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OPENING PLENARY SESSION

- 8.30-9.30am: Registration
- 9.30-10.00am: Introduction of Guests - Masters of Ceremony: *Dr. Ifediora Amobi*, Managing Partner, Skoup and Company Ltd and *Mrs. Phil Oshodin*, Head of Information Unit/Chief Press Secretary, National Planning Commission
- 10.00-10.20am: Opening Remarks by Chairman, *Alhaji Bamanga Tukur*, Chairman, African Business Roundtable
- 10.20-10.50am: Welcome Address: *Senator Muhammed Sanusi Daggash*, Minister of National Planning and Deputy Chairman, National Planning Commission
- 10.50-11.10pm: Remarks on Federalism and Business Environment - Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria
- 11.10-11.30am: Formal Opening by His Excellency, *Dr. Goodluck Jonathan*, GCON, Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- 11.30-12.30 pm: BECANS Reports- *Prof. Eric Eboh*, Executive Director, African Institute for Applied Economics and *Dr. Chukwuma Agu*, Research Coordinator, AIAE
- 12.30-12.45pm: Comments on BECANS Reports: *Frank Aigbogun*, Publisher, BusinessDay Newspapers
- 12.45-2.00pm: LUNCH BREAK
- 2.00-4.00pm: BREAK-OUT SESSION: Agenda for Business Environment Reforms by State Governments
- Group 1: Infrastructure and Utilities**
Chair: *Engr. Mansur Ahmed*, DG, Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) Ltd/Gte
Principal Discussant: *Mr. Jide Mike*, DG, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria
- Group 2: Legal and Regulatory Services**
Chair: *Olisa Agbakoba*, SAN, President, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Principal Discussant: *Stanley Ukeje*, Central Bank of Nigeria
- Group 3: Business Support and Investment Promotion**
Chair: *Engr. Mustapha Bello*, Executive Secretary, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission
Principal Discussant: *Alhaji Sanusi Maijama'a*, President, Nigerian Association of Small-Scale Industries (NASSI)
- Group 4: Security**
Chair: *Dr. Ike Abugu*, President, Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME)
Principal Discussant: *Mr. Isaac N. Akpan*, Central Bank of Nigeria

CLOSING PLENARY

- 4.30-4.35pm: Opening Remarks by Co-Chairperson, *Dr. Mrs. S. O. Alade*, Deputy Governor (Economic Policy), Central Bank of Nigeria
- 4.35-5.05pm: Feedback from Groups: Principal Discussant, *Dr. Osita Ogbu*, Former Economic Adviser to Mr. President/CEO, National Planning Commission
Feedback Coordinators: *Mr. David Nwachukwu*, Managing Director, Leasing Company of Nigeria Ltd & *Mr. James Ebuetsse*, Director, Policy Advocacy & External Relations
- 5.05-6.05pm: Plenary Discussion: Agenda for Business Environment Reforms by State Governments, Moderated by Co-Chairperson, *Dr. Ignatius Adaji*, President, NACCIMA.
- 6.05-6.15pm: Vote of Thanks: *Prof. Sylvester Monye*, Secretary to the Commission, National Planning Commission