



**NIGERIA DIASPORA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE
(NiDEC) 2026**
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada | 12–15 August 2026
Theme: Invest Nigeria; *Thrive Abroad*

DETAILED PROGRAM OF EVENTS (PROPOSED VERSION)

DAY 0 — ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION & WELCOME RECEPTION

Tuesday, 11 August 2026

Venue: Ameen's Kitchen & Restaurant

Overview: This day is designed to establish early relationships, orient delegates, and create a warm but strategic entry into the conference. It introduces participants to the conference ecosystem, key stakeholders, and the investment-focused tone of the event.

Expected outcomes: Early networking among delegates and partners; informal investor connections; stronger alignment around the conference theme; and a shared sense of purpose before substantive sessions begin.

14:00 – 17:00 | Registration, Accreditation & Welcome Lounge

- Delegate Check-in & Badge Collection
 - Informal Investor Café & Networking
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18:30 – 20:30 | Official Welcome Reception – By Invitation Only (MC – Uche Okugo)

- Welcome Address – **NIDCOM (HOST)**
- Goodwill Messages:
 - Chair, COGC, NiDEC 2026
 - Presidency (Nigeria)
 - Global Alliance Canada
 - Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
 - Two Governors and One Minister (Nigeria)
 - Representative of the National Assembly
 - Comptroller General of Immigration
- Light Refreshment

- Cultural Showcase (Nigeria–Canada Fusion Performance)

Objective:

Build early connections and set the tone for investment engagement.

Day 1

Wednesday, 12 August 2026

NIDEC SPECIAL CAPITAL MARKET & INVESTMENT FORUM

Nigeria–Canada Capital Market & Investment Roundtable 2026

Stimulating Strategic Investments into Nigeria Through Capital Market Collaboration

Venue: Downtown Toronto, Ontario, Canada with a strong Online presence

Convened By:

- Securities and Exchange Commission Nigeria
- Nigerian Exchange Group
- NASD OTC Securities Exchange
- FMDQ Group
- Central Securities and Clearing System Plc
- ContiSX Securities Exchange Plc

In collaboration with Canadian and North American capital market institutions, investment banks, pension funds, institutional investors, fintech operators, and diaspora investment stakeholders.

TIME	SESSION	DETAILS
9.00 - 12	Parallel Session I. Intergovernmental Convergence, Visitation and Sight Seeing II. CAFS Session	
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Registration & Networking Lunch	Delegate registration, light refreshments, investor networking

1:00 – 1:15 PM	Opening Remarks/Goodwill Messages	Welcome by • NiDCOM • Chair, COGC, NiDEC 2026 • SEC Nigeria • Representative – Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) • Senior Executive – Toronto Stock Exchange • Senior Executive – RBC Capital Markets • Senior Executive – TD Securities • Representative – CPP Investments (Canada Pension Plan Investment Board) • Representative – Dangote Refinery • Representative of NFIU • Representative of Zenith Pension Custodia
1:15 – 1:35 PM	Keynote Address	<i>“Positioning Nigeria’s Capital Market as Africa’s Gateway for Global Investment”</i>
1:35 – 2:15 PM	High-Level Plenary Session	Nigeria–Canada investment opportunities, capital flows, diaspora investments, regulatory cooperation
2:15 – 2:45 PM	Institutional Presentations	SEC Nigeria, NGX, NASD, FMDQ, ContiSX presentations on investment products, market reforms, digital assets, bonds, commodities, and infrastructure financing
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Coffee & Networking Break	Investor engagement and bilateral discussions
3:00 – 3:35 PM	Panel Discussion	Key Insight by Prof Ndubuisi Ekekwe - <i>“Unlocking Cross-Border Investments Through Capital Markets & Financial Innovation”</i> Moderator – Dr. Segun Aina Panelist I. Temi Popoola II. Eguarekhide Longe III. Olugbenga Agboola IV. Representative – Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA)

		V. Representative – Chapel Hill Denham / Coronation Merchant Bank VI. Representative – Ontario Securities Commission VII. Representative – Brookfield Asset Management
3:35 – 3:50 PM	B2B Matchmaking & Investment Dialogue	One-on-one institutional engagement and partnership discussions
3:50 – 4:00 PM	Bio Break	
4pm -	Fireside Chat Moderated by Prof Akolisa Ufodike	Mr. Yemi Cardoso, Gov Central Bank Nigeria Substantive anchor for institutional investors. Focus on the macroeconomic and policy conditions that shape investment decisions, including monetary credibility, exchange-rate stability, inflation management, financial-sector regulation, trade finance, investor confidence, risk, capital repatriation, and the implications of Nigeria’s proposed tax reforms.

