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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the past five years, the Art of Technology (AOT) Lagos has consistently set the standard for tech-driven innovation in Lagos, bringing together thought leaders, policymakers, investors, and innovators to shape a smarter Lagos. From the launch of the Lagos Innovation and Technology Master Plan in AOT 1.0 to the Talent Acceleration Masterplan in AOT 4.0, AOT has steadily built a foundation for digital transformation and economic growth.

*Each annual event has marked a milestone in Lagos's journey toward a digitally inclusive economy:*

**AOT Lagos 1.0** introduced the Lagos Innovation Master Plan, a 10-year framework designed to position Lagos as a major technology hub, with strategies to promote tech-enabled governance and economic growth.

**AOT Lagos 2.0** launched Startup Lagos and Eko OpenSource, initiatives that provide critical insights into the local tech ecosystem while enabling private sector collaboration to solve government technology challenges.

**AOT Lagos 3.0** centered on creating a favorable investment climate, with dialogues focused on addressing funding barriers and enabling policies to make Lagos more attractive to global tech investors.

**AOT Lagos 4.0** established the Talent Acceleration Masterplan to widen the pipeline of skilled tech professionals, ensuring Lagos has the talent base required to sustain its digital economy.

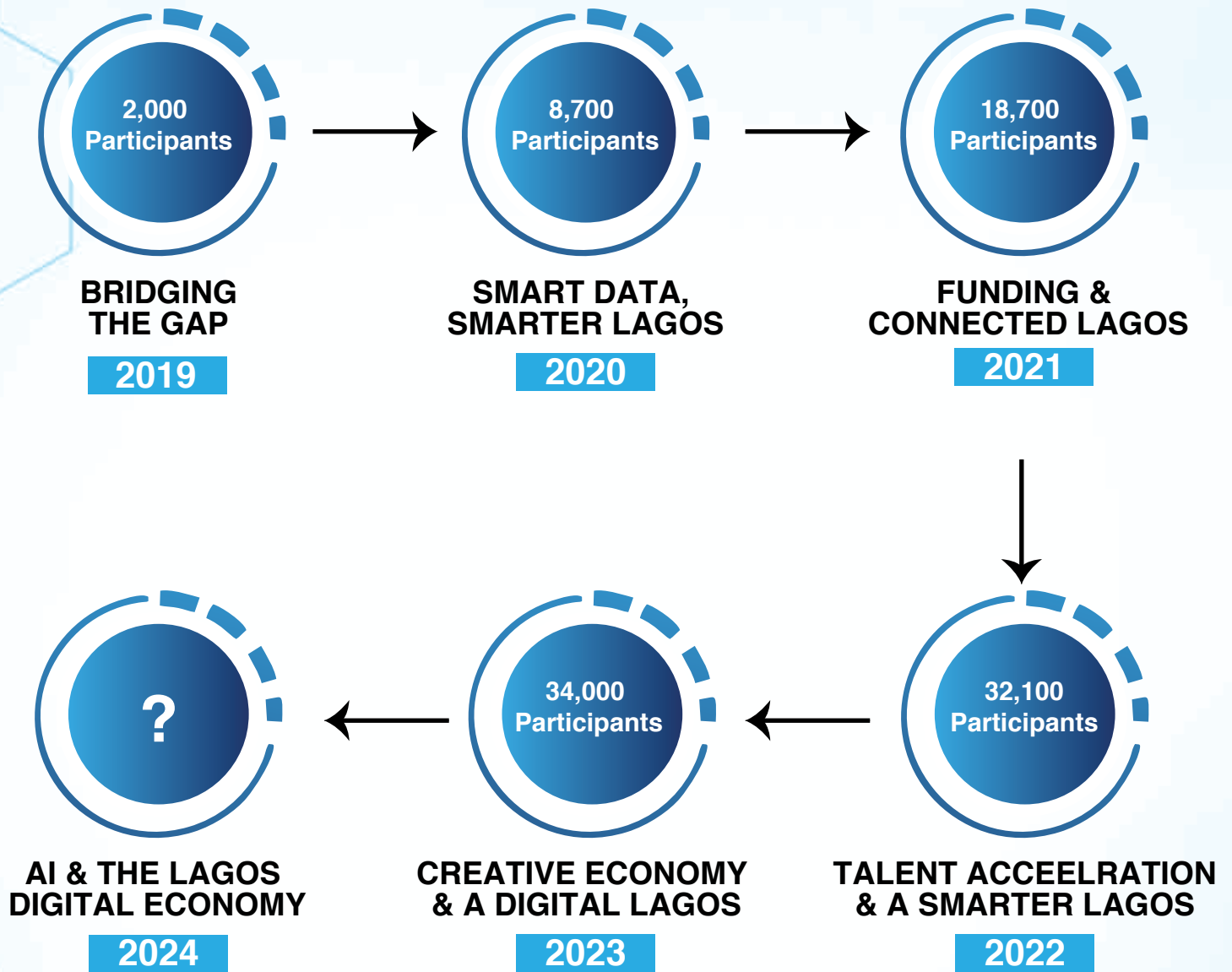
**AOT Lagos 5.0** embraced "The Creative Economy and A Digital Lagos" as its theme, showcasing the intersection of creativity and technology. This edition celebrated the contributions of outstanding startups, policymakers, and ecosystem builders through the AOT Ecosystem Awards, highlighting Lagos's role as a vibrant hub for digital creativity.

Building on these achievements, AOT Lagos 6.0 will examine the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Lagos Digital Economy. With the AI industry poised to contribute \$15.7 trillion to the global economy by 2030 (World Economic Forum), AOT Lagos 6.0 will bring together key stakeholders to discuss AI's potential for shaping policies, driving sustainable economic growth, and enhancing digital transformation in Lagos and beyond.

To date, AOT has engaged over 61,000 participants, hosted 241 speakers, and garnered 15 million engagements globally, reaching audiences in 120 countries. The 6th edition promises to be another landmark event, offering unmatched opportunities for networking, collaboration, and insights into the latest technological advancements.

Highlights of this year's AOT include the third edition of the AOT ECOSYSTEM AWARDS, celebrating outstanding startups, ecosystem builders, and policymakers who have contributed to the global growth of the Nigerian tech ecosystem. The event will also feature the prestigious exhibition, plenary sessions, Breakout sessions, masterclasses and the 2nd edition of the Collaborate Lagos initiative, supporting individuals striving to impact the tech ecosystem of Lagos.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY





## WHY AOT 6.0?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is emerging as a transformative force in global digital transformation, with significant implications for economies, societies, and industries. According to the McKinsey Global Institute, AI could contribute up to \$13 trillion to the global economy by 2030, while the World Economic Forum estimates this figure could rise to \$15.7 trillion. For Lagos, a city striving to establish itself as Africa's premier digital economy, understanding and harnessing AI is critical.

**The theme for AOT Lagos 6.0, "Artificial Intelligence and the Lagos Digital Economy,"** reflects the city's ambition to leverage AI for inclusive growth, technological advancement, and economic development. This year's conference will explore AI's role in enhancing digital services, improving public sector efficiency, and fostering innovation, aligning with Lagos's strategic vision of becoming a global technology hub.

AOT Lagos 6.0 will convene industry leaders, policymakers, innovators, and investors to examine how AI can drive transformative growth. The event will feature, panel discussions, and live demonstrations, providing attendees with actionable insights and practical strategies for effectively implementing AI within Lagos's unique economic landscape. Through collaborative discussions, participants will explore how AI can support a smart, data-driven Lagos and address complex socio-economic challenges in the region.



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**GUESTS  
& HOSTS**

## CHIEF HOST



**BABAJIDE SANWO-OLU**

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR,  
LAGOS STATE

Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu's dream is to see a Lagos at the forefront of: startups development. He is an emotionally intelligent tech lover and a committed leader who is doggedly passionate about a greater Lagos.

A B.SC and MBA graduate from the university of LAGOS. He is also an alumnus of the John E Kennedy School of Government, The London Business School and Lagos Business school.

He is an associate member of the chartered institute personnel Management (CIPM) and fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Training and Development (NI TAD).

Prior to becoming the Governor, he was the Managing Director / CEO of Lagos State Property Development corporation (LSPDC). He also worked at United Bank for Africa as the Head of Foreign Money market; and First City Monument Bank as a Deputy General Manager, Divisional Head.

At AOT Lagos 2.0, The Governor reviewed the Smart Lagos journey; and painted the renewed picture of the smarter Lagos.

BOS is the 15th Executive Governor Lagos State

## CO - CHIEF HOST

Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, re-elected as Deputy Governor of Lagos State, has a distinguished background in academics, finance, and engineering. Born on September 19, 1964, he entered public service in 2005 after a successful private sector career in organizations such as Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and Oando Plc.

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Educated at the University of Ibadan and Cranfield University, England, Dr. Hamzat holds a Ph.D. in System Process Engineering. A Microsoft Certified System Engineer and member of professional societies, he participated in international training programs, including the World Bank's Third Country Training Programme in Singapore.

As a well-rounded Public Administrator, Dr. Hamzat strategically executed projects to transform Lagos State into a model megacity and financial hub. Awarded the Lagos State Man of the Year in 2013, he is recognized for resource utilization and gallantry in public service.

Beyond accolades, Dr. Hamzat's leadership extends to critical decision-making tables nationwide. A devout Muslim and family man, he advocates for development economics, social welfare, and gender empowerment. Dr. Hamzat remains a vocal opponent of discriminatory policies, focusing positive impacts on lives and overall public interest.



**DR. KADRI  
OBAFEMI HAMZAT**  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF  
LAGOS STATE

## HOST



### **OLATUNBOSUN ALAKE**

**HON. COMMISSIONER FOR INNOVATION,  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

An Information Technology & Business Management executive with years of experience spanning different disciplines within the Technology space. Mr. Olatunbosun Alake is the Honorable Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology. Mr. Alake's experience spans disciplines in Product Management, Business Intelligence Application Deployment & Business Development spanning across the Telecoms, IT and the Media 2 Entertainment industries. Mr. Alake has worked on managed and deployed a diverse set of enterprise applications that deliver value to employees and customers within said industries.

Prior to joining the government, Mr. Alake was the General Manager of IT and Innovation at the Filmhouse and FilmOne Group. The largest Cinema and Motion Picture distribution group in West Africa. Beginning his career as a technology consultant in Philadelphia, U.S.A, Mr. Alake was able to manage technology related issues for clients across the hardware and software spectrum. His transition to Nigeria saw him take up a position as the technical Learning & Development specialist at IPNX Telecoms Nigeria Ltd. where he deployed and managed technical and generic organizational learning programs that contributed to significant improvements in organizational productivity.

He subsequently worked in various functional and leadership positions at IPNX where he was the Head of the Business Intelligence unit tasked with developing and managing the Business Intelligence Architecture and Applications. The complex nature of this discipline exposed him to the critical nature of data management to the success of any entity.

