



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** “Welcome Address” Peter Lewis, Academic Dean, Johns Hopkins-SAIS
- 9:15 – 9:45** Keynote “Conversation” and Conference Agenda
Kole Shettima MacArthur Foundation and Paul Lubeck, JHU-SAIS
- 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, Principal, Dikko and Mahmoud, Solicitors & Advocates**
“Investing in the North: Understanding the Perspective of Investors”
- Muhammad Sagagi, DFID, Kano State**
“Finding the Right 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 & Stakeholders, The Dangote Group
Discussant: A.B. Mahmoud, Dikko and Mahmoud
- 12:30 – 1:30** Luncheon
- 1:30 – 3:00** **Infrastructures—Power: Strategies for *Empowering* Industrial Reconstruction**
Kate Steel, Team Lead--USAID, *Power Africa*
“Overview of Power in the Northern States”

Hannah Kabir, CEO, CreedsEnergy
“Solar Energy for Sustainable Economic Reconstruction”

Ahmed Aliyu Ahmad, ERE-SAIS
“Solar Micro-Grids as an Industrial Strategy for the North”

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

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”

Kate Meagher, London School of Economics
“Rethinking Linkages in Northern Nigeria”

Discussant: Attahiru Jega, Bayero University and George Mason University

10:30 – 12:00

“Restructuring Education for Employment and Higher Productivity”

Chair, Kole Shettima, MacArthur Foundation

**Hafiz Abubakar, Hon. Deputy Governor and
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

Muhammad 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?

Chair, A. B. Mahmoud, Dikko and Mahmoud

Amal Hassan, MD/CEO, OutSource.ng
“Call Centers as Incubators of the ICT Industry in Northern States”

Munzali Dantata, Former Director-General, NIHOTOUR
“Tourism and Hospitality as Investment Strategy and Employment Generator”

Y.Z. Ya’u, Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD)
“Fostering Digital Employment: ‘Kannywood’, GSM Repairers, and SMEs”

3:30

Conference Conclusions and Future Conversations