



GS-26 *Youth* Conference

THEME

The Dream We Choose

📅 Wed. 9th Sept, 2026

📍 Abuja, Nigeria

Agenda



Time: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Venue: Aso Conference Hall, Abuja Continental Hotel,

TIME	SESSION / TITLE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
9:00 – 9:50 AM	Registration	PIC Team
9:50 – 10:05 AM	Welcome Remarks & Roadmap Presentation	Aminat Sanni
10:05 – 10:10 AM	National Anthem	All
10:10 – 10:25 AM	Keynote Speech	Maryam Isma'il Keshinro, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Youth Development
10:25 – 10:30 AM	Vox Pop Documentary	PIC Team
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Turning Purpose into Lasting Impact as a Young Changemaker	• Rex Egwuda, Team Representative, Upcycleers; • Mercy Egwakhide, Behavioural Economist, Policy Innovation Centre; • Adanna Omeje, Research Economist, Policy Innovation Centre
10:45 – 10:50 AM	Live Creative Performance	Zakari Maikalma, Spoken Word Poet
10:50 – 11:15 AM	Building the Nigerian Dream: Why Individual and Collective Action Matter	• Kehinde Charity Awujoola, SSA, Minister of Youth on Gender Matters; • Nkpoikana-Abasi Aniefok, MERL Officer, YouthHub Africa; • Pelemo Njaye, Global Young Influencer, Plan International; • Dr. Emily Ikhide, PhD, Research Fellow/ Head, Gender and Inclusive Unit, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies, National Assembly, Abuja; Moderators: • Gideon Ekong, Product Designer, Policy Innovation Centre; • Prince Dirisu, Product Designer, Policy Innovation Centre

11:15 – 11:25 AM	Icebreakers	• Ayonwuola Ajala, Intern, Policy Innovation Centre; • Gideon Ekong, Product Designer, Policy Innovation Centre
11:25 AM – 12:05 PM	Breakout Conversations: Thematic Areas	Breakout Facilitators & Participants
12:05 – 12:15 PM	Games	Ayonwuola Ajala, Intern, Policy Innovation Centre; Gideon Ekong, Product Designer, Policy Innovation Centre
12:15 – 12:45 PM	Turning Commitments into Action: The Way Forward	• Folahan Johnson, Founder, CISD; • Chioma Agwuegbo, Executive Director, TechHerNG; • Rahab Samaia Dikko, Program Manager, She Empowers Initiative (SEI); • Lucy Abeng, Founder, Mental Health for Youth Initiative; Moderators: Uzorchukwuka Ojieh, Legal Assistant, Policy Innovation Centre; Mark Bwefuk, Project Intern, Policy Innovation Centre
12:45 – 12:55 PM	Youth Commitment Wall & Media Time-Out	Patrick Ibeh, Compere
12:55 – 1:10 PM	U-Network Presentation	Keren Donald-Ukeh, Front Desk Officer, Policy Innovation Centre
1:10 PM	Closing Remark	Adanna Omeye, Research Economist, Policy Innovation Centre
After Programme	Feedback, Refreshments, Networking & Group Photographs	—



Gender & Inclusion Summit 2026

www.policycentre.org/gs26/