Mr. Olatunbosun is an avid problem solver with a keen eye for identifying problems and gaps and proffering solutions that deliver value for consumers. He was also the immediate past special adviser to the Governor of Lagos on Innovation and Technology.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer & Information Science from Temple University in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, U.S.A. He also holds a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in General Management. Mr. Alake possesses a certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School in Organizational Choice Architecture & Decision Science.

## CO - HOST

As the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, it is my honour to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Lagos through the advancement of science and technology.

Our Ministry is committed to harnessing innovation to drive economic growth, enhance public service delivery, and improve the quality of life for all citizens of Lagos State.

At the heart of our mission is the belief that technology and scientific research are essential tools for sustainable development. We aim to foster a culture of innovation that empowers individuals, businesses and communities to tackle the challenges of today while preparing for the opportunities of Tomorrow.

Our dedicated team is working tirelessly to ensure that Lagos remains the forerunner in technological advancements, creating an environment where ideas can flourish and the next generation of innovators can thrive.

Together, with our stakeholders and partners, we are building a vibrant and inclusive digital ecosystem that promotes collaboration, creativity and progress.

I enjoin every resident of our beloved state to embrace the transformative power of innovation, and I look forward to witnessing the continued success of (our greater Lagos rising???) state as we venture into new frontiers of science and technology.



**ENGR. (MRS) IBILOLA O. KASUNMU**

PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR  
INNOVATION, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## CURATOR



### VICTOR AFOLABI

FOUNDER, EKO INNOVATION CENTRE  
/CEO, HAZON HOLDINGS

**Victor 'Gbenga Afolabi (VGA)** is an award winning business executive and tech leader with over two decades of industry experience. He is the GCEO of Hazon Holdings, a diversified business group with a presence in Africa and Europe. VGA is renowned for driving growth, fostering innovation, and achieving exceptional business outcomes. As the driving force behind GDM Group, a leading Marketing & Media Technology entity, he has delivered tailored services for global brands and played a pivotal role in executing Africa's largest social intervention program.

His leadership extends across diverse businesses in telecoms, energy, healthcare, marketing, media, and software development, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals. VGA is a board member of the Lagos State Science, Research and Innovation Council (LASRIC), contributing his expertise to shape the region's scientific and innovative advancements. He has also established the Eko Innovation Center to empower startups and address youth unemployment. With a Pharmacy degree from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, a Master's in Managerial Psychology from the University of

Ibadan, and an MBA from Alliance Manchester Business School, VGA is currently a doctoral student at Hult International Business School, United Kingdom, focusing on entrepreneurship, innovation, and strategy. His dedication to community and social impact is evident through his involvement in shaping

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# NATIONAL ANTHEM:

## 1ST STANZA

Nigeria, we hail thee  
Our own dear native land  
Though tribes and tongues may differ  
In brotherhood, we stand  
Nigerians all, are proud to serve  
Our sovereign Motherland.

## 2ND STANZA

Our flag shall be a symbol  
That truth and justice reign  
In peace or battle, honour'd,  
And this we count as gain,  
To hand on to our children  
A banner without stain.

## 3RD STANZA

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 blesse



## AOT LAGOS 6.0 ( THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2024)

ACTIVITIES	ACTORS	FOCUS AREA	
National Anthem	Compere/MC		10:00 -10:05 am
Welcome Address	<b>Mr. Tubosun Alake</b> Honourable Commissioner for Innovation, Science & Technology, Lagos State		10:05 - 10:20 am
Sponsors Break	Videos		10:20 -10:25 am
Product Talk 1	Google		10:25 - 10:30 am
1st Plenary Discussion	<b>Dr. Obadare Peter Adewale</b> {Lead Discussant} Chief Visionary Officer (CVO), Digital Encode Limited <b>Dr. Obafemi Kadri Hamzat</b> Deputy Governor, Lagos State <b>Iyinoluwa Aboyeji</b> Co-founder & Founding CEO, Accelerate Africa <b>Dr. Vincent O. Olatunji</b> National Commissioner, Nigeria Data Protection Commission <b>Gbemisola Aruwayo-Obe</b> Country General Manager & Technology Leader, West Africa IBM <b>Seyi Akindeinde</b> {Moderator} Founder, Hyperspace Technologies	The AI Revolution: Transforming Lagos into Africa's Digital Powerhouse	10:30 -11:25 am
Q & A Interactions	<b>Seyi Akindeinde</b> {Moderator} Founder, Hyperspace Technologies		11:25 -11:30 am
Executive Address	<b>Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu</b> Executive Governor, Lagos State.		11:30 - 11:45 am
Product Talk	Huawei		11:45 - 11:50 am
Sponsors Break	Videos		10:20 -10:25 am

ACTIVITIES	ACTORS	FOCUS AREA	
2nd Plenary Discussion	<b>Olugbolahan Olusanya</b> {Lead Discussant} Africa Sales and Growth Director, TeKnowledge <b>Femi Osinubi</b> Partner / Consulting & Risk Services Leader - West Africa PWC <b>Sade Dada</b> Head of Public Policy, Anglophone West Africa, Meta <b>Folashade Ambrose Medebem</b> Honourable Commissioner for Commerce, Cooperatives, Trade and Investment, Lagos State <b>Bunmi Akinyemiju</b> Cofounder, Venture Garden Group <b>Feyisayo Alayande</b> {Moderator} Executive Secretary, Lagos State Employment Trust Fund	Beyond the Hype: Preparing Africa's Infrastructure & Workforce for the Rise of AI	12:00 - 12:55 pm
Q & A Interactions	<b>Feyisayo Alayande</b> {Moderator} Executive Secretary, Lagos State Employment Trust Fund		12:55 - 1:00 pm
Product Talk	Greydots AI		1:00 - 1:05 pm
Sponsors Break	Videos		
3rd Plenary Discussion	<b>Toyosi Akerele-Ogunsiji</b> Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Rise Networks <b>Dr Bayo Adekanmbi</b> Founder, Data Science Nigeria & CEO, DSNai <b>Jimoh Adetunji Wasiu</b> Head, Applications Department, Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology <b>Abimbola Owowe</b> Country Lead, Dell Technologies Nigeria <b>Abisola Olusanya</b> Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture and Food Systems <b>Oladiwura Oladepo (Moderator)</b> Executive Director, Tech4Dev	Stay Woke: Balancing Data, Privacy, and Ethics in Nigeria's Digital Hustle.	1:10 -2:05 pm
Q & A Interactions	<b>Oladiwura Oladepo (Moderator)</b> Executive Director, Tech4Dev		2:05 - 2:10 pm
Product Talk	Identiko		2:10 - 2:15 pm
Sponsors Break	Videos		2:15 - 2:20 pm



ACTIVITIES	ACTORS	FOCUS AREA		
Product Talk	Float XR		02:20 - 02:25 pm	
Breakout Sessions	<p><b>Bright Okere</b> Head of Marketing (AHA Games), Transsion Holdings</p> <p><b>Awa K. Ndukwe</b> Director of AI Solutions, Optivity Now</p> <p><b>Ayisat Agbaje-Okunade</b> Executive Secretary, Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy</p> <p><b>Dolapo Morgan</b> Venture Capitalist, Ventures Platform Fund</p> <p><b>Bukayo Ewuoso</b> Head of Business, AdTech &amp; Marketing Solutions, Pisi Mobile</p> <p><b>Adetayo Bamiduro</b> CEO &amp; Cofounder, Max</p> <p><b>David Afolayan</b> Content Chief &amp; CEO, Technext {Moderator}</p>	AI in Nigeria's Workforce: Job Creator or Job Disruptor?	02:25 - 03:20 pm	
	<p><b>Oluwapelumi Oyetimein</b> Chief Operating Officer, Peppa.io</p> <p><b>Arome Ibrahim</b> Regional Business Lead, Fectar</p> <p><b>Deborah Ojengbede</b> Chief Executive Officer, AFEN Blockchain Network</p> <p><b>Adeolu Adewumi-Zer</b> Founder &amp; Managing Director, ZER Consulting Africa</p> <p><b>Obi Ebuka</b> Founder &amp; CEO, Autogon AI</p> <p><b>Amanchukwu Okafor</b> TechCabal {Moderator}</p>	The AI Hype: Are We Getting Ahead of Ourselves?	02:25 - 03:20 pm	
	<p><b>Dr Olusola Ayoola</b> Founder, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Nigeria</p> <p><b>Dr. Flash John Dada</b> Cofounder/CTO, Curacel</p> <p><b>Olayinka Iyinolakan</b> Founder/CTO, CDIAL.AI</p> <p><b>Diana Tenebe</b> Chief Operation Officer, Foodstuff.store</p> <p><b>Adebayo Onigbanjo</b> COO, Mafaab Communications</p> <p><b>Yvonne Johnson</b> Co-Founder/CEO, Indicina {Moderator}</p>	AI for Social Good: Using Data to Solve Lagos' Most Pressing Social Issues.	02:25 - 03:20 pm	
	Vote of Thanks	<p><b>Engr. (Mrs.) Ibilola Kasunmu</b> Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, Lagos State.</p>		3:20 - 3:25 pm

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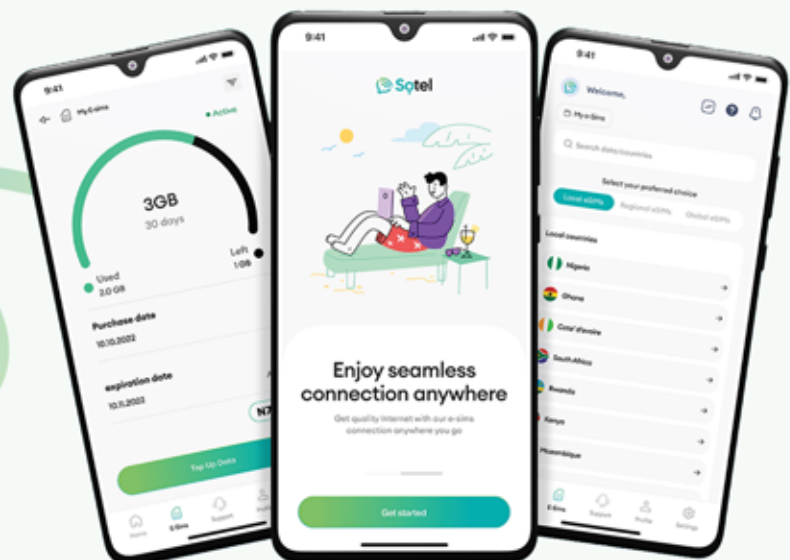
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## PLENARY SPEAKERS

# The AI Revolution:

## Transforming Lagos into Africa's Digital Powerhouse



**DR. OBADARE PETER ADEWALE**  
CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER [CVO],  
DIGITAL ENCODE LIMITED

**Lead Discussant**



**DR. OBAFEMI KADRI HAMZAT**  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR,  
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**IYINOLUWA ABOYEJI**  
FOUNDING PARTNER OF  
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**DR. VINCENT O. OLATUNJI**  
NATIONAL COMMISSIONER, NIGERIA  
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**GBEMISOLA ARUWAYO-OBE**  
COUNTRY GENERAL MANAGER &  
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FOUNDER, HYPERSPACE  
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**DR. OBADARE PETER ADEWALE**  
CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER (CVO),  
DIGITAL ENCODE LIMITED

Lead Discussant

**Obadare Peter Adewale is the Founder and Chief Visionary Officer (CVO) of Digital Encode Limited** and is widely recognized as a leading PAN-African Digital Trust Leader, Cybersecurity Strategist, and Global Technopreneur. He holds multiple prestigious titles, including Fellow of the British Computer Society, Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants, and the first PECB Certified Data Protection Officer in Nigeria. With over 58 international certifications and a Master's in Cybersecurity from Liverpool University, Peter has received an Honorary Doctorate from Trinity International University of Ambassadors and serves as the First Professor of Practice in Cybersecurity at Miva Open University in Abuja.

