Focus: Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria

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Executive Summary

Knowledge is playing key role in the development of societies and regions. Arising from the United Nations acceptance and support for the global Agenda Knowledge for Development, cities and regions around the world are now adapting and creating their own know development Agenda in order to transform into Knowledge cities and Knowledge societies.

Towards starting the conversation to develop a Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria, Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd/GTE in collaboration with Knowledge for Development Initiative (K4DI) and in partnership with the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) convened the first Nigerian Knowledge for Development Partnership Roundtable. The Roundtable drew delegates from diverse sectors in Nigeria. The delegates provided wholehearted inputs toward the development of Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria.

A Think Tank group is working to fine-tune the inputs together with collated statements from selected organisations and individuals, and to prepare the Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria. The first edition of the Agenda document will be presented to the public during the Knowledge Week/Knowledge Conference planned for November 2019.
Section 1

Background

The United Nations Agenda 2030, with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, was agreed upon by world leaders in 2015. The document calls for a multi-stakeholder partnership for sharing knowledge and technology to achieve all the other Goals. The Goals and strategies for developing knowledge as a resource for sustainable development were missing among the Goals.

In January 2015, a group of Knowledge for Development experts and practitioners, led by Dr. Andreas Brandner, initiated the process for Agenda for Knowledge Development, providing a universal framework for the advancement of knowledge in societies, strengthening the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Owing to the collaboration with the United Nations, in 2017 the Agenda for Knowledge Development was presented at the UN Office in Geneva to all UN Organizations. The Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP) was inaugurated at that occasion. In December 2018, the third edition of the Agenda was presented at World Trade office in Geneva. It was well received by the United Nations in Vienna, Geneva and New York, and was supported by world leading figures including:

- The Director-General of UNESCO
- Chancellor of Austria
- A host of other eminent personalities the world over
The Knowledge Management Practitioners of most of all UN Organizations have signed the K4D Partnership declaration and currently more than 400 partners are supporting K4DP. On 25 September 2019 it will be presented at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Agenda for Knowledge Development focuses on:

- The future we want
- Human Capital Development

Knowledge for Development Partnership is committed to this focus by advancing 14 Knowledge Development Goals
Table 1: The 14 Knowledge Development Goals

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<td>Goal 1</td>
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<td>Knowledge cities and rural-urban linkages</td>
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<td>Goal 6</td>
<td>Advanced knowledge strategies in public and development organisations</td>
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<td>Goal 7</td>
<td>Capture, preservation and democratisation of knowledge</td>
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<td>Fair, dynamic knowledge markets</td>
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<td>Safety, security and sustainability</td>
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<td>Improved knowledge competences</td>
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<td>Goal 12</td>
<td>Institutions of higher education to play an active role</td>
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<td>Goal 13</td>
<td>Information and communication technologies (ICTs) for all</td>
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<td>Goal 14</td>
<td>The arts, culture and religion are central to knowledge societies</td>
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Adapting to Knowledge Cities/Societies

Arising from the United Nations acceptance and support for the global Agenda Knowledge for Development, cities and regions around the world are now adapting and developing their own Knowledge Development Agenda in order to transform into Knowledge cities and Knowledge societies.
Characteristics of a Knowledge City (Society)

A Knowledge City (Society) is a region where:

1. The collective power of mind and experience of all its people drives the city’s prosperity, its ability to compete globally and the quality of life its people enjoy.

2. It supports a well-resourced education and research system collaborating with business to produce a highly skilled and talented workforce, and a culture of innovation.

3. It has a vibrant, collaborative and city-based lifelong-learning culture in which all its people can together achieve more.

- Adapted from Melbourne, Australia Knowledge City Plan.

How regions transform to Knowledge Cities (Societies)

Regions transform to Knowledge Cities (Societies) by:

1. Creating their own Knowledge Development Agenda
2. Creating a multi-stakeholder partnership between GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS and SOCIETY to form a STRONG KNOWLEDGE ECOSYSTEM
3. Through the multi-stakeholder partnership, working to realise the goals of the Knowledge Development Agenda.
Some African Countries Developing Their Knowledge Agenda

Table 2 shows some African countries that are developing their own Knowledge agenda.

Table 2: African countries developing their Knowledge Agenda

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>Zambia</td>
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<td>Kenya</td>
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<td>Togo</td>
<td>8 Million</td>
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<td>Uganda</td>
<td>39 Million</td>
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<td>South Africa</td>
<td>54 Million</td>
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<td>Nigeria???</td>
<td>203 Million</td>
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Source: Adapted from CIA World FactBook (July 2018 Estimates)
Aims of the Roundtable

The aims of the Roundtable were as follows:

1. Start the conversation towards creating Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria
2. Collect the opinions of a cross section of the Nigerian society represented by the delegates
3. Synthesize the collective opinions into a wish list for Nigeria

Basis of Discussion

The basis of discussion at the Roundtable was how to make Nigeria a knowledge Society where:

1. The collective power of mind and experience of all its people drives the city’s prosperity, its ability to compete globally and the quality of life its people enjoy.
2. Supporting a well-resourced education and research system collaborating with business to produce a highly skilled and talented workforce, and a culture of innovation
3. Has a vibrant, collaborative and city-based lifelong-learning culture in which all its people can together achieve more.
Key Issues for Discussion

Key issues discussed at the Roundtable were segmented into four themes as shown in table 3.

