CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS NIGERIA PROPOSED EVENT CONTENT FOR GNDI

1. **CIoD NIGERIA WOMEN DIRECTORS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

On July 1st 2026, the CIoD Nigeria had over 500 accomplished women directors, business leaders, governance professionals, and changemakers came together for a day of inspiring conversations, shared experiences, and meaningful connections in its 2026 CIoD Nigeria Women Directors Biennial Conference.

With the theme 'From Power to Presence: Advancing Women's Influence in the Boardroom', the conference celebrated the power, influence, and impact of women in leadership while engaging with distinguished speakers and accomplished leaders shaping the future of governance and business. From thought-provoking panel sessions to powerful networking opportunities, the conference reaffirmed our collective commitment to advancing women's leadership, strengthening inclusive governance, and preparing the next generation of boardroom leaders.
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2. **HALF YEAR STATE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE OUTLOOK**

A room filled with members of the press and stakeholders asking tough questions about the state of corporate governance in Nigeria.
How do we bridge the gap between policy and implementation? What does AI mean for boardrooms? How can stronger governance drive national competitiveness?

These were some of the critical issues explored during our Bi-Annual State of Corporate Governance Press Conference held in July 14th 2026, which started with a compelling call to action from our President and Chairman of Governing Council, Otunba Adetunji Oyebanji, F.CIoD, on the state of governance in Nigeria.

The event also featured the presentation of the Institute's inaugural Governance Health Check of the Nation which unveiled key findings, emerging governance trends and practical recommendations for strengthening governance across both the public and private sectors.

The evidence-based report examined critical issues including board effectiveness, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, ESG and sustainability, public sector governance, regulatory developments and institutional resilience, while outlining practical pathways for enhancing Nigeria's competitiveness.

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3. JULY 2026 NEW MEMBERS' INDUCTION CEREMONY

On the 23rd 2026, we proudly welcomed a new cohort of members at our latest New Members' Induction Ceremony.

These new members are directors, strategists and leaders who have completed the mandatory Company Direction Course and earned their place in Nigeria's foremost professional body for corporate governance and board leadership.

In his address, our President and Chairman of the Governing Council, Otunba Adetunji Oyebanji, F.CIoD, reminded the inductees that membership of the Institute is more than a professional achievement.

He charged the them to lead with integrity, exercise independent judgement and contribute to building resilient institutions that create lasting value for organisations, stakeholders and society.

Congratulations to our newest members. Welcome to a community committed to advancing excellence in governance, ethical leadership and sustainable impact.

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4. SUMMER MASTERCLASS IN MANCHESTER, UK

We are delighted to announce the successful conclusion of the **4th Edition of the CIoD Nigeria Summer Masterclass for Directors (SMD4)**, held in **Manchester, UK, from 28–31 July 2026**.

Over three insightful days, participants explored the transformative role of **Artificial Intelligence** in strategic decision-making, leadership, governance, and the future of business. The programme equipped directors and senior executives with practical insights into harnessing AI, navigating emerging risks, and future-proofing organisational strategies.

The Masterclass brought together distinguished directors, business leaders, and industry captains from across sectors. Officially declared open by our President, **Otunba Adetunji Oyebanji, F.CIoD**, and facilitated by renowned faculty, including **Dr. Fabio Goncalves de Oliveira** of Henley Business School and **Professor Richard Whittle**, the programme fostered high-level learning, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.

Beyond the classroom, participants enjoyed an enriching study tour of Manchester, including visits to **Manchester FC Stadium** and the **Manchester Science and Industry Museum**, blending leadership, innovation, history, and culture into one memorable experience.

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