Peter's expertise spans Data Privacy, Cybersecurity, Information Security, Vulnerability Management, and Risk Management. He has advised the Lagos State Government and contributed to the Open-Source Security Testing Methodology Manual. An alumnus of FATE Foundation and the US Department of State Exchange Program, he has furthered his education at Harvard, MIT, and Oxford.

Recognized as a Forbes Best of Africa – Outstanding Digital Trust Leader in 2023, Peter is dedicated to advancing cybersecurity across the continent and beyond.



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**IYINOLUWA ABOYEJI**  
FOUNDING PARTNER OF  
FUTURE AFRICA

**Iyinoluwa Samuel Aboyeji OON** (born March 28, 1991) is a prominent Nigerian entrepreneur known for transforming Africa's tech ecosystem. As co-founder of Andela and Flutterwave, Aboyeji has made a lasting impact on global tech and payments, earning a place among New African magazine's Top 100 Most Influential Africans in 2019.

Aboyeji began his academic journey at Loyola Jesuit College, later earning degrees in International and Legal Studies from the University of Waterloo and St. Jerome's University. In 2014, he co-founded Andela to connect African software talent with global companies, followed by the launch of Flutterwave in 2016, which quickly processed over \$2 billion annually.

He currently leads Future Africa as General Partner, supporting mission-driven innovators across Africa. His other roles include co-founding and chairing Talent City Inc., creating modern business environments in Africa, and previously serving as Deputy Director-General for Oby Ezekwesili's 2019 presidential campaign.

Awarded the Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) in 2022, Aboyeji is deeply committed to Africa's growth through impactful technology ventures and investment.



**DR. VINCENT O. OLATUNJI**  
NATIONAL COMMISSIONER, NIGERIA  
DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION

**Dr. Vincent Olatunji** is a seasoned public sector professional with over 32 years of experience, renowned for advancing Nigeria's digital ecosystem. Holding a Ph.D. in Geography and Planning from the University of Lagos, he also earned an Advanced Certificate in Computer Studies, bridging his expertise into ICT.

Joining the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in 2002, Dr. Olatunji held key roles, including Director and Acting Director General, driving initiatives like the Nigeria Data Protection Regulation and Smart Initiatives Framework. As Director of eGovernment Development, he spearheaded policies such as the Nigeria eGovernment Enterprise Architecture and Cloud First Policy, significantly shaping the nation's digital landscape.

Dr. Olatunji's accolades include recognition among Nigeria's top 50 Digital Economy enablers and induction into the Forbes Technology Council (2023). A member of prestigious bodies like IAPP and FITM, he became Nigeria's first National Commissioner of the Data Protection Commission in October 2023. His visionary leadership continues to set benchmarks in digital transformation and data protection."



# PLENARY SESSION 1

Gbemisola Aruwayo-Obe Country General Manager & Technology Leader, West Africa - IBM Gbemisola Aruwayo-Obe is a visionary leader and innovator, with a wealth of knowledge spanning a career of over two decades in the Technology and ICT sector. She currently serves as the Country General Manager and Technology Leader for IBM West Africa.

She is strategic client-centric leader with a deep knowledge of the Nigerian market and the West African region. Gbemisola uses her expertise in advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, and Data Analytics to drive transformative change by leading and developing impactful digital transformation initiatives that support enterprises across different industries . Her leadership has empowered organizations to navigate the complexities of digital transformation, positioning them for long-term success in an ever-evolving landscape.

A passionate advocate for innovation, Gbemisola is deeply committed to fostering collaboration between technology and society to create value for businesses and communities alike.

Beyond her professional accolades, Gbemisola is a mentor, coach, and advocate for developing young talents. She believes in the power of mentorship to inspire and equip the next generation of leaders. Known for her approachable style, she values genuine connections and is always willing to share her knowledge and experiences to uplift others.



**GBEMISOLA ARUWAYO-OBE**  
COUNTRY GENERAL MANAGER &  
TECHNOLOGY LEADER, WEST  
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**Oluseyi Akindeinde is the Founder of Hyperspace and NeuRaL AI**, with nearly 25 years of experience in technology and information security. He has extensively researched security challenges in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Financial Transaction Systems (FTS), presenting his findings at various reputable conferences and organizations, including the NSA and CBN. He also serves as an advisor to the Nigerian eFraud Forum (NeFF).

His expertise spans multiple sectors, including finance, oil and gas, and telecommunications, with notable presentations delivered to the National Assembly and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Recently, Oluseyi has focused on Web3, blockchain, and smart contract technology, aiming to enhance Internet security through advanced authentication and identity management systems.

At Hyperspace Technologies, he developed the innovative cipherKEY tap2sign™, a patented multi-factor authentication solution utilizing NFC technology for passwordless access. NeuRaL AI offers integrated AI infrastructure to boost productivity through automation and deep learning model training. Oluseyi's passion for tech startups drives his commitment to harnessing cutting-edge technologies for the next industrial revolution.



**OLUSEYI AKINDEINDE**  
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## PLENARY SPEAKERS

# Beyond the Hype:

Preparing Africa's  
Infrastructure & Workforce  
for the Rise of AI



**OLUGBOLAHAN OLUSANYA**  
AFRICA SALES AND GROWTH DIRECTOR,  
TEKNOWLEDGE

**Lead Discussant**



**FEMI OSINUBI**  
PARTNER CONSULTING & RISK  
SERVICE LEADER-WEST AFRICA PWC



**SADE DADA**  
HEAD OF PUBLIC POLICY,  
ANGLOPHONE WEST AFRICA, META



**FOLASHADE AMBROSE  
MEDEBEM**  
HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCE,  
COOPERATIVES, TRADE AND INVESTMENT LASG



**BUNMI AKINYEMI**  
COFOUNDER,  
VENTURE GARDEN GROUP



**FEYISAYO ALAYANDE**  
AG. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
LAGOS STATE EMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND

**Moderator**



**OLUGBOLAHAN OLUSANYA**

NIGERIA COUNTRY DIRECTOR, TEKNOWLEDGE

**Lead Discussant**

Olugbolahan Olusanya is a seasoned executive with over 20 years of experience driving growth and operational excellence across diverse industries. Currently, he serves as Nigeria Country Director for TeKnowledge ( Tek Experts, Elev8, Cytek). In this role, he has leveraged his expertise in IT, BPO, Telecoms, and Financial Services to spearhead strategic initiatives that have significantly developed Tek Experts, the tech support arm of the business; Elev8, the digital skilling arm of the business; and Cytek, the cybersecurity arm of the business. Recently, he successfully launched a new Security Operations Center in Lagos, Nigeria.

Olugbolahan has implemented business transformation strategies that have led to increased profitability and improved client satisfaction and retention. He leads a multicultural team of over 2,000 staff to achieve operational excellence and enhance service delivery. His carefully established strategic partnerships have expanded TeKnowledge's reach and market share in the Nigerian market.

Prior to joining TeKnowledge, Olugbolahan's extensive experience in IT service management, program management, business process improvement, revenue assurance, and strategic planning enabled him to lead multinational corporations across North America, India, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa (EMEA), achieving significant revenue growth and market share expansion.

Femi is the Consulting and Risk Services Leader for PwC West Africa, overseeing a range of services including Strategy, Technology Consulting, Finance Advisory, and Risk Services. As the region's Technology Leader, he drives Digital, Data, and AI services, with over 26 years of assurance and consulting experience spanning Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Femi founded PwC Nigeria's Experience Center, an innovation hub for emerging technologies like Blockchain, AR, VR, GenAI, and IoT. His expertise covers IT Strategy, Data and AI, Project Management, Governance, and Robotics Process Automation. Notably, he led the development of AI/ML-driven fraud management systems for Nigerian banks, established a Data and AI Center of Excellence across sectors, and spearheaded digital transformations for contact centers and digital banks.

Femi holds a Computer Science degree, is a Fellow Chartered Accountant, and earned an MBA from Warwick Business School. He completed leadership programs at the University of Oxford and PwC's NLDP. Currently, he participates in the EMEA Global Relationship Programme, managing two of PwC's biggest clients in West Africa. Femi has advised numerous boards on AI adoption and the future of work across multiple industries and regions.



**FEMI OSINUBI**

PARTNER CONSULTING & RISK SERVICE LEADER-WEST AFRICA PWC



**SADE DADA**

HEAD OF PUBLIC POLICY,  
ANGLOPHONE WEST AFRICA, META

Folasade “Sade” Dada is an attorney by training serving as Head of Public Policy, Anglophone West Africa and Connectivity and Innovation Policy Manager, Africa at Meta Platforms, Inc. (formerly Facebook). Sade collaborates with stakeholders from government, civil society, academia, and industry to find solutions to complex internet policy issues facing African countries. She also works with various teams within and external to Meta to ensure internet connectivity initiatives and innovative products/solutions (such as AI and the Metaverse) are executed successfully. Sade is passionate about bringing high-speed connectivity to communities and enabling tech ecosystems in Africa so that individuals can access the internet and technology and their economic and social benefits. She was recognized as one of the 50 Most Valuable People in Nigeria’s Digital Economy. She is a member of the Nigeria Internet Governance Forum—Multistakeholder Advisory Group and the Internet Society—Nigeria Chapter.

Prior to Meta, Sade tackled significant broadband deployment issues through her work at the Wireless Infrastructure Association, U.S. Federal Communications Commission, and Microsoft. She was also an Associate Instructor in Indiana University’s Telecommunications Department.

Folashade was appointed to serve in September 2023, following a multifaceted career with over two decades’ experience spanning across strategy and performance management, finance, change management and culture transformation, communication, sustainability and corporate affairs. During her career, she has worked for FTSE100 companies (PwC, Ford, Diageo (Guinness Ng) Plc.) in the UK, Europe and Nigeria where she successfully led and executed robust business transformation award-winning strategies pivotal in achieving sustainable growth within any organisation most recently as Business Transformation Consultant then as Communications, Public Affairs & Sustainability Director for Lafarge Africa Plc (Holcim Plc). Folashade also recently consulted as the strategy, engagement and fund raising lead for Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) Nigeria, funded by the UK Government (i.e. Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)).

