, hosted by EITESAL and the Government of Egypt                    |
| <b>3RD · 2015</b> | Johannesburg, hosted by IITPSA and the IT Association of SA (ITA)       |
| <b>4TH · 2016</b> | Namibia, with the support of the Namibia Ministry of ICT                |
| <b>5TH · 2017</b> | Nigeria, in collaboration with NITDA                                    |
| <b>6TH · 2018</b> | Nairobi, hosted by the Computer Society of Kenya                        |
| <b>7TH · 2019</b> | Hosted by the KAD Consortium of Nigeria                                 |
| <b>8TH –13TH</b>  | Hosted virtually by the AfICTA Secretariat due to the COVID-19 pandemic |

More on this summit: [www.aficta.africa/summit2026](http://www.aficta.africa/summit2026) · Reports on past summits: [www.aficta.africa/Summits](http://www.aficta.africa/Summits)

In collaboration with HiTech Centre for Women and Youth (HTCNWY). Partners: Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, FMST, NITDA, NCC, NDPC, AfCFTA, MBCWD, SMEDAN.

# Official Programme of Events

Plenaries, Masterclasses and General Assemblies · Days 1 and 2

## DAY 1 - MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026 | *Arrival & International Day of the Girl Child*

| Time           | Session                                       | Facilitators       |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Throughout day | Arrival and registration of AfICTA delegates. | AfICTA Secretariat |
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## DAY 2 - TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026 | *Opening and Plenary Sessions*

| Time        | Session                                                                                                                         | Facilitators                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 8:00–10:00  | <b>Arrivals, Tea, Networking and Open Mic Session</b>                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10:00–10:05 | <b>National Anthem</b>                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10:05–10:15 | <b>Welcome Remarks</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Dr Omowunmi Hassan</b> - President, HTCNWY<br><b>Mr. Laicana Coulibaly</b> - Vice-Chair West Africa AfICTA                                                 |
| 10:15–10:25 | <b>Goodwill Messages</b>                                                                                                        | <b>Dr. Aminu Maida</b> - Executive Vice Chairman, NCC<br><b>Engr. Dr. Abisoye Coker-Odusote</b> - Director-General, NIMC                                      |
| 10:25–10:30 | <b>Opening Remarks</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Amb Suleman Adebayo Audu</b> - Chairman, AfCFTA Trade Group, NACCIMA                                                                                       |
| 10:30–10:40 | <b>Keynote Presentation</b>                                                                                                     | CISCO, Nigeria                                                                                                                                                |
| 10:40–10:45 | <b>Group Photograph</b>                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10:45–11:20 | <b>Session 1 — Securing Africa's Digital Infrastructure, Security &amp; Neighborhood Policing</b>                               | <b>DIG Nigeria Police</b> - Lead Speaker:<br><b>Dr Robinson Sibe</b> -Speaker<br>DSS, Speaker                                                                 |
| 11:20–11:55 | <b>Session 2 — Building Homegrown Solutions &amp; Tech Innovations: Exploring Indigenous Tech Manufacturing for Development</b> | <b>Speakers:</b><br><br>Practical Presentation by <b>Ibim Banigo</b><br><b>Engr Bitrus Mamman</b> - Ministry of Solid Minerals<br><b>Dr Oby Okafor</b> - RMDC |

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| 11:55–12:40  | <b>Session 3 — Building Trust, Accessibility, Privacy &amp; Data Protection in a Digital Economy</b> | <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Adeyemi Adefuye</b> - (CBN),<br/> <b>Mr. Andrew Abu</b> - (Founder , Young Innovators of Nigeria)<br/> <b>Dr Sulayman Falade</b> - Director, ICT, NIMC.<br/> <b>Dr Segun Olugbile</b> - (CEO, DAPT).<br/> <b>Saratu Samande</b> - ( Tech Assist on Legal Services to the NDPC CEO)<br/> Moderator: <b>Mr Lare Ayoola</b> - ITAN President</p> |
| 12:40 -12:50 | <b>Presentation on IDP Intervention and Protecting Rural SMEs from Cyber Threats</b>                 | <b>Slum Tech</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12:50–1.35   | <b>Session 4 — WSIS, GDC, SDGs &amp; AfCFTA for inclusive digital prosperity</b>                     | <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Eng. Salisu Kaka</b> - (NITDA),<br/> <b>Dr Jimson Olufuye</b> - (AfICTA),<br/> <b>Dr Yahaya Umar</b> - SSAP-SDGs representative<br/> <b>Dr Sulayman Falade</b> - Director, ICT, NIMC.<br/> <b>Sola, Bickersteth</b> - (MD, Financial Inclusion Centers)<br/> Moderator: <b>Segun Folayan</b></p>                                                  |

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| 1:35–2:15  | <b>Session 5</b><br><b>Tourism Development in Nigeria and Africa:</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>Panelists:</b><br><br><b>Dr Aliyu Badaki</b> - (President Federation of Tourism Associations of Nigeria),<br><b>Dr. Fatimah Blessing Obadaki</b> - ( FCT Chapter chairperson, ITPN),<br><b>Ismail Akibu</b> - (Taj-Network, Africa)<br>Moderator: <b>Ibiwari Kemabonta</b> |
| 2:15 –3:00 | <b>From Digital Skills to Economic Opportunities: Building a FutureReady Workforce for Africa's Digital Economy:</b><br>-----<br><b>Open Mic, Q&amp;A and Product Presentation session</b> | <b>Olugbenga Joseph</b> (CEO, Mall of Fame)<br><b>Dr Taofeeq Olatinwo,</b><br><b>Mr Oyewole Joledo</b><br><b>Mr Sand Mba-Kalu</b><br><b>Dr Yusuf Yusuf Tambuwal</b><br>-----<br>Audience, Digital Footprint, Kontemporary Konsulting                                          |
| 3:00-4:00  | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | ,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