Table 3: Key issues for discussion

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<th>Key Issue</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Pre-requisite</td>
<td>What does it require to make Nigeria a world leading knowledge society?</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>SWOT</td>
<td>What are the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT Analysis) in a knowledge society?</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Key Actions</td>
<td>What are the key actions to advance knowledge in Nigeria in a targeted, systematic, integrated and timely manner?</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Greatest Impact</td>
<td>Which actions will have the greatest impact for our development as we transit to a knowledge society?</td>
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The Roundtable drew together delegates from diverse sectors to start the conversation on developing a Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria. Please see the programme for the Roundtable in appendix 1. Excerpts of proceedings of the Roundtable are presented below:

**Welcome Address by the Host, Prince Lekan Fadina**

The Roundtable opened with a welcome address by the Host and Founder of Knowledge for Development Initiative and Managing Director/Chief Executive of Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd/GTE, Prince Lekan Fadina. He said knowledge is at the heart of all developments.

"We are in a dynamic and changing world and the role of local knowledge in growth and sustainable development is of great importance. We need to facilitate involvement and interaction at the local level. Most development issues nowadays are global in nature, to the extent that what people do in one corner of our planet may have direct effect on people in very distant corners of the world."

“Nigeria is the largest economy in Africa and the challenge to us is to turn our potentials to what will be beneficial to our people, change the stigma of 'poverty stricken nation' to 'Africa Knowledge Centre.'

Knowledge Hub Nigeria
The future generations expect us to make better use of God-given resources and develop our country to become the most sought after investment destination in Africa, if not the world. The signals we are receiving from development partners and investors globally are that the days of funding out of moral imperative are over, and now financing is seeing good returns for money while contributing to positive development,” he said. Please see full speech of Prince Lekan Fadinain appendix 2.

**Opening Remarks by the Chairman, Mr. B. P. Ruwase**

The Chairman of the Roundtable and President of Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. B. P. Ruwase (represented by the Deputy President of Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mrs. Toki Mabogunje), remarked that generally, development depends on four knowledge processes:

i. Knowledge generation and acquisition through scientific discovery, R&D and transfer of technology;

ii. Knowledge adaptation through innovation to particular fields, needs and operating environments;

iii. Knowledge dissemination through formal and informal channels from knowledge developers and adapters to those responsible for applying the knowledge in society, and;

iv. Knowledge application through skilled action in fields, factories, classrooms, hospitals and every other field of activity to achieve practical results.
The Chairman expressed the hope that the roundtable will help to achieve the set priority of having a strong national knowledge partnership in Nigeria that will contribute to the understanding and dissemination of the global agenda of K4D (Knowledge for Development) and its implementation. Please see full speech of the Chairman in appendix 3.

**Keynote Address by Amb. (Prof.) Ibrahim Gambari**

The keynote address was given by former Nigerian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Professor Ibrahim Gambari. He expressed concern over Nigeria's education system which has not made any meaningful contribution to the global community of innovation and development. Prof. Gambari said the country's education curriculum requires urgent review, noting that the era of education for the purpose of employment is no longer realistic.

Prof. Gambari who is also former Under-Secretary of the United Nations said, "There is proliferation of universities and professors in Nigeria but there is nothing to show for it as we are not making any meaningful contribution to global advancement. We need to have a second look at the quality of graduates we are producing and that of professors. Are they employable? Are they contributing to cutting edge technology advancement? How much are we putting into science and technology as a country?"
He said Nigeria is predicted to be the third most populous country in the world by 2050, but lamented that no concrete effort was being made to compliment the population with development. "We need to be concerned about complementing population with development and start to view knowledge as an act of development, and to see education as a tool for building human capital, sustainable development, advancement of human security among others," he said.

**Remarks by Guest of Honour, Amb. Werner Senfter**

In his remarks, the Guest of Honour, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria in Nigeria, Amb. Werner Senfter (represented by the Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Austria, Mr. Guido Stock) told a brief history of Austria dating back to the early 20th century, highlighting its struggles with nationalism and the devastation it suffered during the two World Wars.

He said Nigeria could emulate the example of Austria which despite not having any natural resources, was able to build its economy through knowledge, educational development and vocational training to become one of the wealthiest nations in Europe, from being one of the poorest before the World Wars.”
Presentation on Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria and Orientation for Thematic Work Group by Mr. Monday Edet

In his presentation, the Research and Programmes Development anchor for Knowledge Hub Nigeria, Mr. Monday Edet, intimated delegates with background of the global Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP) of Vienna, Austria, the Knowledge for Development Initiative (K4DI) of Nigeria, and their commitment to strengthening Agenda 2030, Paris Climate Change Agreement, and the Sustainable Development Goals through advancing 14 Knowledge Development Goals.