Folashade has served on the Summit 24 Executive Committee of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) and as a board member of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) Nigeria and the board of the United Nations Global Compact Nigeria. She also sat on the Board of the EuroChams (European Business Chamber) Nigeria where she served as the inaugural President, working with the Ambassador of the European Union to Nigeria and to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) advocating the promotion of trade, investments and exchanges between European and Nigerian businesses, inclusive of best practices and corporate social responsibility.



**FOLASHADE AMBROSE  
MEDEBEM**

HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCE,  
COOPERATIVES, TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAGS

Bunmi Akinyemiju is a globally recognized serial entrepreneur, innovator, and investor with over 25 years of experience in technological advancement across various industries. As the founder of Venture Garden Group (VGG), he has spearheaded innovations in mobility, education, energy, social development, SME enablement, and financial services, positioning VGG as a pivotal force in Africa's tech landscape.

As Managing Partner of GreenHouse Capital, Bunmi has guided investments in over 60 influential tech startups, including Flutterwave and Helium Health, establishing a strong reputation for identifying disruptive ventures. His influence extends to forging partnerships with global organizations like the Texas International Education Consortium and the US Consulate in Nigeria, focusing on technology and talent development across the continent.

In addition to his entrepreneurial efforts, Bunmi participates in think tanks like the Digital Economic Policy Commission under the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, shaping policies to enhance economic growth through technology. A respected speaker and advisor to governments and industry leaders, he remains committed to driving innovation and transformative change across Africa and the global stage.



Feyisayo is the Executive Secretary for LSETF responsible for leading the Executive Management Team to deliver on its strategic objectives.

She has had 14 years of Global Banking and Financial Services experience working in Business Strategy Development and Implementation, Business Transformation and Strategic Change functions of Investment Banks and Retail Banks' Operations, within Europe and Africa. She managed Strategic Programmes, delivering Business Processes, Product Development and Technology Change globally and across continents, whilst working for Banks such as HSBC Global Banking & Markets, Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), and FBNQuest (a subsidiary of First Bank of Nigeria), earlier on in her career.

Prior to joining the Fund, she was the Head of Products, Digital and Marketing for Letshego Nigeria, an Inclusive Finance bank, where she developed and managed the roll out of financial products and programmes that granted access to capital to the everyday Nigerian Small and Medium Enterprises and individuals. This was a significant factor in aiding the scale-up of their businesses across various eco systems from Trade services to Agriculture, Education, Energy, Health and Housing whilst leveraging Technology and innovative partnerships with private and public organizations including local and global development agencies, across the Nigerian landscape.



## PLENARY SPEAKERS



**TOYOSI AKERELE-OGUNSIJI**  
FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER, RISE NETWORKS

Lead Discussant

# Stay Woke:

## Balancing Data, Privacy, and Ethics in Nigeria's Digital Hustle.



**DR OLUBAYO ADEKANMBI**  
FOUNDER, DATA SCIENCE NIGERIA &  
CEO, EQUALYZAI



**ABISOLA OLUSANYA**  
HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR  
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS



**ABIMBOLA OWOFE**  
COUNTRY LEAD, DELL  
TECHNOLOGIES NIGERIA



**JIMOH ADETUNJI WASIU**  
HEAD, APPLICATIONS DEPARTMENT,  
MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY



**OLADIWURA OLADEBO**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TECH4DEV

Moderator



**TOYOSI AKERELE-OGUNSIJI**  
FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER, RISE NETWORKS

**Lead Discussant**

Toyosi Akerele-Ogunsiji is a Technology Education Professional with a strong foundation in law, human capital development, and social enterprise. With over 16 years of experience across private, public, and social sectors, she actively contributes to EdTech, AI, data science, and public policy. Named one of Africa's 20 Most Powerful Young Women by Forbes, Toyosi was also recognized as a Top 30 Global AI Ambassador by Swiss Cognitive in 2023 and serves as an Expert in the UNDP AI4Dev Reference Group.

A PhD candidate researching Digital Transformation and Security, Toyosi holds a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School as an Edward Mason Fellow. She founded RISE NETWORKS, an AI-powered learning and research institute in Lagos, pioneering projects like West Africa's first career job chatbot, part of the UN AI for Good initiative.

Toyosi also founded Passnownow.com, Nigeria's premier digital learning platform reaching millions of students with STEM-focused education. An alumna of the U.S. International Visitor Leadership Program, she is a respected keynote speaker on EdTech and AI at global events, including the UK's AI Safety Summit.

Olubayo (Bayo) Adekanmbi is a C-level Business and Technical leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Innovations, Business Transformation, Strategy and Geospatial Data Science with over 22 years of experience with a PhD from the University of London. He is recognized as one of the top 50 Data Innovators in the world by the US-based Corrinium Intelligence. He is a winner of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Global Grand Challenge for his work on the use of Artificial Intelligence Large Language Models for Financial Inclusion.

Bayo has led his team at Data Science Nigeria/DSNai to build many AI for social good products, five of which have been recognized by UNESCO/IRCAI as part of the Global Top 100 list of AI products for social impact in 2021 and 2022. He is a leading academic researcher whose work has been published at top global AI conferences, including NeurIPS, AAAI, CVPR, ICLR and ICML. He was recently appointed as the Federal Government representative to the Global AI Safety Network coordinated by the UK government as a global thinktank on AI applications for socio-economic development across the world.



**DR OLUBAYO ADEKANMBI**  
FOUNDER, DATA SCIENCE NIGERIA &  
CEO, EQUALYZAI

Mr. Jimoh Adetunji Wasiu is the current Director of Applications, at the Lagos State Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology with an academic career in both Nigeria and foreign institutions and IT experience spanning over two decades.



Mr. Jimoh expertise lies in leveraging technology to streamline processes and enhance efficiency across various sectors within the government as well as ensuring the protection of digital assets in the State. He has established himself as a proficient developer specializing in delivering cutting-edge applications for the Lagos State Government and protecting the state digital asset.

Mr Jimoh, is a Stanford University-trained, cyber security expert through his participation in various advanced cyber security academic programs from the prestigious university. His commitment to staying abreast of the latest developments in cyber security underscores his proactive approach to safeguarding digital infrastructure and promoting a safe and secure cyber community.

As the Country Lead at Dell Technologies, I am responsible for driving the company's growth and impact in Nigeria, one of the largest and most dynamic markets in Africa. I have over 18 years of experience in the technology industry, with a focus on hardware, customer relationship management, and key account management.

I have a proven track record of delivering results, building partnerships, and leading teams across the telco, service provider, and public sector segments in West Africa. I have also completed an executive education program in strategy at Harvard Business School, which has enhanced my skills and insights in developing and executing innovative and effective business strategies. I am passionate about empowering and transforming customers and communities with Dell's cutting-edge solutions and services, and I am committed to fostering a culture of excellence, diversity, and inclusion within the organization.



**PLENARY SESSION 3**



**ABISOLA OLUSANYA**  
HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR  
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Abisola, an Ikorodu native, attended Queens College, Yaba for her secondary education and pursued a degree in Architecture at the University of Lagos. She afterwards obtained an MBA in General Management from the Lagos Business School, Pan Atlantic University.

She joined Olam Agri International, a leading global agro-supply chain management conglomerate in 2011 under the company’s West African Management training program, where her exceptional performance and management skills earned her a senior management role within two years. As General manager, she successfully led sales, marketing, and supply chain operations in the company’s Ghana subsidiary, achieving high sales volumes, profit, and distribution expansion. During her tenure at the firm, Abisola worked with stakeholders across four continents leading to global trade and markets’ exposure. Prior to her stint in Ghana, Abisola worked in the Nigerian real estate sector, managing construction projects.

In August 2019, Abisola was appointed as the Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on Agriculture due to her extensive knowledge of the agricultural ecosystem and food security strategies. She later became the Commissioner of Agriculture in November 2020, making her the first female to hold this position in the ministry's 57-year history.

Oladiwura Oladepo is the Executive Director and Co-Founder at Technology for Social Change and Development Initiative (Tech4Dev), a non-profit that creates access to decent work and entrepreneurship opportunities and platforms for Africans through digital skills empowerment and advocacy.

In this capacity, she oversees the organization’s strategy and operations and works to create opportunities for improved economic livelihood for young Africans, especially in underserved communities by empowering them with digital and soft skills which has directly impacted over 200,000 Africans.

She is passionate about gender parity and improved economic outcomes and financial independence for women by bridging the digital knowledge divide between men and women through the Women Techsters program which has seen over 15,000 women trained in technology and digital skills across 22 African countries and is looking to empower 5 million women across Africa by 2030.

In honor of her impact work, she is featured on the list of exceptional Alumni on the Yale School of Management website. Oladiwura has a Master of Advanced Management from Yale School of Management and an MBA from Lagos Business School, Pan-Atlantic University.



**OLADIWURA OLADEPO**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TECH4DEV

**Moderator**



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# AI in Nigeria's Workforce:

Job Creator or Job Disruptor?



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**AWA K. NDUKWE**

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**AYISAT AGBAJE-OKUNADE**

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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



**DOLAPO MORGAN**

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VENTURES PLATFORM FUND



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CEO & COFOUNDER, MAX



**DAVID AFOLAYAN**

CONTENT CHIEF & CEO,  
TECHNEXT

**MODERATOR**



**BRIGHT OKERE**

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TRANSSION HOLDINGS

Bright Okere is an accomplished Digital Marketer, Communications & Brand Strategist with a talent for crafting impactful brand stories and leading strategic marketing campaigns. With over 10 years in the industry, he has managed successful digital campaigns for top brands across Fintech, E-commerce, Banking, Real Estate, FMCG, and Gaming, now serving as Head of Marketing (AHA Games) at Transsion Holdings, the parent company of Tecno, Infinix, Itel, Palmpay, and Oramo.

Recognized as one of the Top 35 Under 35 Marketing Communication Professionals in Nigeria by Brandcom Awards 2024 and featured on the 40 Under 40 Business Icons 2024 by Business Elite Africa, Bright recently joined the Board of Directors at The Iconic Brand Africa (TIBA), focusing on Branding, Partnership & Sponsorship. He also received the Top Marketing Voice award from LinkedIn Local Bootcon 2024.

Bright holds a Bachelor's in Economics and an MBA in Artificial Intelligence from Nexford University, USA. As a mentor, public speaker, and business coach, he leads The Bright Okere Mentorship program, inspiring young professionals in marketing.



**AYISAT AGBAJE-OKUNADE**

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, LATEEF JAKANDE  
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Ayisat Olabimpe Agbaje-Okunade began her illustrious career in 2014 as a legal and administrative assistant at Kimberly Wayne and Diamond Solicitors in London. In 2015, she joined the Hyde Group in London as an accomplished project officer. That same year, she was honored as one of the promising young beneficiaries of the prestigious King's Trust (Formerly Prince's Trust) Enterprise Grant, Mentoring, and Support program.

She then served as the Account Manager at The Challenge in Waterloo, London, where she fostered enduring and impactful relationships with marginalised young people, local authorities and community organisations.