DAY 2 — POLICY, FINANCIAL SYSTEMS & INVESTMENT FRAMEWORKS (CAFS FOCUS)

Thursday, 13 August 2026

Venue: Apollo Convention Centre

Overview: Day 1 focuses on an enabling environment for diaspora investment. It is the policy and systems day, centering on regulation, financial infrastructure, capital markets, diaspora instruments, and practical pathways for moving capital into productive sectors in Nigeria.

Expected outcomes: Better understanding of the policy and regulatory landscape; clearer investor confidence signals; stronger appreciation of capital market and fintech opportunities; and practical insights into how diaspora investors can navigate entry into Nigeria’s economy.

08:30 – 09:30 | Registration & Networking Coffee

- Network Tea Break
 - Exhibition opens
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09:30 – 10:30 | Opening Ceremony & High-Level Plenary

- Opening Remarks – **NiDCOM**
- Special Address – Presidency (Nigeria)
- Representative and Government Officials Canada
- Goodwill Messages:
 - **NITDA**
 - **Two Other Governors Nigeria**
 - **Representative of National Assembly**
 - **Comptroller General, Customs (Nigeria)**

10:30 – 11:00 | Keynote Address – Yemi Cardoso

“Positioning Nigeria as Africa’s Digital Finance Gateway: Unlocking Cross-Border Capital Through Innovation, Regulation & Financial Infrastructure”

| CAFS SPECIAL PLENARY — NIGERIA IN FOCUS

11:00 – 12:00 AM	CAFS SPECIAL PLENARY — NIGERIA IN FOCUS Panel Discussion	• Theme: Investment Opportunities in FinTech & Digital Finance Format: • Introductory Remark by Regulators (CBN) • Industry Panel Sessions (x 1) - Banks, Fintechs, Infrastructure Provider sponsor displays	Banks representatives FinTech founders Infrastructure providers Fintech Association KEYNOTE 10MIN GOV CBN: Mr Yemi Cardoso Moderator:Unyime Abasi Odong Panel Speakers: • Sunil Sharma • Dr Stanley Jacobs • Amoye Henry • Bunmi Akinyemiju
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12:00 – 12:30 PM	FinTech Showcase	- Curated Nigerian/Canadian companies Focus: Payments, infrastructure, B2B fintech - Investor and partner engagement	Sunil Sharma- Moderator Lemfi – Ridwan Olalere Expedier - Kingsley Madu Raenest – Sodruddeen Mustapha
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch & Networking	- Lunch & Refreshment - Structured networking - Investor matchmaking	
1:30–	Digital Assets & AI	Stablecoins, Digital Assets & AI: Enabling Cross-Border Capital Flow into Nigeria - Real use cases in cross-border payments - AI-driven fintech solutions for Nigeria - Digital asset infrastructure & capital flow - Emerging technologies & practical applications Theme 1: Financial Infrastructure for Cross- Border Capital Flow	Keynote: Hon Evan Solomon Canada Minister of AI and digital innovation Format- Panel session Moderator – TBD Speakers - Ashley Wright - Patrick Conteh - Mitchelle Elegbe - Dr Kashifu Inuwa
2:15–	Market Entry Reality	Regulatory landscape FX & compliance realities Operational challenges Lessons from existing operators	Moderator- Unyime Abasi Odong Speakers: Judy Cameron - OSFI Emomotimi Agama - SEC DG Franca Ciambella – Fintech Reg Lawyer Ndubuisi Ekekwe - ContiSX

14:15 – 15:00: Coffee, Tea Break & Networking

15:00 – 16:00

Track 1: Infrastructure & Real Estate Development

- Urban development & diaspora housing
- PPP models and financing

Moderator: **Dr. (Hon.) Abdulrahman Terab (FIMC)** – Head of TTII, NIDCOM

Panelist: **Yomi Ademola** – Managing Director, Alaro City (EPZ – Lagos)
Bello Nagogo – Director, Urban Shelter, Abuja
Adeniyi Tinubu – Principle Consultancy Sands Consultancy
Arc Dr. Obafemi Ibitoye – Caleb University, Lagos

Track 2: Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

Discussion Point: Transforming Nigeria's Healthcare System: Investment, Innovation & Global partnership

- Healthcare Investment Opportunities
- Medical Tourism & Reverse Medical Travel
- Digital Health Innovation

Moderator: **Prof. Izu Nwachukwu**

Panelist: **Dr. Joachim Uwadishu Isiuwe** – Director, Kufjomi Michael's Ltd, Toronto
Nigeria, Federal Ministry of Health – Representative
Dr. Tolu Sobukunola – Medical Director, Tolu Sobukunola Medical Corp.

