



The African Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University-SAIS is
Sponsoring an International Conference on

Strategies for Economic Reconstruction in the Northern States of Nigeria

April 7th and 8th, 2016

**Bernstein-Offit Building
Conference Center (5th Floor)
1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036**

THURSDAY APRIL 7, 2016

- 9:00 – 9:15** Peter Lewis, Academic Dean, Johns Hopkins-SAIS
- 9:15 – 9:45** Keynote Conversation and Conference Agenda
Kole Shettima and Paul Lubeck
- 9:45 – 10:00** Break
- 10:00 – 11:30** **“Challenges and Strategies for Investment in the Northern States”**
- Volker Treichel, The World Bank
“Learning Global Production Networks: Models from Asia and Africa”
- A . B. Mahmoud, Managing Partner, Dikko and Mahmoud, Solicitors & Advocates
“Investing in the North: Understanding the Perspective of Investors”
- Muhammad Sagagi, DFID, Kano State
“Finding the Balance between Facilitating Investment and Public Policy”
- Discussant & Chair: Ambassador John Campbell, Council on Foreign Relations**

- 11:30 – 12:30** **“Catalysing Investment in Northern Nigeria”**
Mansur Ahmed, MD, Communications, The Dangote Group
- Discussant: A.B. Mahmoud, Dikko and Mahmoud**
- 12:30 – 1:30** **Luncheon**
- 1:30 – 3:00** **Infrastructure: Strategies for Empowering Industrial Reconstruction**
- Kate Steel, Lead USAID, Power Africa**
“Overview of Power in the Northern States”
- Hannah Kabir, CEO, CreedsEnergy**
“Solar Energy for Economic Reconstruction”
- Ahmed Aliyu Ahmad, ERE-SAIS**
“Solar Micro-Grids as an Industrial Strategy”
- Discussant & Chair: Matthew Page, Council on Foreign Relations**
- 3:00 – 3:15** **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:45** **Round Table: “North East States: Prospects for Economic Reconstruction”**
- Chair: Kole Shettima, MacArthur Foundation**
- Ernest Ogbozor, George Mason University**
- Ali Shettima, Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation**
- Darren Kew, University of Massachusetts-Boston**

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

- 8:30 – 9:00** **Coffee and Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 10:30** **“Economic Governance for Investment and Employment”**
- Chair, John Paden, George Mason University**
 Murtala Sagagi, “Industrial Strategy for Investment in Kano”
- Paul Lubeck, JHU-SAIS**
 “State Industrial Development Agencies and the Coordination Function”
- Aisha M Bello, Hon. Commissioner for Planning and Budget, Kano State**
 “Budgeting for Industry and Employment in Kano”
- Discussant: Attahiru Jega, Bayero University and George Mason University**
- 10:30 – 12:00** **“Restructuring Education for Employment and Higher Productivity”**
- Hafiz Abubakar, Hon. Deputy Governor/Commissioner of Education Science and Technology, Kano State**
 “Entrepreneurship, Education, and SMEs: Correlates of Youth Empowerment”
- Kole Shettima, MacArthur Foundation**
 The Role of Foundations in Restructuring Educational Linkages to Industry
- Muhammed Sagagi, DFID**
 “MAFITA: Education as Promoting Marketable Skills”
- Y.Z. Ya’u, Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD)**
 “The Value of Civil Society Groups for Upgrading Digital Employment Skills”
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Luncheon**
- 1:00 – 2:00** **Special Presentation: Navdeep Sodhi, Afroconsulting.com**
 “The Case for Export Incentives to Boost Nigeria’s Agro-Allied Sector”
- 2:00 – 3:30** **Incubating Northern Industries: Why are Incentives and Supports Necessary?**
- Amal Hassan, MD/CEO, OpenSource.com**
 “Call Centers as Incubators of the ICT Industry in Northern States”
- Kate Meagher, London School of Economics**
 “Rethinking Linkages in Northern Nigeria”
- Y.Z. Ya’u, Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD)**
 “Fostering Digital Industrial Employment: ‘Kannywood’, GSM Repairers, and SMEs”
- 3:30** **Conference conclusions and future conversations**