Ayisat previously served as the Senior Special Assistant for Development Partnerships and Economic Planning to the Governor of Lagos State. Prior to that she was a Special Assistant to the Former Governor of Kaduna State and an alumna of the Kashim Ibrahim Fellowship.

Awa K. Ndukwe is a visionary Brand Strategist and AI Solutions Expert, renowned for driving brand recognition and business growth globally. As Founder and Chief Brand Officer at Awa's Thoughts Room, he has pioneered innovative advertising strategies that significantly amplify brand mentions and improve marketing ROI.

In his role as Director of AI Solutions at Optivity Now, Ndukwe achieved a remarkable 60% boost in operational efficiency through strategic AI deployment, seamlessly integrating cutting-edge technology with traditional marketing strategies.

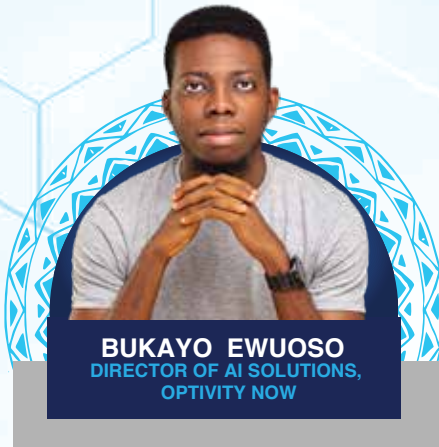
His notable achievements include recognition among LinkedIn's Top 200 Influencers (2023), Brand Strategist of the Year at The Iconic Brand Awards (2020), and features in Business Elites Africa (2021) and PeopleHum's "13 Young Nigerians to Watch" (2024). He consistently ranks among Africa's top strategists and influencers.

A leading figure in the African business community, Ndukwe masterfully combines strategic marketing, AI solutions, and neuromarketing with robust team leadership. His commitment extends beyond immediate business success to nurturing the next generation of African entrepreneurs. Through sustainable business practices and community-oriented projects, he remains dedicated to unlocking Africa's untapped potential and fostering an environment of innovation and prosperity.

Dolapo is an Investor at Ventures Platform Fund, an early-stage African VC with investments in Paystack, Piggyvest, Omnibiz, Remedial Health, Fluna, etc. She is responsible for leading & driving the investment process end-to-end including functions such as Deal Sourcing, Due Diligence, Transaction Structuring, and Portfolio Management. She currently serves on the Board for Termii and as a Board Observer for SunFi. She is also a Mentor at Google for Startups and Techstars.

She was a Strategy Consultant for Accenture and Bain working on projects across multiple countries in the Middle East and Africa. She has supported multiple government ministries and the largest multinational corporations across Energy, Finance, Agriculture, Consumer goods, Telecommunications and Mining. Her work spanned across Strategy, Cost and revenue Optimization, Market Assessment and Entry Strategy. She gained a First Class Degree in Information Management for Business from University College London. She recently completed an executive education program 'Africa Venture Finance' at the University of Oxford at Said Business School.





**BUKAYO EWUOSO**  
DIRECTOR OF AI SOLUTIONS,  
OPTIVITY NOW

Bukayo Ewuoso is the Head of Business, AdTech & Marketing Solutions at Pisi Mobile, where he harnesses over seven years of expertise in digital media, growth, and technology sales. At Pisi Mobile, Bukayo plays a crucial role in developing innovative marketing and business solutions that address the unique challenges of today's digital landscape. His strategic vision is instrumental in enhancing the company's offerings and driving forward the integration of advanced AdTech strategies.

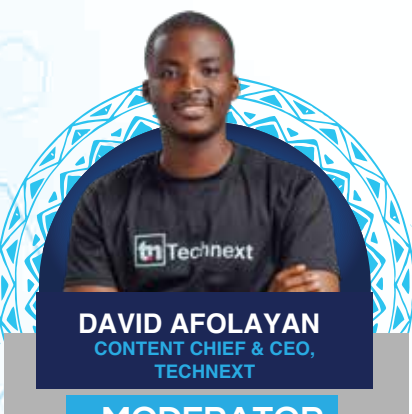
Previously, Bukayo made significant contributions as the Global Product Marketing Manager at Eskimi, a role that saw him managing product marketing across various international markets. During his whole career, he has worked with several brands across key sectors such as Tech Start-ups, Telcos, Banking, and FMCG, developing tailored digital campaign strategies and establishing strong relationships with essential clients.



**ADETAYO BAMIDURO**  
CEO & COFOUNDER, MAX

Adetayo Bamiduro is a technology entrepreneur and the CEO/co-founder of MAX, a sustainable mobility company that aims to decarbonize transportation in Africa. Using a pay-as-you-go subscription model, MAX democratizes access to electric mobility, providing affordable options for drivers in Africa's \$220 billion mobility industry. The company has achieved over 45,000 vehicle subscriptions across 16 cities and has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 550,000 tonnes.

Adetayo's mission is to transform mobility and create sustainable living wages by enabling drivers to access electric motorcycles, three-wheelers, cars, and minibuses. He is recognized as a TED Fellow, Endeavor Entrepreneur, and an MIT alum, among other accolades.



**DAVID AFOLAYAN**  
CONTENT CHIEF & CEO,  
TECHNEXT

**MODERATOR**

David Afolayan is the Co-founder and Content Chief at Technext. He is a journalist, editor and communications specialist with a long-standing background in writing, content strategy, event planning and execution and media production. David co-founded Technext seven years ago to provide technology news and analysis that will tell the African tech narrative in a language everyone can understand.

Today, with over 500,000 monthly impressions and over 90,000 newsletter subscribers, 100,000 social media followers and 3 successful annual events to its credit, Technext has grown to become one of the 2 top most read tech news platform with a significant revenue growth.

David has 10 years of cognate experience in branding, digital communications, content strategy and tech journalism. He has also covered some of the biggest tech events globally. He was the only African media representative at the 2023 Huawei Connect event in Shanghai, China. He has been invited to give expert analysis on leading Nigerian media platforms such as Channels Television and Nigeria Info FM. He has a Master's Degree in English Language from the University of Lagos and a number other professional certifications from the Babson College, the Chartered Institute of Marketing, the Ausso Leadership Academy and Google News.

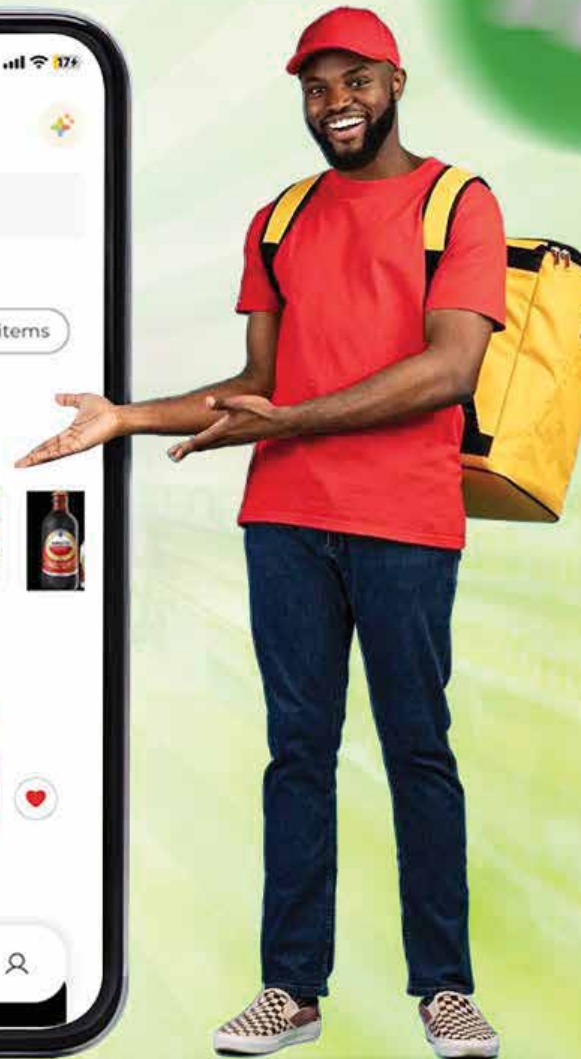
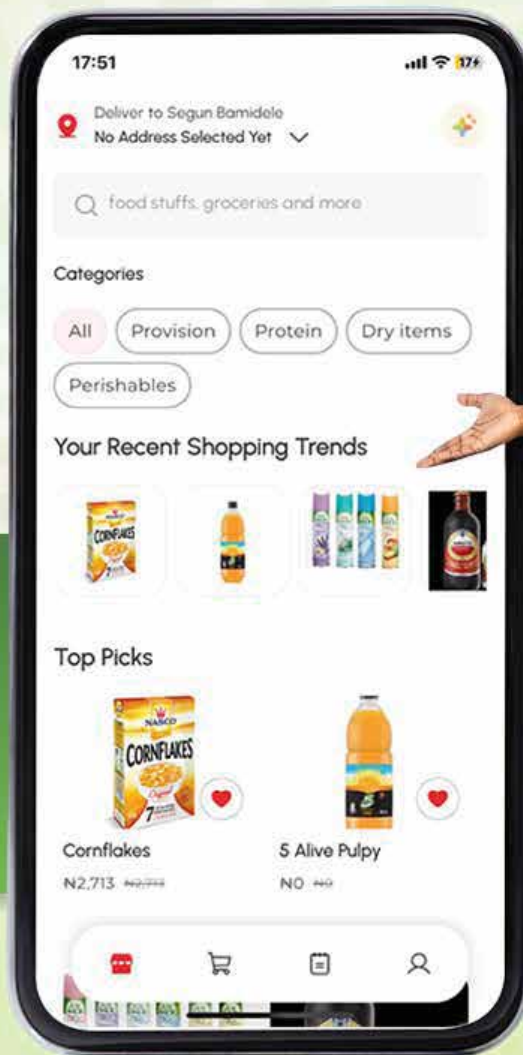


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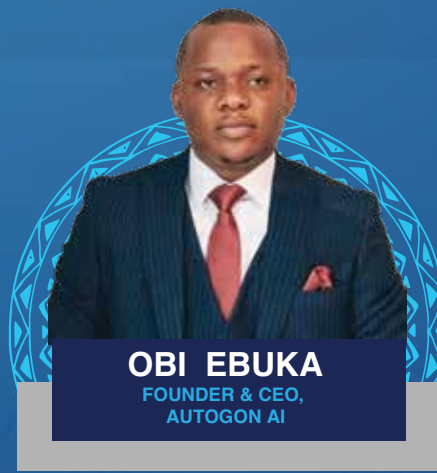
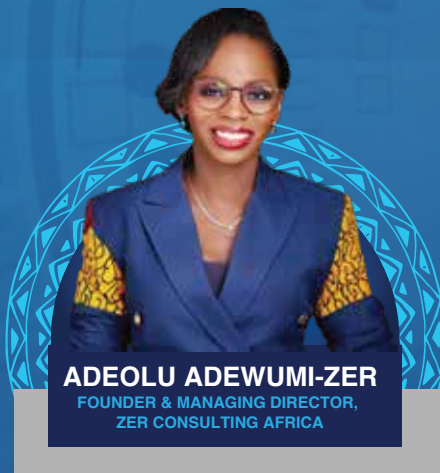
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## BREAKOUT SESSION 2

# The AI Hype: Are We Getting Ahead of Ourselves?



**MODERATOR**



**OMORUYI "UYILAW" EDOIGIAWERIE**  
 FOUNDER & CHIEF SERVANT  
 EANDCLEGAL

Omoruyi "Uyilaw" Edoigiawerie is the Founder and Chief Servant at Edoigiawerie and Company LP (EandC Legal) Nigeria's foremost Startup Law Firm Attorney and Notary Public of Nigeria, he has extensive experience in Startup, technology, and innovation law, with expertise in artificial intelligence, and corporate commercial legal practice. Uyilaw's expertise in tech and innovation law is borne out of a strong start-up background combined with a rare understanding of contemporary technology and the startup landscape in Nigeria, African region, and the diaspora.

