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Day 1		9th July 2024
Time	Activities	Speaker /Panellists
9:00	Registration	
9:20 - 9:23	National Anthems	
9:20 - 9:30	Welcome and introduction	Master ceremony, Arthur Ngwube
9:30 - 9:35	Opening remarks EU-Nigeria high level innovation collaboration overview	Samuela Isopi, Head of the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and to ECOWAS
9:40 - 9:45	Opening remarks Nigerian Science, Innovation and Technology Roadmap (and intl collaborations)	Jamila Bio Ibrahim, Honorable Minister of Youth Development
10:00 - 10:15	The AU-EU Innovation Agenda AU-EU innovation agenda and Nigeria's contribution to it thus far	Vincenzo Lorusso, European Commission, Policy Officer Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation with Africa
10:15 - 11:15	AU-EU collaboration R&I programmes This panel will discuss the EU-AU R&I Collaboration Programmes (Global Gateway, Horizon Europe, Delta-2, Innwide), highlighting key initiatives, achievements, and future opportunities for research and innovation partnerships between Europe and Africa Moderator: Inga Stefanowicz, Head of Green and Digital Economy, EU Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dr Olajide Joseph Adebola, Chief Technology Officer, Partner at Home Plus Medicare Service, Project Coordinator, Support to Local Production of Vaccines Readiness in Nigeria (EUD/BGR SUPPORT) ■ Matthew O. Adepoju Director General/CE, National Space Research and Development Agency ■ Vincenzo Lorusso, European Commission, Policy Officer Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation with Africa ■ Dr Muhammed Dahiru, Chairman of the PICTT, NASENI
11:15 - 11:45	Andela, an African unicorn inspirational talk Inspirational Talk of an African Unicorn	Mike B. Ndimurukundo, Managing Director, Andela Rwanda
11:45 - 12:15	The role of business support organisations in spurring innovation This session will explore how these entities drive innovation by providing crucial resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities. Experts will share insights on their impact in fostering a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem Moderator: Margherita Trestini, General Manager Apodissi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Charles Emembolu TechQuest STEM Academy, ISN artnerships DirectorMaryam ■ Lawan Gwadabe, ISN Hubs Corporate Director and Founder Blue Sapphire Hub ■ Michel Deelen, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Lagos ■ Sherifah Balogun, Director Strategy, Funding and Stakeholder Management, Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF)
12:15 - 13:00	How to promote African innovation uptake by private and public organisations? This session will explore strategies to ensure robust support, investment, and adoption of African innovation by both private and public sectors. Expert speakers from diverse backgrounds will discuss the importance of creating an enabling environment for innovation, addressing barriers to adoption, and showcasing successful case studies. Attendees will gain insights into effective policies, investment strategies, and collaborative approaches that can drive innovation uptake. Join us to learn how to foster a culture of innovation within institutions and leverage African ingenuity to address local and global challenges. Moderator: Nkechi Isaack Innovation, Science Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dr Diwani Thuweba, Commission Manager, GIZ/Digital Transformation Center, Nigeria ■ Odusanya Olushola, Director General National Center for Technology Management (NACETEM) ■ Dr. Audu Grema, Senior Programme Officer, Agriculture, Nigeria Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

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14:00 - 15:15	<p>eHealth. How can innovations help close the gap in healthcare support, also for remote and underserved communities? And what are the ethical implications of AI applications in healthcare? How can innovations help close the gap in healthcare support, also for remote and underserved communities? And what are the ethical implications of AI applications in healthcare?</p> <p>Moderator: Vincenzo Lorusso, European Commission, Policy Officer Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation with Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dr Are Abdulhafiz & Esther Anammah, Founders Primed e-Health ■ Dr Temitope Agbana CEO at AiDx Medical ■ Chika O. Yinka-Banjo, UNILAG machine learning/health ■ Ms Uzoma Ezeoke, Emzor, Nigeria ■ Dr Steve Nwachi Onya, Anchor Healthcare, Nigeria
14:00 - 15:15	<p>Industry 4.0. How can research support the Nigerian industry in increasing productivity and competitiveness? This session explores the transformative potential of Industry 4.0 technologies in Nigeria, focusing on how research can drive improvements in productivity and competitiveness.</p> <p>Moderator: Nkechi Isaack, Innovation Science Journalist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amr EL Hadidi, General Manager Innovation, Flour Mills ■ Danilo Dreolini, Danieli Group President for Africa Partnership Projects ■ Victoria Fabunmi, National Coordinator Office for Nigeria Digital Innovation ■ Adriano Mauro, Managing Director ApodissiMs ■ Elizabeth Ademola, LAWMA Head of Climate Change and Diplomacy
15:15 - 16:00	<p>EU-Africa inovation funding opportunities This session will explore the diverse opportunities for funding and collaborations available between the European Union and Africa, with a particular focus on Nigeria. Attendees will gain insights into various funding programs, grants, and partnership initiatives designed to foster innovation and development across multiple sectors.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Leila Ben Amor Mathieu, Head of Human Development Section European Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vincenzo Lorusso, Horizon Europe & Africa Initiatives ■ NUC on African Centres of Excellence ■ Rakiya Ilyasu, Director for University Education at Federal Ministry of Education ■ Judikael Regnaut, Head of Cooperation French Embassy ■ Prof Yedilfana Setarge Mekonnen, Regional Representative to EURAXESS Africa
16:00 - 16:15	<p>Wrap-up from thematic workshops Moderator of each parallel workshop presents highlights</p>	Moderator: Master Ceremony
16:15 - 16:45	Innovation for a sustainable and inclusive society - Inspirational Talk: Innovation for Human Development	
16:45 - 17:00	Rhymes & Poetry on Innovation	Dr Vincenzo Lorusso
17:00 - 19:00	Afrobeat Cocktail	Teni

