

The 11th Annual FATE Institute Policy Dialogue Series on Entrepreneurship (PDS)

Theme: From Enterprise to Industry: Unlocking MSME Potential for Nigeria's Industrialization

Program Agenda

Timing (WAT)	Program	Key Objectives	Lead/Speakers
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration & Networking	Delegates arrival and pre-session networking.	All
10:00 AM – 10:05 AM	Opening	Setting the tone for the event with key agenda flow and location logistics.	Kanyin Adio-Moses, Professional Compere
10:05 AM – 10:10 AM	Welcome Remarks	Setting the context, and outlining the Policy Dialogue's expected output.	Ms. Cecilia Akintomide, Chairperson, PDS Technical Committee 2025/ Chairperson, The UN Sanitation and Hygiene Fund
10:10 AM – 10:15 AM	Chairman's Opening Remarks	Formal welcome speech by the Chairman of FATE Foundation	Mr Fola Adeola, Founder & Chairman, FATE Foundation
10:15 AM – 10:25 AM	Context Setting 1: Key Insights from the 5th State of Entrepreneurship in Nigeria Report	Sharing critical annualized data points on the state of entrepreneurship with the 5 performance indicator areas and disaggregated by gender, age and states.	Oyebola Agunloye, Lead, Research, The FATE Institute
10:25 AM – 10:30 AM	Formal Launch of the 5th State of Entrepreneurship in Nigeria and Beyond the Hustle: Nigeria's Industrial Reawakening Reports	Official launch of the 5th Annual Report	Mr. Tokunbo Talabi, Chairman, Communications and Advocacy Committee, FATE Foundation/Secretary to the Ogun State Government
10:30 AM – 10:40 AM	Keynote Address: Federal Government's Industrialization Vision	Articulating the Federal Government's commitment and overarching policy direction for MSME-led industrialization.	Keynote Speaker: Senator John Owan Enoh, Honourable Minister of State for Industry, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment
10:40 AM – 11:15 AM	Fireside Chat: Policy Implementation and International Partnerships	Deep discussion on translating policy into action, securing foreign direct investment, and leveraging international models for MSME scaling.	Senator John Owan Enoh & Mr. Michel Deelen, Consul General, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Lagos, Nigeria Moderator: Adenike Adeyemi, Executive Director, FATE Foundation
11:15 AM – 11:25 AM	Micro Talk 1: Financing Trade and Digital Ecosystems	Practical insights on leveraging alternative finance models and digital payment infrastructure to enable MSME trade and scale.	Dr. Oluyemi Adeosun Senior Research Fellow, The FATE Institute/Chief Economist, BusinessDay Newspapers

11:25 AM – 12:15 PM	Plenary 1: Policy Cohesion and Deconstructing the Barriers	Identifying bureaucratic frictions and misalignments across regulatory, trade, and investment policies at sub-national and federal levels, and proposing a framework for unified support.	Moderator: Ms. Amaka Nwaokolo, <i>Director, The FATE Institute</i> Panelists: Mrs. Folashade Ambrose-Medebem , Honourable Commissioner for Commerce, Cooperatives, Trade & Investment (CCT&I), Lagos State; Dr. Kings Jack , Divisional Head, MSME (South West), Bank of Industry ; Mr. Sadiq Usman , <i>Managing Director, FMN Agro & Group Director, Strategic Engagements</i>
12:15 PM – 12:35 PM	Break		
12:35 PM – 12:45 PM	Context Setting 2: Insights from the “Beyond the Hustle: Nigeria’s Industrial Reawakening Report”	Presenting the core findings and policy recommendations from the FATE Industrialization Report.	Dr. Wilson Erumebor , <i>Senior Research Fellow, The FATE Institute/ Principal Economist, ETC, Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG)</i>
12:45 PM – 1:35PM	Plenary 2: Building the Future: Skills, Technology and Energy	Examining the critical enablers for building an industrialized future: technology and AI; vocational skills and education; sustainable energy etc.	Moderator: Samirah Saleh-Jimeta , Executive Secretary, Women Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (WCCIMA) Panelists: Olumide Balogun , <i>Head, Google West Africa</i> ; Oare Ehiemua-Ochui , <i>Founder/CEO, OPL Academy</i> ; Kolawole Osinowo , <i>Group CEO, Izili & Senior Research Fellow, The FATE Institute</i> ; Yemisi Obe , <i>Managing Director, Prothrive Astute Heights</i>
1:35 PM – 1:45 PM	Micro Talk 2: Logistics as a Catalyst for Industrialization	Exploring the catalytic role that logistics plays in enabling competitiveness and industrialization.	Dr. Ejide Akinbiyi <i>Senior Research Fellow, The FATE Institute/CEO, Materials Pro</i>
1:45 PM – 1:55 PM	Program Summary & Key Next Steps	Summarizing the key policy and action recommendations agreed upon during the Dialogue, and defining the next steps for advocacy and partnership.	Dr. Femi Egbesola , <i>Vice-Chairman, PDS Technical Committee 2025 and President, ASBON</i>
1:55 PM – 2:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Formal vote of thanks and conclusion of the Dialogue.	Mrs Seyi Bella , <i>Board Director, FATE Foundation Partner, Banwo & Ighodalo</i>
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Networking Lunch	Informal engagement and networking between delegates, speakers, and policymakers.	N/A
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Departures		N/A