He underscored the necessity and benefits of transforming to a Knowledge Society and gave examples of African countries that are developing their own Knowledge Agendas to include Zambia, Kenya, Togo, Uganda and South Africa. He took the delegates through a brief orientation on the formation of the thematic sessions for the conversation and presented the basis as well as key issues for the conversation. Figure 2 shows the front slide of Mr. Edet’s presentation. Please see condensed presentation slides in appendix 5.
Coordination of Knowledge Cafe by Messrs Kayode Oluokun, Lekan Fadina and Adaora Amujiogu

Messrs Kayode Oluokun, the Marketing and Logistics anchor; Lekan Fadina, Coordinator and Global Relations Management; and Adaora Amujiogu, the Gender Issues anchor for Knowledge Hub Nigeria, coordinated the knowledge cafe where delegates representing diverse stakeholder sectors discussed the challenges and opportunities of knowledge society and identified key actions to advance knowledge in Nigeria in a targeted, systematic and integrated manner. Together, they ensured that the flow of the conversation was smooth and focused on the basis of knowledge societies while touching on the key issues for knowledge development.
Goodwill Messages

Goodwill Message from Dr. Andreas Brandner

Among numerous goodwill messages, the Roundtable received a goodwill message from the Managing Director/Chief Executive of Knowledge.City, and Founder of the global Knowledge for Development Partnership, headquartered in Vienna, Austria, Dr. Andreas Brandner.

He said. “The Nigerian Knowledge for Development Initiative is the first national association established to localize the Agenda Knowledge for Development and to collaborate with a partnership approach for its implementation. Therefore the global Knowledge for Development community is looking at this event with attention and curiosity, looking forward to its outputs.”

He further said, “Other African countries have achieved some first steps during the last two years. Uganda has presented a first version of its Knowledge Agenda, and in Nairobi we are working towards the first African Knowledge for Development Partnership Conference at the UN Office in Nairobi. I am very happy that Nigeria as the biggest African country by population, the strongest economy, and the front runner in so many fields, is now kick-starting the knowledge for development initiative." Please see full text of Dr. Brandner’s message in appendix 6.
Other goodwill messages received from organisations and individuals include the following:

1. Prof. Emmanuel Oladipo, Professor of Climatology at the University of Lagos, retired senior management staff of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), lead negotiator in the United Nations System, and member of the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change and Sustainable Development

2. Prof. Johnson A. Ekpere, University of Ibadan

3. Prof. (Mrs.) Aba Sagoe, former Secretary to State Government, Lagos State

4. Omo Oba (Engr./Barr) Yemisi Shyllon, Stockbroker, Largest collector of arts in Africa, also building a Museum at the Pan African University, Lagos, Nigeria

5. Amb. Olusegun Akinsanya, former Nigerian Ambassador to Ethiopia and former Chief of Staff to African Union President

6. Mr. Kehinde Aina, President, Negotiation and Conflict Management Group International (NCMG).
The Roundtable in Pictures

The hightable (L-R). Prof. Emmanuel Oladpo, Professor of Climatology, UNILAG; Prof. Aba Sagoe, former Secretary to Lagos State Government; Mr. Guido Stock, Commercial Counsellor, Austrian Embassy; Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, former Under-secretary General of United Nations; Mrs. Toki Mabogunje, Deputy President, Lagos Chamer of Commerce and Industry; Mrs. Joke Fadina, Wife of Prince Lekan Fadina; Prince Lekan Fadina, Chief Executive of Knowledge Hub and Convener, 1st Knowledge for Development Partnership Roundtable (Standing - going to deliver his welcome address); Omoba (Engr./Barr) Yemisi Shyllon, Largest collector of arts in Africa; Mr. Gabriel Idahosa, Trustee of Knowledge for Development Initiative.

Prince Lekan Fadina delivering his welcome address

Amb. (Prof.) Ibrahim Gambari delivering the keynote speech
Mrs. Toki Mabogunje, Deputy President Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry registering her attendance at the reception desk of the Roundtable.

Mrs. Toki Mabogunje delivering opening address of the Chairman of the Occasion and President Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Guido Stock, Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Austria delivering the address of the Ambassador of Austria in Nigeria.

Prince Lekan Fadina in discussion with Mr. Guido Stock.

Knowledge Hub Nigeria Team with Mr. Guido Stock (L-R): Mr. Kayode Oluokun, Marketing and Logistics anchor; Mrs. Adaora Amujoogu, Gender Issues anchor; Prince Lekan Fadina, Chief Executive; Mr. Monday Edet, Programmes Development and Research anchor; Mr. Wale Idowu, an Investment banker.

Mr. Lekan Fadina, Director, Knowledge Hub; Mr. Guido Stock, Commercial Counsellor, Republic of Austria; and Prince Lekan Fadina, Founder Knowledge for Development Initiative.
Prince Lekan Fadina being interviewed by the Press Crew

Amb. (Prof.) Ibrahim Gambari being interviewed by the Press Crew

Mrs. Toki Mabogunje being interviewed by the Press Crew

Mr. Guido Stock being interviewed by the Press Crew

Proof. Emmanuel Oladipo delivering his goodwill message

L-R: Chairman, Society of Nigerian Artist (SNA) (Lagos Chapter), Mr. Idowu Sonaya; Amb. (Prof.) Ibrahim Gambari; Mrs. Toki Mabogunje; President Society of Nigerian Artist (SNA), Mr. Oliver Enwonwu, and another artist and delegate.
L-R: Former Ambassador to Ethiopia, Prof. Segun Akinsanya; Prince Lekan Fadina; Mr. Idowu Sonaya; Mr. Oliver Enwonwu; Chief (Dr.) Ezekiel Anaibe, an industrialist.

