

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
**2024 ANNUAL GENERAL
CONFERENCE**
TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE, LAGOS



**PRELIMINARY
CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE**

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PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

20 August 2024

President's Cup
(NBA AGC Football Competition)

Onikan Stadium

Opening Ceremony
Kick Off

9:00am
10:00am

**20-
21** August 2024

Delegates Pre-Registration
(for Branches in Lagos State ONLY)

Nigerian Law School Foyer
(10:00am – 5:00pm Daily)

President's Cup
(Group Stage)

10:00am Daily

DAY ONE – FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2024

10.00am – 9.00pm

Opening of Delegates' Registration

Tafawa Balewa Square
Banquet Hall & Auditorium

1.00pm

Jumaat Service

Central Mosque,
Nnamdi Azikiwe Street,
Lagos Island

DAY TWO – SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2024

7:00am

Health Walk & Tree Planting

Tafawa Balewa Square
Ikoyi – Onikan Stadium

9:00am

**President’s Cup
(Quarter Finals)**

Onikan Stadium

10:00am – 9:00pm

Delegates Registration

Tafawa Balewa Square
Banquet Hall & Auditorium

2:00pm

Pre-Conference NEC

Nigerian Law School Auditorium
Victoria Island

6:00pm

Chief Judge’s Welcome Cocktail

Nigerian Law School Quadrangle,
Victoria Island

DAY THREE – SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2024

9:00am

Thanksgiving Service

Cathedral Church of Christ,
 Marina

10:00am – 10.00pm

Delegates’ Registration

Tafawa Balewa Square
 Banquet Hall & Auditorium

12:00noon – 2:00pm

Young Lawyers’ Introductory Session

Conference Arena,
 Tafawa Balewa Square

What Does it Take to Be a Lawyer?

This is the go-to session for young lawyers to start off the conference. In this session the leadership of the Young Lawyer’s Forum (“YLF”) – together with some extraordinary lawyers – will discuss the role of lawyers in society nowadays and the challenges they face. Among others, they will analyse what makes a good lawyer and what are the emerging areas that young lawyers need to be aware of. The session will enable attendees to reflect on what the profession is today, where it is going and what are the distinctive features that will always be there, despite any new challenges. It will be an open, alive and motivational dialogue with the purpose of inspiring young lawyers attending the conference.

4:00pm – 6:30pm

Opening Ceremony

Keynote Speaker –
Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, GCON

Eko Hotel & Suites
 Convention Centre

7:00pm

Opening of the Friendship Centre

By the President of the NBA,
Mr. Y.C. Maikyau, OON SAN

Tafawa Balewa Square
 Marquee

DAY FOUR – MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024

10:00am – 9:00pm **Delegates Registration**

Tafawa Balewa Square
Banquet Hall & Auditorium

9:00am – 12.00noon **OPENING PLENARY**

Eko Hotel & Suites
Convention Centre

9:00am – 10:30am **Africa's Future Amidst Rising Security,
Economic and Political Challenges.**

The recent coups d'état in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Niger and Mali are worrisome reminders of the fragile nature of democratic governance in most parts of the African continent. Addressing these complexities of Africa's emerging economic, political and security landscape requires careful consideration. Resolving them is central to the attainment of the continent's socioeconomic and developmental goals. All participants are invited to this engaging dialogue where His Excellency, John Dramani Mahama, former President of the Republic of Ghana will share his perspectives on tangible solutions to address the continent's persistent market, governance, and institutional failures.

Keynote Speaker

His Excellency,
John Dramani Mahama

10:40am – 12.10pm **The Glass is Shattered! Insights from
Nigeria's Female Banking Leaders on
Achieving Career Success and Staying
Relevant**

This dynamic panel brings together Nigeria's leading female bank Managing Directors to share their journeys to the top, offering invaluable insights into achieving career success and maintaining relevance in a competitive industry. Their diverse experiences and proven strategies will provide a roadmap for aspiring leaders within the legal profession and beyond. Attendees will gain a wealth of knowledge from these trailblazing leaders, including practical advice and inspiration to navigate their own career paths. This session aims to empower female legal professionals to break barriers, pursue leadership roles, and contribute to a more equitable and dynamic professional landscape in Nigeria.

