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The Achievers Summit

International Youth Day Leadership &
Entrepreneurship Conference

Theme:

**The Global Emerging Leader:
Redefining the African Narrative**

Date:

11th – 12th August 2026

Venue:

Victoria Island, Lagos State.

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PREFACE

Across generations and continents, progress has always been shaped by individuals bold enough to dream beyond limitations and courageous enough to act on those dreams. Africa stands at a defining moment in history, one where its greatest resource is no longer beneath its soil, but within its people. The continent's future will be determined by the quality of leadership we raise, the values we instill, and the opportunities we create for young minds to thrive.

The Achievers Summit was conceived as more than a conference. It is a movement. A platform intentionally designed to convene visionary young leaders, innovators, policymakers, creatives, entrepreneurs, and institutions committed to redefining Africa's narrative on the global stage. Each edition of the Summit is anchored on the belief that leadership is not an accident of position, but a product of preparation, character, competence, and service.

The **2026 Achievers Summit**, themed "**The Global Emerging Leader: Redefining the African Narrative**," holds special significance. It coincides with International Youth Day, a global moment that recognizes the power, potential, and responsibility of young people as drivers of sustainable development. This year's Summit also marks a personal milestone, my 23rd birthday, symbolizing a generational call to action: that leadership is not reserved for tomorrow, but demanded today.

Through keynote addresses, plenary conversations, exhibitions, policy dialogues, and the **100 Under 40 Young Achievers Awards**, the Summit will celebrate excellence, spotlight innovation, and inspire a new generation to think globally while acting locally. It will also foster meaningful collaborations across the public and private sectors, strengthening the ecosystem required for youth-led transformation.

At the heart of this initiative is **Emmanuel Agida International (EAI)**, a leadership and corporate solutions institution committed to shaping minds, building nations, and equipping individuals and organizations with the capacity to lead, grow, and create impact. Through EAI's programs, consultancy, and global partnerships, the Achievers Summit serves as a living expression of our vision to raise globally competitive African leaders.

This prospectus outlines not only the structure and scope of the Summit, but also the philosophy that underpins it. It is an invitation, to believe in Africa's potential, to invest in its people, and to join a collective journey toward a future defined by excellence, innovation, and responsible leadership.

I welcome you to be part of this defining moment.



Emmanuel Agida

Convener, Achievers Summit

President, Emmanuel Agida International

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Achievers Summit is a flagship annual leadership and entrepreneurship platform convened by **Emmanuel Agida International (EAI)** to inspire, equip, and position young Africans as globally competitive leaders across business, governance, innovation, and the creative economy.

Convened in commemoration of the Convener's birthday and aligned with International Youth Day, the Summit is designed as a **high-impact convergence of ideas, leadership, and opportunity**, bringing together youth, policymakers, entrepreneurs, corporate leaders, creatives, investors, and development partners.

The 2026 edition marks a defining milestone, projected to convene **over 2,000 young leaders and innovators** from across Nigeria and Africa, while hosting global voices and institutional stakeholders shaping Africa's future.

BACKGROUND & EVOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT

The Achievers Summit has grown steadily into a respected leadership platform with measurable impact:



First Edition:

Hosted in partnership with the University of Lagos, convening over 700 young leaders, dubbed as the National Youth Leadership Development Symposium.





Second Edition:

Hosted in partnership with Lagos State University, with 1,000+ participants dubbed as the West Africa Youth Summit.



Each edition expanded in scope, quality of speakers, institutional relevance, and participant outcomes.

The 2026 edition represents a strategic leap, scaling the Summit into a continental leadership brand, integrating policy dialogue, entrepreneurship, innovation showcases, awards, and global engagement.

1500+
Attendees

30+
Speakers

20+
Countries Reached

700+
Certificate Issued

VISION OF THE ACHIEVERS SUMMIT

To become Africa's leading youth leadership and entrepreneurship convening platform, shaping a generation of globally relevant, value-driven, and impact-oriented leaders.

MISSION OF THE SUMMIT

- To inspire young Africans to dream boldly and lead responsibly
- To bridge the gap between potential and opportunity
- To expose youth to global leadership standards and mindsets
- To create pathways for entrepreneurship, innovation, and policy engagement
- To redefine Africa's narrative through excellence, competence, and leadership

WHY THE ACHIEVERS SUMMIT MATTERS

Africa is the youngest continent in the world, yet leadership pipelines remain underdeveloped.

The Achievers Summit responds to this gap by:

- Providing access to role models, mentors, and decision-makers
- Translating leadership theories into practical, real-world application
- Connecting young people to networks, capital, policy, and platforms
- Encouraging ethical leadership, innovation, and nation-building

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Summit is curated for:

- Young entrepreneurs and startup founders
- Students and emerging professionals
- Creatives, digital influencers, and innovators
- Policymakers and youth-focused government agencies
- Corporate leaders and institutional partners
- Investors, development organizations, and media

KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS

A. Keynote Addresses

High-level keynote sessions delivered by national and global leaders across:

- Business & entrepreneurship
- Governance & public policy
- Energy, innovation & technology
- Faith, culture & nation-building

B. Plenary & Panel Sessions

Interactive discussions covering:

- Leadership & governance in a changing Africa
- Entrepreneurship, digital influence & innovation
- Creative economy & brand building
- Youth participation in policy and nation-building

C. The 100Under40 Young Achievers Awards

An iconic awards program recognizing:

- **100 outstanding young achievers under 40**
- Representation across 36 states, FCT, and Africa
- Sectors: entrepreneurship, governance, innovation, media, creative economy, and social impact

D. Deal Rooms & Networking Sessions

Curated engagement spaces connecting:

- Entrepreneurs with investors
- Innovators with partners
- Youth leaders with mentors and policymakers