Mrs. Jaji, former Director in Federal Ministry of the Environment and Nigeria Desk Officer on Sustainable Development illustrates an idea on knowledge development.

Mr. Gabriel Idahosa, Trustee of Knowledge for Development Initiative gives Vote of Thanks.
Knowledge can take many forms - one of them is art. Art can make beauty blossom out of the ordinary. The Knowledge.Art Space is a platform for demonstrating the growing interest in, and potential of art, culture and the creative industry as effective tools for driving job creation and sustainable development while enabling new approaches to comprehend knowledge.

The Knowledge.Art Space, at the Roundtable exhibited art works. It provided opportunity for delegates to appreciate the cultural and artistic life of the people of Nigeria. It was powered by ljemo Gallery in collaboration with the Society of Nigeria Artists (Lagos Branch). It added value to the Roundtable and underscored the nexus between Knowledge and Art. Art and cultural sector - the visual arts, museums, music and others are increasingly contributing to the Nigeria’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and sustainable livelihood.

"Nigeria has the potential to make $60bn annually from her art and culture.” This statement was made by the largest collector of art in Africa Omo Oba (Engr.) Yemisi Shyllon, who is also a lawyer and currently building an Art Museum at the Pan Atlantic University, Lagos, Nigeria. While making a contribution at the 1st Nigerian Knowledge for Development Partnership Roundtable.
Art Tour
The Art tour was anchored by Prince Lekan Fadina, the Host and Founder of Ijemo Gallery and Mr. Idowu Sonaya, the Chairman of Society of Nigerian Artists (SNA) (Lagos Chapter).
Prince Lekan Fadina conducted the delegates around the various Art works from Ijemo Gallery collections explaining the significance of each work. One of the many outstanding works from Ijemo Gallery was a sculpted young man in *Iroko* wood indicating salute to excellence and leadership that was given to Prince Lekan Fadina by the International Junior Chambers in 1984 for an award as one of the ten most outstanding young persons in Nigeria.

Mr. Sonaya conducted delegates around the Art works supplied by SNA (Lagos Chapter). He was pleased that the organiser provided the platform during the Roundtable that exposed various forms of Nigerian culture, art, music and creativity. Among the works that was exhibited were those of major African artists whose works clearly reveal the inspiration combined with a deep knowledge and understanding of art as a component of the knowledge ecosystem.
Remarks by the President, Nigerian Society of Artists, Mr. Oliver Enwonwu

The President, Nigerian Society of Artists, Mr. Oliver Enwonwu, who is also the son of one of Africa’s art legends, Dr. Ben Enwonwu, whose work of Queen Elizabeth II has a prominent place in London Museum, expressed appreciation to the organisers and pledged the commitment of the Nigerian Society of Artists to the Knowledge for Development Partnership.
Art Tour in Pictures

Amb. (Prof.) Ibrahim Gambari admires some artworks on display

Mr. Idowu Sonaya describes the make of the Head of Oba of Benin Bronze work to Amb. (Prof.) Ibrahim Gambari and other delegates

Mr. Guido Stock takes interest in one of the books on display during the art tour

Mr. Guido Stock takes a snapshot of one of the artworks on display, in style

L-R: Mr. Idowu Sonaya, Mr. Oliver Enwonwu, Prince Lekan Fadina, and Omo Oba (Engr./Barr) Yemisi Shyllon on the knowledge-art nexus.

Omo Oba (Engr./Barr) Yemisi Shyllon in discussion with Mr. Guido Stock.
Prince Lekan Fadina illustrates the objectives of the planned Knowledge Week/Knowledge Conference

Mr. Guido Stock admires an artwork on display

Prince Lekan Fadina introduces Mr. Oliver Enwonwu to the delegates

Mr. Idowu Sonaya, Omo Oba (Engr./Barr) Yemisi Shyllon, Prince Lekan Fadina, Mr. Oliver Enwonwu, and Mrs. Joke Fadina at the Roundtable

Prince Lekan Fadina highlights the significance of the earthen pot in the installation of Obas in Yoruba land to the admiration of delegates

Lunch time.
Inputs from the delegates representing diverse stakeholder groups were captured. The technical session was coordinated by Prof. Emmanuel Oladipo, Professor of Climatology at the University of Lagos, retired senior management staff of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), lead negotiator in the United Nations System, and member of the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

Documented inputs from the delegates representing diverse sectors of the Nigerian society, including statements from selected organisations and individuals will form the first edition of the Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria.
Section 6

Next Steps

Following the convening of the Roundtable, the first Nigerian Knowledge Week/Knowledge Conference is scheduled to hold as below, where the first edition of Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria will be presented as part of the activities.

