
4TH AFRICA SOVEREIGN INVESTORS FORUM ANNUAL MEETING

16-17TH JUNE 2025

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Following its launch in 2022, the Africa Sovereign Investors Forum (ASIF) will hold its 4th Annual Meeting in 2025. The Annual Meeting serves as a platform for ASIF members to convene, engage with external stakeholders on shared areas of interest, and participate in the Forum's annual Council Meeting, where strategic directions are discussed and agreed upon. Under the theme *'Leveraging African Sovereign Wealth Funds to Mobilise Global Capital for Transformative Development in Africa'*, the 2025 Meeting is hosted by the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority on 16-17 June 2025 at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, Nigeria.

The event will highlight the critical role of African Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) in attracting global capital to accelerate transformative development across the continent, showcasing innovative financing approaches, strategic partnerships, and successful investment models that drive sustainable growth and resilience. It will also mark the official launch of the ASIF Investment Platform, a landmark investment vehicle designed to catalyse co-investment opportunities and unlock capital for high-impact projects in Africa, leveraging the strength and expertise of African SWFs.

This meeting will bring together high-level representatives from Nigeria's institutions, African and global sovereign investors, and key international and regional finance stakeholders, who will align efforts to accelerate sustainable development across the continent.

AGENDA

Day 0 – June 15th, 2025

18:30 – 21:00 **Registration, Badge Collection and Welcome Cocktail**

Day 1 – June 16th, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:20 **Opening**

Welcome remarks: **Mr. Aminu Umar-Sadiq**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, NSIA

Opening remarks: **Mr. Obaïd Amrane**, Chief Executive Officer, Ithmar Capital and Chairman, ASIF

9:20 – 9:40 **Presentation/Address**

Harnessing Sovereign Wealth for Africa's Self-Reliance: Moving from Resource Dependency to Industrial Powerhouse – **Prof. PLO Lumumba**, Professor of Public Law

9:40 – 10:00 **Keynote Speech**

Prof. Benedict Oramah, President and Chairman of the Board, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)

10:00 – 10:10 **Interlude**

10:10 – 10:30 **Fireside Chat: *Unlocking Africa's Infrastructure Potential: The role of strategic partnerships in actualising transformative projects***

- **Moderator: Mr. Badr Drissi**, Chief Investment Officer, Ithmar Capital
 - **Speaker: Mr. Samaila Zubairu**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) and Chair, Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AAMFI)
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10:30 – 10:40 **Keynote Speech**

Mr. Haoling Liu, Vice Chairman, President and Chief Investment Officer, China Investment Corporation (CIC)

10:40 – 10:50 **Keynote Remarks**

Dr. Zacch Adedeji, Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)

10:50 – 11:00 **Keynote Address**

Dr. Jumoke Oduwole, MFR, Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Federal Republic of Nigeria

11:00 – 11:05 **Remarks**

Dr. Segun Ogunsanya, Non-Executive Chairman, NSIA Board

11:05 – 11:20 **Chairman of the Occasion's Address**

	Chief Wale Edun, OFR , Honourable Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Federal Republic of Nigeria
11:20 – 11:35	Vice President's Remarks His Excellency Mr. Kashim Shettima, GCON , Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
11:35 – 11:55	Launch of the ASIF Investment Platform
11:55 – 12:10	Networking Break
12:10 – 12:25	Presentation/Address Unlocking Climate Finance for Africa: The Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds in Scaling Sustainable Energy Investments – Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi , Chief Executive Officer and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll) and Co-Chair UN-Energy.
12:25 – 12:45	Fireside Chat: <i>Financing Universal Energy Access: The Strategic Role of Africa's Sovereign Investors</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Olufemi Akinyelure, Head, Nigeria Electrification Programme, Rural Electrification Agency (REA) • Speakers: Mr. Ashish Khanna, Director General, International Solar Alliance (ISA) Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi, Chief Executive Officer and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for SEforAll and Co-Chair UN-Energy
12:45 – 13:35	Panel Discussion 1: <i>Strengthening Africa's Position in a Changing Global Financial System</i> As global financial dynamics shift, Africa faces both challenges and unprecedented opportunities to redefine its role within the international financial system. There is a need for African markets to build adaptive, forward-looking investment strategies that balance risk, impact, and long-term returns. This panel will explore strategies for enhancing Africa's financial resilience and influencing global financial governance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Victoria Barbary, Director of Strategy and Communications, International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSFWF) • Panellists: Dr. Brook Taye, Chief Executive Officer, Ethiopia Investment Holdings Mr. Lesego Caster Moseki, Deputy Governor, Bank of Botswana Mr. Babacar Gning, Chief Executive Officer, Fonds Souverains D'investissements Stratégiques (FONSIS) Mr. Armando Manuel, Chairman, Board of Directors, Fundo Soberano de Angola
13:35 – 13:55	Knowledge Session

