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# **AFRICAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE WEST AFRICA (ALIWA)**

## **A PRESENTATION TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNORS FORUM**

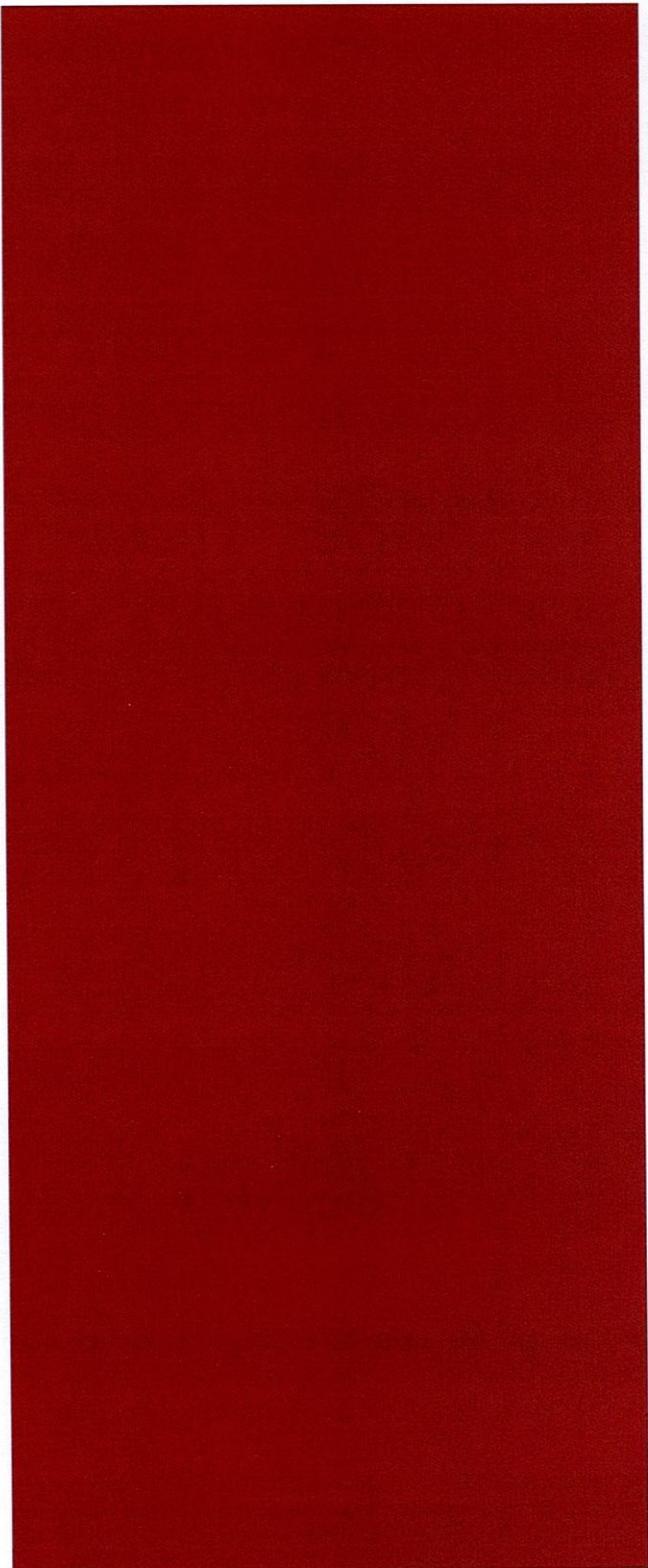


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# **TODAY, THERE IS A TENSION BETWEEN RESPONDING TO**

*Political Exigency and the need to Build an  
Enduring Legacy.*





## **EXIGENCIES**

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- More articulate Public
- Shrinking Revenue Base
- Youth & Insecurity
- Globalization & Internet
- Override of Rule of Law
- Climate induced Shocks
- Alternatives to Nigeria
- Stronger Legitimacy
- Diversified Economies
- Huge Market/Workforce
- Voice & Accountability
- Ease of Doing Business
- Sustainable Development
- Comparative Advantage

## **LEGACIES**

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**This Hangs In the Balance 3**

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- Legacies will be achieved only where we have the right focus on *leadership, governance, values and ethics, talent development, careful management of the environment and the economy.*
  - These choices should be made at State Level
  - Aggregated choices of States will have a greater impact on Nigerians than choices made only at the Federal Level
  - Right choices by Governors is what will ultimately yield sustainable, inclusive and enduring development in Nigeria.
  - The Good Society Nigerians seek, depends on you!

