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**Outlook Session**  
**2025** Macroeconomic  
Outlook for Nigeria

**Panel Session**  
Policy Shifts: Strengthening Economic  
Institutions for Sustainable Growth





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## Parthian Economic Discourse

Now in its second year, the Parthian Economic Discourse (PED) has established itself as an important annual event organised by Parthian Group.

The event reflects Parthian's ongoing commitment to providing value-added services to its clients and stakeholders. It serves as a crucial platform for businesses, investors, and policymakers, offering strategic guidance and insights into Nigeria's evolving macroeconomic landscape.

Renowned economists and industry experts present in-depth analyses on major economic trends, policy changes, and investment opportunities. These insights are designed to equip attendees with the knowledge required to make informed decisions.

The Parthian Economic Discourse focuses on fostering informed economic planning and proactive strategies for sustainable growth, making it an indispensable resource for navigating Nigeria's dynamic economic environment.





## Parthian Economic Outlook 2025 Macroeconomic Outlook for Nigeria

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Renowned economist, Bismarck Rewane will present key insights on Nigeria's 2025 macroeconomic outlook, focusing on critical factors such as GDP growth, inflation control, foreign exchange reforms, and fiscal policies.

With a spotlight on government efforts toward diversification and sectoral growth in agriculture and energy, this session is vital for business leaders, investors, and policymakers.

Attendees will gain strategic insights into Nigeria's evolving economic landscape, helping them make informed decisions, seize opportunities, and proactively address challenges in 2025 and beyond.



## PANEL SESSION

## Policy Shifts: Strengthening Economic Institutions for Sustainable Growth

**As Nigeria approaches 2025, this panel will examine the critical policy shifts necessary to foster sustainable growth and strengthen the country's economic institutions.**

The session will provide insights into fiscal, monetary, and regulatory reforms, with discussions centering on their impact on economic stability, private sector expansion, and social development.

Key topics to be discussed include:

### **Fiscal Reforms:**

Strategies for expanding the tax base, the introduction of VAT on luxury goods, and the potential effects of fuel subsidy removal on government revenue.

### **Monetary Policies:**

The unification of foreign exchange rates, inflation targeting measures, and proposed amendments to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Act.

**Sectoral Insights:** Opportunities for investment in agriculture, ensuring food security, and strategies for transitioning to sustainable energy.

### **Governance & Institutional Reforms:**

Anti-corruption measures, effective debt management, and enhancing public-private partnerships for infrastructure development.

### **Financial Sector Reforms:**

Addressing bank recapitalisation and post reform challenges in the financial markets.

### **Capital Markets:**

Leveraging capital markets to fuel economic growth.

Attendees will leave with actionable insights into Nigeria's shifting policy landscape, especially regarding institutional reform and the country's pursuit of long-term economic sustainability





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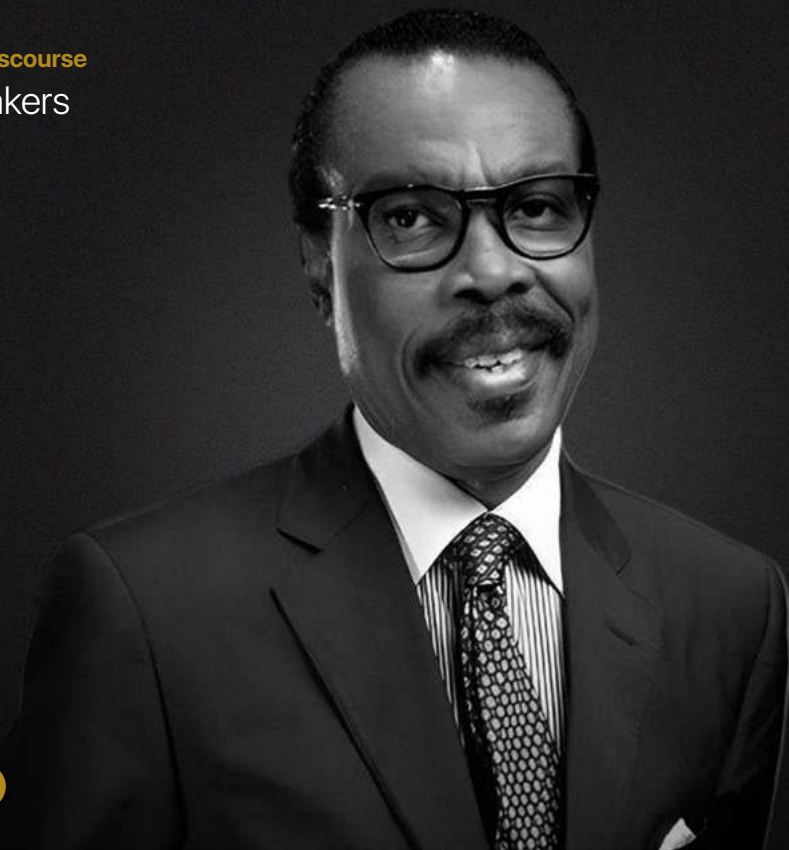
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Outlook session

