




2026 National Budget
Roundtable &
Panel Discussion

Covenant University CEPDeR



Theme:
**National Budgeting,
Artificial Intelligence
and Human Capital
Development**

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Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria.

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National Anthem

- 1 Nigeria we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ,
In brotherhood, we stand,
Nigerians all, and proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.
- 2 Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honour'd
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.
- 3 O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

Covenant University Anthem

- 1 We're a covenant generation
Pursuing excellence
Redeemed to reign
Learning to lead
We are bound by an oath
Obeying rules to rule
Making Kings of youths
Flying high on covenant wings
Wisdom's call for change
Inspired, on fire
With courage
Marching on in grace
God's own arrow
Shot for glory.
- 2 Covenant generation arise
Light and knowledge to shine
Glorious foundation stone
Leadership skills to show
Departing from knowledge
To empowerment
Legalism to realism
Wisdom's call for change
Inspired, on fire
With courage marching on in grace
God's own arrow
Shot for glory.

COVENANT UNIVERSITY CONTEXT

VISION

To be a leading World-Class University, committed to raising a New Generation of Leaders in all fields of Human endeavour

MISSION STATEMENT

To create knowledge and restore the dignity of the black man via a Human Development Total Man Concept-driven curriculum employing innovative, leading-edge teaching and learning methods, research and professional services that promote integrated, Life-applicable, life-transforming education, relevant to the context of Science, Technology and Human Capacity Building

MANDATE

"Raising a new generation of leaders through a qualitative and life-applicable training system that focuses on value and skill development."

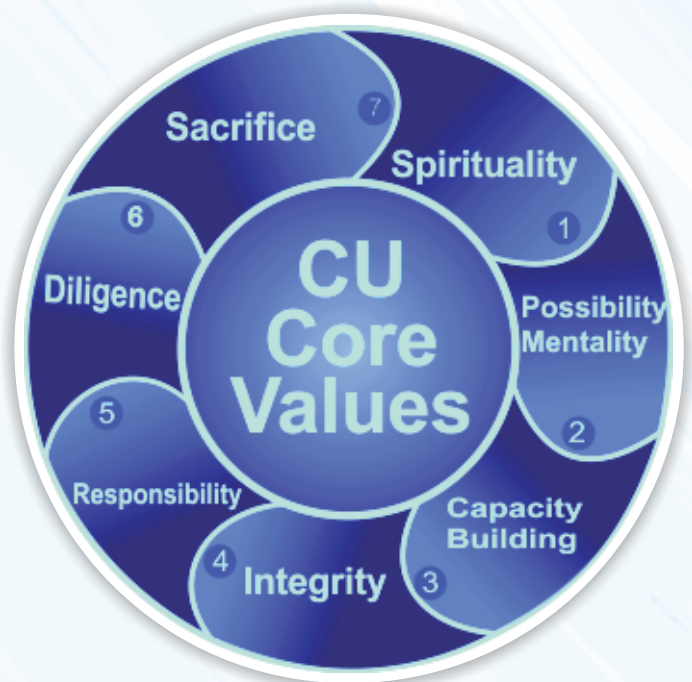
"Raising a new generation of leaders through a broad-based qualitative education built on sound biblical principles culminating in the birth of path-finders, pace-setters and trail-blazers."

"Raising a new generation of leaders who shall redeem the battered image of the black race and restore her lost glory as this trained army of reformers begin to build the old wastes, repair the wasted cities and raise the desolation of many generations."

FOUNDING PHILOSOPHY

Covenant University is built on the philosophical platform espoused in the following aphorisms:

- A departure from *form* to *skill*
- A departure from *knowledge* to *empowerment*
- A departure from *figures* to *future building*
- A departure from *legalism* to *realism*
- A departure from *points* to *facts*
- A departure from "*mathe-matics*" to "*life-matics*"



Vice-Chancellor's Welcome Remarks



Prof. Timothy A. Anake

It is with excitement and a profound sense of national responsibility that I welcome you all to this CEPDeR's National Budget Roundtable and Panel Discussion (NBR 2026), themed “National Budgeting, Artificial Intelligence and Human Capital Development.”

I warmly acknowledge our eminent guests from the Ministry of Education, Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, the Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning, the Budget Office of the Federation, and other key government agencies, as well as the invited Speakers and panellists.

As a Vice-Chancellor, I stand here not only as an administrator of a university, but as one who daily witnesses the immense

potential of Nigerian youth. I am reminded constantly that the future of our nation depends on how deliberately we invest in knowledge, skills, innovation, and the structures that support national progress.

