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- 1 **SDG Training for PPG and Financial Services Group** | 7th August 2026 | 10 am | Virtual
- 2 **Medical, Pharmaceuticals, and Allied Services Group Symposium** | 19th August 2026 | 10 am | Commerce House
- 3 **SDG Training for Industrial and Insurance Group** | 28th August 2026 | 10 am | Virtual



SUSPEND THE PROPOSED THREE-PERCENTAGE- POINT INCREASE IN PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

The Chamber has called on the Federal Government and the National Pension Commission (PenCom) to suspend the proposed three-percentage-point increase in mandatory pension contributions. While strengthening retirement security is a legitimate objective, increasing payroll costs at a time when businesses are struggling with high financing costs, persistent inflation, exchange rate pressures, rising energy prices, and multiple taxes that are yet to be

addressed by the Nigeria Tax Act 2025 will weaken enterprise sustainability and slow job creation.

LCCI therefore calls on the Government to defer the proposal until a credible Nigeria-specific actuarial and economic impact assessment is completed, and meaningful consultations are held with the organized private sector and labour.

The Chamber called on the National Pension Commission to explore more innovative investment instruments that deliver more returns to the current pension asset contributors. This is an alternative path to achieving the same objective for the proposed increase, which is more returns to contributors.

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EMPOWERING MSMES: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LCCI ENTREPRENEURSHIP MENTORING BUSINESS CLINIC

On July 2, 2026, the Chamber hosted a landmark edition of its Entrepreneurship Mentoring Business Clinic, Exhibition & Providus Bank Day at the LCCI-BOI Innovation Hub in Alausa, Ikeja. Gathered under the highly relevant theme, "Building to Last: Scaling Resilient Businesses in a VUCA Economy," the event brought together entrepreneurs, financial institutions, government regulators, and business experts. Dr. Chinyere Almona, FCA, Director General of LCCI (represented by Dr. Sunnie Omeiza-Michael), opened the session by emphasizing that the clinic serves as a vital launchpad for business success—enabling entrepreneurs to showcase their innovations, forge strategic partnerships, and connect directly with essential business-support networks. Following her remarks, Mrs. Doyin Ekundayo, HOD of LCCI BEST, provided attendees with an insightful overview of the Chamber's ongoing Entrepreneurship Mentoring Programme (EMP).

The high-impact program featured a diverse lineup of interactive sessions designed to equip MSMEs with practical pathways to financial and operational resilience. Attendees benefited from an engaging keynote by guest speaker Dr. Seyi Abiodun, as well as strategic corporate presentations from Providus Bank. A major

highlight was a practical masterclass by the Bank of Industry Limited (BOI) focused on preparing entrepreneurs to successfully access grants and credit facilities, complemented by regulatory guidance from the Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS) and the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON).



LCCI PARTNERS TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION AT NGCP LAUNCH

The Chamber, represented by its Director General, Dr. Chinyere Almona, recently participated in the launch of the Nigeria Gender Country Program (NGCP). Organized under the theme "The Inclusion Dividend: Unlocking Nigeria's Next Growth Frontier," the program is a strategic collaborative initiative between the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Nigerian Exchange Group (NGX Group), the World Bank Group, and the LCCI. This landmark event marks a significant milestone in expanding economic opportunities for women and driving inclusive growth across Nigeria's private sector.

During the event, Dr. Almona emphasized that increasing women's economic participation extends far beyond social inclusion is a critical business priority that directly fuels productivity, innovation, and long-term competitiveness. She noted that cultivating an environment where women can thrive is vital to building a more resilient national economy. Reaffirming its core mission, the LCCI remains deeply committed to championing policies and strategic partnerships that empower women, strengthen private enterprises, and serve as a powerful catalyst for sustainable economic transformation.