## Bismarck Rewane

Non-Executive Director,  
Parthian Partners & MD/CEO, Financial Derivatives Co Ltd

**Mr. Bismarck Rewane worked with International Merchant Bank Nigeria Limited and held such positions as General Manager, Assistant General Manager, Head of Development Finance Manager & Divisional and Credit Manager between 1981 to 1989. He was also with the First National Bank of Chicago, Barclays Bank of Nigeria, and Barclays Bank International Plc, United Kingdom.**

An Associate of the Institute of Bankers, (England & Wales), Mr. Rewane has served on the board of several organisations, including Guinness Nigeria Plc, Navgas (a Vitol Group subsidiary), NLNG Prize

Award Foundation, UNIC Insurance Plc, Nigeria Economic Summit Group, UBA Custodian Limited, Virgin Nigeria Airways Limited, Fidelity Bank Plc, First City Monument Bank Plc and Top Feeds Nigeria Limited.

Mr. Rewane graduated from the University of Ibadan with a bachelor's and Honors degree in Economics (1972).

He currently serves as the Managing Director and Chief Executive of Financial Derivatives Company Limited. He resides in Nigeria.





Panellist

## Dr. Chinyere Almona

Director-General/Chief Executive Officer  
Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Dr. Almona is the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the foremost Chamber of Commerce in West Africa, established in 1888.**

She is the Founder of Vantage Coaching and Consulting Services, with an extensive professional network across Africa. She previously led the Africa Corporate Governance Program of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), which provided a wide range of corporate governance reforms across thirteen (13) African countries. Before joining the IFC, Dr. Almona was a Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers, leading the Corporate Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) Practice.

Dr. Almona is a seasoned board member and adviser for several boards. She is an active angel investor

under Rising Tide Africa, a female angel investors network. She is a Fellow of the following institutes.

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN),
- The Institute of Management Consultants (IMC) and
- The Institute of Directors (IOD - Ghana) - Honorary.

Dr. Almona has a specialist MBA in Corporate Social Responsibility from Nottingham University Business School, UK, and holds a Doctorate in Business Administration from Business School Netherlands. She is a certified Leadership Coach with the Certified Coaches Federation Canada and a certified Cognitive Reflex Conditioning Practitioner. Dr. Almona is the author of several Christian, leadership, and business books.



Panellist

# Professor Olayinka David-West

Associate Dean,  
Lagos Business School

**Professor Olayinka David-West is a distinguished academic and expert in business management and technology, with extensive experience in IT and financial services.**

As Associate Dean at Lagos Business School, she has played a pivotal role in driving the school's digital transformation and securing international accreditations. Her research focuses on the impact of technology on business models, strategy, and policy, with a particular emphasis on inclusive finance and digital transformation.

Since 2015, Professor David-West has led the Sustainable and Inclusive Digital Financial Services (SIDFS) initiative, which has become a leading platform for enhancing financial inclusion in Nigeria. Her work has influenced academic discourse and

industry practice, making her a sought-after speaker, panellist, and consultant.

She holds advanced business administration and technology management degrees and expert financial inclusion and IT governance certifications. Professor David-West is also an advocate for women in STEM, recognised by numerous awards and featured in prominent industry publications.

She serves on the governing council of the Fintech Association of Nigeria. She is a member of African Women in Finance and Payments, contributing her expertise to various organisations and mentoring young women in technology.





Panellist

## Yemi Sadiku

Executive Director,  
Parthian Group

**Yemi Sadiku, B.TECH, MBA, MCMI, ACSI, has over 25 years of extensive experience in financial services.**

His career spans key roles across several prominent institutions. At Lagoon Home Savings and Loans, he held various positions, including leadership of the Information Technology department. He was also part of the pioneering team that launched Nigeria's first electronic banking platform at First Atlantic Bank (FinBank). At Ecobank Securities, he managed the asset management unit, and at Afrinvest (West Africa) Limited, he served as Head of Institutional Sales and later as Head of Private Clients. At Custodian and Allied Plc, he was Head of Investments, followed by his role as Head of Investments at AllCO Pension Managers. He also served as Group Head of Investment and later

Executive Director, Finance and Investment at Tangerine APT Pensions.

Currently, Mr. Sadiku is an Executive Director at Parthian Group. He has previously worked in the United Kingdom with Abbey National Bank (now part of Santander Group) and HSBC Bank.

Mr. Sadiku holds a B. Tech in Microbiology from the Federal University of Technology, Minna, a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Edinburgh, and an MBA from the University of Sheffield, UK. He is an alumnus of the Senior Management Programme at Lagos Business School and a member of the Chartered Management Institute.