Track 3: Education & Human Capital Development

- Skills export and talent mobility
- Nigeria–Canada academic partnerships
- EdTech and digital learning investments

Panelist: **Harold Schroeder:** President Schroeder & Schroeder Inc.
Prof Amaeshi

Bio Break

16:00 – 17:00 | Special Plenary Sessions (Plenaries, 10min each)

Session 1: Trade Barriers and Market Assess: Addressing CBSA Regulatory Challenges for Africa Export

Session 2: “Youth, Culture & Creative Economy: The Power of Diaspora Influence” - City Boy Movement

Session 3: Creating an enabling Nigeria Canadian Community. *Focus is on 1. Community Integration & Support Systems 2. Collaboration, Governance & Collective Accountability. 3. Civic Engagement*

DAY 3 — INVESTMENT DEAL ROOMS, SECTOR THEMES & MATCHMAKING

Friday, 14 August 2026

Venue: Apollo Convention Centre

Overview: Day 2 is the transaction and sector-engagement day. It moves from broad policy discussion to sector-specific opportunities, partnerships, and deal facilitation across agriculture, mining, trade, education, infrastructure, healthcare, energy, and related fields.

Expected outcomes: More focused B2B and institutional matchmaking; stronger sector visibility; identification of investable opportunities; clearer partner alignment; and progress toward commitments, pipeline development, and post-conference follow-up.

8:30 – 9:00 - Networking, Coffee & Investor Meet-Up

9:00 – 10:00 - Welcome/Opening Remarks

- NIDCOM
- Global Affairs Canada: Canada support for doing Business with Nigeria
- Goodwill Messages:

Governors – 2

Ministry of Trade

Ministry of Mines

Canada Africa Chamber of Business

Leadership & Governance Canada (LGC)

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Presentation – Mrs. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala/Prof. Kenneth Amaeshi

- Nigeria: The Country & Investment Opportunity
- Diaspora Capital as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development

10:30 – 1:00 LGC (Plenary & Panel Discussion Session)

Track 1: Agriculture & Food Security (Leadership & Governance Canada Inc.)

Discussion Point: From Farm to Global Markets: Unlocking Nigeria's Agribusiness Value Chains for Diaspora Investment

- Agro-Processing and Value Chain
 - Climate-Smart Agriculture
 - Agro Processing Investment Opportunities
 - Export Value Chain
 - Industrializing Nigeria's Agro Value Chains: Sugar, Food Security & Investment Opportunities
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Keynote Insight – Alh. Idi Mukhtar Maiha (Minister of Livestock Development)

Co Keynote - Kamar Bakrin – (Executive Secretary/CEO, National Sugar Development Council, Nigeria) -

Moderator – Dr. Godfrey Ajayi Sunday

Panelist: Sumi Shanmugathan – Co-Founder, Chief Strategy office (Dunya Tinyfarm)

Paul Stevers, Founder & President Integrated Climate Tech Inc

Dr. Moji Davids –Managing Director, XtraLarge Farms & Tourism

Prince Joseph Idiong – DG, Association of Nigerian Exporters

Nigeria Export Promotion Council

Oluwadara Adekunle – Founder & Managing Partner, Farmties Capital

Track 2: Creative Economy

Discussion Point: Optimization of Access and Collaboration to repositioning Nigeria's Creative Industries (Music, Film, Fashion, Arts, Gaming)

Keynote Insight: Hannatu Musa Musawa – Hon. Minister of Arts, Culture, Tourism, & the Creative Economy

Moderator: Alh. Adedayo Thomasi – Executive Director, National Films and Video Censors Board

Panelist: Mo Abudu – Film, Global Distribution & Content Export

Bayo Omisore – Investment Strategy

Patricia Bebia – President, Diamond Plus Media & EVP, Afroglobal TV

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Afreximbank Creative Africa Nexus (CANEX) representative

Representative – Canada Creative Industries / Telefilm Canada

Representative – Nigerian Copyright Commission

Moderator: Alh. Adedayo Thomasi – Executive Director, National Films and Video Censors Board