# Official Programme of Events

*Skills, Policy, SMEs & AfICTA Governance · Day 3*

## DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026 | *Skills, Policy, SMEs & AfICTA Governance*

| Time          | Session                                                                                                                                    | Facilitators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 8:00–10:00    | Welcome / Tea / Networking                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | Review of the Previous Day                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09:00 – 2:00  | Masterclasses                                                                                                                              | Held in parallel with Panel Sessions 6–7 below                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Session 6 — Unlocking SME Growth & Increasing Women's Participation in Tech Company Establishment through Financial & Market Accessibility | <p><b>Mrs. Mary Kolawole</b> – SMEDAN FCT Manager</p> <p><b>Amb. Tina Kenechukwu</b> – President, Women Inspire Africa</p> <p><b>Kachallah Fatima</b> – MD/CEO, Barima Farm and Chemtech (Agro-Business Executive)</p> <p>Moderator with: NASME, Start-ups, FinTech Company, Bank (Enterprise Support), NIRSAL</p> <p><b>Dr. Munachiso Odulana</b> - Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist, BOI iDICE</p> <p><b>Femi Fatoye</b> - (CFPM, DFIPMA, FAISM, FCILSCM, PFD, FIMALE), Managing Director, Royal Design Furniture and Interiors</p> <p>SPAYLO UK</p> |

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| 12:00 – 1:00 | <b>Session 7 — Bridging the Digital Divide: Jobs &amp; Wealth Creation for All, From Tech Skills to Economic Empowerment</b> | <b>Keynote Speech</b><br><br><b>Moderator with:</b> NITDA, MBCWD, UNIABUJA (Gender Unit), HTCNWY<br><b>Joy Buba</b> – Executive Secretary/CEO, Young Innovators of Nigeria (YIN)<br><b>Kyuka Avong Ibrahim</b> – Director, Digital Enablement, Office of the Technical Advisor to the President on Economic and Financial Inclusion (OTAPEFI)<br>Media Organisation – Digivation |
| 1:00 – 2:00  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2:00–3:00    | <b>Breakout Sessions — Project Ideation &amp; Execution Action Plans</b>                                                     | Men<br>Women<br>Youths<br>PWDs<br>Seniors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3:00–4:00    | <b>Wrap-Up</b>                                                                                                               | Group Presentations<br>Communique<br>Award of Certificates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

# Speakers

*Voices shaping the 14th AfICTA Summit programme*



**Dr. Jimson Olufeye**

CEO, Kontemporary Consulting Ltd & Founder/fmr Chair, AfICTA



**Mr. Adeyemi Adefuye**

Principal Manager, IT Service Center, Central Bank of Nigeria



**Dr. Robinson Sibe**

CEO/Lead Forensic Examiner, Digital Footprints Nigeria Limited



**Mr. Inye Kemabonta**

AfICTA, National Coordinator, Nigeria



**Mr. Andrew Abu**

Founder & President, Young Innovators of Nigeria



**Mr. Lare Ayoola**

President, Information Technology Association of Nigeria (ITAN)



**Dr. Omowunmi Hassan**

President / CEO High Tech Centre for Nigerian Women and Youth



**Engr. Salisu Kaka**

Director, e-Government and Digital Economy Development, National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)



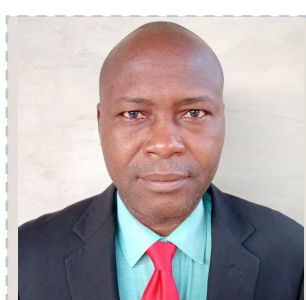
**Mr. Sola Bickersteth**

Group Director at FIC Professionals Network Plc.



**Mr. Laicana Coulibaly**

CEO Diamond Security Consulting. Vice-Chairman, AfICTA West Africa



**Engr. Bitrus Mamman**

Deputy Director ICT Ministry of Solid Minerals Development



**Dr. Yahaya Umar**

Office of the SSAP - SDGs

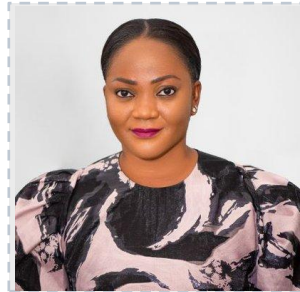
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**Dr. Aminu Maida**

Executive Vice Chairman EVC &  
CEO Nigerian Communications  
Commission NCC



**Engr (Dr). Abisoye Coker-  
Odusote**

DG, National Identity  
Management Commission  
(NIMC)

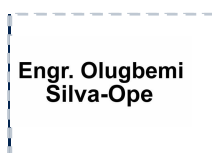


**Prof. Muhammed Sirajo**

NCS President

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*Organisations supporting the growth of the Alliance*



Paul Rowney



Prof. Osofisan