Panelists

Kafilat Araoye
Lotus Bank
Halima Buba
SunTrust Bank
Yetunde Oni
Union Bank
Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe
Fidelity Bank
Bukola Smith
FSDH Merchant Bank
Tomi Somefun
Unity Bank

1:00pm - 2:00pm

LUNCH

Conference Lunch Court,
Tafawa Balewa Square

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT SESSION I

2:30pm - 4:15pm

The Rise of Artificial Intelligence and The Practice of Law. What Are the Issues the Nigerian Bar Association Should Be Addressing Right Now, And How?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

This session will explore the transformative impact of artificial intelligence (“AI”) on the Administration of Justice system including its potential to revolutionize court processes. Gain insights into the challenges and opportunities that AI presents in ensuring fair and efficient administration of justice. The panel will discuss ethical considerations, data privacy, and the role of human judgment in an AI-driven courtroom. Discover how Nigerian courts can harness AI to enhance access to justice and uphold the rule of law.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION II

Intersection of Rule of Law and Human Rights in Nigeria: Unlocking Opportunities for a Democratic Future

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

With a government that assumed power on May 29, 2023, prospects have grown for significant reforms to, or even revocation of, various statutes that violate civil and political rights including freedom of expression and association, and peaceful public assembly. There is also the knotty debate around the justiciability of Chapter 2 rights in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended). From the perspective of the human rights community, this session will discuss the new challenges to the nature and application of human rights and why government should intensify its efforts to remove obstacles to the realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION III

Championing Pro Bono: Mobilising the Legal Profession to Make a Difference.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

This session aims to explore the critical role of pro bono work in advancing access to justice and driving positive change within Nigeria's legal landscape. Through engaging discussions and real-life examples, from Nigeria, South Africa and United States, the speakers will highlight the unique challenges and opportunities faced by lawyers. It is also hoped that the session will provide a platform in which managers, pro bono providers and activists can share their experiences and suggestions on addressing such topics as the extent to which pro-bono services can properly be utilized to supplement shortcomings in state legal aid provision and how to effectively facilitate and nurture a sustainable pro-bono culture and be inspired to leverage your legal skills to create a lasting impact. Join the movement for change.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION IV

Legal Practice within the Sub-Saharan African Region: Understanding the Opportunities Provided by the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) has been said to have the potential to transform intra-African trade and enhance the growth of African economies. With a combined market of more than 1.2 billion people and a combined GDP of US\$2.5 trillion, it is obvious that lawyers on the continent should pay attention to the implementation of AfCFTA. This session will examine the place of the legal profession within the framework of AfCFTA. It will examine the potential benefits that could accrue to the legal profession on the continent and how to put African law firms in a state of preparedness.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION V

Arakunrin Rotimi Akeredolu Leadership Series: Is State Police a Solution to National Insecurity?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

Concerns about national security has called to question the centralization of policing in Nigeria and advanced the debate for decentralization-enabling the States establish, maintain and control their police formations. Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, former President, Nigerian Bar Association was in the forefront of agitation for the decentralization of Nigerian Police and the creation of states policing architecture geared towards developing a formidable local police force that will complement existing security agencies in maintaining law and order and securing the lives and properties of all Nigerians. This session will evaluate the feasibility of state policing in curbing the menace of insecurity in Nigeria. It will discuss concerns about abuse of state policing structures for political ends, funding, budgetary allocation etc. in drawing its conclusions.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION VI

Making Nigeria a Safe Arbitration Seat: Cultivating Trust, Efficiency, and Reli- ability in Dispute Resolution.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

This session will focus on Nigeria's unique attributes as a safe arbitration seat, exploring its progressive arbitration laws, developing infrastructure, and pool of arbitrators. Through an engaging panel discussion, renowned legal experts and industry leaders will give insights into the state of arbitration in Nigeria, including opportunities provided by the recently enacted Arbitration legislation. The panellists will also discuss the safeguards and advantages that Nigeria offers to parties involved in international arbitration as well as what more needs to be done by way of legal, regulatory and infrastructural intervention in the arbitration space.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION VII

Ensuring Adequacy of Minimum Wages - Mission Impossible?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The review of the national minimum wage has recently been the subject of much controversy and debate occasioned in large part by the cost-of-living crisis. Proponents of raising minimum wages argue that changes are needed to help incomes keep pace with increasing costs of living, and a higher minimum wage will lift millions out of poverty. Opponents of raising the minimum wage believe that higher wages could lead to inflation, make companies less competitive, and result in job losses. This session is aimed at deepening the understanding of participants of the legal regime and the economic and political considerations for the fixing and review of the national minimum wage.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION VIII

Strengthening Representative Leadership and Good Governance: Are the Youths Ready to Break from the Status-Quo?

The youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow but also the inheritors of today's decisions, therefore making their engagement in leadership roles pivotal for shaping a better future for the African continent. But why is youth leadership vital? There are still questions about whether they have the temperament, the knowledge and skills required to succeed in such roles. Do they have the right models to follow? Do they fully understand what it means to lead themselves first and then others? This session will examine the unique contributions youths bring to the table as well as the state of youth economic and political empowerment on the continent. Are youths on the continent ready, able and willing to offer a different approach to solving our myriad of problems on the continent including the ability to challenge the status quo?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION IX

Issues in Judicial Constitutional Reform

The need to ensure the independence of the judiciary and the functioning of the judicial system in the interest of society continues to be an important source of activity for the NBA. The Federal Ministry of Justice, the National Judicial Council, and the NBA recently co-organised a National Justice Summit at which key proposals for constitutional judicial reforms were considered. Recurrent issues discussed include the procedure of appointment and elevation of judicial officers, the administration, budgeting and funding of the judiciary, the independence and immunity of judges, their discipline, the composition, mandate and independence of the judicial councils, the appraisal systems for judges and judicial ethics and delays in the administration of justice. This session will discuss the proposals for constitutional and institutional reform of the judiciary, identifying the priority areas that require urgent attention.

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Tafawa Balewa Square

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION IX

A Look at the Proposed Amendments to the Legal Practitioners Act.

The Legal Practitioners Act is now subject of review by the NBA. There have been a number of conflicting proposals before the National Assembly on key practical issues including required qualifications for both domestic and foreign legal professionals working in a jurisdiction; common legal professional structures; national regulators, legal professional insurance and client protection; confidentiality and legal professional privilege; legal fees and fee regulation; client money; and notaries. The National Assembly has now called on the legal profession and its regulatory affiliates to put its house in order to enable the enactment of the passage of a legislative framework that reflects the concerns of lawyers. This session will examine NBA proposals for the review of the Legal Practitioners Act.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

2:30pm – 4:15pm

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Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

3:00pm

President's Cup Finals

Onikan Stadium

7:00pm

President's Dinner

Eko Hotel & Suites
Convention Centre

DAY FIVE – TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2024

BREAKOUT SESSION I

9:30am – 11:30am

Lawyers in the Spotlight: Essential Anti-Money Laundering Considerations for the Legal Profession.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

Join the specialists from the NBA Money Laundering taskforce and exceptional local and foreign practitioners, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, and Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit to discuss a wide range of topics including the growing concern about the role that lawyers play in the facilitation of money laundering; the designation of the legal profession as ‘gatekeepers’ in the fight against money laundering, offences in Nigerian legislation for which lawyers who are believed to have facilitated money laundering on behalf of a client, or in the process of assisting or providing services to a client, can be prosecuted.

9:30am – 11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION II

What Will Successful Law Firms Look Like in The Future?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

There is a broad consensus that law firms will face significant challenges in the coming years due to changing client expectations, increased competition, and technological disruption. It is therefore clear that law firms must adapt to these challenges by embracing innovative technologies, adopting more efficient business models, and rethinking their approach to legal service delivery. The panelists at this session will share their perspectives on how law firms can leverage technology to streamline their operations and deliver more cost-effective, innovative legal services and provide clients with faster and more accurate legal advice.

9:30am – 11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION III

International Court of Justice in the Spotlight: Lessons from South Africa's Genocide Case against Israel.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has been placed firmly in the global spotlight following South Africa's decision to turn to the world tribunal after accusing Israel of violating its obligations under the Genocide Convention. The ICJ is the only international court that settles disputes between the 193 United Nations Member States. This means that it makes an important contribution to global peace and security, providing a way for countries to resolve issues without resorting to conflict. Questions have been raised about the effectiveness of this body especially as it concerns the binding effect of its advisory opinions. Panelists at this session will include lawyers from the South African legal team sharing their experience with an array of international law practitioners on the relevance of the ICJ in an increasing divided world in need of an effective dispute resolution institution.

