



**Arkansas - Nigeria**

**Economic Development Forum**

United for Change:  
Health · Education · Agriculture · Development

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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Here's the *TENTATIVE* program working schedule:

### **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

#### **Arrivals of Guests: Nigerian Delegation in Arkansas**

Airport shuttle to the Official Hotel, Little Rock Marriott Hotel (formerly The Peabody Hotel)

- Registration and Check-in of Attendees 9AM – 5PM
- Arrival of the Nigerian Delegations to Arkansas 11AM – 7PM
- Arrival ceremonies at the Marriott Hotel Foyer Lounge. 7:30PM – 9PM

### **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

#### **Official VIP meeting with Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe 8AM – 8:45AM (VIP Invitation only)**

Official VIP meeting with the Governor in the Office of the Governor Board Room  
Official Photograph with Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe.

#### **Press Conference and State Capitol Tour 9AM – 11AM**

Official Press Conference on the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol and the Rotunda announcing the Federal Republic of Nigerian delegation visit to the Great State of Arkansas to discuss in the areas of Health, Education, Agriculture and Economic Development.

- Proclamation of “Nigerian Day” will be presented to His Excellency, Prof. Adebowale Adefuye, Nigerian Ambassador the United States.
- Official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies conducted by the LRRCC Ambassadors.
- Official tour of the Arkansas State Capitol and Courtesy Meeting with Arkansas Secretary of State, Honorable Mark Martin.

#### **International Trade Luncheon 11:30AM – 1PM**

International trade discussions will commence at the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce at noon. Topics of discussion will include ways of developing bilateral trade and investment opportunities between the Country of Nigeria and the State of Arkansas.

Luncheon Keynote speaker: TBA

**Little Rock Club (Regions Bank Building) 2PM – 3:30PM (VIP Invitation only)**

**BUSINESS SECTOR**

Economic Development Trade and Investment Forum – Roundtable Discussions: Match-Making B2B with State Partners and Delegation Meeting. Topic of discussion will include:

- Import and Export: Arkansas and Nigeria, and vice-versa
- Arkansas Africa Business Now: Let's do business
- Steps to Doing Business in Nigeria. (PDF available on Arkansas World Trade Center website)

**Mayor's Welcome Reception 4PM – 6PM CURRAN HALL**

City of Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola presents the Mayor's Welcome Reception for the Nigerian Delegation, and explores collaborative options with the city. Meet and greet networking event featuring the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States and other distinguished guests.

- Presentation of Honorary Citizens conferred on the Nigeria Delegations.
- Presentations of "Key to the City" given to Distinguished VIP guests.
- Proclamations of the "Nigerian Day" presented to the Nigerian Delegations

**Education Collaboration Visit with Clinton School of Public Service: 6:15PM – 6:45PM**

Collaborative Exploration Meeting with Dean Skip Rutherford, Dean of Clinton School of Public Service.

- The primary focus is on developing a partnering program between Nigerian Universities and Clinton School about Web-based and distance learning resources.
- To explore ways to collaborate and establish student exchange, Professor Exchange, and internship exchange program between Clinton School of Public Service and Nigeria Universities.

**Followed by:**

- Official Tour of the President Bill Clinton Presidential Center escorted by Presidential Museum staff.
- Official Tour of the Heifer Project International headquarters in LR escorted by official staff.

**Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Agricultural VIP Tours I (Stuttgart, Arkansas) – Riceland Visit and Tours: 7:30 AM – 10 AM**

- Tour of Riceland Foods in Stuttgart, Arkansas

Theme: "Engaging the Economic Engine in Agricultural Partnership (Rice Production) for Nigeria"

**Agricultural VIP Tours II (Pine Bluff, Arkansas): UAPB Fish Farm Tour: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

- Tour of University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff – Aquaculture Fish Farm in Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Theme: "Arkansas and Nigeria: Partnering together (Aquaculture) to develop strong Agricultural ties"

## Friday 1PM – 3:30 PM

### Health and Education – University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences: 1pm – 3:30 pm

International Health Panel Discussion, Lunch and Tour at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Public Health/College of Medicine.

Highlights will include: UAMS will host the group for a campus tour, followed by the luncheon and a panel discussion on health care education at UAMS. Representatives from the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Health Related Professions and Pharmacy discussed their programs and answered questions from the Nigerian delegation.

- The primary focus is on developing a partnering program between Nigerian Universities and UAMS about Web-based and distance learning resources that could extend health education to rural areas.
- To explore ways to collaborate and establish student exchange, Professor Exchange, and internship exchange program between UAMS and selected Medical Schools in Nigeria.

### State Dinner Gala and Award Ceremonies 7PM – 9:30 PM

International Delegation Gala and Award Ceremonies at the Arkansas Governor’s Mansion. Welcoming Remarks by: His Excellency, Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe and His Excellency, Prof. Adefuye, Nigerian Ambassador to the US.

- Presentation and Award ceremonies of the “Ambassador of Goodwill” Award and Pin presented to selected distinguished VIP guests.
- Special Presentations

## Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

### NWA Trade Mission Program and Tours 7:30AM – 4:30PM

Program Presented and Hosted by: The Arkansas World Trade Center, Rogers, Arkansas

**Saturday June 1, 2013**

***Tentative Agenda***

Fly in from Little Rock to NWA (Drake Fields)

Tyson and the Discovery Center

WTC Arkansas\*\*

(box lunch)

Arrive Drake Field 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Requested by Nigerian Delegation:

- Government: Senator Boozman; Senator Pryor, Representatives from the Governor’s Office (NWA or Little Rock)
- Higher Education: Deans of the University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Sam M. Walton, Dale Bumpers, J. William Fulbright, Libraries, Provost, Graduate School and International

- Small Business: Small Business leaders from the following business sectors: farming, agriculture equipment, and poultry
- Growth Industries: Wal-Mart Corporation and Tyson, Inc.
- Economic Development: NWA Council, and the AEDC, Arkansas Farm Bureau
- Tourism: CVB, Rogers, Bentonville and Fayetteville

*Travel 1:00-1:30 p.m.*

Tour Crystal Bridges and meet with museum staff	1:30- 3:30 p.m.
Travel to the airport to return to Little Rock.	3:45 p.m.

**WTC Proposed Agenda**

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| General meet and greet with guest  | 11:00- 11:15 a.m.    |
| Welcome:   | 11:15 a.m.           |
| • Select box lunch and have break-out sessions: higher education, Wal-Mart, small business meetings, economic development, and government. | 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. |
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**CLOSING CRUISE ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER BOAT 6:15PM – 9PM**

- Closing Program includes Dinner, Music and Riverboat Cruise on the Arkansas Queen/Mark Twain on the Arkansas River from 6:30pm to 10pm.
- Closing Reception and after-party will continue at The Pinnacle Point Room at the Peabody Hotel: 10pm – 2:30am.