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**JULY, 2025**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 New Members' Induction Ceremony | 11 am |  
14th August | Commerce House
- 2 Invest Nigeria 2025 | 10 am daily | 26th &  
27th August | Eko Hotels

## 1 LCCI MOURNS FORMER PRESIDENT MOHAMMADU BUHARI'S DEMISE

**T**he Chamber joined millions all over the world to mourn the death of the former Nigerian leader, President Muhammadu Buhari.

LCCI paid tribute to President Buhari as a reform-oriented leader who, between 2015 and 2023, championed institutional overhauls, strengthened economic frameworks, and undertook major infrastructure and governance initiatives. While acknowledging varied public opinions of his tenure, the Chamber underscored his focus on long-term structural reforms and called on current and future governments to continue this path.

President Buhari was born on December 17, 1942, in Daura, Katsina State. He died in a London clinic on July 13th, 2025, and was buried on July 15th, 2025.

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# Goodbye

**H.E. President**  
**MUHAMMADU BUHARI**  
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# 2025 3RD QUARTER PRESS CONFERENCE

July 23rd, 2025: For the third time in the year 2025, the Chamber held its quarterly press conference, an essential event aimed at providing a comprehensive review of Nigeria's recent economic performance over the last quarter.

As usual, the Nigerian media and all stakeholders were addressed by the President / Chairman of Council, Mr Gabriel Idahosa, FCA.

Key issues addressed during the President's speech included the Global Economic Outlook, the Domestic Economy, Monetary Policy Developments, the Fiscal Policy Environment, and Sectoral Developments across various industries.

As the foremost Chamber of Commerce, we remain committed to advocating for sound policies that will enhance Nigeria's economic potential and work towards a prosperous future for the country.

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## PPG ANNUAL NETWORKING DINNER

**J**uly 3rd, 2025: The Professional Practice Group (PPG) of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) successfully hosted its Annual Networking Dinner at Oriental Hotel, Lekki, bringing together distinguished professionals, business leaders, and key stakeholders across various sectors.

The evening provided a unique platform for knowledge exchange, business development, and professional networking. The event featured insightful keynote presentations, interactive discussions, and opportunities to

strengthen collaboration within the professional services ecosystem.

The evening was filled with vibrant networking, lively discussions, and meaningful connections, with many partners from PwC, SIAO, and other guests in attendance.

Overall, the Annual Networking Dinner was a resounding success, fostering meaningful engagements and reinforcing the role of professional service providers as key drivers of economic development.

# LCCI-SEC CAPITAL MARKET FORUM FOR SMEs

**J**uly 10, 2025: The Chamber, in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), successfully hosted the LCCI Capital Market Forum for SMEs — a strategic platform designed to deepen engagement between small businesses and the capital market ecosystem.

The forum explored practical pathways for SMEs to access long-term, sustainable funding. The forum featured insightful discussions on how SMEs can strategically position themselves to tap into these funding avenues for scale, innovation, and resilience.





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## 2025 MID-YEAR ECONOMIC REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

16th July 2025: The Chamber held its highly anticipated 2025 Mid-Year Review and Outlook Conference in Lagos. The event aimed to provide a comprehensive analysis of the current state of the economy, review the implementation of the new tax laws, and explore emerging business opportunities for the rest of 2025.

It served as a vital platform for industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to exchange insights, discuss economic challenges, and strategize for sustainable growth in Nigeria.

The LCCI's Mid-Year Economic Review functioned as a crucial forum for assessing Nigeria's economic trajectory and addressing structural challenges. By presenting robust analysis and policy insights, the Chamber reinforced its position as a credible voice for the private sector. The discussions underscored that, with sound policy execution and stakeholder collaboration, Nigeria could chart a more stable path to sustainable growth for the remainder of 2025.

# FREIGHT FORWARDERS CONFERENCE: FROM PORTS TO PROSPERITY

July 23rd, 2025: It was a day the Chamber held its Freight Forwarders' group annual conference, themed "From Ports to Prosperity: Fixing the Links in Nigeria's Supply Chain".

With all the major stakeholders and relevant government agencies, the conference explored strategies for enhancing Nigeria's port facilities and logistics infrastructure, with the goal of creating a more efficient and competitive supply chain that can drive national economic growth and prosperity.

LCCL is committed to the continued collaboration towards building a more prosperous and efficient industry for Nigeria's future.







## LCCI PARTNERED FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL (FRC)

24th July 2025: The Chamber, together with Integrity Group, joined the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) to host an impactful event themed "Corporate Governance Certification as a Key Strategy for MSME Success in Nigeria," at the Protea Hotel Ikeja.

The conference aimed to highlight the importance of good governance for the growth and sustainability of MSMEs, fostering trust, credibility, and access to market opportunities across Nigeria.

The Chamber is committed to advancing corporate governance in Nigeria is crucial for strengthening our MSME ecosystem.



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# WHY NATURE-FUSED STRATEGY RETREATS DRIVE BETTER BUSINESS OUTCOMES

By Lanre Balogun GM, Glacient Hospitality

For many executives, corporate retreats have become a routine part of the calendar often hosted in city hotels, well-furnished conference rooms, and sometimes indistinguishable venues where fluorescent lighting and fast-paced agendas dominate the experience. But in recent years, I've noticed a marked shift: more leadership teams are trading boardroom walls for open skies, retreating not just to reset goals, but to reimagine how they connect, think, and lead all through nature-based strategy retreats.