9:30am – 11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION IV

From Innovation to Access: Empowering Lawyers and Communities Through Emerging Technologies.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The session delves into the transformative impact of emerging technologies on the legal landscape: (i) Discover how these advancements revolutionise our work and reshape the legal profession; (ii) Gain valuable insights into the opportunities for legal innovation and automation, streamlining processes, and enhancing efficiency for lawyers and law firms; and (iii) Explore how we can reimagine a future where these technologies and innovation can enhance the delivery of legal services to various communities. In this session, we will navigate technology and law, shaping a more inclusive and accessible legal future.

9:30am –11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION V

Challenges to Legal Education: Where Are We Now?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

A popular belief is that legal education begins in universities, and that brilliant and courageous lawyers are products of good universities. The judiciary, law practitioners and even educators have often lamented that the quality of law graduates has been declining steadily, and this is of grave concern. With the rapid and unparalleled development in new areas of practice, legal technology as well as legal innovations, the teaching of law must shift into new territory. This session will examine the state of legal education including a discussion on whether Nigeria needs a Law School.

9:30am –11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION VI

CAMA Is Four Years Old: What Has Changed?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The enactment of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020 (CAMA) was seen as one of the most consequential interventions in the corporate and business regime in Nigeria. Its objective was to remove regulatory hurdles that have continuously beleaguered the smooth conduct of business activities alongside increase investor confidence in Nigeria and promoting the ease of doing business in Nigeria. It has now been four years since the enactment of the Act, what has been its impact on corporate governance? Has the Act supported the strengthening, deepening, widening and or improvement of the business environment in Nigeria including the accumulation of desperately needed capital required to; reflate our economy, enhance company investments, and build needed infrastructure? These are the questions the panelists at this session will seek to discuss.

9:30am –11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION VII

Conflicting Decisions, Knowingly Made: Endangering the Rule of Law and Eco- nomic Growth.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The incident of conflicting judicial decisions is sometimes unavoidable due to the dynamics and the breadth of our legal system. However, there is a recent spate of conflicting decisions of an inexcusable specie that have gained notoriety and have increasingly become an embarrassment to the Bar and the Bench. These occur where litigants who are parties in litigation against whom an adverse decision has been made, knowingly go before another court of coordinate jurisdiction to secure a contrary and conflicting decision. While there is broad consensus that these developments constitute a danger to the rule of law and Nigeria's economic development, the Bar and the Bench are not doing enough to deter this phenomenon by enforcing relevant regulatory sanctions. should respond.

9:30am –11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION VIII

Fireside Chat: Take a Seat inside the Meet- ing Room with The Honourable Attor- ney-General of The Federation and His Justice Sector Reform Team, as they give update(s) on Reforms in The Justice Sector.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice has severally stated that there is the need for a fundamental rethinking of our justice system with a view to achieving a justice system that promotes constitutional values, is transparent, responsive and provides justice for all. The present challenge is to translate this statement of commitment to tangible outcomes for all Nigerians and all communities, regardless of ethnic group, gender, money, social class or any other difference. Participants are invited to join this interactive session where **Prince Lateef Fagbemi, SAN (Attorney-General of the Federation & Minister for Justice)** will discuss his various legal, policy and administrative interventions for managing the transformation of the justice system and the institutions that deliver justice.

9:30am –11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION IX

Lawyers Verdict: The Economy – On Track or Side-Track?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

This session will discuss the current state of the Nigerian economy and the challenges the country faces. It will offer insights into the current economic climate, potential for growth, and above all, would help lawyers better advise their clients, including to consider remedial or defensive measures. Our panellists will examine various facets of this issue, including the impact of removal of petroleum subsidy and the reforms in the foreign exchange market on the economy, inflation, employment, and investment opportunities. They will also discuss the role of government policies in driving economic recovery, the importance of international trade, and the need for innovation and adaptability to thrive amidst constantly evolving economic landscapes.