Uyilaw holds graduate and postgraduate degrees from the University of Lagos, he holds a Leadership Certification from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a certification in Artificial intelligence and law from Politecnico Milano, Certificate in principled and persuasive Negotiation from the Yale School of Management and a double specialization in Legal Entrepreneurship from the University of Maryland, USA.



**AROME IBRAHIM**  
 REGIONAL BUSINESS LEAD,  
 FECTAR

Arome is a Business Analyst and Immersive Technologist, currently serving as the Executive Director of Immersive Tech Africa, a non-profit committed to democratizing access to Extended Reality (XR) and Human-Centered AI technologies across Africa. Under his leadership, the organization has implemented educational, training, and research initiatives that have fostered a vibrant and inclusive XR community.

As the convener of the XR Innovation Summit, Africa's leading virtual XR conference, Arome has united thought leaders and innovators to explore XR's vast potential. He also leads the XR Innovation Launchpad program, aiming to train 2,000 VR/AR creators by 2026.

Arome's significant contributions to the XR field have earned him prestigious accolades, including the Next Economy Entrepreneurship Hero and the Next Economy Impact Award. Recognized as one of the Top 50 Voices in VR, AR, and 3D by Threedium UK, he is also a recipient of the Erasmus Mundus Masters Scholarship in Impact Entrepreneurship.



**ADEOLU ADEWUMI-ZER**  
 FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
 ZER CONSULTING AFRICA

**ADEOLU ADEWUMI-ZER** is a Global management consultant and strategist with 25 years of experience across four continents, now championing African excellence on the global stage. Empowers leaders and businesses through her work at ZER Consulting Africa, a pan-African advisory firm focused on growth strategies, leadership development, and good governance. Previously led the turnaround of Allianz Nigeria as MD/CEO, achieving a technical profit for the first time in three years. Passionate advocate for Africa's development, actively serving on boards and championing critical social causes like financial inclusion and gender equality.





**DEBORAH OJENGBEDE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
AFEN BLOCKCHAIN NETWORK

Deborah's career path is a great example of her unwavering commitment to leadership, innovation, and impact. Deborah began her career in Banking as a Graduate Trainee, and quickly rose through the ranks to become a key leader in the organization's transformational Projects.

Not content with conventional boundaries, Deborah ventured into the burgeoning field of Blockchain technology, recognizing its transformative potential in addressing socio-economic challenges in Africa. In 2021, she founded AFEN Blockchain Network, a groundbreaking platform dedicated to innovating and raising awareness of Blockchain technology diverse Applications.

In addition to being the CEO of AFEN Blockchain Network, Deborah has dedicated the majority of her career to the financial services industry, with a diverse background that includes Strategy & Innovation, Retail, and Women Banking. Deborah's culminating experience is now being utilized to drive blockchain adoption in Africa through innovative web3 solutions.



**OBI EBUKA**  
FOUNDER & CEO,  
AUTOGON AI

Obi Ebuka David is a visionary leader and tech enthusiast known for his transformative contributions to the African technology landscape and beyond. As the Founder of Autogon AI, he established Africa's first no-code AI infrastructure, enabling businesses and creative professionals to harness the power of AI without technical barriers. He also co-founded Identitypass (now Premby), revolutionizing identity verification solutions across the continent by processing millions of verifications for digital businesses.

A proud Y Combinator alumnus and IEEE member, Obi's expertise is grounded in a strong academic background with a degree in Computer Science and numerous professional certifications.

Beyond his professional achievements, Obi is a dedicated philanthropist, serving as the President of the David and Temitope Obi Foundation, where he drives initiatives to improve the lives of the less fortunate. He is also the author of "The Startup Manifesto," which guides entrepreneurs on the path to building and scaling successful ventures.



**AMANCHUKWU OKAFOR**  
SENIOR CONSULTANT,  
TECHCABAL INSIGHT

**MODERATOR**

Amam is a strategy consultant with an interesting combination of experiences in market research, strategy advisory, policy, and the digital economy in Africa. Amam has three (3) years of international experience and four (7) years of African experience working in multicultural environments.

He holds an M.Sc. Economics and Strategy from the Friedrich Schiller Universitaet (FSU Jena), Germany. Amam brings deep insights and unique perspectives to his analyses of markets, policies, people, and problems. His current focus includes Africa's digital economy and start-up ecosystem, digital financial services, digital policies, and youth development



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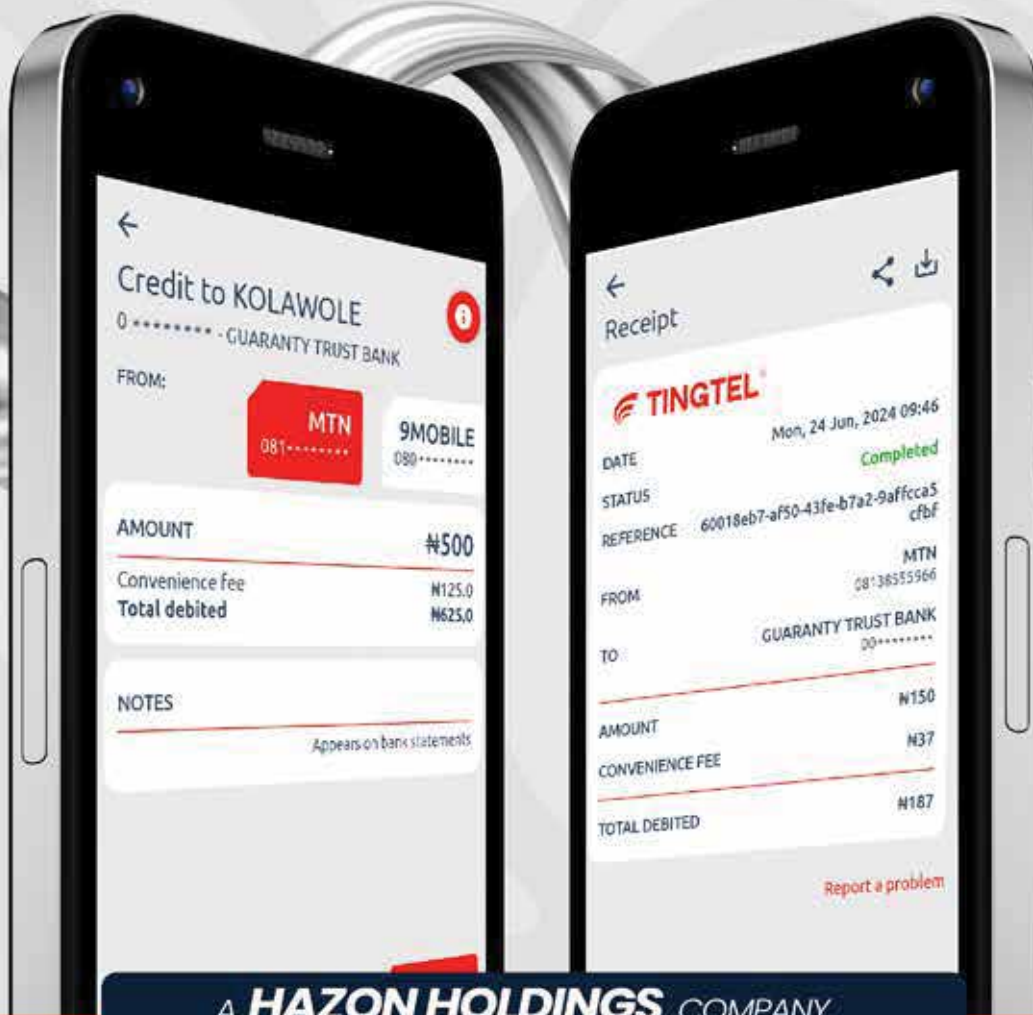
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**DR OLUSOLA AYoola**  
FOUNDER, ROBOTICS AND ARTIFICIAL  
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Dr. Olusola Ayoola is the Founder and CEO of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Nigeria (RAIN). With a PhD specializing in Robotics for Extreme Environments from the University of Manchester, Dr. Ayoola has been at the forefront of developing indigenous robotics and AI solutions tailored to address Africa's unique industrial challenges.

His work spans critical sectors, including energy, healthcare, and security. Through RAIN, Dr. Ayoola has spearheaded numerous projects, including unmanned ground vehicles, AI-driven surveillance systems, and real-time data collection technologies.

He is also a prominent advocate for developing local capacity in AI and robotics, ensuring that Africa's talent can compete globally and drive technological innovations. Dr. Ayoola is a member of the AI4Development Reference Group at UNDP Nigeria.

John Dada, affectionately known as Dr. Flash, brings over a decade of software development experience as a trailblazing engineer and visionary entrepreneur. His passion lies in creating cutting-edge technology solutions that address real-world challenges on a global scale.

Currently serving as Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Curacel, a YCombinator and Google-backed insurtech company, he leads innovation in making insurance accessible across emerging markets. His remarkable career includes developing a groundbreaking SCORM-compatible eLearning platform at Zercom Systems, adopted by major Nigerian banks including Skye Bank and UBA. At Sekat Technologies, he successfully led the transformation of Windows desktop applications into cloud-based solutions for numerous financial institutions.

An alumnus of YCombinator with a degree in Medicine & Surgery from the University of Lagos, Dr. Flash brings a unique perspective to technological innovation. His vision for transformative technology and proven track record position him as a driving force in reshaping industries through technological advancement.



**DR. FLASH JOHN DADA**  
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**ENGR. CHARLES EMBOLU**  
Founder, TechQuest

Engr. Charles Emembolu is a distinguished IT architect, ecosystem builder, and talent developer, known for co-founding Roar Nigeria Hub, Nigeria's first university-based tech incubator, in partnership with the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He has impacted over 50,000 young Nigerians through initiatives like TechQuest STEM Academy and Roar Nigeria, promoting digital and business literacy.

