

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
SECTION ON PUBLIC INTEREST AND DEVELOPMENT LAW
(NBA-SPIDEL)
2023 Annual Conference

Theme:

***Post - Election Nigeria:
The Judiciary in the Eye of
The Storm***

DATE: 20th – 23rd June 2023

VENUE: CITADEL EVENTS CENTRE,
Oregon - Lagos, Nigeria

DAYS	TIME	EVENT/SESSION	VENUE	
DAY 1 20TH JUNE, 2023	11am – 6pm	ARRIVALS / ONSITE REGISTRATION/COLLECTION OF CONFERENCE MATERIALS	NBA IKEJA BRANCH HOUSE	
	6:30pm	WELCOME COCKTAIL SPONSOR: THE CHIEF JUDGE OF LAGOS STATE	HIGH COURT PREMISES, IKEJA	
DAYS	TIME	EVENT/SESSION	VENUE	Compère / Session Managers
DAY 2 21ST JUNE, 2023	6am – 7:30am	HEALTH WALK SPONSOR: AFAM OSIGWE SAN	Take Off / End Point is NBA IKEJA BRANCH HOUSE	
	8am	ONSITE REGISTRATION/COLLECTION OF MATERIALS CONTINUES	The foyer @ CITADEL	
	9:30am – 12Noon	SESSION 1: Opening Ceremony/ Keynote Session	THE CITADEL (Ruby Hall)	
		<p>National Anthem/Nigerian Bar Association Prayer/Introductions.</p> <p>Welcome Remarks by Okey Leo Ohagba - Chairman NBA-SPIDEL 2023 Conference Planning Committee</p> <p>Opening Remarks by Dr. Monday Onyekachi Ubani - Chairman, NBA-SPIDEL.</p> <p>Address by Yakubu C. Maikyau SAN, OON - President, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)</p> <p>GOODWILL MESSAGES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Kole Shettima, Director of African Operations, MacArthur Foundation. ▪ Hon (Justice) Salisu Garba Abdullahi Administrator, National Judicial Institute 		<p>Compère:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Reuben Abati & ▪ Dr Uju Agomoh <p>Session Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seyi Olawumi (LOC Chairman) ▪ Audrey Ofoegbunam & ▪ Al-Bashir Likko

- **Mrs Beatrice Jedy-Agba**, Solicitor General of the Federation & Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice.
- **Honourable Justice Kazeem Alogba**, Chief Judge of Lagos State
- **His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti**, Governor of Abia State.

ADDRESS by Hon Justice Olukayode Ariwoola – Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN)

Remarks/Formal Opening of the Conference by His Excellency, Babajide Sanwo-Olu - Governor of Lagos State.

*****Interlude *****

KEYNOTE SESSION:

- Keynote Session Chair, **Olisa Agbakoba SAN** sets the tone.
- Brief Profile of the Keynote Speaker, **Femi Falana, SAN.**
- **Keynote Address by Femi Falana SAN.**
- **Responses:**
 - Hon (Justice) Amina Augie, JSC
 - Boma Alabi, OON, SAN
 - Prof. Ernest Ojukwu, SAN.
- **Questions/Interventions:**

Vote of Thanks
By **Yakubu Saleh Bawa** - Secretary, Conference Planning Committee (CPC)

12noon - 12.45pm: Group Photographs / Tea Break/ Media Parley/Health Break/Networking

12.45pm - 2.30pm:	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 2:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Role of the Judiciary in the Promotion of Accountable and Transparent Resolution of Election Disputes</p>	THE CITADEL (Ruby Hall)	<p>Compère:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Reuben Abati & ▪ Dr Uju Agomoh <p>Session Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Al-Bashir Likko & ▪ Nnenna Joy Eboh
12.45pm - 2.30pm:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Session Chair: Augustine O. Alegeh, CON, SAN – Past President NBA. - Lead Presenter: Dr Sam Amadi, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Ave Maria University, Director, Abuja School of Social and Political Thought & Chair, Development Law Group, NBA-SPIDEL. <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief Tony Ojukwu CFR, SAN - Executive Secretary, National Human Rights Commission. - Ebun-Olu Adegboruwa SAN - Worgu Boms - Former Attorney General, Rivers State 		
2.30pm - 3.30pm:	LUNCH BREAK	The Gallery @ CITADEL	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1ST PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public Interest Protection and The Place of Ethical Values in the Temple of Justice.</p>	THE CITADEL (Ruby Hall)	<p>Compère:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Reuben Abati & ▪ Dr Uju Agomoh <p>Session Managers:</p> <p>Izoma Egeruoh-Adindu & Simple I Dioha</p>
3.30pm - 5pm:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panel Chair: Hon. Justice Kate Abiri (Rtd) – Former Chief Judge, Bayelsa State. 		