9:30am –11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION X

Traditional Rulers Roundtable: Proposals for Integrating Traditional with the Contemporary in Justice Delivery.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

Concern about the efficacy of the formal Administration of Justice system has led to increasing attention being paid to traditional justice systems. Nonetheless, despite the rhetorical acknowledgement of the importance of traditional and informal justice systems, the biggest challenge to a balanced and well-informed appreciation of traditional/informal justice systems is the existence of a knowledge gap. Consequently, the national discussion on this issue is largely based on weak data, ex ante evaluation and speculation. This session will discuss the framework of the traditional justice methods in several Nigerian ethnic groups with a focus on the role of traditional courts or the forum of elders, the methods of settlement of disputes including the practices, customs and traditions of the people that were devised as ways of maintaining peace and tranquility. Panelists will also examine whether there exist opportunities for the convergence of the traditional and contemporary justice system.

9:30am – 11:30am

BREAKOUT SESSION XI

Special Interest Session / Nigerian Army / Nigerian Air Force / Nigerian Navy/ Nigeria Police/ Nigerian Correctional Services - Are We Winning the War Against Insecurity?

Shell Hall,
MUSON Centre

This is a special interest group session of security agencies in Nigeria. Nigeria is presently bedeviled by an abundance of security challenges that constitutes a threat to the nation's existence. The prevalence of insecurity in the country is multipronged and comprises insurgency, killer herdsmen, extrajudicial killings, ethno-religious conflict, armed robbery, militancy, banditry, cybercrime and attacks by unknown gunmen, among other things. There is a compelling need to address the protracted and recurring multidimensional insecurity in Nigeria. This moderated session will provide an opportunity for participants to engage security agencies on the national security strategy.

12:30pm – 2.00pm

LUNCH

Conference Lunch Court,
Tafawa Balewa Square

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Symposium: Globalisation of the Legal Profession

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The recent United Kingdom and Nigeria Enhanced Trade Investment Partnership Agreement signed in February 2024 generated much furore within the legal profession particularly with respect to the agreement on the provision of legal services. The very idea of allowing foreign law firm access to the Nigerian legal market unsettled many practitioners, especially as most local Nigerian firms do not have access to the British legal market. The current reality is that economic globalisation is shaping the present and the future of legal practice in Nigeria. This session will provide participants with an opportunity to reflect upon-rather than merely react to- globalisation with a view to thinking about globalisation both offensively and defensively considering both the opportunities and challenges globalisation presents.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION II

From Crisis to Action: Is the tide rising against Gender-Based Violence?

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

Gender-based violence (GBV) is one of the most widespread human rights abuses in the world, affecting individuals and impacting entire communities. In Nigeria, it is driven by gender inequality and can take many forms, including intimate partner violence; sexual violence and harassment; child, early, and forced marriage; and other manifestations of violence that are rooted in abuse of power and harmful norms. This session will evaluate the adequacy of legislative and institutional response to GBV in Nigeria, side by side with an appreciation of experiences from other countries with a view to addressing gender-based violence has a critical area of intervention that must continue to be elevated as a prominent issue of national discuss.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION III

Navigating Legal Currents: Understanding Recent Developments in Shipping and Admiralty Law and Their Relevance to General Commercial Practice.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

Nigeria has a vested interest in ensuring the safety, security, and sustainability of its maritime trade, activities, and the environment. Recent developments in Nigeria's admiralty laws have sought to enhance the legal framework governing maritime matters and promote its position as a key player in the maritime industry, while at the same time, reflecting Nigeria's commitment to upholding maritime safety, security, and environmental sustainability. This session will review some of the most important legal developments in maritime law including the law of shipping contracts, marine insurance, seafarers' rights and admiralty issues. There will also be a discussion on the effects of these developments on Nigeria's blue economy.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION IV

Exploring Contemporary issues in Administration of Criminal Justice: Perspectives and Insights.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

In recent years, Nigeria has witnessed significant developments in its criminal justice landscape in addressing emerging challenges. Some notable developments include the enactment of Administration of Criminal Justice Laws in several states, the Correctional Services Act, updated practice directions to provide judges with more discretion in adjudication and case management. However, challenges persist in the Criminal Justice System. Issues such as delays in trials, access to legal representation, and overcrowding in correctional facilities, require ongoing attention and reforms. This session will examine the adequacy of existing laws and other institutional reform initiatives at the Federal and State levels while proffering practical measures for achieving sustainable reforms in our criminal justice system.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION V

Nigeria Governors' Forum on Judicial Infrastructure.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

The Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) is an important platform of collaboration between states irrespective of party differences and economic strength. One of the issues that the NBA has engaged the NGF, is the need for a holistic improvement in judicial infrastructure in the states. In particular, the poor funding and limited attention paid to magistrates' courts and similar courts of coordinate jurisdiction is a matter of much concern. This is more so when it is realized that these courts deal with the bulk of citizens' matters. This moderated session will examine the state of judicial infrastructure across the states including the state of lower courts and whether it is possible to achieve a consensus on minimum standards for the improvement of the judicial infrastructure in State Courts while at the same time focusing conditions of service of officials of lower courts.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION VI

Lawyers in Parliament Forum

This is a special interests session aimed at providing a platform for lawyers in the National and State Houses of Assembly to meet, deliberate and agree on concrete legislative and oversight actions on matters relating to the Justice Sector. This special interest group will be formally inaugurated during the session.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION VII

All Work and No Rest: Promoting peak performance for Lawyers through Health and Well-Being interventions.

In the high-stakes, fast-paced world of legal practice, lawyers are often subjected to enormous stress levels, prolonged work hours and expectations of constant high performance. They carry the weight of their clients' problems, and frequently navigate through complex and emotionally charged situations. These challenges, if not managed effectively, can lead to burnout, anxiety, depression and a host of other mental health issues. This engaging session will discuss Healthy Lifestyle Tips for Lawyers to Maintain Wellness and Well-Being.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION VIII

Beyond Nigeria's 2023 General Elections: Pending Issues in Electoral Reform

In broad terms, electoral reforms are undertaken to improve the electoral process by promoting the electoral rights of citizens and by operationalizing key principles such as impartiality, inclusiveness, transparency, integrity and accuracy. Continuous reflection, reform and adaptation of the legal framework governing electoral processes that are based on experiences, reviews and assessments are necessary interventions in aid of Nigeria's democratic consolidation. This session will discuss the adequacy of the legal and institutional reforms so far undertaken to enhance Nigeria's Electoral System. There will be an examination of existing case law following the 2023 General Elections and the implications for future elections.

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION IX

Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018: Implementation in Words or Deeds?

Conference Arena,
 Tafawa Balewa Square

The Enactment of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act was a significant milestone in enabling a legal framework for the protection and promotion of the rights of persons living with disabilities. There is presently a growing concern that the euphoria that greeted the enactment of the Act is waning largely due to challenges in its enforcement. Panelists on this session will include policymakers, subject matter experts and lawyers. They will share their perspectives on several significant themes encompassing access and inclusion in public life, enforcement of rights and broadly examine progress or lack thereof in the implementation of the Act.

2:30pm – 4:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSION X

Is The Draft Bill on The Administration of Civil Justice: A Panacea to Ease of Doing Business in Nigeria?

Conference Arena,
 Tafawa Balewa Square

The NBA seeks to promote measures that improve the ease of doing business in Nigeria, to support a vibrant economy and facilitate enterprises to create employment. The accessibility, usability and efficiency of the civil justice system has important implications for the ease of doing business in Nigeria. The Administration of Civil Justice Bill seeks to reform the judicial process including case management and court automation. Case management deficiencies which the bill seeks to reform include having no maximum to the number of adjournments sought, the lack of electronic case management tools and the lack of a pretrial conference for case management. This session will examine the draft Administration of Justice Bill, referencing examples of the Administration of Justice Laws in Delta and Ekiti States.

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Elders Nite

(For Lawyers 20 years & above post call, SANs Benchers, AG's & Judges – Strictly by Invitation)

Freedom Park, Broad Street,
 Lagos Island

7:30pm – 4:00am

UnBARred: 7.0

Onikan Stadium

DAY SIX – WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2024

9:30am

SECTION AGMs

Conference Arena,
Tafawa Balewa Square

- Section on Business Law
- Section on Legal Practice
- Section on Public Interest and Development Law
- NBA Women's Forum
- NBA Young Lawyers Forum

12:00 noon

NBA AGM

Onikan Stadium

DAY SEVEN – THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2024

10:00am

POST AGC Press Conference

MUSON Centre, Onikan

11:00am

**Inauguration of New
National Officers & Handover**

MUSON Centre, Onikan

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A NATIONAL POSTURE FOR REBUILDING NIGERIA

23 - 28 AUGUST 2024