Keynote Insight: Hannatu Musa Musawa – Hon. Minister of Arts, Culture, Tourism, & the Creative Economy

Track 3: Alternative Energy (Solar Wind Technology)

- Solar Wind Technology
- Grid Modernization
- Energy Independence vs Globalization
- Environment & social Impact

Moderator: Dr. Jide Martins Adewinle – Director, Southwest Development Commission

Panelists: **Dr. Peter Ozomoya**- President of the Canadian Nuclear Energy
Nani Pradeep -Managing director New Energy Dawn Energy Solutions
Benoit Fortin- Vice president Development Africa & India, Sky Power

Global

Paul Stevers – Founder & President, Integrated Climate Tech Inc.
Engr. (Dr.) Simbi Kesiye Wabote – Infrastructure and Energy Leader

INVESTMENT DEAL ROOMS & MATCHMAKING SESSIONS

Format (Structured):

Pre-scheduled B2B
Investor Matchmaking
Closed-door negotiations
Project presentations

Track 4: Mining and Natural Resources

- Solid Minerals Investments in Nigeria,
- Canada-Nigeria mining Partnership,
- Regulatory reforms and ESG compliance

Keynote Insight: Dr. Dele Alake: Minister of Solid Minerals Development

Moderator: Wayne Floreani – President Mine Africa & Director, Canada Africa Chamber of Business

Panelist: **Patrick Reid** - President Ontario Mining Association
Paul Jegede – Chairman, Japaul Group of Companies
Prashant Srivastava -President India Canada Chamber of Commerce
(Indo-ICCC)

1:00 – 1:45 Networking Buffet Lunch & Exhibition Visit & Private Meetings

1:45 – 2:30| HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY SESSIONS

Infrastructure Development & Public-Private Partnerships /: Financing Investment Projects in Nigeria

• Nation by Design: Infrastructure as a Catalyst for Economic Transformation and Global Competitiveness • Transport & Aviation Sector Opportunities • Real Estate and Urban Development • Infrastructure Financing Models • Government-Private Sector Collaboration	Moderator – Akin Oduntan Keynote Speaker 1 – Festus Keyamo (SAN, CON) Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development Nigeria Keynote Speaker 2 – The Governor, Edo State – Senator Monday Okpegbholo Keynote Speaker 3 – Eric Martel is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bombardier Keynote Speaker 4 - Abubakar Abba Bello MD/CEO Nigeria Export and Import Bank (NEXIM), Abba Keynote Speakers 5 – Representative of Air peace, Ibom Air and Government of Akwa Ibom State Keynote Speaker 6 – Arc Sam Oboh - Award-Winning Architect, Principal of Ensight+ Architecture Canada, Honorary Consul, Strategist, and Former President of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Keynote Speaker 7 – Representative of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)
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2:30 – 3:00 | Summit Communiqué Issuing Session

18:30 – 22:00 | Gala Dinner & Awards Night

Highlights:

- Keynote dinner address - NIDCOM, Two Governors and Minister (Nigeria) Government Officials (Canada)

- Diaspora Investment Success Stories –
 - Awards for diaspora investors/innovators
 - Awards for impactful community projects in Nigeria
 - Cultural Performances - Itsekiri Community and similar cultural presentations
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DAY 4 Saturday 15th August 2026

Flavours of Nigeria Festival

Overview: Day 3 presents the cultural economy and public engagement dimension of NiDEC. It showcases Nigeria's heritage, creativity, and soft power, while reinforcing the broader narrative that economic engagement is strengthened by identity, culture, trust, and people-to-people connection.

Expected outcomes: Stronger community cohesion; expanded cultural and business visibility; wider public engagement; and a memorable closing experience that reinforces Nigeria's brand, diversity, and diaspora pride.

12noon - Arrival of guests

1-1:45 - Royal Court Experience; Royal entourage entrance ft horsemen, drummers

1:45- 2:45 -Mini Dubar Parade

2:45 - 3:15 - Goodwill Messages (NIDCOM, Nig Embassy, Canadian officials, Minister of Creative Economy, Nigeria etc)

3:15- 3:45- Turbaning Ceremony

3:45-04:30- Gastronomy Showcase

Constant: Fashion, Food & Arts Exhibition

04:30 -05:30- Cultural Performances

05:30 - 06:00 - Nigerian Museum Exhibition

06:00- 06:30 - Afrobeat Challenge & Youth Cultural Showcase

06:30-07:00 - Guest Artiste Performance

07:00 - 08:45- Vote of thanks, wind down, departure