National budgeting is far more than an annual financial exercise. It is one of the most explicit expressions of a nation's priorities and developmental intent. In today's rapidly changing world, budgeting systems must evolve beyond traditional frameworks into more brilliant, data-driven, transparent, and technology-enabled instruments of governance.

This is where Artificial Intelligence offers transformative possibilities; enhancing fiscal forecasting, improving expenditure efficiency, reducing leakages, and strengthening accountability. However, as we embrace these opportunities, we must also advance responsible AI governance frameworks that ensure ethical deployment, fairness, data protection, and national security.

Yet, beyond technology, the central question remains: Are we investing adequately in people? For no nation can rise beyond the strength of its human capital. Nigeria's greatest asset is its youthful population, and our budgeting priorities must reflect more substantial commitments to education, digital skills, research, innovation, and productivity.

This conversation aligns directly with Nigeria's aspirations under the National Development Plan (2021–2025), the Renewed Hope Agenda, and the National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy. It also resonates with global and continental commitments, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063, which envision inclusive prosperity driven by science and technology and empowered citizens.

As we look ahead, let us be reminded:

“We are not merely discussing budgets and technologies; we are shaping destinies. For when a nation invests rightly in knowledge, innovation, and human capacity, it secures a future of greatness for generations yet unborn.”

May this NBR 2026 yield actionable recommendations, stronger partnerships, and enduring outcomes for a prosperous, digitally empowered, and globally competitive Nigeria.

Once again, I welcome you most warmly. I wish you fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.

Prof. Timothy A. Anake
Vice-Chancellor,
Covenant University

Opening Remarks By Chair, CEPDeR



Dr. Busayo Aderounmu

All praise to God Almighty for life and the privilege to gather once again for 2026 National Budget Roundtable and Panel Discussion (NBR 2026). It is a great honour and privilege for me to give this opening remark. I hereby warmly welcome us to the 2026 National Budget Roundtable and Panel Discussion.

The Centre for Economic Policy and Development Research (CEPDeR) was established in March 2018 by the Department of Economics and Development Studies, Covenant University with a mission of “Linking Research to Policy and Practice”. CEPDeR is driven by the passion of having an interface among academia, policy makers and industry practitioners. Our collective objective remains clear: to strengthen Nigeria's national budgeting framework as a strategic instrument for inclusive growth, structural transformation, and sustainable development. Every year, the centre inaugurates new fellows ranging from graduate research associate to principal research fellows to contribute to the policy discuss and research activities of the centre. This year, about 20 new fellows will be inaugurated to join the think tank of the centre. I like to also highlight that CEPDeR had hosted various Seminars, Roundtable Discussions and Conferences in the past. Another one, the Tax Reform, Forum and Conference, will be coming up on June 10th and 11th, 2026. We are all invited to be part of it.

This annual NBR continues to serve as an important platform for rigorous engagement among policymakers, scholars, industry leaders, development partners, and civil society actors. The theme for this year “National Budgeting, Artificial Intelligence and Human Capital Development” is both timely and forward-

looking. As the world embraces the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI), the 2026 National Budget offers Nigeria an opportunity to rethink how technology and fiscal policy can work together to build a more productive, skilled, and future-ready population.

We are living in a defining era of global transformation driven by rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI), automation, digital systems, and data governance. These technologies are reshaping productivity systems, labour markets, public service delivery, education models, financial systems, and even national competitiveness. For developing economies like Nigeria, this transformation presents both immense opportunities and significant risks.

The fundamental question before us is how can national budgeting evolve from a traditional allocation mechanism into a strategic policy tool that prepares our people for an AI-driven global economy?

AI will not replace people but those that fail to invest in human capital development may find themselves increasingly marginalised. Therefore, budgeting at the national and sub-national levels should deliberately prioritise educational reform that aligns with digital and analytical competencies; technical and vocational capacity for emerging industries; research and innovation ecosystems; digital infrastructure and data governance systems; social protection frameworks that manage labour market transitions, among others.

Human capital development, which entails both education and health, is a key determinant of the growth as well as development of an economy. Thus, it should no longer be treated as a residual expenditure but be positioned as a core macroeconomic investment.

At the same time, AI itself presents opportunities to strengthen public financial management from revenue forecasting and expenditure tracking to transparency, anti-corruption systems, and evidence-based policy evaluation. The integration of intelligent systems into fiscal governance could significantly improve efficiency, accountability, and policy precision. However, technological adoption without ethical governance, institutional capacity, and inclusion may widen inequality. Our national budget should therefore serve as both an economic instrument and a social equaliser ensuring that digital transformation does not leave vulnerable populations behind.