Date: November 2019

Venue: Abuja

Expected delegates

The array of delegates expected at the Knowledge Week/Knowledge Conference include the following:

- Government Functionaries
- Business Community
- Civil Society Organisations
- International Development Partners
- Academia
- Individuals
Aims of Knowledge Week/Knowledge Conference

The aims of the Knowledge Week/Knowledge Conference are to:

- Identify organisations with shared commitments towards a multi-stakeholder partnership
- Present the first edition of the Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria arising from this Roundtable
- Stimulate further ideas to co-create knowledge society in Nigeria
- Provide an open platform for capacity building and sharing experience, organised into the two courses below, led by international experts on knowledge management and knowledge-based development:
  - Knowledge Management Essentials (KME)
  - Knowledge Management Advanced Training (KMAT)
  - Host a Knowledge.Arts Brunch for dialogue between the arts, knowledge and the creative industries.
Towards filling already identified knowledge gaps:

- Knowledge Hub is collaborating with the Institute of Sustainable Development Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) to provide courses on Environmental Management, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
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Organisers of the Roundtable

The First Nigerian Agenda for Knowledge Development Roundtable was organised and hosted by:

- Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd/GTE
- In collaboration with Knowledge for Development Initiative (K4DI)
- In partnership with Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI).

Brief Profile of Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd/GTE

Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd/GTE (KHN) is a partnership organisation between CISME Consulting Ltd of Lagos, Nigeria and Knowledge.City GMBH of Vienna, Austria. KHN is the national partner of the international Knowledge.City network, having its headquarter in Vienna, Austria.

KHN is established to carry out in Nigeria the activities of Knowledge.City and also hosting the activities of Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP), an international multi-stakeholder partnership to create global Agenda Knowledge for Development (K4DP).

As a co-partner of knowledge.city of Vienna, KHN benefits from the collaboration with companies in Europe, Asia and Africa and acts as a

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knowledge.city
platform for international knowledge exchange matching experienced knowledge service providers with those in need. The collaboration contributes to the advancement of opportunities for business development.

**Brief Profile of Knowledge for Development Initiative**

Knowledge for Development Initiative (K4DI) is the Nigerian affiliate of the global Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP) which is committed strengthening the UN Agenda 2030, Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement, the Knowledge Development Goals and their implementations.

K4DI represents the partnership of all stakeholders - government, business, academia, civil society and others to build a sustainable environment and improved livelihood.

The Initiative provides a platform that assures the local and international community that Nigeria and friends of Nigeria are committed to inclusive growth and sustainable development.
The Roundtable highlighted challenges and opportunities in Nigeria becoming a Knowledge society and playing a leading role in the Fourth Industrial Revolution starting on 1st January, 2020. It enjoined delegates to be prepared for the Knowledge economy, Digitalisation and Technology imperatives of our time.

Delegates expressed their appreciation for experiences shared during the Roundtable and contributed wholeheartedly towards the development of Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria. They were unanimous in their desire to join the partnership and also work with the Think Tank Group to finalise the Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria document.

The Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) demonstrated solid commitment to the partnership. LCCI noted the desirability, timeliness and relevance of the objectives of the Knowledge Initiative.

Nigeria has the potential to develop Knowledge for outsourcing and consolidate the professional service industries especially now that we are a member of the African Continental Market of over 700 million people. The Knowledge Partnership will provide a credible strategy to address these needs.

It was decided that a core group will meet to fine-tune the outcome of the roundtable within few weeks. This will also afford wider consultation.
and inputs by a select group that forms the Think Tank to finalize the report. In the meantime statements from selected organisations and individuals are being collated as further inputs for the first edition of the Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria.

The Roundtable sees the need for provision of services with special emphasis on social sectors that critically affect people at the Bottom of the Pyramid (BoP). Knowledge Hub and the organisers should address the government policy on lifting ten million people out of poverty through knowledge services and human capital development. Knowledge should be available to shape outcomes for social impact.
References


APPENDIX 1: PROGRAMME OF THE ROUNDTABLE

1st Nigerian Knowledge for Development Partnership Roundtable

FOCUS: Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria
Tuesday, 28th August 2019
at Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry Conference Centre, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Aminu (Prof. J.) Usman Gummi
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Former Under-Secretary General, United Nations

CHAIRMAN

Mr. B. B. Nyanyaa
President, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry

GUEST OF HONOUR

H.E. Wiener Souther
Ambassador of the Republic of Austria

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR

Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu
Governor of Lagos State

Programme

Welcome address by the Chief

Fawkes Oluwa Fayanmi
Executive Director, Knowledge Agenda for Development Initiative

Managing Director, Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd/GTE

Speeches by the Chairperson

B. B. Nyanyaa
President, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Knowledge is at the heart of Nigeria’s Development: Needs, (Prof. J.) Usman Gummi, Former Under-Secretary General, United Nations

Business opportunities through knowledge: Partnerships

H.E. Wiener Souther, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria

Goodwill Messages

Lagos to become a knowledge city

Babatunde Fashola, Lagos State Governor

Launching of Knowledge Partnership Nigeria

Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Knowledge for Development Initiative

Toni Beck

Knowledge Cell: Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria / Thematic Groups

The participants representing different stakeholder groups will foster the challenge and opportunities of knowledge society and identify key actions to advance knowledge in Nigeria in a targeted, prioritized and integrated way.