E. Exhibitions & Innovation Showcase

A platform for:

- Startups
- Creative brands
- Tech solutions
- Corporate innovations

F. Private Dinners & Awards Night

Exclusive leadership engagements featuring:

- VVIP dinners
- Recognition ceremonies
- Strategic relationship-building

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE 2026 EDITION

- Alignment with **International Youth Day**
- Celebration of leadership as a **tool for nation-building**
- Integration of **policy, business, creativity, and innovation**
- Strong media visibility and institutional credibility
- Hybrid audience reach (physical + digital amplification)

EXPECTED OUTCOMES & IMPACT

- Empowered youth with clear leadership and career pathways
- Stronger youth participation in governance and enterprise
- Increased collaboration between youth and institutions
- Elevated African narratives driven by competence and excellence
- Long-term leadership pipeline for business, public service, and innovation

PARTNERSHIP & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Achievers Summit offers partners:

- Brand visibility across physical, digital, and media platforms
- Direct engagement with Africa's emerging leaders
- Thought leadership positioning
- CSR and youth development alignment
- Investor and business deal opportunities

PROGRAM AGENDA

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Theme: The Global Emerging Leader: Redefining the African Narrative

Date: 11th – 12th August 2026

Venue: Victoria-Island, Lagos

Time: 8:00 AM Daily

DAY ONE – TUESDAY, 11TH AUGUST 2026

SETTING THE VISION FOR AFRICA'S EMERGING LEADERS

7:00 – 8:30 AM | REGISTRATION & NETWORKING BREAKFAST

- Delegate check-in
- Media interviews
- Networking morning & exhibition tour
- Welcome hospitality

8:30 – 9:00 AM | OPENING CEREMONY

- National anthem & prayer
- Welcome remarks by the Convener
- Overview of the Achievers Summit vision
- Introduction of dignitaries and partners

9:00 – 9:45 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS I

Topic: Becoming the Leader You Dream To Be: Building the Mindset, Discipline, and Confidence for Global Influence

9:45 – 10:30 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS II

Topic: From Vision to Enterprise: Leadership, Discipline, and Building Globally Competitive African Businesses

10:30 – 11:00 AM | TEA BREAK & EXHIBITION ENGAGEMENT

11:00 – 12:30 PM | PLENARY SESSION I

Theme: Leadership, Governance & Policy: Reimagining Africa's Future

Discussion Focus:

- Youth participation in governance
- Policy innovation and civic leadership
- Ethics, accountability, and public trust

12:30 – 1:30 PM | NETWORKING LUNCH

1:30 – 3:00 PM | PLENARY SESSION II

Theme: Entrepreneurship, Digital Influence & Innovation

Discussion Focus:

- Leveraging digital platforms for influence and income
- Building scalable African startups
- Creativity, storytelling, and brand relevance

3:00 – 4:00 PM | MASTERCLASS SESSIONS (PARALLEL TRACKS)

Track A: *Leadership & Personal Development*

Track B: *Business Growth & Market Expansion*

Track C: *Digital Economy, Technology & Innovation*

4:00 – 5:00 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Topic:

- From Local Impact to Global Influence
Interactive session with industry leaders and youth innovators.
- Building Entrepreneurial Ecosystems for Global Impact: Innovation, Policy, and Youth-Led Transformation

5:00 – 6:00 PM | DAY ONE CLOSING & NETWORKING

- Key takeaways
- Sponsor spotlights & raffle draws
- Media interactions
- Exhibition tour

DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST 2026.

BUILDING CHARACTER, CREATIVITY, AND LEGACY

8:00 – 9:00 AM | ARRIVAL, BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

9:00 – 9:45 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS III

From Local Impact to Global Influence: Energy, Innovation, and Leadership for a Globally Competitive African Generation

9:45 – 10:30 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS IV

Redefining the African Narrative: Purpose-Driven Leadership and Nation Building

- **Special Segment:** EAI Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation

10:30 – 11:00 AM | COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 PM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS V

Excellence Without Compromise: Thriving Spiritually, Creatively, and Globally

- **Special Segment:** EAI Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation

12:00 – 1:30 PM | SELF - DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

Theme: *Creativity, Culture & Global Influence*

An interactive conversation with creatives, founders, and thought leaders.

1:30 – 2:30 PM | LUNCH & NETWORKING

2:30 – 3:30 PM | YOUTH LEADERSHIP LABS

- Career acceleration workshops
- Startup & funding readiness
- Leadership identity & mindset building

3:30 – 4:00 PM | GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

4:00 – 5:30 PM | 100 UNDER 40 YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

Recognition of 100 outstanding young leaders across:

- 36 States
- FCT
- Africa & Diaspora

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM | SUMMIT CLOSING & FUTURE CALL

- Closing remarks
- Announcement of Achievers Summit 2027
- Networking & media engagements

7:30 PM | GALA DINNER & SPECIAL AWARDS NIGHT

Venue: Oriental Hotel, Victoria - Island

- Red carpet experience
- Special recognition awards
- Performances & celebration

ABOUT THE HOST

Emmanuel Agida is a dynamic Nigerian entrepreneur, economist, author, and philanthropist whose work spans leadership development, governance reform, entrepreneurship, and socio-economic transformation across Africa and beyond. He is the Founder and President of **Emmanuel Agida International (EAI)**, a leadership and corporate solutions firm dedicated to building globally competitive leaders, strengthening institutions, and delivering innovative solutions to individuals, organizations, and governments.

He currently serves as **Chairman of the Board of the Centre for Governance, Economy and Development (CentreGED)** and **Executive Director of the International Institute for Governance and Economy (IIGE)**, both platforms advancing policy dialogue, leadership education, and economic development across Africa.