As we deliberate today, we shall explore key questions:

- How can Nigeria's national budget strategically finance AI readiness while safeguarding jobs and livelihoods?
 - What reforms are required to align fiscal policy with future-of-work realities?
 - How can we strengthen education, health, and skills development as foundational pillars of national competitiveness?
 - In what ways can AI enhance budgeting efficiency, transparency, and fiscal discipline?
- The 2026 budget cycle presents an opportunity, not merely to allocate resources, but to reposition Nigeria for long-term resilience in a rapidly evolving global order.

This NBR will therefore generate practical, evidence-based recommendations that translate into actionable policy reforms. The insights gained from today's discussions will be translated into actionable policy recommendations aimed at optimising Nigeria's budget. We hope to influence government policies and industry practices aimed at transforming the economy through our policy briefs and articles. As always, CEPDeR remains committed to bridging research, government policy, and industry practice to support sustainable development in Nigeria and across Africa.

I sincerely appreciate our distinguished keynote speaker, panellists, partners, fellows, and participants, both physical and virtual, whose presence reflects the importance of this dialogue.

I can not but appreciate the VC, Professor Timothy Anake, the Dean of CMSS, Professor Adewale Oshinbanjo, the HOD of Economic and Development Studies, Dr. Ebenezer Bowale, the pioneer chair, Professor Evans Osabuohien, the immediate past chair, Dr. Obindah Gershon, and all LOC Chairs and members. Also, my profound gratitude goes to wonderful interns for tirelessly putting in all efforts to ensure that things are done timely.

As we commence this 2026 NBR, I encourage open, constructive, and forward-thinking engagement.

The future of national development will be shaped not only by how much we spend, but by how intelligently we plan, invest, and empower our people.

Thank you, and I look forward to a productive and impactful deliberation.

Dr. Busayo Aderounmu
(Chair, CEPDeR)

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

S/N	Activities / Programme	Time	(Minutes)
1	Opening Prayer	2	Minutes
2	National & Covenant University Anthems	5	Minutes
3	Opening Remarks by Chair, CEPDeR	5	Minutes
4	Welcome Address by Vice Chancellor & Declaring the Event Open	7	Minutes
5	Inauguration of CEPDeR Fellows	5	Minutes
6	Keynote Address	25	Minutes
7	Group Photograph / Tea break	15	Minutes
8	Panel Discussion	30	Minutes
9	Questions & Answers	20	Minutes
10	Good will message from Partners	15	Minutes
11	Closing Remarks by the Dean, CMSS	5	Minutes
12	Vote of Thanks by HOD, Economics & Development Studies	5	Minutes
13	Announcements & Closing Prayer	3	Minutes
14	Refreshment & Departure		

Notable CEPDeR Milestones



Group Photograph of The VC, Prof. Timothy Anake, Members of Management, CEPDeR Chair, LOC, Covenant University Staff and some Guests at NBR 2025



Group Photograph of CEPDeR Fellows and Guests at NBR 2025. L-R (Front Row): Dr. Okorie, Ms. Okwedy, Prof. Osabuohien, Dr. Gershon, Prof. Lisk, Dr. Obeng, Dr. Fasanu, Dr. Bowale, OPPICIMA REP (Pastor Adetula)

Notable CEPDeR Milestones



CEPDeR Chair, Former CEPDeR Chairs, and Interns with a Visiting Scholar (Ms Sema Karakus) from Germany (October 2025)



Visiting Scholar (Dr Florence Dafe) from University of Warwick, UK/ TUM, Germany with CEPDeR Chair, Former CEPDeR Chairs & IOL Staff (18th November 2025)



CEPDeR Chair, HOD of Economics and Development Studies with Interns after a CEPDeR monthly Seminar

Notable CEPDeR Milestones



CEPDeR chair, CEPDeR Fellows, and Some Faculty of Departments in the College of Management and Social Science of Covenant University, after a CEPDeR monthly Seminar presented by Dr. Romanus Osabohien on February 3, 2026



CEPDeR Chair, Former Chairs, Fellows and Faculty of the Department of Economics and Development Studies of Covenant University after a CEPDeR Seminar presentation.