Panellist

## Olufemi Shobanjo

CEO,  
NGX Regulation Limited

Mr. Olufemi Shobanjo is the Chief Executive Officer at NGX Regulation Limited ("NGX RegCo"), a subsidiary of the Nigerian Exchange Group Plc. Prior to NGX Regulation; he was the Head of the Broker-Dealer Regulation Department at The Nigerian Stock Exchange ("The Exchange") responsible for the regulation and supervision of over two hundred and fifty (250) stock broking firms in the Nigerian capital market.

He has over nineteen (19) years of professional experience spanning across corporate and commercial law, compliance and regulation, banking, and financial markets. Prior to The Exchange, he worked for a couple of leading financial institutions in the United Kingdom (UK) including Anglo Irish Bank Corporation and HSBC Global Banking and Markets providing compliance advisory and monitoring to the Treasury dealing and sales and trading businesses.

He holds a Law degree (LLB) from the University of Birmingham, UK, and a Master's degree in International Commercial Law (LLM) from Cardiff Law School (University of Wales). He has also attended several professional courses and is an alumnus of the Lagos Business School having completed the Senior Management Program.

He is a Member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments UK, an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers, an Associate of the Institute of Capital Market Registrars, an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria, and a Member of the Nigerian Bar Association.

A professional headshot of Dr. Benson Uwheru, a Black man with a short beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

Moderator

## Dr. Benson Uwheru FCIB

Group Executive/GCOO,  
Parthian Group

**Dr. Benson Uwheru, FCIB, is an accomplished leader with a distinguished career spanning the financial services and energy sectors. Over the course of two decades, Dr. Uwheru has demonstrated unparalleled expertise in financial advisory, corporate governance, and operational transformation through senior roles at global firms and major organisations.**

As a Partner at Ernst & Young (EY), Dr. Uwheru provided strategic counsel to some of the world's leading companies, advising them on financial performance, risk management, and regulatory compliance. His leadership and strategic foresight helped transform businesses across various sectors, fostering long-term sustainability and growth.

As the Managing Director and CEO of Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHED), Dr. Uwheru spearheaded a transformative restructuring initiative, driving operational efficiency, enhancing

infrastructure, and improving customer service. His leadership not only repositioned PHED as a key player in Nigeria's power sector but also contributed to its long-term sustainability and service delivery improvement.

Currently, Dr. Uwheru serves as Group Executive/GCOO, Parthian Group where he continues to apply his extensive knowledge and strategic insights to drive business success across multiple sectors. In this role, he oversees key strategic initiatives, guiding the group towards its long-term objectives.

At the Parthian Economic Outlook Summit, Dr. Uwheru will serve as the Moderator, bringing his vast experience in both the financial and energy sectors to lead discussions on pressing economic trends, challenges, and opportunities. His ability to synthesise complex information and foster engaging dialogue will ensure that the summit delivers meaningful insights and actionable outcomes.



## Parthian Economic Discourse

# Event Schedule

### 09:30 AM - 10:00 AM:

Arrival and Registration of Guests

### 10:00 AM - 10:05 AM:

Welcoming of Guests

### 10:05 AM - 10:10 AM:

Opening Address by the GMD/CEO, Parthian

### 10:10 AM - 11:10 AM:

Outlook Session by Bismarck Rewane

### 11:10 AM - 11:15 AM:

Photos

### 11:15 AM - 11:20 AM:

Introduction of Panellists

### 11:20 AM - 12:20 PM:

Panel Session

### 12:20 PM - 12:50 PM:

Questions and Answers

### 12:50 PM - 01:00 PM:

Presentation of plaques & Photos

### 01:00 PM - 01:10 PM:

Vote of Thanks

### 01:10 PM

Light Refreshment and Networking





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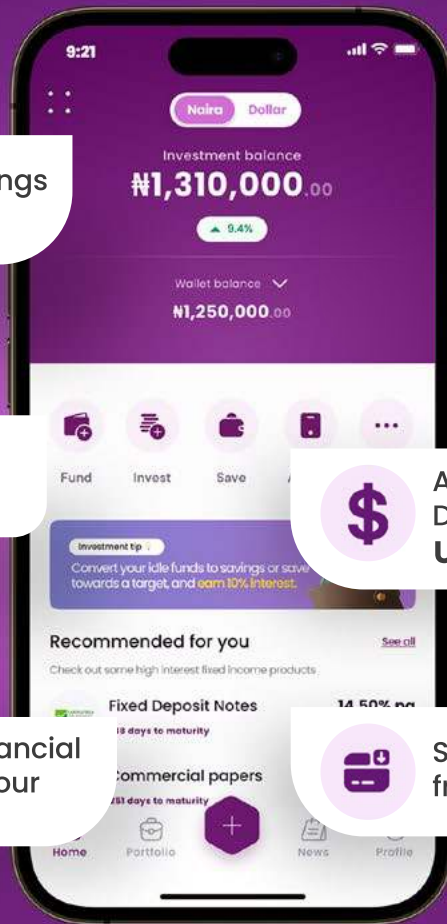
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