		<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Austin Chiefo Ejiofobiri Head Strategic Business Unit - Corporate Head Office, Fidelity Bank; & Founder ACE Foundation/Living By Design (LBD) ▪ Moyosore Onigbanjo SAN - Attorney General & Commissioner of Justice, Lagos State. ▪ Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN – Past-General Secretary, NBA ▪ Janet Gbam - The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa ▪ Dr Idachaba Martins Ajogwu – Faculty of Law, Kogi State University. ▪ Benson Iwuagwu Esq – Executive Director, PFN. 		
	7PM	<p>PARTY (VARIETY NIGHT) SPONSOR: AFAM OSIGWE SAN</p>	Cubana Hut & Grill , 15 Isaac John Street, Ikeja GRA.	
DAY 3 22ND JUNE 2023	8.30am	COLLECTION OF CONFERENCE MATERIALS CONTINUES	The Foyer @ CITADEL	
	9.30am - 11.15am	<p>SESSION 4:</p> <p>2ND PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>The 2023 Nigerian Elections and Lessons from the Field: Will the Judiciary Save the Day?</p>	THE CITADEL (Ruby Hall)	<p>Compère:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nkechi Onyenso & Jude Ndubuisi Esq <p>Session Managers:</p> <p>Audrey Ofoegbunam & Charity Ibezim</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panel Chair: Olumide Akpata - Immediate Past President, NBA. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samson Itodo - Executive Director, YIAGA Africa - Prof Pat Utomi - Founder, Centre for Values & Leadership (CVL). - Ekine Stronghold - National Coordinator, Exalt Nigeria - Daberechi Ekejiuba - President, Progressive Abia Youth (PAY) - Festus Okoye - National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee – Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) - Gilbert Tor – National Judicial Institute. 		
	11.15 am - 11.45am	Tea Break	The Gallery @ The CITADEL	
		Session 5 Regaining the Trust in the Nigerian Judiciary Through the 2023 Election Cases - What Needs to Be Done?		Compère: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nkechi Onyenso & Jude Ndubuisi Esq Session Managers: Simple I. Dioha & Izuoma Egeruoh-Adindu
	11.45am – 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Session Chair: Hon Justice Taiwo Taiwo (Rtd) ▪ Lead Presenter: Chief Mike Ozekhome SAN ▪ Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof Paul Ananaba SAN - Former SPIDEL Chairman - Tobenna Ereojikwe - Chairman, NBA Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE). 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof Nnamdi Obiaraeri - Former Dean, Faculty of Law, Imo State University 		
1.30pm – 2.40pm	<p align="center">Session 6</p> <p align="center">Roundtable Discussion</p> <p align="center">on</p> <p align="center">Administration of Justice & Effective Implementation of Section 12(4-12) of the Nigerian Correctional Service Act 2019</p>		<p>Compère:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nkechi Onyenso & ▪ Jude Ndubuisi Esq <p>Session Managers:</p> <p>Al-Bashir Likko & Charity Ibezim</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair: Hon. Justice Daketima Kio High Court of Rivers State ▪ Speakers: ▪ John Aikpokpo-Martins -Former, 1st Vice President, NBA ▪ Chukwuka Ikwuazom SAN ▪ Abiodun Ayodeji Aikomo -Executive Secretary, Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee. ▪ AIG Olafimihan Adeoye - Assistant Inspector General of Police (Rtd) ▪ Dr Dilibe Eche - Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas, USA ▪ Ogechi Ogu - Deputy Director, Prisoners' Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA) 			
2.40pm – 3.30pm	LUNCH		The foyer @ CITADEL	
3.30pm – 4pm:	<p align="center">Session 7</p> <p align="center">SPECIAL SHOWCASE BY LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT</p>		<p>Compère:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nkechi Onyenso & ▪ Jude Ndubuisi Esq <p>Session Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seyi Olawumi ▪ Chisom Onuoha 	

		Session 8 Closing Session		Compère: ▪ Nkechi Onyenso & ▪ Jude Ndubuisi Esq Session Managers: Simple I Dioha & Audrey Ofoegbunam
	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Closing Session Chair: JK Gadzama SAN General Reflections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Uju Agomoh Co-Chair, Development Law Group, NBA-SPIDEL & Chair, Content Subcommittee, NBA-SPIDEL 2023 Annual Conference Questions/Comments & Responses Closing Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Monday Ubani, SPIDEL Chair • Okey Ohagba, SPIDEL 2023 Conference Chair Vote of Thanks Seyi Olawumi, Chair, SPIDEL 2023 Conference Local Organizing Committee		
	7.00pm	Dinner	THE CITADEL	
DAY 4 23RD JUNE 2023				
	10am – 11am	Communique Reading		
	11am – 12 Noon	SPIDEL ELECTION	NBA IKEJA BRANCH HOUSE (BAR CENTER)	
	12 Noon	DEPARTURE		