CEPDeR Chair, Former Chairs, Fellows and some Postgraduate Students of the Department of Economics and Development Studies of Covenant University after a CEPDeR Seminar presentation by Dr. Sonia Agbonjaru in May, 2025

LIST OF 2026 CEPDeR FELLOWS

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- ADUHOR Utiwoma
- AROMASODUN Ololade
- EKEKWE Mary Obiageli
- OJO Elizabeth

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- OPUE Job



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MINES, AND AGRICULTURE

Organise:

**TAX REFORM FORUM
& CONFERENCE
2026**

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and practical application of new Tax law

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**TAX POLICY IN GREEN
FUTURE: SOCIO-ECONOMIC
IMPLICATIONS
FOR DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES**

DATE:
10th - 11th June,
2026

TIME:
9:00am

VENUE:
CUCRID Auditorium,
Covenant University,
Ota, Nigeria.



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Prof. Evans Osabuohien - Conference Chair - 08028858727

Profile of Speakers And Panellists



Prof. Uchenna Uwaleke

Prof. Uche Joe Uwaleke
Director, Institute of Capital Market Studies and Professor at Nasarawa State University

Prof. Uche Joe Uwaleke is a renowned Financial Economist and Professor of Capital Market.

He is a former Head of Accounting as well as Banking and Finance Departments at Nasarawa State University, Keffi and currently the Director of the Institute of Capital Market Studies in the same University.

He is the Pioneer President of the Capital Market Academics of Nigeria and is a former Honourable Commissioner for Finance, Imo State. He also held the positions of Chief Economist and Director of Research at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Nigeria and was a member of the Nigerian Stock Exchange Advisory Committee.

Prof. Uwaleke is a member of the Daily Trust Board of Economists, member of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry Economics Committee, and also sits on the Governing Council of the Nigerian Economic Society.

He is the Chairman, Board of Directors, Nasarawa State University Microfinance Bank, and sits on the Board of Cowry Treasurers Ltd as an Independent Director. At the national level, he is a member of the Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms.

Prof. Uwaleke is a Fellow of several professional bodies, including the Capital Market Academics of Nigeria (FCMA), the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (FCS), the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (FCA), the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (FCIB), the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (FCTI), and the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars (FCMR).

He has to his credit over 70 publications in reputable journals. He is the author of the popular books: 10Ps of the Nigerian Capital Market, and Essentials of Non-Interest Capital Market.

Dr. Oreitan Adigun, HCIB, FCIA, FIMC.
– Director, Economics & Strategy, The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria

Dr. Oreitan Adigun currently serves as the Director of Economics & Strategy at the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN). Before joining CIBN, he held the position of Group Head, Commercial Banking at Union Bank of Nigeria Plc, where he was recruited through a headhunting exercise led by PwC to support the bank's rebranding initiative. During his tenure, Dr. Adigun earned the prestigious STAR Award and later voluntarily resigned to pursue further academic advancement.

Profile of Speakers And Panellists

Dr. Adigun's banking career spans several leading financial institutions. Having started his journey in banking with NAL Merchant Bank Plc (now Sterling Bank) as a Domestic Operations Officer, Dr. Adigun spent eight years at Zenith Bank Plc, where he served as Branch Head and Public Sector Coordinator in Southwestern Nigeria. He also held key roles at Access Bank Plc as Branch Manager and at First Bank of Nigeria Plc as Head of Client Service. However, prior to transitioning into the banking sector, Dr. Adigun was an Assistant Lecturer at Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, Nigeria.



Dr. Oreitan Adigun

Academically, Dr. Adigun holds a Bachelor of Agriculture (Agricultural Economics, First Class Honours), a Master of Science in Economics (PhD Grade), and a PhD in Financial Economics. He is an alumnus of both the London School of Economics and the Lagos Business School, and has participated in numerous trainings, seminars, and conferences locally and internationally. Further Dr. Adigun is a seasoned speaker and thought leader. He has presented papers at various universities and has been a keynote speaker at annual economic outlook events hosted by professional bodies and consulting firms. He is a regular resource person at training programs organized by The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria.

Dr. Adigun is affiliated with several professional and social organizations, including: Nigerian Economic Society (Full Member), Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (Honorary Senior Member), Chartered Institute of Administration (Fellow), Institute of Management Consultants (Fellow), Risk Management Association of Nigeria (Associate Member), CIBN (Executive committee member), Economics & Statistics Committee, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) (Member) and so on.