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ENGR. LEYE KUPOLUYI
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Chief Host



PROF. AKIN ABAYOMI
Honourable Commissioner
for Health, Lagos State
Ministry of Health

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



DR. AYOBAMI KUYORO
Chairperson, Medical,
Pharmaceuticals & Allied
Services Group, LCCI

Host



DR. SEGUN EBITANMI
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CREATIVE & ENTERTAINMENT GROUP CONFERENCE

July 9, 2026; The Chamber's Creative & Entertainment Group hosted an engaging business forum themed "Enhancing Visibility, Identity and Business Networking in the Creative Economy." The event brought together brand strategists, creative entrepreneurs, media professionals, and industry stakeholders to explore practical strategies for building stronger brands and expanding business opportunities through collaboration and networking.

LCCI President and Chairman of Council, Engr. Leye Kupoluyi, urged creative professionals to embrace branding, identity, and networking as essential drivers of sustainable growth, while the Group Chairperson, Amb. Elaine Obukome Ibru-Mukoro, delivered the opening remarks. The event featured Chief Dr. Nike Davies-Okundaye, CEO of Nike Art Gallery, as Guest Speaker and Mr. Emmanuel Kalu Uduma, Creative Director of Ikodiya Studios, as keynote speaker. A fireside chat moderated by Mr. Justice Atigogo, alongside brand exhibitions, live performances, and networking sessions, reinforced the importance of visibility, strategic partnerships, and community in driving success within Nigeria's creative economy.

LCCI HOSTS NANHAI COMMERCE CHAMBER FROM CHINA

July 9, 2026; The Chamber has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening Nigeria–China economic relations following a meeting with a delegation from the Nanhai Commerce Chamber of China. The delegation was received by LCCI President and Chairman of Council, Engr. Leye Kupoluyi. Both parties explored opportunities to deepen bilateral trade, investment, and business collaboration.

Speaking during the meeting, Kupoluyi said the future of Nigeria–China economic cooperation should go beyond expanding trade volumes to promoting value addition, industrial development, technology transfer, and long-term investments that deliver mutual economic benefits. Both Chambers pledged to sustain dialogue and strategic collaboration aimed at creating new business opportunities, attracting investment, and fostering inclusive economic growth in Nigeria and China.



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LCCI HOSTS 2026 MID-YEAR ECONOMIC REVIEW & OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

July 15, 2026, the Chamber convened its Mid-Year Economic Review and Outlook Session. The high-level forum served as a strategic platform for policymakers, economists, and industry leaders to dissect Nigeria's H1 2026 economic performance and forecast the road. LCCI President Engr. Leye Kupoluyi noted that providing businesses with actionable economic intelligence is essential for navigating the complexities of ongoing domestic reforms and global uncertainties.

The session featured comprehensive sectoral breakdowns from a panel of leading experts:

- Macroeconomics & Policy Options: Dr. Ayo Teriba
- Agriculture, Manufacturing, & Services: Dr. Tope Fasua
- Oil & Gas Sector: Prof. Biodun Adedipe
- Industrial Competitiveness: Dr. Muda Yusuf
- New Tax Regime Impact: Mr. Oluwatobi Olajufia

In her closing remarks, LCCI Director-General Dr. Chinyere Almona reiterated the Chamber's dedication to supporting private sector resilience and advocating for evidence-based economic policies.



EMPOWERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH INNOVATION AND MARKET ACCESS

July 16th, 2026: The LCCI Women and SME Group successfully hosted the 2026 Product Day at the LCCI Conference and Exhibition Centre, centered around the theme "She Trades, She Thrives: Showcasing Excellence, Connecting Markets." The event kicked off with welcoming remarks from Mrs. Olufemi Ogun, Chairperson of the LCCI Women's Group, followed by opening statements from LCCI President Engr. Leye Kupoluyi, who reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to creating strategic growth platforms for entrepreneurs. Industrialist Princess Layo Bakare-Okeowo, MD/CEO of FAE Limited, delivered an inspiring keynote address focused on resilience and sustainable business growth.

Beyond the discussions, the exhibition floor featured a dynamic marketplace and networking sessions that connected female entrepreneurs with new partners, customers, and markets. The event concluded with closing remarks from Deputy Chairperson Mrs. Lola Olusola, reinforcing the message that empowering women drives broader community and economic development. Moving forward, LCCI remains dedicated to championing initiatives that strengthen Nigeria's SME ecosystem and support women-led businesses.