	Leveraging Private Equity & Venture Capital for Economic Expansion – Mr. Danladi Verheijen , Chairman, African Private Capital Association and Chief Executive Officer, Verod Capital Management
13:55 – 14:55	Lunch and Networking Break
14:55 – 15:15	Knowledge Session A.I., Sovereign Capital & the Future: Building Intelligent Wealth Funds for 2030 and Beyond – Mr. John Kamara , Founder, AI Centre of Excellence Africa (AICE)
15:15 – 16:10	Panel Discussion 2: <i>Investment at Scale: Aligning African SWFs and DFIs for Transformational Growth</i> As Africa faces a critical need for large-scale investments to bridge infrastructure, energy, and industrial development gaps, the alignment of Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) presents a strategic pathway for mobilising capital, de-risking projects, and driving long-term economic transformation. This panel will explore how these two key financial actors can collaborate effectively to scale investments, enhance financial sustainability, and catalyse private sector participation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. British Robinson, Chairperson Africa, Milken Institute International • Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Nana Dwemoh Benneh, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund (GIIF) Mr. Alain Ebobissé, Chief Executive Officer, Africa 50 Mr. Solomon Quaynor, Vice President, Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialisation, African Development Bank (AfDB) Dr. Dahlia Khalifa, Regional Director for Central Africa and Anglophone West Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
16:10 – 16:30	MoU Signing ASIF and Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa (AGIA)
16:35 – 16:55	Knowledge Session Advancing Responsible Investing in SWF Investment Strategies – Ms. Tendai Matika , Head of Africa, Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)
16:55 – 17:00	Day 1 Closing Remarks Ms. Ijeoma Taylaur , Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, NSIA
18:30 – 22:30	Gala Night <i>Sarius Palmetum, Maitama, Abuja</i>

7:30 – 9:30	Breakfast & Registration
8:00 – 9:30	ASIF Council Meeting (Members Only Session)/Parallel Closed-door Session with China Investment Corporation (CIC)
9:30 – 9:40	Opening Address Sovereign Alliances for a New Development Era: Investing in Africa's Growth Story Together – Dr. Gasem Fallatah , Senior Advisor to His Royal Highness the Minister of Energy, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
9:40 – 10:00	Fireside Chat: <i>Mobilising Sovereign Wealth for Agricultural Development in Africa</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Folasope Aiyesimoju, Group Managing Director, United Africa Company of Nigeria (UACN) Plc • Speaker: Mr. Farouk Gumel, Vice Chairman, Tropical General Investment (TGI) Group
10:00 – 11:00	NSIA Dedicated Session Presentation: NSIA Investment Showcase – Mr. Kolawole Owodunni , Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer, NSIA Panel Discussion: <i>From Capital to Impact: NSIA's Investments in Action</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Ijeoma Taylaur, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, NSIA • Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Yusuf Umar, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Renewable Platform for Limitless Energy (RIPLE) Mr. Chinua Azubike, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Guarantee Company Plc. (InfraCredit) Dr. Tolulope Adewole, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, NSIA Advanced Medical Services Ltd. (MedServe) Dr. Tony Okpanachi, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) Mr. Kehinde Ogundimu, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Mortgage Refinance Company (NMRC)
11:00 – 11:20	New Members' Induction
11:20 – 11:35	Networking Break
11:35 – 12:25	Panel Discussion 3: <i>Policy and Regulatory Reforms to Facilitate Cross-Border Capital Flows</i> In an evolving global financial landscape, enabling seamless cross-border capital flows is essential to unlocking Africa's vast investment potential. Aligning national policies with regional economic objectives has become imperative to enhance transparency, strengthen investor protection, and promote financial stability; key elements for attracting sustainable foreign direct investment. This panel will explore the critical reforms required to harmonise regulatory

frameworks, reduce investment barriers, and foster deeper financial integration across the continent.

- **Moderator: Prof. Adam Dixon**, Adam Smith Chair, Edinburgh Business School
- **Panellists:**
 - Mr. Ulrich Kayinamura**, Chief Executive Officer, Agaciro Development Fund
 - Mr. Dave Uduanu**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Access ARM Pensions
 - Mr. Chris Chijiutomi**, Managing Director, and Head of Africa, British International Investments (BII)
 - Ms. Iriana Tarte**, Official Representative, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

12:25 – 12:45 Knowledge Session
Homegrown Solutions: Driving Infrastructure Investment Through Local Currency Instruments – **Mr. Bolaji Balogun**, Chief Executive Officer, Chapel Hill Denham

12:45 – 13:20 Interactive Session: *Strategies for Effective Collaboration and Investment Mobilisation in Africa*

Moderators: Ms. Afaf Zarkik, Partnerships Lead, Ithmar Capital and **Ms. Nana Maidugu**, Head, Sustainability and ESG, NSIA

13:20 – 13:30 Closing Remarks

- **Mr. Aminu Umar-Sadiq**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, NSIA
- **Mr. Obaïd Amrane**, Chief Executive Officer, Ithmar Capital and Chairman, ASIF

13:30 – 14:00 Lunch

16:00 – 18:00 Networking Activities/City Tour
