

EXPERT GROUP MEETING FOR A NEW NIGERIA

Birth of a New Nigeria through Dialogue & Advocacy

Background

Nigeria's unparalleled diversity—spanning over 250 ethnic groups, more than 500 languages, and a rich array of faiths and cultures—offers immense potential for national greatness. Yet, the historical and ongoing mismanagement of this diversity has contributed to division, mistrust, conflict, and underdevelopment. From ethnic and religious tensions to political exclusion, youth alienation, and climate-induced vulnerabilities, Nigeria faces multifaceted challenges that demand bold, inclusive, and visionary responses.

SetForth Nigeria Organisation (SNO) was established to champion responsible citizenship, peaceful coexistence, and national unity. Achieving this mission calls for a dedicated platform for informed dialogue, strategic policy thinking, and community-focused innovation.

The Expert Group Meeting for a New Nigeria is a quarterly convening of thought leaders, academics, policymakers, civil society actors, development practitioners, and youth voices to shape transformative national conversations around peace, justice, inclusion, governance, and sustainable development.

Objectives

The Expert Group Meeting aims to:

1. Promote inclusive and evidence-based dialogue on Nigeria's most pressing social, political, and economic challenges.
2. Deepen understanding of the root causes of division, violence, exclusion, and marginalization in Nigerian society.
3. Explore innovative strategies for peacebuilding, social cohesion, and conflict prevention at local and national levels.
4. Formulate policy recommendations that reflect the voices of communities, particularly youth, women, and vulnerable groups.
5. Foster patriotism, civic engagement, and a shared commitment to the Nigerian project.
6. Generate knowledge products (policy briefs, communiqués, position papers) to influence national policy and governance.
7. Strengthen collaborative networks across sectors and disciplines for continuous engagement and impact.

Meeting Frequency and Outputs

The Expert Group will convene quarterly, physically or virtually, with flexibility to organise special sessions as needed.

Each meeting will produce:

1. A communiqué summarising key deliberations and strategic recommendations.
2. Policy briefs tailored for government agencies, civil society, and development partners.
3. Advocacy statements and position papers for public and media dissemination.
4. Programmatic guidance notes to inform SNO's training, volunteer, and grassroots initiatives.

Expected Impact

1. Reinforced national dialogue and thought leadership on peacebuilding and governance.
2. Closer integration of community perspectives into policymaking and development planning.
3. Sustained support for SNO's programming through expert guidance and collaboration.
4. Stronger civil society influence on reform, equity, and national reconciliation.