Wing Up

Thank You

Closing

Organized by Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd/GTE

Sponsored by Knowledge Agenda

In collaboration with Knowledge for Development Initiative and in partnership with Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
Knowledge is at the heart of all development. The objective of the Roundtable is to start the conversation towards addressing the challenges and opportunities of Knowledge Society and to identify key actions to advance knowledge in Nigeria in a targeted, systematic, integrated and timely manner. It is an effort to bring together many perspectives, facilitate collaboration, and joint implementation of activities.

The Knowledge Agenda and the associated Knowledge Partnership will help to better understand the needs of sustainable knowledge societies and to manage knowledge responsibly on all levels of our societies for the benefit of a peaceful, wealthy and sustainable future.

The outcome of this Dialogue will be input for the development of the first Nigerian Knowledge Agenda. We are in a dynamic and changing world and the role of local knowledge in growth and sustainable development is of great importance. We need to facilitate involvement and interaction at the local level. Most development issues nowadays are global in nature to the extent that what people do in one corner of our planet may have direct effect on people in very distant corner of the world.

Today, we face disruptive activities in all sectors of human endeavour - finance, banking, communication, economy, agriculture, trade, sustainable livelihood, among others. Knowledge and Technology are playing key roles and the work place of the future forecasts show that by 2025 over 70 percent of the workers will be millennium and between ages 18 - 40 years. We cannot fold our arms and be on-lookers with the Fourth Industrial Revolution upon us. It is clear from all available information that knowledge can improve efficiency, increase productivity, enhance energy supply, help create smart cities, foster faster and better data utilization, raise industrial productivity and enhance the standard of living of our people.

A group of Nigerians both in Nigeria and outside have established Knowledge for Development Initiative under the Nigeria law equivalent to the global Knowledge for Development Partnership committed to the United Nations Agenda 2030, Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement, the Knowledge Development Goals and their implementations. The initiative provides a platform that assures the local and international community that Nigeria and friends of Nigeria are committed to inclusive growth and sustainable development.

Knowledge Hub Nigeria (KHN) is the national partner of Knowledge.City of Vienna, Austria and also hosting the activities of Knowledge for Development Partnership. The Roundtable is organized by Knowledge Hub Nigeria in collaboration with Knowledge for Development initiative, and in partnership with the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI). We hope to seek partner
institutions - Governments, companies, NGOs, professionals etc, to join the partnership and contribute their knowledge, ideas and commitments.

We propose to engage in various discussions, share experience, grant interviews, and receive statements written to help in developing the first edition of Nigerian Agenda for Knowledge Development. We appreciate that knowledge is a fundamental resource in advancing Knowledge society and knowledge economy. Partnerships and communities are needed to form a strong knowledge ecosystem in which we all can together achieve more.

The global Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP) has given a reference having presented the global Agenda knowledge for Development in 2017 at the United Nations office, linking knowledge with the Sustainable Development Goals. Nigeria needs to develop its Agenda Knowledge for Development.

Our current effort is work in progress. It is a starting point and requires sustained progress, sharing experience and enriching the process. We envisage that the implementation of the Agenda is the responsibility of everyone one of us and our international partners. There is no obligatory "to do list." We set out to generate ideas that will benefit all of us and our country as a whole. We believe in partnership for development and this initiative is a platform for collective ownership of the process.

We hope that the Agenda Knowledge for Nigeria will envision and guide Nigerians towards the path of developing sustainable knowledge societies. We must turn developmental challenges to opportunities and improve sustainable livelihood of all Nigerians. We believe that all the different forms of Knowledge are to be effectively harnessed, managed and deployed if the societal challenges are to be addressed. The forms of Knowledge and technologies that are created from them have to be leveraged through established Knowledge networks and national innovation systems. The networks should be built around partnerships that harness synergies from the different stakeholders which include governments, private sector, academia civil society and the public. The synergy created will be valuable in addressing the bottlenecks such as strengthening the private sector, building capacity of people, infrastructure, energy, small and medium enterprises, smart agriculture, financial institutions and others that have experienced constraints in Nigeria's development over the decades.

The Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria is an indispensable component of actions for climate resilience and sustainable development. It is expected that through our efforts we should be able to work on the challenges identified and take actions. We expect statements from individuals and organizations with different societal backgrounds and interest reflecting diversity of views, issues and considerations for a template on Knowledge development.

Nigeria is the largest economy in Africa and the challenge to us is to turn our potentials to what will be beneficial to our people, change the stigma of “poverty stricken nation” to “Africa Knowledge Centre.” The future generations expect us as trustees to make better use of God-given resources and develop our country to become the most sought after investment destination in Africa if not in the world. We can do it and we should do it.
The signals we are receiving from development partners and investors globally are that the days of funding out of moral imperative are over, and that financing is seeing good returns for money while contributing to positive development.

The recent report by the Business and Sustainable Development Commission (BSDC) indicates that there are market opportunities in food, agriculture, cities, technology, energy, health and well-being. It is also noted that about 400 million new jobs could be created by 2030. It is estimated that about $12 Trillion is what is needed to fund the process to low carbon economy and addressing the sustainable development goals. It is evident that Sustainable Development Goals make business sense. The question is, “How do we combine social good with profit?”

