



PROGRAMME (Updated 29-08-2023)

Monday, 4 September 2023 Day 1		
09:30 – 10:00	Pre-Registration & Badge Collection <i>Lobby, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID)</i>	
INAUGURAL CEREMONY & OPENING SESSION <i>Auditorium, CUCRID</i>		
10:00 – 10:10 10 mins	Welcome Remarks by QS	Dr Ashwin Fernandes Executive Director – Africa, Middle East & South Asia QS Quacquarelli Symonds United Kingdom
10:10 – 10:25 15 mins	Welcome Remarks by Host & Declaration of the Forum Open	Dr David O. Oyedepo Chancellor Covenant University Nigeria
10:25 – 10:35 10 mins	Special Opening Address	Prince Dapo Abiodun Governor, Ogun State Nigeria
10:35 – 10:45 10 mins	Special Opening Address	H.E. Babjide Sanwo-Olu Governor, Lagos State Nigeria
FORUM PROCEEDINGS <i>Auditorium, CUCRID</i>		
10:45 – 10:55 10 mins	Setting the scene	Veronica Omeni Principal Consultant & Forum Chairperson QS Quacquarelli Symonds United Kingdom
10:55 – 11:05 10 mins	Special Address	H.E. Benson Alfred Bana High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania to Nigeria
11:05 – 11:15 10 mins	Special Address	Ms Samata Gifty Bukari Consul General of Ghana to Nigeria
11:15 – 11:25 10 mins	Special Address	Prof Yakubu Ochefu Secretary General Committee of Vice Chancellor Nigeria
11:25 – 11:35 10 mins	Special Address	Dr Noel Biodun Saliu Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics) National Universities Commission Nigeria



<p>11:35 – 12:00 25 mins</p>	<p>Coffee Break <i>Lobby, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID)</i></p>	
<p>12:00 – 12:50 50 mins</p>	<p>Panel Discussion "Education as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development in Africa"</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Veronica Omeni Principal Consultant & Forum Chairperson QS Quacquarelli Symonds United Kingdom</p>	<p>Prof Jeffrey Mphahlele Deputy Vice-Chancellor North-West University South Africa</p> <p>Prof Peter Akinsola OKEBUKOLA Former Executive Secretary National Universities Commission Nigeria</p> <p>Dr Patrick Awuah Founder and President Ashesi University Ghana</p> <p>Prof Amine Bensaid President Al Akhawayn University Ifrane Morocco</p>
<p>12:50 – 13:40 50 mins</p>	<p>Panel Discussion "Equitable and Inclusive Education: Empowering Communities for Sustainable Change"</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Prof Abiodun Adebayo Vice Chancellor Covenant University Nigeria</p>	<p>Prof Emmanuel Afoakwa Vice-Chancellor Ghana Communication Technology University Ghana</p> <p>Prof Reem Bahgat President Egypt University of Informatics Egypt</p> <p>Prof Hedi BEL HADJ SALAH President University of Monastir Tunisia</p> <p>Mr Ifeoluwa Olawale Director of Training and Program BIC Farms Nigeria</p>
<p>13:40 – 14:40 60 mins</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>14:40 – 15:30 50 mins</p>	<p>Panel Discussion "Building Partnerships for Educational Sustainability in Africa"</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Ms Omolola Shonubi Executive Director Key Learning Solutions Nigeria</p>	<p>Prof Abednego Amartey Vice Chancellor University of Professional Studies Ghana</p> <p>Mr Chikodi Onyemerela Director Programmes British Council Nigeria</p>



		<p>Prof Ajith Kumar Vice-Chancellor Skyline University Nigeria Nigeria</p> <p>Prof Lilian Salami Vice-Chancellor University of Benin Nigeria</p>
15:30 – 16:20 50 mins	<p>Panel Discussion "Environmental Education and Climate Change Awareness in African Schools"</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Ms Veronica Omeni Principal Consultant & Forum Chairperson QS Quacquarelli Symonds United Kingdom</p>	<p>Prof Gabriel Dedeke Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Ogun State Nigeria</p> <p>Ms Lucia Onaghise Executive Secretary Food and Beverage Recycling Alliance Nigeria</p> <p>Mr Ibrahim Farinloye Coordinator Lagos Territorial Office, Nigerian Emergency Management Response (NEMA) Nigeria</p> <p>Mrs Victoria Uwadoka Head of Corporate Communications, Nestle Nigeria Nigeria</p>
16:20 – 17:30 70 mins	Campus Tour	
17:30 – 19:00	Free & Easy Time	
19:00 – 21:00	Opening Gala Dinner & Cultural Performance <i>Cafeteria 2</i>	

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Day 2

09:30 – 10:00	Pre-Registration & Badge Collection <i>Lobby, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID)</i>	
10:00 – 10:20 20 mins	Keynote on Nigerian Higher Education & Rankings Landscape	Prof Peter Akinsola OKEBUKOLA Former Executive Secretary National Universities Commission Nigeria
10:20 – 11:20 60 mins	Debate "Africa needs a region-specific university rankings framework to boost excellence"	For the motion: Prof Peter Akinsola OKEBUKOLA Former Executive Secretary National Universities Commission Nigeria



	<p><i>Moderator</i> Dr Ashwin Fernandes Executive Director – Africa, Middle East & South Asia QS Quacquarelli Symonds United Kingdom</p>	<p>Prof Patrick Awuah Founder and President Ashesi University Ghana</p> <p><u>Against the motion:</u> Prof Abiodun Adebayo Vice Chancellor Covenant University Nigeria</p> <p>Prof Ajanaku Kolawole Oluseyi Vice Chancellor Landmark University Nigeria</p>
11:20 – 11:50 30 mins	<p>Coffee Break <i>Lobby, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID)</i></p>	
11:50 – 12:30 40 mins	<p>QS World University Rankings & QS Subject Rankings – Africa’s Performance</p>	<p>Dr Ashwin Fernandes Executive Director – Africa, Middle East & South Asia QS Quacquarelli Symonds United Kingdom</p> <p>Veronica Omeni Principal Consultant & Forum Chairperson QS Quacquarelli Symonds United Kingdom</p>
12:30 – 13:10 40 mins	<p>QS Sub-Saharan Africa University Rankings – Consultation & Discussion</p>	
13:10 – 13:20 10 mins	<p>Valedictory Address</p>	<p>Ms Lucy Pearson Country Director British Council Nigeria</p>
13:20 – 13:30 10 mins	<p>Closing Remarks by QS & Covenant University</p>	
13:30 – 15:00 90 mins	<p>Networking and Departure Lunch break</p>	