



## The 2012 Nigerian/NIDOA AGM Convention

### **Program of Event**

#### DAY ONE – Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

**4:00 PM – 5:45 PM Arrivals, Welcoming and Networking**

*Location: Commonwealth Boardroom*

**6:00 PM Welcome and Remarks**

*Location: Shenandoah Ballroom*

Ganiyu Dada

Chairman, Board of Directors, Nigerians in Diaspora Organization – Americas

**6:15 PM – 6:30 PM Remarks**

Victor Ugoh

Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Nigerians in Diaspora Organization – Americas

**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM General Discussions**

*This is a “no-holds” barred session, where the participants can bring up any issues on their mind for input or discussion by the audience. The majority consensus reached on any issue during this session shall be collated for onward transmission to the Federal Government of Nigeria for their follow up action. A NIDOA Committee shall monitor progress, or lack of it on the issue and report same to the Nigerian Diaspora Community.*

**Moderator:** Mr. Abdullahi Dauda, Director, NIDOA Region 1

**7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Break for Dinner**

*Region/Local Chapter Welcome*

Mr. Franklin Ekechukwu – Director Region II

Atty. Samuel Adewusi – President Washington DC Chapter

**8:30 PM – 10:00 PM The Security Challenges of Nigeria and its Impact on the Country’s Economy (Panel #1)**

*It is obvious that the recent activities of the Boko Haram Sect in some parts of Nigeria has presented very serious security challenges to the Federal Government of Nigeria. This panel will explore and make general suggestions on how to improve the country’s security and its impact on the country’s economy.*

**Moderator:** Mr. Benson Osawe, General Secretary, NIDO Europe

**Panelists:** His Excellency, Amb. Joe Keshi  
Prof. Olugbemiga Olatidoye, Prof. of Architectural Engineering, Clark Atlanta University  
Dr. Ibrahim Salau, Aerospace Consultant, Bombardier, Canada  
Dr. Sandra Dafiaghor, Executive Director, CRWorks, Inc. Real Estate Developers  
Dr. Akin Awofolaju, President/CEO, Amerihire Inc., Fellow, Cornell University

**10:00 PM – 11:00 PM Guest Speeches**

*Some of our visiting dignitaries will take the stage to address the audience on some of the pertinent issues that we should know about.*

**11:00 PM – 1:00 AM Meeting with Leaders of Nigerian Community Organizations**

*Location: Commonwealth Boardroom*

**Moderator:** Dr. Ezekiel Macham, Chairman, NIDOA Community Organization Coordinating Committee

**End of Day One**

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**DAY TWO – Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (PART A)**

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Check-In and Continental Breakfast**

*Location: The Shenandoah Ballroom*

**9:00 AM Welcome**

Mr. Ganiyu Dada, Chairman Board of Directors, NIDOA

**9:10 AM – 10:00 AM Remarks**

9:10 AM His Excellency, Ambassador Joe Keshi

9:25 AM Hon. Gilbert Nnaji, Consul, Nigerian Community Relation, Nigerian Consulate-General, NY

9:40 AM Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, Chairman, House Committee on Diaspora Affairs

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM The Need for the Creation of the Nigerian Diaspora Commission (Panel #2)**

*This Bill has been languishing in the National Assembly, but it is “an act to establish the Nigeria Diaspora Commission, provide for the engagement of Nigerians in Diaspora in the policies, projects and participation in the development of Nigeria and for the purpose of utilizing the human, capital and material resources of Nigerians in the Diaspora towards the overall socioeconomic, cultural and political development of Nigeria; and for related matters.”*

**Moderator:** Dr. Ola Kassim, Prof. of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Northern Ontario School of Medicine

**Panelists:** Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari, Chairman House Judiciary Committee  
Hon. Charles Odedo, Member, House Committee on Diaspora Affairs  
Mr. Titus Olowokere, President, Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG)  
Chief Temitope Ajayi, Chairman/CEO, NCF Investments Ltd/NAAEP, President Emeritus, ANAC