There is urgent need to have policy on sustainability issues and bottom of the pyramid businesses and investments. The Agenda for Knowledge Development will be a useful template in addressing the challenges of Knowledge, digitalisation, road to low carbon economy, Knowledge Cities and Knowledge Societies.

It is desirable that in our effort to achieve our goal we must engage our diaspora citizens as they form a critical mass of contribution to our Gross Development Product (GDP) and serve as valuable knowledge incubator.

I welcome all of us as partners in development in our collective efforts to transform to a knowledge-based society. May I implore all of us to make valuable contribution to this Roundtable in particular and the Initiative in general.
APPENDIX 3: OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAGOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MR. BABATUNDE PAUL RUWASE, FCA AS CHAIRMAN AT THE 1ST NIGERIA KNOWLEDGE FOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP ROUNDTABLE TITLED “KNOWLEDGE AGENDA FOR NIGERIA” HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2019 AT LCCI CONFERENCE HALL, ALAUSA IKEJA.

Guest of Honour
Amb. Werner Senfter
Ambassador of Austria in Nigeria

The distinguished Keynote Speaker:
Amb. Prof. Ibrahim Gambari
Former Minister for Foreign Affairs & Former Under-Secretary General, UN

Members of the Knowledge for Development Initiative

Stakeholders in the Knowledge industry here present

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure and honour to welcome you all to this first ever Nigeria Knowledge for Development Partnership Roundtable with a focus on KNOWLEDGE AGENDA FOR NIGERIA. For us at The Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Industry, this platform presents another opportunity to contribute and be part of initiatives that can engender growth and development of the Nigerian economy and we are happy to be partner with The Knowledge Hub Nigeria and Knowledge for Development Initiative on this initiative.

Development involves the process by which human beings become aware of opportunities and challenges, formulate responses, make decisions, and initiate organized actions. This process follows the sequence from knowledge to inspiration and then to action. Human beings acquire knowledge, they become aware of opportunities and challenges. When that knowledge matures, they acquire a motivation or inspiration to translate that knowledge into action. It is hoped therefore that this roundtable will serve as a motivation and inspiration to put knowledge already acquired and those to be gained, into such actions that will engender development in our nation Nigeria.

Generally, development depends on four knowledge processes:
• Knowledge generation and acquisition through scientific discovery, R&D and transfer of technology;
• Knowledge adaptation through innovation to particular fields, needs and operating environments;
• Knowledge dissemination through formal and informal channels from knowledge developers and adapters to those responsible for applying the knowledge in society, and;
• Knowledge application through skilled action in fields, factories, classrooms, hospitals and every other field of activity to achieve practical results.

To gain knowledge however, education is key, as there is no better tool for gaining knowledge than through education. Unfortunately, statistics on the education situation in Nigeria is not only discouraging but disheartening as well. Even though primary education is officially free and compulsory, about 10.5 million of the country’s children aged 5-14 years are not in school. Only 61 percent of 6-11-year-olds regularly attend primary school and only 35.6 percent of children aged 36-59 months receive early childhood education. This is coupled with the fact that research & development is underfunded in most government owned institutions and educational curricula has not been reviewed to meet modern day realities. Budgetary allocation to the education sector at the Federal level has been on the decrease in the last five years with that of 2019 (5.23%) being the worst in the past 10 years.

It is noteworthy to state therefore that this initiative on Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria is not only apt but necessary to promote knowledge and create the necessary synergy required to bring about the development so much needed by our nation. Also, I hope this roundtable will help to achieve the set priority of having a strong national knowledge partnership in Nigeria that will contribute to the understanding and dissemination of the global agenda of K4D (Knowledge for Development) and its implementation.

I wish you all a fruitful deliberation and a very rewarding time during this roundtable.

Thank you all and good morning.

MR. BABATUNDE PAUL RUWASE, FCA
PRESIDENT
LAGOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY.
Distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen; dear friends and members of the knowledge for development partnership!

It is my honour to welcome you to this important Round Table of the Knowledge for Development Initiative.

The Nigerian Knowledge for Development Initiative is the first national association established to localize the Agenda Knowledge for Development and to collaborate with a partnership approach for its implementation. Therefore the global Knowledge for Development community is looking at this event with attention and curiosity, looking forward to its outputs.

Other African countries have achieved some first steps during the last two years. Uganda has presented a first version of its Knowledge Agenda, and in Nairobi we are working towards the first African Knowledge for Development Partnership Conference at the UN Office Nairobi. I am very happy that Nigeria as the biggest African country by population, the strongest economy, and the front runner in so many fields, is now kick-starting the knowledge for development initiative.

Dear participants: Knowledge is at the heart of sustainable development, the development of any country in the world, of any organization and of every single citizen. Without knowledge we are lost, and we certainly will not achieve our global goals without knowledge sharing and co-creativity. This is why the UN has committed itself to global partnerships. But knowledge is a tricky resource: It is hardly tangible, it is fluid and changes quickly, it moves from one place to the other, it is difficult to share, it is very context-specific, and easy to misunderstand. It fades out if you don´t use it. But knowledge can save lives, solve problems, it is the key resources to achieve our SDGs, it helps to create better lives. Knowledge can make the significant difference if used well and professionally and effectively.

Therefore Knowledge Management and a national Knowledge for Development approach are key to the successful development of any country and of any organization.

