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Nigeria is now Africa’s leading economy and an investment hotspot for some of the world’s largest brands. Despite the recent dramatic fall in oil prices, a 6.5% average growth rate for non-oil sectors over the last three years, suggests dynamism far beyond the country’s historical mainstay of oil and gas.

Nine months on from President Buhari taking office, The Economist Events’ 2016 Nigeria Summit will bring together the key government ministries, industry and business leaders as well as representatives of Nigerian civil society; together with international investors, economists and academics to discuss and debate what the future holds for Nigeria and how the country can take its place among the world’s top emerging markets.
14:00 AFTERNOON KEYNOTE INTERVIEW: INVESTMENT FROM ABROAD

In this exclusive interview, a key foreign investor will discuss his experience operating in the African banking space and the role he sees FDI playing in the future. The interview will delve into the central opportunities which attracted the interviewee to invest in the region, their ambitions for an African banking presence and the challenges and risks they face in operating a leading bank from abroad.

BOB DIAMOND, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Atlas Merchant Capital

14:25 PANEL DISCUSSION: HAND-IN-HAND—ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SECURITY

Dramatically reducing poverty is not just a matter of personal morality but also of national security. Economic growth and national security are intrinsically linked. In this discussion, the expert speakers will share their insights into how Nigeria can overcome the challenges it faces in order to achieve economic diversification, job creation and a more effective conversion of growth into rising incomes for the country’s 173m citizens.

FRANKLIN CUDJOE, Founding President and Chief Executive Officer, IMANI

15:05 KEYNOTE INTERVIEW: THE ECONOMY AFTER OIL—RESTRUCTURING PUBLIC FINANCES

Oil and gas account for more than 90% of Nigeria’s export earnings and contribute around three quarters of government revenue but when oil prices dropped last year, Nigeria’s currency, the naira, fell by 18% against the US dollar over a six-month period, underscoring the need for diversification. In this keynote interview, the discussion will focus on the government’s economic policy moving forward, the challenges that need to be overcome and how officials plan to plug the hole in the public finances that the fall in oil prices has opened up whilst reducing extreme poverty.

15:30 AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

16:00 ONE-ON-ONE: THE FUTURE OF NIGERIA’S PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

The administration of the president plans to amend Nigeria’s long-stalled Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB). It is also proposing to split the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) into two companies. What does this mean for Nigeria’s petroleum sector? Will it mean that investment is unlocked?

16:25 PANEL DISCUSSION: INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DIVERSIFICATION – BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS

The vast majority of companies in Nigeria are micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Small and medium sized enterprises act as engines of diversification. Nigeria’s government has shown strong interest in nurturing SMEs, launching funding tools, lowering business registration costs by 60% and adopting pioneering technologies in agriculture and financial services. However, little is known about the world of entrepreneurs, how they have grown and how they are evolving. Will this mean that investment is unlocked?

17:15 AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

18:30 DINNER
innovation? What does innovation in Nigeria look like and will it meet national needs? How can the public and private sectors collaborate to innovate?

ISSAM DARWISH, Executive Vice-chairman and Chief Executive Officer, IHS

17:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: FOSTERING THE SKILLS FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE

Nigeria is facing one of the world’s worst learning crises and desperately needs to rethink education. Due to rapid population growth, there are now more than 10m out of school children.

What is the government planning next? What is the responsibility of the private sector to train and develop the nation’s youth? How can vocational training, internships and apprenticeships provide a solution?

AMY JADESIMI, Managing Director, LADOL (Lagos Deep Offshore Logistics Base)
ANI CHARLES BASSEY-EYO, Chief Executive Officer, LANI Group and Co-founder, Axiom Learning Solutions

17:55 CHAIRMAN’S CLOSING REMARKS
JONATHAN ROSENTHAL, Africa Editor, The Economist

18:00 CLOSE OF DAY ONE AND NETWORKING RECEPTION

DAY TWO – TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH 2016

07:45 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

09:00 CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND RE-CAP OF DAY ONE
JONATHAN ROSENTHAL, Africa Editor, The Economist

09:05 KEYNOTE PANEL: THE STATE GOVERNOR PANEL

Nigeria is made up of 36 states which enjoy considerable autonomy. In this opening panel discussion, a selection of state governors will share their views on what needs to be done to encourage increased investment and sustained growth.

09:50 IN CONVERSATION: MEETING THE CONSUMERS’ NEEDS

FMCG firms in Nigeria are having a difficult year. The slump in oil price, the falling foreign exchange reserves and the devaluation of the Naira have all contributed to this. What does the future hold for Nigeria’s FMCG sector? What specific challenges are industry players facing? Can FMCG companies cater for all consumers in a high-cost environment?

10:35 PANEL DISCUSSION: PROVIDING A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR THE NIGERIAN PEOPLE

Nigeria has been working towards universal healthcare since 2005 however, its healthcare indicators have stagnated or worsened during the past decade. Couple this with an expanding middle class and there is increasing pressure on healthcare reforms. How can the Nigerian Government and private sector collaborate to widen the availability of healthcare services?

KWASI BOAHENE, Director Advocacy and Resource Mobilization, PharmAccess Group
FOLA LAOYE, Chairman, Hygeia Group

11:20 MORNING REFRESHMENTS

11:40 PANEL DISCUSSION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND POWER: THE FOUNDATIONS OF GROWTH

Nigeria’s road and rail system remains insufficient and its energy sector, inefficient. These are the biggest obstacles to a flourishing economy. However is this all about to change? Nigeria’s privatisation of the power sector holds promise for fixing the country’s energy supply, but when will its impact be felt? Will persistent low oil prices impact on capital spending on infrastructure or will investment in infrastructure be prioritised?

12:25 PANEL DISCUSSION: AGRICULTURE: REAPING WHAT YOU SOW

McKinsey, a consulting firm, believes that Nigeria could easily double its agricultural output over the next 15 years by introducing some simple reforms. Some of these reforms have already been made. However, what more can and needs to be done?

13:10 CLOSING KEYNOTE: LOOKING BEYOND THE HORIZON

JONATHAN ROSENTHAL, Africa Editor, The Economist

13:30 CHAIRMAN’S CLOSING REMARKS
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