Charles has founded and supported several innovation-focused organizations, including Crestsage Limited and Dexude, a fast-growth AI-driven platform transforming global tech talent development, supported by Business Finland. He also co-convened the Omniverse Africa Summit, fostering digital innovation across Africa.

An active member of professional bodies such as COREN, NASSBER, and NESG, he has led numerous collaborative projects and holds certifications from Lagos Business School, Harvard University, and Lund University, Sweden. He is the Board Chairman of the Innovation Support Network (ISN) Nigeria, overseeing 192+ innovation hubs nationwide.

Charles is also a mentor, angel investor, and international speaker, with a passion for advancing digital transformation and innovation.



**DIANA TENEBE**  
CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER,  
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**Diana Tenebe** is a proud graduate of Ambrose Alli University, where she developed a strong foundation for her career in business operations and management. With an impressive tenure at JGE Foodcrest, a leading grocery store chain, Diana excelled as the logistics and operations manager. Her role involved overseeing complex, large-scale processes, where she refined her expertise in streamlining operations, fostering efficiency, and delivering results that positively impacted organizational performance.

Currently serving as the Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Foodstuff Store, Diana brings her wealth of experience and strategic vision to the forefront. She oversees daily operations, focusing on optimizing processes, enhancing customer satisfaction, and driving revenue growth. Diana's leadership and dedication continue to propel Foodstuff Store as a trusted name in the retail industry, ensuring excellence in both service delivery and operational success



**ADEBAYO ONIGBANJO**

COO, MAFAAB  
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Adebayo Onigbanjo helps to position businesses for what's next and brings unique insights into the growing power of new markets on breakthrough innovation and business transformation.

Adebayo is the Chief Operating Officer of Mcom where he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization focused on bringing 5G broadband to Nigerians. He sets the medium to long term technical and He has a background in computer science and data communication systems with over 25 years working experience from Cummins, GE, Motorola, MTN, Zebra Technologies and GE.

Adebayo holds executive advisor roles at both startups and global technology brands, he is a member of the Internet of Things advisory board to the city of Chicago, a mentor at M-Hub, a founding member of the Institute for African Future, and an advisor to several governments.



**YVONNE JOHNSON**

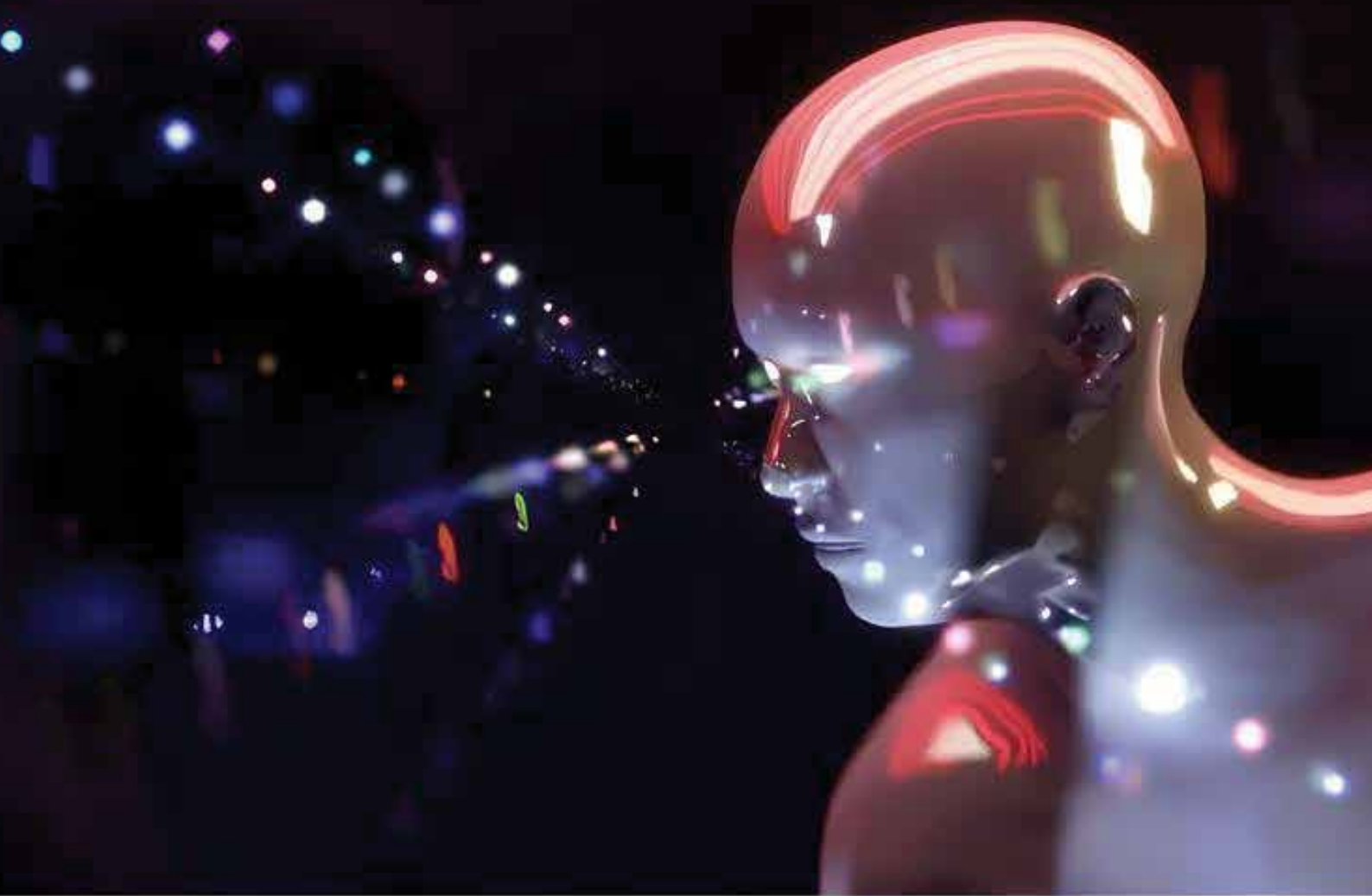
CO-FOUNDER/CEO, INDICINA

Yvonne Johnson is the Co-founder and CEO of Indicina – a leading AI infrastructure FinTech. Renowned for her strategic prowess, Yvonne possesses a proven track record of instigating impactful change through the implementation of cutting-edge solutions.

A distinguished graduate of the Kellogg School of Management, Yvonne earned her MBA with accolades, securing a coveted spot on the Kellogg Dean's List and being honored with the Donald P. Jacobs International Scholarship. She has built a career leveraging technology to drive economic inclusion across multiple African regions.

Yvonne's academic achievements are complemented by her status as an Honors graduate from the University of Toronto. Her professional journey encompasses roles at Bank of America Investment Banking, PwC, and the FirstBank Group.

Beyond her executive roles, Yvonne distinguishes herself as an early-stage investor and advisor in Pan-African technology start-ups, with notable contributions to the success stories of Andela and Flutterwave. Her multifaceted expertise, encompassing strategy, leadership, and investment, positions Yvonne Johnson as a trailblazer and influential force in the world of FinTech and beyond.



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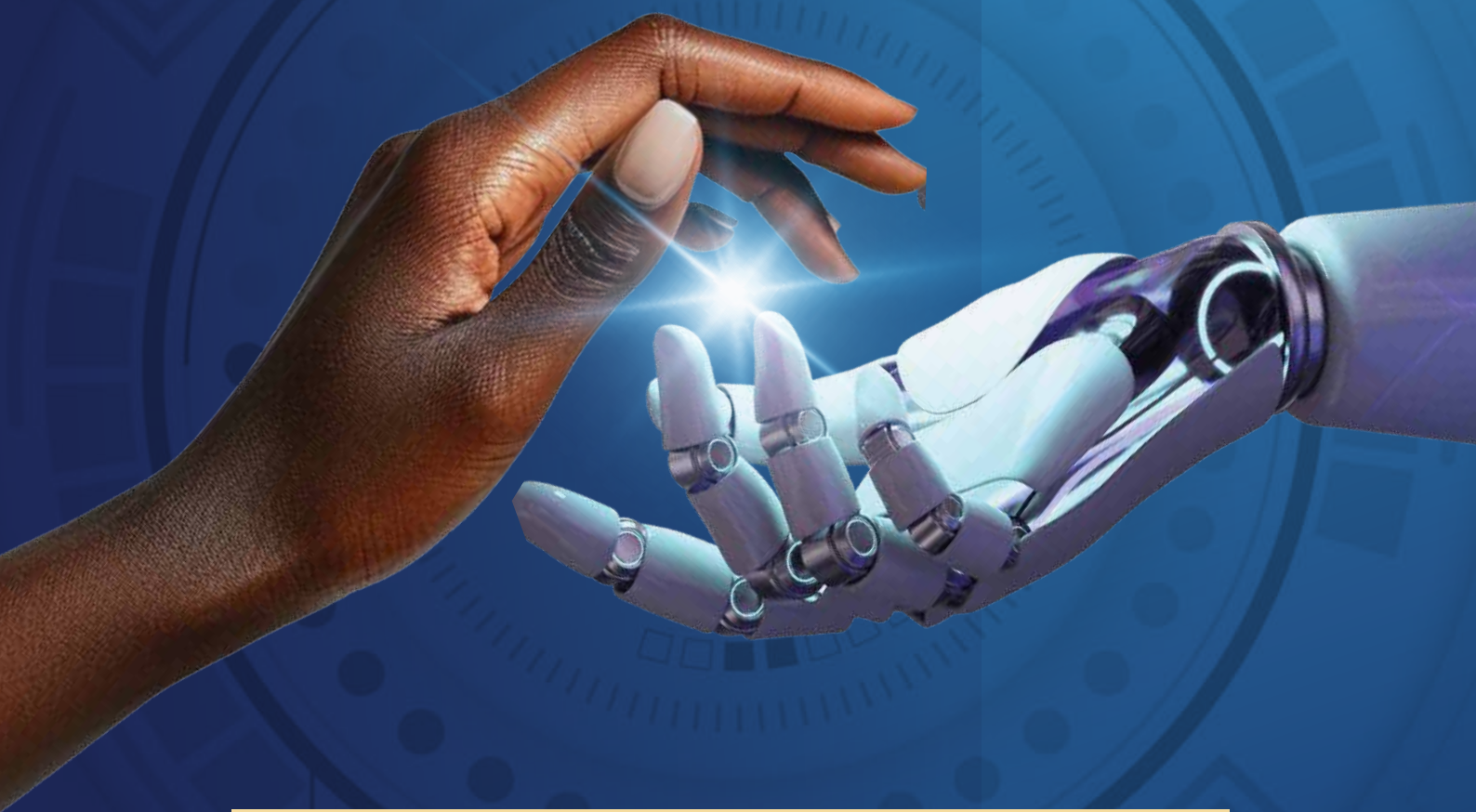
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## INTRODUCTION

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The Dealroom aims to empower entrepreneurs by giving them direct access to the resources they need to scale their businesses while offering investors a curated selection of vetted opportunities.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

**Funding Opportunities:** Facilitate direct funding opportunities for startups through connections made during the event.