## ***It's a shift that's long overdue.***

In my years of managing hospitality operations and facilitating offsite retreats for a wide range of organizations, one truth has become increasingly clear: the environment you plan in influences what you plan. There is something undeniably powerful about stepping outside of the typical work setting not just physically, but mentally. And there is no better place to do this than in nature.

## ***When Environment Becomes a Strategic Asset***

Nature has a disarming quality. I've watched managing directors and unit heads walk into our grounds with phones glued to their palms, minds buzzing with backlogs, only to pause often unknowingly at the sight of a distant hill, the sound of running water, or the silence between the trees. That pause is where transformation begins.

When teams are surrounded by natural

elements, fresh air, green landscapes, open spaces, their internal pace slows down. The mind declutters. The conversation shifts. The same people who sat stiffly around a table in Lagos traffic now begin to speak with more clarity, candour, and calm. You can see people recalibrating, not just as professionals, but as humans. And that's when the real work begins.

## ***Trust Is Built in the Spaces Between Agendas***

Some of the most effective breakthroughs I've witnessed in strategic retreats didn't happen during formal sessions. They happened in the early morning walks, the fireside chats, the shared laughter over a simple breakfast, or the team hike where the head of finance helped the HR manager across a muddy path. Nature has a way of removing the masks we wear in the workplace.

In these settings, hierarchies flatten. People stop talking to each other and start talking with each other. And in that atmosphere of authenticity, trust is built. Not the kind of trust that lives in corporate handbooks, but the kind that lives in lived experience. This trust translates into more cohesive teams, more honest feedback, and more committed execution when everyone returns to the office.

## ***Perspective That Can't Be Purchased in a Meeting Room***

Corporate retreats are often intended to spark fresh thinking to generate ideas, solve persistent problems, or realign teams. But how do we expect fresh thinking in spaces that mirror the same constraints and routines teams are trying to

escape?

Retreats held in natural environments offer not just visual relief, but cognitive space. They help leaders zoom out, reflect deeply, and approach familiar challenges from a different angle. I've heard executives say, "I've been stuck on this issue for months and it just clicked during this walk." That is the kind of clarity that spreadsheets and PowerPoints alone cannot offer.

## ***It's Not a Perk. It's a Priority.***

There's a tendency in corporate circles to treat nature-based retreats as a luxury something optional, to be explored only after the "real" work is done. But I would argue that in today's complex business environment, this is the real work.

The most successful organizations are those that prioritize not just profit margins, but the mental clarity, emotional well-being, and relational strength of their leadership teams. And there is no better catalyst for those outcomes than nature.

## ***Final Thoughts***

I've spent enough time watching teams arrive with tension and leave with renewed focus to know this for sure: corporate retreats grounded in nature don't just create memorable experiences they lead to better business decisions. They don't replace the strategy they refine it. They don't compete with work, they elevate it.

And perhaps that's the invitation more companies should accept in the months ahead: to move beyond the ordinary, to disconnect to reconnect, and to remember that sometimes, the clearest answers come when you step outside



# ICTEL EXPO 2025

29th – 30th July 2025: The 11th edition of ICTEL Expo took place at the Lagos Oriental Hotel, under the theme “Leveraging Technology for Innovation and Development in Africa.”

The expo drew around 5,000 attendees, featuring nearly 100 exhibitors and numerous speakers, including representatives from startups, policymakers, investors, and tech professionals. Attendees spanned Nigeria and several other African countries, enhancing regional digital collaboration.

Galaxy Backbone Limited delivered a keynote highlighting its leadership in digital infrastructure, particularly through national fiber deployments and Tier III/IV data centre services. CEO Prof. Ibrahim Adeyanju emphasized Galaxy Backbone as a “nation builder” with transformative infrastructure projects.

Key takeaways from the expo include, but are not limited to:

1. Government bodies reaffirmed digital economy leadership and regulatory alignment.
2. Exhibitors presented fintech, AI, e-governance, and identity solutions.



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Time: 10:00am prompt

| S/N | PROGRAM                                                           | DURATION | DATE            | FEES ₦ (MEMBERS) | FEES ₦ (NON MEMBERS) |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1.  | GENERATING SALES DEMAND FOR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES                 | 2 DAYS   | TUE 5 & WED 6   | 60,000           | 70,000               |
| 2.  | EXCEL FUNDAMENTALS FOR FINANCIAL ANALYSIS & MANAGEMENT REPORTING  | 1 DAY    | THU 7           | 40,000           | 50,000               |
| 3.  | EFFECTIVE CONSUMER MARKETING AND ENGAGEMENT                       | 1 DAY    | TUE 12          | 40,000           | 50,000               |
| 4.  | MASTERING INTERNAL AUDIT/FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT                     | 2 DAYS   | WED 13 & THU 14 | 60,000           | 70,000               |
| 5.  | DIGITAL MARKETING: SEO OPTIMIZATION                               | 1 DAY    | TUE 19          | 40,000           | 50,000               |
| 6.  | FRONT DESK AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS SKILLS                          | 1 DAY    | WED 20          | 40,000           | 50,000               |
| 7.  | IMPROVING FINANCE ACCESS CAPACITY FOR SMES                        | 1 DAY    | THUR 21         | 45,000           | 55,000               |
| 8.  | THE PRODUCTIVE MANAGER: DEVELOPING MANAGERIAL & LEADERSHIP SKILLS | 2 DAYS   | WED 27 & THU 28 | 60,000           | 70,000               |

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