# The Governors Forum

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## **WE OFFER TO PROVIDE INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT IN**

- Fostering values-based leadership, encouraging governors and their cabinet to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a Good Society;
- Providing a neutral, confidential and structured opportunity for discussing and acting on critical issues; and
- Building linkages and promoting open dialogue between government leaders on the makings of a good society

# **ALIWA Partnership**

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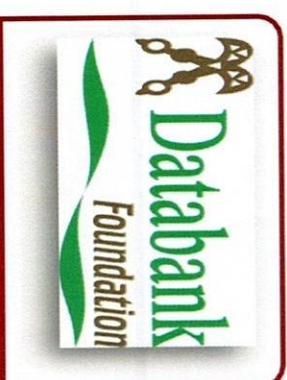
The Africa Leadership Initiative West Africa seeks to domesticate components of the tested Aspen Institute Methodology to complement the good work being done in the various States towards building an enduring legacy - The Good Society.

# **ALIWA Partnership**

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# Who We Are

- The Africa Leadership Initiative West Africa (ALIWA) was launched in **2006**
- It is a joint venture of the Aspen Institute, Databank Foundation, and LEAP Africa
- The Aspen Institute provides intellectual & philosophical content; while LEAP Africa and the Databank Foundation serve largely as facilitators, working with local partners to plan, fund, and administer the Fellowship Programme(s).





- The Africa Leadership Initiative West Africa is an offshoot of the Aspen Institute's renowned Henry Crown Fellowship Program ([www.aspeninstitute.org](http://www.aspeninstitute.org)).
- The Aspen Institute is an educational & policy studies organization. Its mission is twofold:
  - to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to model the ideals and ideas that define a good society; and
  - to provide a neutral venue for discussing and acting on critical issues
- These are achieved through Seminars, Fellowships, Policy Programs, Public Conferences/Events and other products.
- ALIWA has access to the Aspen Institute's Methodology.

## **Aspen Institute's Methodology**

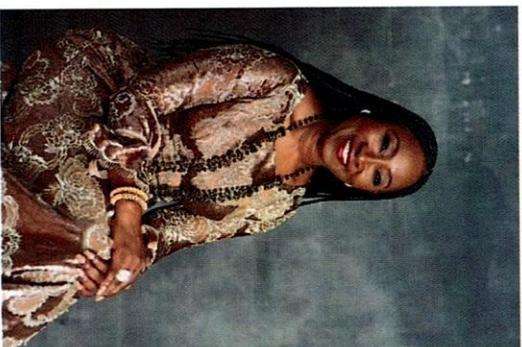
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- Aspen’s partnership with public sector governance has been a hallmark of global business and political evolution since the mid-1990s. For several decades, the Aspen Institute has contributed towards shaping political discourse and dynamic by enhancing democracy and public leadership.
  - This proven partnership is, in some ways, what ALIWA seeks to leverage in the Nigerian context using tried principles and tested tools.

## **Proven Public Sector Partnership 9**

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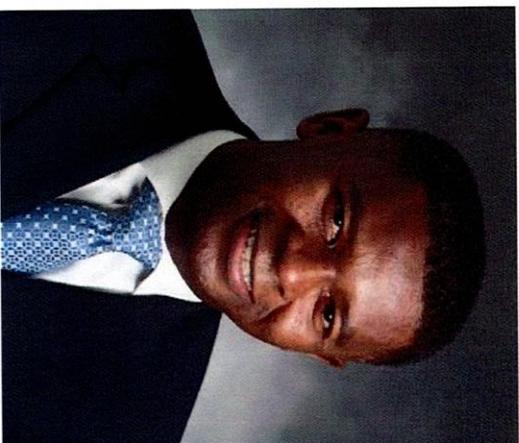
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1. That this Esteemed Forum gives favourable consideration to our proposal to collaborate and partner with you to help manage the tension between responding to political exigencies and building enduring legacies
  2. That if this proposal is favourably considered, the Governors Forum should mandate its Secretariat to engage with us to provide tailored approaches (based on components of the Aspen Institute's Methodology) but in relation to each State Government's context on agreed terms.
  3. That the engagement with the NGF Secretariat should involve interacting with individual State Governments, to help build out their customised models of the Good Society

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# OUR PRAYERS



Thank  
you