Partnership is needed, because knowledge is not given to a single institution alone. Only through collaboration in a multi-stakeholder community, the benefits of knowledge societies
can be fully achieved. Therefore this Round Table is a historic event on Nigeria´s path towards a knowledge society, and I congratulate Prince Lekan Fadina and his team of Knowledge Hub Nigeria for having convened it, and I acknowledge the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry for hosting and chairing this event.

The government of Austria is strongly supporting the global Knowledge for Development Partnership and I appreciate the presence of Mr. Guido Stock, representing the Austrian Ambassador in this Round Table. I am convinced that Austrian companies would happily cooperate with Nigeria if they knew more about the opportunities and the people. Knowledge is also needed on their side. So if Knowledge Hub Nigeria succeeds not only in mobilizing the Nigerian partners, but also in facilitating international knowledge partnerships, the benefit will raise significantly. The knowledge city partners in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and Bulgaria and committed to strengthening this collaboration, and I am sure that Mr. Stock will share with you his vast experience in business development with Austria and Europe. Let´s work on this together.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, I wish you a successful working session and I look forward to the results. Thank you for being here, for sharing your knowledge and experiences, for contributing your ideas and aspirations and thank you for your commitment to co-creating a better knowledge society.
Background

- The United Nations Agenda 2030, with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, was agreed upon by world leaders in 2015. The document calls for a multi-stakeholder partnership for sharing knowledge and technology to achieve all the other Goals.
- The goals and strategies for developing knowledge as a resource for sustainable development were missing among the Goals.
- In January 2017, a group of Knowledge for Development experts and practitioners, led by Dr. Andrew Boffard, initiated the process for Agenda for Knowledge Development, providing a framework for the advancement of knowledge societies, strengthening the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Owing to the collaboration with the United Nations, in 2017 the Agenda for Knowledge Development was presented at the UN Office in Geneva to all UN organisations. The Knowledge for Development Partnership (KDP) was inaugurated at that occasion.
- On 15 September 2019 it will be presented at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

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What is Knowledge for Development Initiative (K4DI)

- Knowledge for Development Initiative (K4DI) is the Nigerian affiliate of the global Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP), which is committed to the UN Agenda 2030, Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement, the Knowledge Development Goals and the implementation.

- K4DI represents the partnership of all stakeholders - government, business, academia, civil society and others to build a sustainable environment and improved livelihood.

- The Initiative provides a platform that ensures the local and international community that Nigeria and friends of Nigeria are committed to inclusive growth and sustainable development.

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Membership of K4DI

- Membership of K4DI is open to all Nigerians but subject to application and approval.

- To become a member, please apply to:

  The President
  Knowledge for Development Initiative (K4DI)
  C/O Knowledge Hub Nigeria Ltd.
  7, Allen Ibudua Street, Apapa
  Lagos, Nigeria
  Email: info@knowledge.city
  Phone: 0805-321-9623

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Aims of the Roundtable

- Start the conversation towards creating Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria

- Collect the opinions of a cross-section of the Nigerian society represented by the participants

- Synthesize the collective opinions into a wish list for Nigeria

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Organisation of the Conversation

- One Objective

- Four Key Issues for discussion

- Four Thematic Groups to discuss the issues

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Objective - Attaining a society where:

1. The collective power of mind and experience of all its people. Drive the city’s prosperity, its ability to compete globally and the quality of life its people enjoy.

2. Supporting a well-resourced education and research system; collaborate with businesses to produce a highly skilled and talented workforce, and a culture of innovation.

3. Have a vibrant, collaborative and city-based lifelong-learning culture in which all its people work together achieve more.

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4 Key Issues/Groups for Discussion

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Wrap Up
The Chairmen in each of the 4 Groups will take the stage to:

- Present to the audience the major points on what his/her group has produced
- Sign the Communique before the audience
- Submit the Communique to the KNP

Next Step: Knowledge Week/Knowledge Conference
Date: October 2019 | Venue: Abuja

Expected Participants
Government Functionaries | Business Community
Civil Society Organisations | International Development Partners
Academia | Individuals

Towards Filling Knowledge Gaps
Knowledge Hub is collaborating with the Institute of Sustainable Development Practitioners of Nigeria (ISDP) to provide courses on Sustainable Development.

Knowledge Hub is also collaborating with Centre for Investment, Sustainable Development, Management and Environment (CISME) to provide courses on Climate Change and Environmental Management.

These courses are in three levels:
- Foundation
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Aims of Knowledge Week/Conference
- Identify organisations with shared commitments towards a multi-stakeholder partnership
- Present the first draft of the Knowledge Agenda for Nigeria arising from this Roundtable
- Provides broad ideas to re-shape knowledge society in Nigeria
- Provide and open platform for capacity building and sharing experiences, organised into the two courses below, led by international experts on knowledge management and knowledge-based development:
  - Knowledge Management Essentials (KME)
  - Knowledge Management Advanced Training (KMAT)
- Host a Knowledge Arts Brunch for dialogue between the arts, knowledge and the creative industries.
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Now the Thematic Group Conversation

We will now form the 4 Thematic Groups for our Conversation

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Thank You!

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