**11:00 AM – 11:10 AM Break**

**11:10 AM – 11:30 AM NIDO’s Role in the Making of and the Need for a Vibrant Nigerian Diaspora Community**

His Excellency, Amb. Geoffrey Teneilabe, The Consulate of Nigeria, Atlanta

**11:30 AM – 11:50 PM Keynote Address**

His Excellency, Amb. Ade Adefuye, Nigerian Ambassador to the United States of America

**11:50 PM – 12:05 PM Goodwill Address from the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF)**

Mr. Ismaila Aliyu, Permanent Secretary, Economic and Political Affairs, SGF

**12:05 PM – 1:05 PM Break for Lunch**

**1:05 pm – 1: 10 PM Presentation**

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**1:10 PM – 1: 30 PM Sustainable Energy and the Challenges Facing the Energy Industry in Nigeria**

Mr. Kenneth Yellowe, Chairman and CEO, Global Energy USA, Inc., Houston, Texas

- 1:30 PM – 1:50 PM**      **Keystone Bank: New Horizon**  
Mrs. Yvonne Isichei, Executive Director, Retail Banking, Keystone Bank, Nigeria
- 1:50 PM – 2:00 PM**      **Presentation**  
Mr. Gbaye Adewuyi, General Manager, Skye Bank, Nigeria
- 2:00 PM – 2:10 PM**      **Presentation**  
Mrs. Carol Anyaegbunam, Head of Diaspora Banking, First Bank of Nigeria Plc
- 2:10 PM – 3:10 PM**      **Making Diaspora Voting Right a Reality (Panel # 3)**  
*The Diaspora communities of many countries, both developed and developing are able to vote and run for office in their countries of origin. Some countries even allocate a certain percentage of seats in their parliament to their Diaspora indigenes. In these countries, the right to vote is considered a fundamental human right. Conversely, the Nigerian Diaspora community cannot vote in any of the elections in Nigeria from their respective countries of abode. At a minimum, shouldn't we be able to vote in Presidential and Governorship elections in Nigeria? If yes, how do we make it happen?*
- Moderator:** Chief Gabe Okoye, President and CEO, The Essex Group, Secretary, NIDOA BOD
- Panelists:** Prof. Joy Egbunike, Mass Communication, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX  
Dr. Cyprian Ejiasa, Deputy Director, Financial Management, NASA Headquarters  
Dr. Isa Odidi, Chairman and CEO, Intelli Pharmaceuticals – a publicly traded co. (NASDAQ & Toronto)  
Ms. Lola Visser-Mabogunje, CEO, GMKONSULT Ltd, Nigeria  
Mr. Tony Isama, Chairman, Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), USA
- 3:10 PM – 3:20 PM**      **Break**
- 3:20 PM – 6:00 PM**      **NIDOA Annual General Meeting**  
**Presiding:** Mr. Ganiyu Dada, Chairman, NIDOA

**PART B – THE GALA NIGHT**  
**(Dr. Anthony Afolo – Master of Ceremony)**

- 8:00 PM**      **Prayers**  
Rev. Emmanuel Igwe (Christian) and Mr. Tajudeen Oladele (Muslim)
- 8:10 PM – 8:20 PM**      **Welcome**  
Mr. Ganiyu Dada
- 8:20 PM – 8:35 PM**      **Guest Speeches**
- 8:35 PM – 8:45 PM**      **Remarks**  
Mr. Kenneth Yellowe, Chairman and CEO, Global Energy USA, Inc
- 8:45 PM – 9:00 PM**      **Strokes in Nigeria and the USA – “Prevention and Management”**  
Dr. Azeez P. Adeduntan, MD, RVT, FACS, FICS
- 9:00 PM – 10:15 PM**      **Dinner**
- 10:15 PM – 10:30 PM**      **Introduction of NIDOA Board of Directors**  
Mr. Segun Adeyina, Financial Secretary, NIDOA  
Madam Zainab Sheni, Public Relations Officer, NIDOA
- 10:30 PM**      **Dance, Dance, Dance**
- 1:45 AM**      **Vote of Thanks**  
Mr. Victor Ugoh, Vice Chairman, NIDOA Board of Directors