

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ELECTRICITY ACT 2023:

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Theme: Empowering the States: Reviewing the Electricity Act 2023

DAY ONE

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW ELECTRICITY LANDSCAPE

Time	Activity
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Arrival of Participants, Registration/Distribution of Event Materials
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Opening Ceremony • Opening Prayer • National Anthem • Welcome address by the His Excellency, The Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
10:20 am – 10:40 am	Goodwill Messages • Chairman, Nigerian Governors' Forum • Chairman, Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)
10:40 am – 11:10 am	Keynote Address • Honourable Minister of Power
11.10 am – 11.40 am	Paper Presentation The Electricity Act 2023: A New Era of State-Led Electricity Development Speaker: A legal Expert (Prof L. Fagbohun)
11.40 am – 12.40 pm	Panel Discussion Understanding State Electricity Autonomy under the Electricity Act Discussion Areas • Key provisions of the Electricity Act 2023 • Division of Federal and State powers • Constitutional implications • Licensing and regulatory authority

Time	Activity
	• Transition pathways for States Panelists • Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) • Attorney-General of a pioneering State • Energy Law Expert • State Electricity Regulator • Federal Ministry of Power
12.40 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch/Networking Break
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Panel Discussion Building Functional State Electricity Markets Discussion Areas • Establishing State Electricity Regulatory Commissions • Licensing frameworks • Tariff-setting considerations • Consumer protection mechanisms • Market governance Panelists • State Electricity Regulatory Commission • State Electricity Bureau • Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) • Electricity Market Experts (Dr. O. Archibong)
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Governors' Roundtable Theme: State Perspectives on Electricity Sector Reform Participants • Selected Governors • Deputy Governors • Commissioners for Energy Discussion • Opportunities and challenges • State reform priorities • Investment requirements
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Fireside Chat

Time	Activity
	Lessons from Early Movers: Experiences of States Implementing Electricity Reforms
4.00 pm – 4.15 pm	Close of Day One

Day 2

FROM POLICY TO IMPLEMENTATION

Time	Activity
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Paper Presentation The Strategic Vision for State Electricity Markets in Nigeria Speaker
10:20 am – 11:30 am	Panel Discussion Unlocking Investment Opportunities in State Electricity Markets Discussion Areas • Embedded Generation • Mini-grids • Renewable Energy Projects • Industrial Clusters • Captive Power Opportunities Panelists • Private Investors • Renewable Energy Developers • Distribution Companies (DisCos) • Generation Companies (GenCos)
11:30 am – 12:40 pm	Financing State Electricity Development Discussion Areas • Infrastructure financing

Time	Activity
	• Public-Private Partnerships • Green financing • Development finance opportunities • Risk mitigation instruments Panelists • World Bank • African Development Bank (AfDB) • Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) • InfraCredit • Commercial Banks • Bank of Industry (BOI)
12.40 pm – 1.40 pm	Lunch/Networking Break
1.40 pm – 3.00 pm	Facilitated State Implementation Workshop (Plenary Session) Theme Developing Practical Roadmaps for State Electricity Market Implementation Format A professionally facilitated plenary session where all participants remain in the main conference hall. Moderators will guide structured discussions while allowing contributions from State Governments, regulators, investors, development partners and electricity sector stakeholders. Focus Areas 1. Establishing State Electricity Regulatory Institutions. 2. Designing State Electricity Markets and Licensing Frameworks. 3. Financing and Investment Readiness. 4. Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Deployment. Expected Outputs • Priority implementation actions for States. • Identification of key challenges and practical solutions.

Time	Activity
	• Best practice recommendations. • Consensus recommendations for inclusion in the National Workshop Communiqué.
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Closing Ceremony Remarks by • Chairman, Nigerian Governors’ Forum • Honourable Minister of Power Vote of Thanks
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Closing Address His Excellency, The Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria