

# PROGRAMME



26-27 March 2022 Arrival of participants in Abeokuta

27 March 2022 (18.00 hrs) Welcome dinner and cultural evening

## DAY ONE: 28 MARCH 2022

08.00 - 09.00 hrs Arrival, Registration, and Installation of Participants

**OPENING SESSION** Moderator : Prof. Abdoulaye Bathily - Member of CoDA Board of Directors

09.00 - 09.10 hrs Anthems : African and Nigeria anthem

09.10 - 09.25 hrs Introductions and Recognition of invited guests

09.25 - 09.35 hrs Welcome Statement by H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chair, CoDA Board of Directors

09.35 - 09.50 hrs Keynote Address by H.E. Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

09.50 - 10.10 hrs GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

10.10 - 11.00 hrs CULTURAL INTERLUDE AND HEALTH BREAK

### SESSION ONE

11.00 - 12:15 Gains and discontents of democratisation in West Africa, 1990-2022: practitioners' experiences of what has worked, what hasn't worked, what has really mattered, and why?  
General discussion

| Facilitator : Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, Africa and West Asia, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

| Panelists : 1. H.E. Ernest Bai Koroma, Former President, Republic of Sierra Leone  
2. H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, Former President, Republic of Niger

### SESSION TWO

12.15 - 13.30 hrs Unpacking the crises buffeting democratisation in West Africa: causes, drivers, and dimensions.  
General discussion

| Facilitator : Dr Emmanuel Akwetey, Director, Institute for Democratic Governance, Ghana

| Panelists : 1. H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, Former President, Federal Republic of Nigeria  
2. H.E. Fatoumatta Tambajang, Former Vice President, Republic of The Gambia

13.30 - 14.30 hrs LUNCH BREAK

### SESSION THREE

14.30 - 16.30 hrs Managing West Africa's Crises of Democratisation (I): Rethinking Design and Practice  
General discussion

| Facilitator : Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, Africa and West Asia, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

| Panelists : 1. Prof. Adama Samassekou, Former Minister of Education, Mali  
2. Prof. Pat Utomi, Founder and CEO, Centre for Values in Leadership

16.30 - 17.00 hrs HEALTH BREAK

## SESSION FOUR

- 17.00-18.30 hrs     Managing West Africa's Crises of Democratisation (II): Re-Centring Citizen Welfare and Security  
General discussion  
| Facilitator : Dr Emmanuel Akwetey, Director, Institute for Democratic Governance, Ghana  
| Panelists : 1. H.E. Kadre Ouedraogo, Former Prime Minister, Burkina Faso  
                  2. Prof. Abdoulaye Bathily, Former Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Africa and Head of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa, and Member of CoDA Board of Directors
- 19.30-21.30 hrs     DINNER

## DAY TWO: 29 MARCH 2022

### SESSION FIVE

- 09.00 - 11.00 hrs     Managing West Africa's crises of democratisation (III): rebuilding state capacity and legitimacy  
General discussion  
| Facilitator : Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, Africa and West Asia, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance  
| Panelists : 1. H.E. Abdoulaye Janneh, Former Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Alternate Chair of CoDA Board of Directors  
                  2. Prof. Anthonia Simbine, Former Commissioner, Independent National Electoral Commission
- 11.00 - 11.30 hrs     HEALTH BREAK

### SESSION SIX

- 11.30 - 13.30 hrs     Managing West Africa's crises of democratisation (IV): options for recalibrating ECOWAS action  
General discussion  
| Facilitator : Dr Emmanuel Akwetey, Director, Institute for Democratic Governance, Ghana  
| Panelists : 1. Hon. Bernadette Lahai, Former Member of Parliament, Sierra Leone  
                  2. Dr Giles Olabiyi Yabi, Director, West Africa Think Tank
- 13.30 - 14.30 hrs     LUNCH BREAK

### SESSION SEVEN

- 14.30 - 16.00 hrs     Wrap-up and key takeaways  
General discussion  
| Facilitator : H.E. Kadre Ouedraogo, Former Prime Minister of Burkina Faso  
| Panelists : 1. H.E. Ernest Bai Koroma, Former President, Republic of Sierra Leone  
                  2. H.E. Muhamadou Issoufou, Former President, Niger Republic  
                  3. H.E. Fatoumatta Tambajang, Former Vice President, Republic of The Gambia  
                  4. H.E. Thomas Quartey Kwesi, Former Deputy Chairperson, African Union

### CLOSING SESSION

- 16.00 - 16.30 hrs     Closing statement by H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chair, CoDA Board of Directors