

Programme

Diaspora Dialogue

The NIPR Diaspora (Zone 7)
Sunday 19 June 2022 14.00 – 17.00 (CEST)

Moderated by **Krystal Udochi Gaillard**
All times in Central European Summer Time

The 2019 report of the African Polling Institute, on Nigeria's Social Cohesion highlights amongst other findings, that Nigeria is not a socially cohesive country, and more needs to be done by the government to promote oneness, trust, equity, inclusion, and hope for the future.

The NIPR's Diaspora Dialogue will bring together reputable diasporans to discuss and profess citizen's derived solutions and actions to re-energize our nationhood.

Opening Session

14.00 – 15.00

- Opening remarks – **Joe Itah**, Diaspora Relations Committee Chairman, NIPR
- Introducing the NIPR Summit – **Dr. Ike Neliaku**, National Planning Committee Chairman
- Remarks by **Mallam Mukhtar Sirajo**, President & Chairman of the NIPR Council
- Achieving Greatness with Diasporans – Special Guest, **Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa**, NIDCOM Chairman

Session 2: The complexity of Nigerian identity

15.00 – 16.00

- Addressing the pains and challenges of a Nigerian citizen in diaspora – **Frisky Larr** and **Alh. Misbah Akanni**
- Recognising the positive role and importance of multiculturalism in Nigeria – **Jonah Obinna Enefe**
- Diaspora and the NYSC scheme, what options? – **Mentoring Commandant Alistair Soyode**
- Reclaiming our country, regaining our identity – **Jumoke Akin-Taylor**

Session 3: The road to economic recovery

16.00 – 17.00

- Are we ready for diaspora voting in Nigeria's elections? Prospects & challenges – **Emmanuel Igah** and **Dede Kay**
- Enhancing global relevance and competitiveness of Nigeria through the Diaspora: framework, strategies, actions – **Hon. Collins Nweke**
- The role and contribution of WTO to Nigeria's Integration, Peace and Security – **H.E Amb (Dr) Adamu Abdulhamid**
- Q&A
- Closing word – **Winifred Gaillard**, Chairperson (Zone 7) Diaspora Dialogue Conference Committee