**Collaborations:** Foster collaborations between startups and corporates/government bodies for mutual growth.

**Visibility:** Increase visibility and recognition for startups within the Nigerian and International creative landscape.



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### AgriTech

Companies with solutions that use agriculture, horticulture, and aquaculture technology to improve yield, efficiency, and profitability.



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### Circular Economy

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### EduTech

Companies that combine computer hardware, software, and educational theory and practice to facilitate learning.



### Emerging Tech

Companies leveraging emerging tech solutions like Blockchain, Quantum Computing, A.I, Machine Learning (etc)



# ART OF TECHNOLOGY LAGOS **6.0**



## GALA & AWARD NIGHT



# AOT LAGOS 6.0 EVENING AGENDA

ACTIVITIES	ACTORS	TIME
Arrival & Red Carpet Reception		6:00pm - 07:00 pm
Introduction of Guests	<b>Compere/MC</b>	07:00 pm - 7:10 pm
Opening Speech	<b>Mr. Tubosun Alake</b> Honourable Commissioner for Innovation, Science & Technology, Lagos State	7:10 pm - 7:15 pm
Entertainment		7:15 pm - 7:25 pm
Sponsors Break	<b>Videos</b>	7:25 pm - 7:30 pm
1st Award Session (4 Awards)	Clean Tech Innovation Award, Customer Service, Technology Innovation of The Year Incubator/Accelerator Program of the Year	7:30 pm - 7:50 pm
Sponsors Break	<b>Videos</b>	7:50 pm - 7:55 pm
2nd Award Session (4 Awards)	Local Investor of the year, AI/ML Excellence Award, Social Innovation Award, Technology Personality of the year	7:55 pm - 8:15 pm
Sponsors Break	<b>Videos</b>	7:50 pm - 7:55 pm
Entertainment Segment	<b>Comedian</b>	7:55 pm - 8:00 pm
Collaborate Lagos Winners Announcement		8:00 pm - 8:15 pm
3rd Award Session (4 Awards)	Tech Journalist of the Year, Women in Tech Award, Robotics and Automation Excellence Award, Startup of the Year	8:15 pm - 8:35 pm
Entertainment Segment	<b>Comedy Act</b>	8:35 pm - 8:40 pm
Sponsors Break	<b>Videos</b>	8:35 pm - 8:40 pm
Closing Remarks/ Vote of Thanks	<b>Victor Gbenga Afolabi</b> Founder, Eko Innovation Centre	8:35 pm - 8:40 pm

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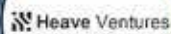


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**TOSIN FANIRO-DADA**  
PARTNER AT BREEGA

Tosin Faniro-Dada is an ecosystem builder and investor dedicated to empowering pioneering tech founders across Africa. With a career focused on helping founders scale and drive societal and behavioral change, Tosin took on the inaugural role of Executive of Lagos Innovates. This incubator, powered by LSETF, supported over 200 tech startups in Lagos State, providing access to essential resources like infrastructure, financing, talent, education, and networks.

Her exceptional leadership propelled her to become the Director of Programmes & Coordination at LSETF. In this role, she spearheaded initiatives to provide financial access to MSMEs, facilitated youth training and job placements, and secured private sector financing to support over 2,000 entrepreneurs impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tosin's journey continued as the Managing Director & CEO of Endeavor Nigeria, where she contributed to the growth of Nigeria's leading tech scaleups.

Currently, as a Partner at Breega, one of the fastest-growing early-stage VC funds in Europe and Africa, Tosin deploys capital and scaling opportunities to help tech founders tackle significant economic and social challenges.



**OLUSEUN ONIGBINDE**

Oluseun is a prominent figure in Nigeria's civic realm, co-founding the organization to bolster fiscal transparency and institutional accountability. Garnering accolades such as the Ashoka Fellowship and the Quartz Africa 30 Innovators Award, he has presented at esteemed venues like Chatham House and the Skoll Foundation Summit. Named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2023, Oluseun serves on various boards and advisory committees, including the Cost of Governance Reform Committee and the ONE Africa Policy Advisory Board.

With a background in engineering and executive education from Stanford University, he tirelessly advocates for transparency and efficiency in Nigeria's public sector. Oluseun Onigbinde is an expert in adapting technologies to transform civic experiences, including the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Oluseun holds a Masters Degree in International Policy and Practice at George Washington University.

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CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICER  
AT OURANOS LAB

Segun Maleghemi is an accomplished executive with a rich background encompassing innovation, technology, and sales leadership. As the Chief Innovation Officer at Ouranos Lab, he leads and shapes the organization's strategic innovation initiatives, fostering collaboration and promoting products for B2B partners.

Segun holds a BSc from O.A.U Ile-Ife University and an MSc in Innovation and Technology Management from the University of Bath. He is a mentor for the University of Bath, The Nest Foundry, The Tony Elumelu Foundation, LSETF. Segun's passion for fostering impact through mentorship is exemplified in his commitment to empowering the next generation of innovators. His unique perspective at the confluence of innovation, sales leadership, and mentorship promises valuable insights for event attendees.



**OYIN SOLEBO**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
AT TECHSTARS

Oyin Solebo is Managing Director of ARM Labs Lagos Techstars Accelerator - investing in early-stage startups based in Africa.

Oyin was previously co-founder & COO of Movemeback - a Google-funded and London Stock Exchange-recognised platform, connecting top talent, leaders and influencers globally to African opportunities. Oyin started her career in Goldman Sachs' Private Wealth Management division, before joining Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, as part of the team launching into Sub-Saharan Africa.

Oyin graduated from London Business School with an Executive MBA (with distinction), and holds a BSc in Economics from London School of Economics.



**KOLAPO OGUNGBILE**  
STARTUP PROGRAM MANAGER  
AT VATEBRA TECH HUB

Kolapo Ogungbile is the Business and Startup Program Manager at Vatebra Tech Hub, an innovation hub funded by the Bank of Industry with hubs in Lagos, Bayelsa, Kaduna and Kebbi state.

His Career experience includes a mix of building and working with new ventures in different verticals including Renewable Energy, Edutech, Fintech, healthcare, and more and he has worked with over 300 startups. He is an outstanding Technology Business Consultant.

Recently, he has been helping corporate organisations and government institutions to seamlessly transition to renewable energy. He is the Host of Award winning Kurious K Podcast, a show where he features startup founders, tech ecosystem enablers, Policymakers, and Venture capitalists making an Impact on the African Continent.

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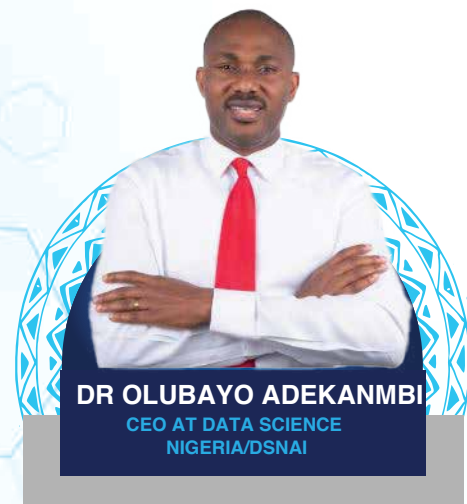
**KOLA AINA**  
FOUNDING PARTNER  
VENTURES PLATFORM FUND.

Kola is an experienced investor, insightful non-executive director, and company chair who is passionate about supporting the growth of startups. He is the Founding Partner at the Pan-African early-stage VC fund, Ventures Platform Fund.

He has a proven track record of success with investments in over 100 companies across Africa, India, and the US. This includes payment companies like Paystack and healthcare companies like MDaaS. Kola was also the founder and former CEO of Emerging Platforms, a leading enterprise software provider in West Africa. He has established extensive networks in the private sector, development partners, financiers, governments, and regulators.

With vast experience in Africa's most significant economic market, Kola is an entrepreneur, technology operator, and venture capital investor. He brings expertise across various sectors, including venture capital, technology, media, agriculture, infrastructure, publishing, and real estate. Additionally, he has a strong interest in the arts.

Kola actively participates in mentoring programs such as XL Africa, the World Bank Accelerator, and Google Launchpad Accelerator. He serves on the boards of multiple organizations, including ARM Financial Advisers and Iron Global Markets. Until recently, he served as Chairman of the board of governors for the Lagos Angel Network. He was also appointed to the board of Enhancing Financial Innovation & Access Limited by Guarantee (EFInA) and the Lagos State Research and Innovation Council (LASRIC\*\*)



**DR OLUBAYO ADEKANMBI**  
CEO AT DATA SCIENCE  
NIGERIA/DSNAI

Olubayo (Bayo) Adekanmbi is a C-level Business and Technical leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Innovations, Business Transformation, Strategy and Geospatial Data Science with over 22 years of experience with a PhD from the University of London. He is recognized as one of the top 50 Data Innovators in the world by the US-based Corrinium Intelligence.

He is a winner of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Global Grand Challenge for his work on the use of Artificial Intelligence Large Language Models for Financial Inclusion. Bayo has led his team at Data Science Nigeria/DSnai to build many AI for social good products, five of which have been recognized by UNESCO/IRCAI as part of the Global Top 100 list of AI products for social impact in 2021 and 2022. He is a leading academic researcher whose work has been published at top global AI conferences, including NeurIPS, AAAI, CVPR, ICLR and ICML. He was recently appointed as the Federal Government representative to the Global AI Safety Network coordinated by the UK government as a global thinktank on AI applications for socio-economic development across the world.

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**FOLARIN AIYGBUSI**

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Folarin leads Google's Startup Ecosystem in Africa, which is dedicated to empowering startups across the African continent with the best of Google - its people, methodologies and advanced technology. He is responsible for managing the Google for Startups Accelerator Africa, Black Founders Fund Africa and all startup-oriented initiatives across the continent. Standing at the intersection of business and technology, he is experienced in managing programs, building tech platforms, building and managing large databases, scaling businesses and connecting startups to the resources required for success.

Prior to Google, Folarin was the Business Information Specialist at the Tony Elumelu Foundation, responsible for all their technology platforms, business data for 500,000 entrepreneurs across Africa, the development of TEFConnect and several pillars of an entrepreneurship program that sought to empower 10,000 African entrepreneurs with \$100m over 10 years.

Folarin has facilitated \$26m in funding to over 3,000 businesses since 2016.

Folarin has an MSc in Information Systems & Business Analysis from Aston Business School and graduated in the top 5% of the year across all courses which led to an invitation to become a lifetime member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Global Society for Business Excellence.



**ABIODUN LAWAL**

INNOVATION MANAGER  
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Abiodun is an Innovation Consultant and ecosystem Enabler. His passion to inspire and create the right climate for innovation drives him to create platforms for training, incubation and providing soft landing for entrepreneurs.

Abiodun's work has supported dozens of startups from the cradle that have gone on to gain global recognitions. In his current work, Abiodun leverages Innovation principles to deliver value to Africa's first Unicorn, Interswitch and the ecosystem at large.

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