

# OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT

CONFERENCE PLAN, CONCEPT NOTE, STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK, AND EXECUTION GUIDE



## INSTITUTE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL STUDIES (IGGPS)

Advancing Ethical Leadership. Strengthening institutions Shaping Africa's Future

### IGGPS ABUJA

2026 MAIDEN INDUCTION &  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
GOOD GOVERNANCE AND  
DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT

#### THEME:

“Rebuilding Public Trust,  
Strengthening Democratic  
Institutions, and Advancing  
Good Governance in Nigeria,”

*Organized By:*

Institute of Good Governance and Political Studies (IGGPS)

#### Venue:

Abuja, Federal Capital Territory  
(FCT), Nigeria

#### Date:

30<sup>th</sup> JULY  
2026

#### Conference Category:

National Leadership,  
Governance, and  
Policy Conference

#### Event Type:

Induction Ceremony,  
Leadership Summit,  
Policy Dialogue, Awards  
& Networking Event

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The Institute of Good Governance and Political Studies (IGGPS) proudly presents its Maiden Induction and National Conference on Good Governance and Democratic Development, scheduled to hold in Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria.

This landmark gathering is designed to serve as a strategic national platform for policy dialogue, democratic engagement, institutional collaboration, leadership development, and governance innovation aimed at addressing the growing governance challenges confronting Nigeria and Africa.

The conference comes at a critical time in Nigeria's democratic journey when issues of public trust, accountability, leadership credibility, institutional transparency, civic participation, national unity, youth inclusion, and sustainable governance have become central to national discourse.

The event will bring together distinguished policymakers, government officials, diplomats, academics, governance experts, political leaders, development partners, civil society organizations, traditional rulers, youth leaders, entrepreneurs, and international stakeholders to discuss practical pathways toward rebuilding public confidence and strengthening democratic institutions.

# 2. ABOUT IGGPS

The Institute of Good Governance and Political Studies (IGGPS) is a professional, leadership, governance, and policy-oriented institution committed to promoting ethical leadership, democratic advancement, public policy development, civic responsibility, institutional excellence, and sustainable nation-building.

The Institute was established to serve as a center for:

- Governance research and policy advocacy
- Leadership development and executive education
- Democratic studies and political enlightenment
- Institutional strengthening and public sector reform
- Civic education and citizen engagement
- Capacity building for leaders and public administrators
- Strategic national and international collaborations
- Professional certification and recognition in governance and leadership studies

IGGPS is committed to raising a new generation of responsible leaders while contributing to the development of transparent, accountable, and sustainable governance systems across Africa and the international community.

### **3. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE**

Nigeria's democratic and governance landscape has experienced significant transformations over the years. While democratic structures have continued to evolve, several challenges remain critical to national development.

**These challenges include:**

- Declining public trust in governance institutions
- Electoral credibility concerns
- Corruption and accountability gaps
- Leadership deficiencies
- Youth exclusion from governance processes
- Weak institutional structures
- Political polarization and civic distrust
- Insecurity and social instability
- Economic hardship and governance expectations
- Low citizen participation in policymaking

The need for strategic dialogue and institutional collaboration has therefore become more urgent than ever.

The IGGPS National Conference seeks to provide a solution-oriented platform where thought leaders and stakeholders can engage in constructive discussions capable of generating practical recommendations for governance reforms and democratic advancement.

This conference is designed not merely as a ceremonial gathering, but as a national intellectual and policy-driven movement toward rebuilding Nigeria's democratic confidence and institutional strength.

### **4. CONFERENCE THEME EXPLANATION**

***THEME:* “Rebuilding Public Trust, Strengthening Democratic Institutions, and Advancing Good Governance in Nigeria”**

The conference theme reflects the urgent national need to restore confidence in public institutions and governance systems.

Public trust is the foundation of every successful democracy. When citizens trust their institutions, democratic participation increases, national unity improves, investment grows, and governance becomes more effective.

**The theme focuses on:**

- Rebuilding citizens' confidence in leadership
- Promoting ethical and accountable governance
- Strengthening democratic institutions
- Encouraging transparency and policy reforms
- Advancing citizen participation in governance
- Promoting national peace and institutional integrity
- Encouraging youth involvement in democratic processes
- Building sustainable governance systems for future generations

The conference aims to move beyond political rhetoric and provide practical solutions capable of driving national transformation.

## **5. VISION OF THE CONFERENCE**

To establish a globally respected governance and leadership platform that promotes democratic excellence, institutional accountability, ethical leadership, and sustainable national development.

## **6. MISSION STATEMENT**

To convene policymakers, governance experts, leaders, institutions, and citizens in a collaborative environment focused on generating practical solutions for strengthening democratic systems, rebuilding public trust, and advancing good governance in Nigeria and Africa.

## **7. CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES**

The major objectives of the conference are to:

1. Promote dialogue on democratic development and governance reforms.

2. Rebuild public trust in governance institutions.
3. Strengthen institutional accountability and transparency.
4. Encourage ethical leadership and responsible governance.
5. Promote youth and women participation in governance.
6. Facilitate collaboration between government, private sector, academia, and civil society.
7. Generate policy recommendations for national development.
8. Promote civic engagement and democratic participation.
9. Encourage institutional reforms and leadership innovation.
10. Position IGGPS as a leading governance and policy institution.

## **8. STRATEGIC GOALS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

**The conference seeks to achieve the following outcomes:**

- Development of practical governance reform recommendations
- Strengthening of stakeholder collaboration in governance processes
- Increased awareness on democratic accountability
- Improved dialogue between citizens and institutions
- Promotion of peace, unity, and responsible leadership
- Institutional partnerships and policy collaborations
- Increased youth engagement in governance discussions
- Publication of conference resolutions and policy communique
- International recognition for IGGPS as a governance think tank

## **9. IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE TO NIGERIA**

**The conference is expected to contribute significantly to:**

- National democratic consolidation
- Leadership development
- Institutional strengthening
- Political stability
- Public accountability reforms

- National unity and peace-building
- Governance innovation
- Civic education and citizen engagement
- Public policy development
- International governance collaboration

The conference will also position Abuja as a strategic center for governance and democratic policy discussions in Africa.

## 10. TARGET PARTICIPANTS

**The conference will attract participants from across Nigeria and beyond, including:**

- Government officials
- Ministers and heads of agencies
- Senators and legislators
- State governors and political office holders
- Traditional rulers
- Diplomats and international organizations
- University vice chancellors and academics
- Civil society organizations
- Youth and women leaders
- Governance and policy experts
- Public administrators
- Political analysts
- Development partners
- Media organizations
- Religious leaders
- Corporate organizations
- Students and researchers
- Professional bodies and institutions