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KNIGHT FRANK VISITS LCCI LEADERSHIP (PHOTO NEWS)



LCCI AND NIGERIAN INSURERS ASSOCIATION STRENGTHEN STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

July 21, 2026, the President of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Engr. Leye Kupoluyi, led a delegation on a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Insurers Association (NIA), where they were received by the Association's Chairman, Mrs. Ebelechukwu Nwachukwu, Director General, Mrs. Bola Odukale, and members of the NIA leadership team.

During the meeting, both organisations explored opportunities for collaboration in business advocacy, capacity building, insurance awareness, enterprise resilience, and support for MSMEs. They also reaffirmed their commitment to promoting greater insurance adoption and advancing policies and initiatives that foster innovation, strengthen business sustainability, and drive inclusive economic growth.



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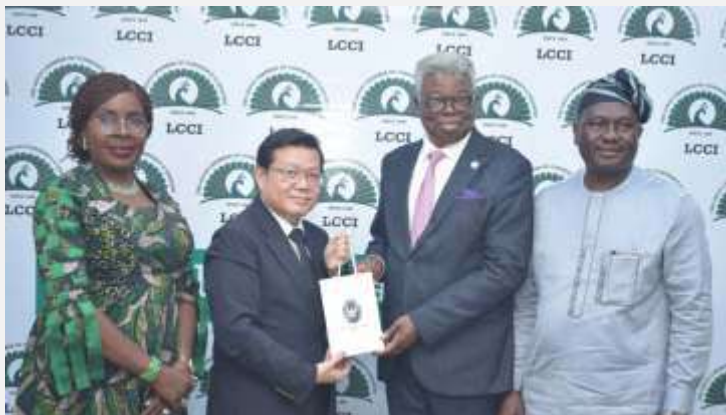
LCCI REVIEWS NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AT THIRD-QUARTER PRESS CONFERENCE

July 22, 2026: The Chamber held its 2026 Third-Quarter Press Conference with the President and Chairman of Council, Engr. Leye Kupoluyi, leading the session alongside Deputy President Prince Abimbola Olashore, FCA; Vice President and Chairman of the Public Affairs and Advocacy Committee, Engr. Opeyemi Aminu; Vice President and Chairperson of the Trade Promotions Board, Princess Layo Bakare Okeowo; and Director General, Dr. Chinyere Almona, FCA. The conference reviewed the state of Nigeria's economy and outlined policy recommendations to support sustainable economic growth.

During the briefing, the Chamber commended the media for the consistent coverage of its engagements and urged the Federal Government to implement reforms that improve the business environment through better infrastructure, policy consistency, regulatory efficiency, stronger enforcement of compulsory insurance, education and immigration reforms, digital transformation, and incentives for indigenous businesses. LCCI reaffirmed its commitment to advocating policies that promote a resilient, competitive, and business-friendly economy.



ROYAL THAI EMBASSY LED BY AMBASSADOR THIRAPATH MONGKOLNAVIA VISITS LCCI



ICTEL EXPO 2026

July 28 & 29: The ICTEL Expo 2026 concluded its impactful two-day event with the theme, "Africa's Next Tech Frontier: Building, Securing and Scaling Digital Prosperity." The Expo brought together policymakers, technology innovators, investors, business leaders, regulators, entrepreneurs, academics, and digital transformation experts from across Africa to explore strategies for accelerating the continent's digital economy. Discussions focused on emerging technologies, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, fintech, digital infrastructure, and policies required to position Africa as a globally competitive technology hub.

Over the two days, participants attended keynote presentations, panel discussions, exhibitions, product demonstrations, and networking sessions that highlighted innovative solutions driving economic growth and digital inclusion. Industry leaders shared practical insights on strengthening cybersecurity frameworks, expanding digital infrastructure, supporting tech startups, promoting digital skills development, and creating an enabling environment for innovation.

ICTEL's position as one of Africa's leading technology and innovation platforms reinforces the importance of collaboration between government, the private sector, development partners, and academia in building a resilient digital future. Participants expressed optimism that the recommendations and partnerships forged during the event would significantly advance Africa's digital transformation agenda, foster inclusive economic growth, and unlock new opportunities for sustainable prosperity across the continent.









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