Funmilayo Ayeni

Funmilayo Ayeni, (Keynote Speaker) **Country Director, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Nigeria**

Funmilayo Ayeni is a research and impact professional with over 15 years of experience leading large-scale monitoring, evaluation, and data-driven projects. She currently serves as Country Director for Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Nigeria, where she oversees strategic planning, high-quality data systems, and evidence-sharing with policymakers. Prior to this, she served as Impact Director at NewGlobe, directing research in public schools across Africa, and as Head of Research at NOI Polls, where she managed nationwide opinion polling and research projects. Her expertise spans quantitative and qualitative research, impact measurement, social inclusion, and project management.

Funmilayo holds an MBA from Lagos Business School and a B.Sc. in Physiology from the University of Ibadan. She is also an active volunteer with initiatives advancing education, gender equity, and community development.

Profile Of Speakers And Panellists

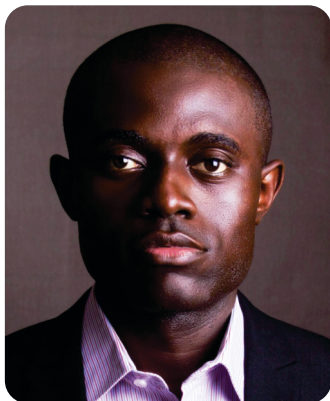
Prof. Olufunke O. Oladipupo **Artificial intelligence and Data Management**

Olufunke O. Oladipupo, is a professor of Computer Science (Artificial intelligence and Data Management) at Covenant University, Nigeria. She has her higher education at the university of Ilorin, Nigeria, where she obtained the Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science in 1999. In 2004 she obtained Master of Science in Computer Science from Obafemi Awolowo University followed by a Ph.D degree in Computer Science from Covenant University in the year 2012. In 2017 she won a post-doctoral fellowship award to Durban University of Technology, South Africa.



Prof. Olufunke O. Oladipupo

She has 21-year university Teaching and research experience which has enabled her to serve in different capacities such Examination officer, Postgraduate Coordination, Head of Department, Assessors and External examiners for MSc and Ph.D at national and international level. Her research efforts have gravitated around Datamining, Machine Learning, Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM), Intelligent Systems, Soft Computing and Perceptual Computing. These efforts have resulted in more than 60 academic publications in pair reviewed high impact international journals and presentations in reputable national and international conferences. Her domain of research interest are Business, Education and Medical domains. She is an expert in Data Analytics for business and financial decision making with years of facilitating experience in Business Schools, presentation in workshop and seminar series. She is professionally certified in IBM Predictive Analytic Modelling. She is also Coursera certified in Text Mining and Analytics, Predictive Analytics and Data Mining, Data Visualization, Text Retrieval and Search Engine from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a member of Computer Professional (Registration Council of Nigeria) Nigeria and Nigeria Computer Society. She is also a member of research bodies such as Multi Criteria Decision Making (MCDM), SMCS TC on Soft Computing. She is a member of the Editorial Board of several national and international journals. She is happily married with Children.



Joachim MacEbong

Joachim MacEbong **Senior Analyst, Control Risks, Nigeria**

Joachim is a political risk analyst and data science professional with 15 years of experience analysing governance, policy, and economic issues across Anglophone West Africa. He has a proven ability to translate data-driven insights into actionable recommendations for governments, international organizations, and private sector clients. He has also completed an MSc in Data Science with focus on applying data science to solve Africa's complex development challenges. He is frequently featured in local and international media, providing expert commentary on Nigerian politics and policy.

Selected Research Outputs, Grants and Academic Merits of CEPDeR Fellows

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Grants

Prof. Evans Osabuohien: (1) Travel Grant as International Advisory Board Participation at FINDEM Workshop on 'The Politics of Financial Citizenship', University of Warwick, UK, July 2025

Awards

Dr. Romanus Osabohien: Recognised by Elsevier and Stanford University as 2 top percent scientist.

Prof. Evans Osabuohien:

- (1) Award of Excellence as Guest Lecturer at 2025 Induction Ceremony of Associate (AMNES) and Full Members (FMNES) of Nigerian Economic Society, by Bells University of Technology, October 2025.
- (2) Award for Valuable Contributions to The Education Industry 2025, by the London School of Digital Business (LSDB), UK, September 2025;
- (3) Appreciation and Service Award as An Associate Editor by The Nigerian Economic Society (NES) at the 66th Annual Conference, September 2025;
- (4) Landmark African Achiever Excellence Leadership Award in Recognition of Valuable Contributions towards Africa's Economic Development, by Noble Landmark Africa Media, August 2025.

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