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9:30 - 9:40	Welcome and introduction Round up Day 1 and Day 2 introduction	Master Ceremony
9:40 - 10:00	Opening Address - Lagos Innovation Bill	Lagos Commissioner
10:00 - 11:00	<p>EU-Nigeria Ongoing Successful R&D projects This session will showcase the thriving research and development collaborations between the European Union and Nigeria. Highlighting a range of successful projects across various sector</p> <p>Moderator: Laurent Bochereau, Minister-Counsellor Science, Technology and Innovation Delegation of the European Union to the African Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prof Olusegun Oyebola, University Ibadan, partner of Incitis-Food Horizon Europe Project ■ Dr Maruf Sanni, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions National Contact Point for Nigeria, National Centre for Technology Management, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology ■ Prof Sylvanus Okogbenin, Principal Investigator of the INTEGRATE EDCTP project ■ Prof. S.O. Ajadi, Obafemi Awolowo University Partner of EmbeddedAI, ERASMUS+ Project ■ Margherita Trestini, General Manager Apodissi (PrAEctiCE Horizon Europe Project)
11:00 - 11:30	<p>Nigerian Innovation Success Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A Nigerian successful Agritech InnovatorA ■ Nigerian successful Health Innovator ■ A Nigerian successful Industry 4.0 Innovator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joseph Ante, Agristi (Urban Agriculture) ■ 8Medical, Ibukun Tunde-Oni (Health) ■ Gideon Adegbesan, Founder Dot Circle Lab (Industry 4.0)
11:30 - 12:00	<p>Why innovation fails at the proof of the Nigerian market? Building on the "Innovation Uptake by Private & Public Institutions" panel session of Day 1, this session will explore why innovations often fail in the Nigerian market. Panelists will discuss the key reasons behind these failures and strategies to overcome these challenges, providing valuable insights for innovators and stakeholders.</p> <p>Moderator: Daniel Adeyemi, Technology Journalist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dr Adebowale Odulana, Chief Innovation Officer, Evercare Hospital ■ Mike B. Ndimurukundo, MD Andela Rwanda ■ Yomi Jemibewon, founding partners of CardinalStone and Managing Partner of CardinalStone Capital Advisers Limited. ■ Gift Iyere, Sterling Bank Senior Ecosystem Partnership Officer
12:00 - 12:15	<p>Leading Innovation to Market: Essential Skills for Success This keynote session will delve into the critical skills and competencies required to drive successful innovation from concept to market. How to foster a culture of innovation within organisations, navigating the challenges of market entry, and scaling innovative solutions. Interswitch successful story will provide actionable insights on how to drive impactful innovation and maintain a competitive edge in today's rapidly evolving marketplace.</p>	Dr. Cherry Eromosele (Honoris Causa), (FNIMN),(FEIP), Executive Vice President & Group Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at Interswitch Group
12:15 - 13:00	<p>Nigeria's Excellence in Creative Industries How Nigeria's success stories in innovation in art, music and fashion industries can inspire other sectors?</p> <p>Moderator: Ladunni Lambo, Cultural Coordinator Alliance Francaise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ms Chinyere Obieze, Head of Library and Information, Goethe Institute Nigeria, Dreaming New World (Art and Quantum Technologies) ■ Obi Asika, Director-General, National Council for Arts and Culture, NCAC ■ Chuma Anagbado, Phygital Artist ■ Ife Adebayo, National Coordinator Investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises Programme (iDICE)

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Networking Lunch 13:00:00 - 14:00		
14:00 - 15:00	Innovators matchmaking session	
15:00 - 15:15	<p>Matchmaking Reflections from Industry Leaders on Innovator Engagements</p> <p>Procurers, buyers, and investors in the audience will be invited share their impressions from the matchmaking session, providing invaluable feedback on the innovators they met. This session is a unique opportunity to understand what industry leaders are looking for and how innovators can better position themselves for success in a competitive market</p> <p>Moderator: Master Ceremony</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mike B. Ndimurukundo, MD Andela Rwanda ■ Sunil Natraj, CEO Jumia Nigeria ■ Invite participants from the audience to give their impression
15:15 - 15:45	Jumia, a Nigerian unicorn inspirational talk	Sunil Natraj, CEO Jumia Nigeria
15:45 - 16:45	<p>Nigerian Funding Opportunities for innovation and digitalisation</p> <p>This session will dwelve into the funding opportunities for digitalisation and innovation for Nigerian SMEs, innovators and industry</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Bamkole Deputy Vice Chancellor (Admin) at Pan-Atlantic University; Independent Non-Executive Director Zenith Bank</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Babatunde Omoloye, Programme Manager, Growth Platform Bank of Industry ■ Abimbola Olufore Wycliffe, UNIDO Head, Investment and Technology Promotion Office, Nigeria ■ Olubunmi Kole-Dawodu, SMEDAN Lagos State Manager ■ Zakari A. Momodu, Projects Director at Aliko Dangote Foundation
16:45 - 17:00	Rhymes & Poetry on Innovation	Vincenzo Lorusso