

THEME:

REFINING FOR VALUE: LINKING UPSTREAM SUPPLY TO DOWNSTREAM DEMAND

Summit Objective

The Nigeria Oil Refining Summit (NORS) 2026 will convene policymakers, regulators, investors, refiners, financiers, technology providers, traders and industrial leaders to develop practical strategies that position Nigeria as Africa's leading refining and downstream hub, accelerate industrialisation, strengthen energy security, deepen regional trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and create sustainable economic prosperity.

DAY ONE – Monday, 28 September 2026

Theme Focus: Building a Competitive Refining Industry for Energy Security and Economic Growth

08:30 – 09:45 Registration, Executive Networking & Exhibition

10:00 – 11:00 Grand Opening Ceremony

- Welcome Address
- Host Remarks
- Address by CORAN Chairman
- Goodwill Messages
- Regulatory Perspectives
- International Partner Remarks
- Keynote Address by the Honourable Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil)
- Official Opening of Exhibition

Strategic Outcome

Set national and continental priorities for refining, investment and industrial competitiveness.

11:15 – 12:15

Session One

Guaranteeing Crude Supply for Domestic Refining:
From Policy to Commercial Reality

Core Objective

Develop sustainable policies and commercial frameworks that ensure reliable crude supply for domestic refineries, improve production planning and reduce Nigeria's dependence on imported petroleum products.

Expected Outcomes

- Stronger domestic crude allocation framework
- Improved investment confidence
- Increased refinery utilisation

12:15 – 13:15

Session Two

Positioning Nigeria as Africa's Refining and Export Hub

Core Objective

Explore regional petroleum demand, export opportunities, market competitiveness and AfCFTA-driven trade to position Nigeria as the preferred supplier of refined petroleum products across Africa.

Expected Outcomes

- Expanded regional market opportunities
- Improved export competitiveness
- Increased foreign exchange earnings

13:15 – 14:00

Networking Lunch & Exhibition

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14:00 – 15:00

Session Three

Financing Africa's Next Generation of Refineries

Core Objective

Identify innovative financing mechanisms capable of attracting private capital, institutional investors and development finance for refinery development and expansion.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased investment pipeline
- Bankable refining projects
- Stronger public-private partnerships

15:00 – 16:00

Session Four

Securing Petroleum Distribution Through Maritime, Insurance and Logistics Excellence

Core Objective

Strengthen maritime transportation, insurance, coastal security and logistics systems that support efficient movement of refined products throughout Nigeria and Africa.

Expected Outcomes

- Reduced distribution losses
- Enhanced maritime security
- Lower logistics costs
- Improved regional fuel supply resilience

19:00 – 22:30

NORS 2026 Summit Dinner & Industry Awards

Celebrating excellence, leadership, innovation and strategic partnerships in Africa's downstream petroleum sector.

DAY TWO – Tuesday, 29 September 2026

Theme Focus: Driving Industrialisation Through Refining and Downstream Value Creation

08:30 – 09:00

Networking Coffee & Exhibition

09:00 – 10:00

Session Five

Strengthening Midstream Infrastructure for National Energy Security

Core Objective

Develop integrated storage, pipeline, terminal and evacuation infrastructure that enhances refinery efficiency and supports uninterrupted product distribution.

Expected Outcomes

- Improved storage capacity
- Reduced logistics bottlenecks
- Stronger national fuel security

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10:15 – 11:15

Session Six

Technology, Operational Excellence and Local Content in Refining

Core Objective

Promote digital transformation, operational efficiency, innovation and indigenous capacity development to improve refinery performance and maximise local value addition.

Expected Outcomes

- Improved refinery reliability
- Greater local content participation
- Enhanced workforce capability

11:15 – 12:15

Session Seven

Creating Efficient Downstream Markets for Economic Growth

Core Objective

Strengthen market transparency, product quality, regulation and regional market integration to ensure affordable, reliable and competitive petroleum product supply.

Expected Outcomes

- Improved market confidence
- Better product quality
- Increased regional trade

13:00 – 14:00

Session Eight

Refining as a Catalyst for Industrialisation, Manufacturing and Economic Diversification

Core Objective

Demonstrate how refining can stimulate petrochemicals, fertilisers, manufacturing, power generation, shipping and special economic zones, thereby creating jobs and accelerating economic transformation across Africa.

Expected Outcomes

- Expanded manufacturing value chains
- Increased industrial investment
- Higher employment
- Enhanced GDP contribution
- Stronger regional industrial competitiveness

14:15 – 15:15

Ministerial Leadership Dialogue

From Vision to Execution: Accelerating Africa's Refining Renaissance

A high-level interactive dialogue among ministers, regulators, investors and chief executives on policy implementation, investment priorities and regional collaboration.

Strategic Outcome

Agreement on actionable reforms that will unlock refinery investment and strengthen Africa's refining ecosystem.

15:15 – 16:00

Closing Plenary

Presentation and adoption of the Lagos Refining Declaration 2026, outlining commitments, policy recommendations and implementation priorities for Nigeria and Africa's refining sector.



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Wednesday, 30 September 2026

Post-Summit Technical Visit

Refinery Technical Tour

A guided technical visit to a refinery facility showcasing modern refining processes, operational excellence, safety systems, digital technologies and best practices.

Objective

Bridge policy discussions with practical industry experience while strengthening collaboration among government, investors, operators and technology providers.

AGENDA