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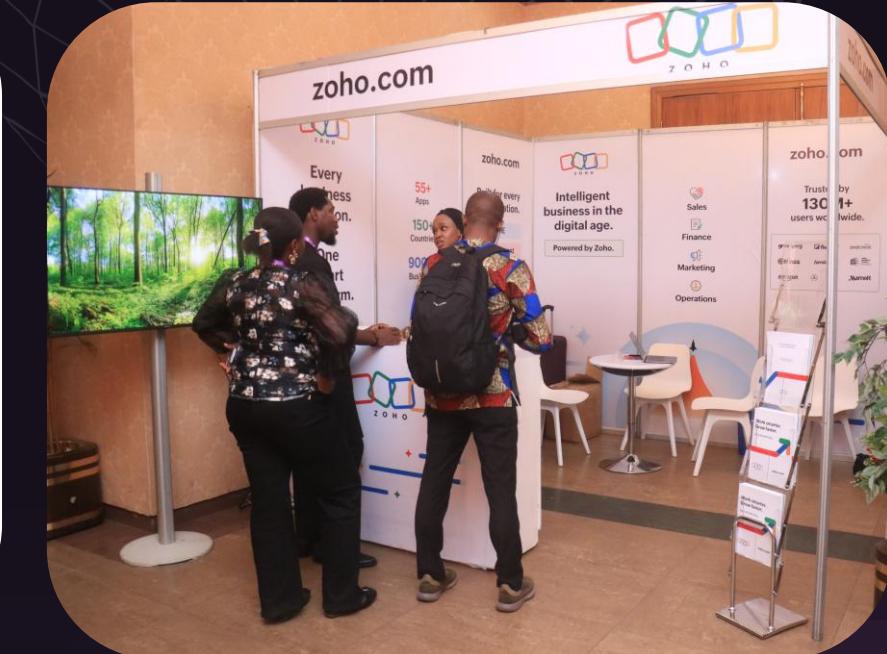
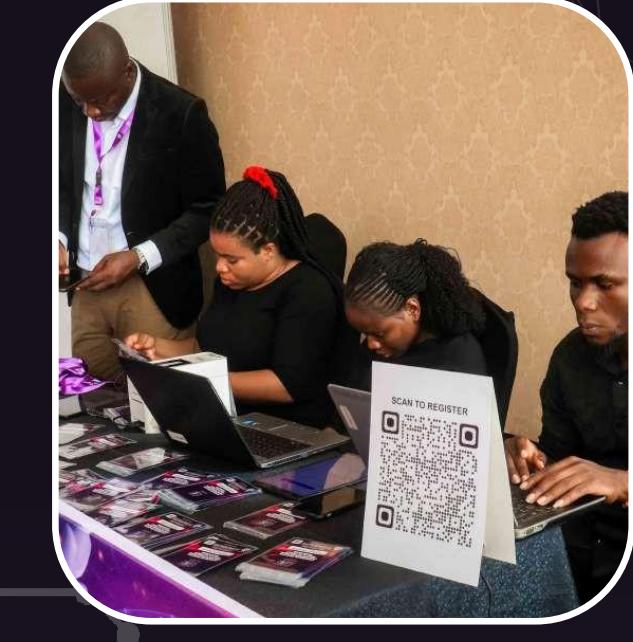
Thought Leader & International Keynote Speaker

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“ The world has already moved to AI driven business models. The question is whether Nigeria and African enterprises will lead or follow? Experimentation alone is no longer enough, because isolated pilots without scale fail to create real impact. AI must move from boardroom deliberations and innovation labs into the core of the enterprise. I call on all executives to build organization wide architectures powered by data and intelligence. I urge all leaders and decision makers in whose hands lies the future of Nigeria’s economy in this AI era to act decisively, as AI is now a leadership and competitiveness imperative, not a future ambition. ”



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This forum is an important and powerful platform and I must commend the organizers for putting such a high level session together. The AI subject is a continuation of conversations we must keep having as an industry and as a people. AI is no longer just a buzzword. The reality of how disruptive it will be is now dawning on all of us. Through continuous dialogue and idea sharing, we can intentionally shape how AI is deployed in our businesses and society within our own context and realities rather than copying models from elsewhere.



Obafemi Banigbe
CEO
T2mobile Nigeria

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“ In the AI space, it is no longer a matter of if but when. AI is inevitable. Sensitizing people is critical because AI thrives on data and the richness of that data determines its effectiveness. This event is a step in the right direction and very instructive especially in discussing organizational adoption strategies and practical pathways. ”



Andie Oluwafemi Moyan
CEO
CitiData Centre



Event Overview

The AI Forum Nigeria 2025 brought together leading voices from business, technology, and government to explore how Artificial Intelligence has moved beyond digital enablement to become the foundation of enterprise growth and national development.

Under the theme “Goodbye Digital Transformation, Hello AI-First Business,” the forum highlighted Nigeria’s shift toward AI-driven decision-making, productivity, and innovation across industries. Discussions focused on how organizations in both the public and private sectors are embedding AI into core operations to drive efficiency, resilience, and global competitiveness.

The event featured impactful keynotes, practical case studies, and expert-led panels covering AI and business transformation, cybersecurity, data centers, and generative AI in customer experience. AI Forum Nigeria reinforced its role as a strategic platform connecting leaders shaping Nigeria’s AI-powered future.



Event in Numbers



1
Day Event



85%
Senior Profile
Delegates



25
Speakers



4
High Level
Panel Session



1
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4
Keynotes
& Presentations



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Attendees

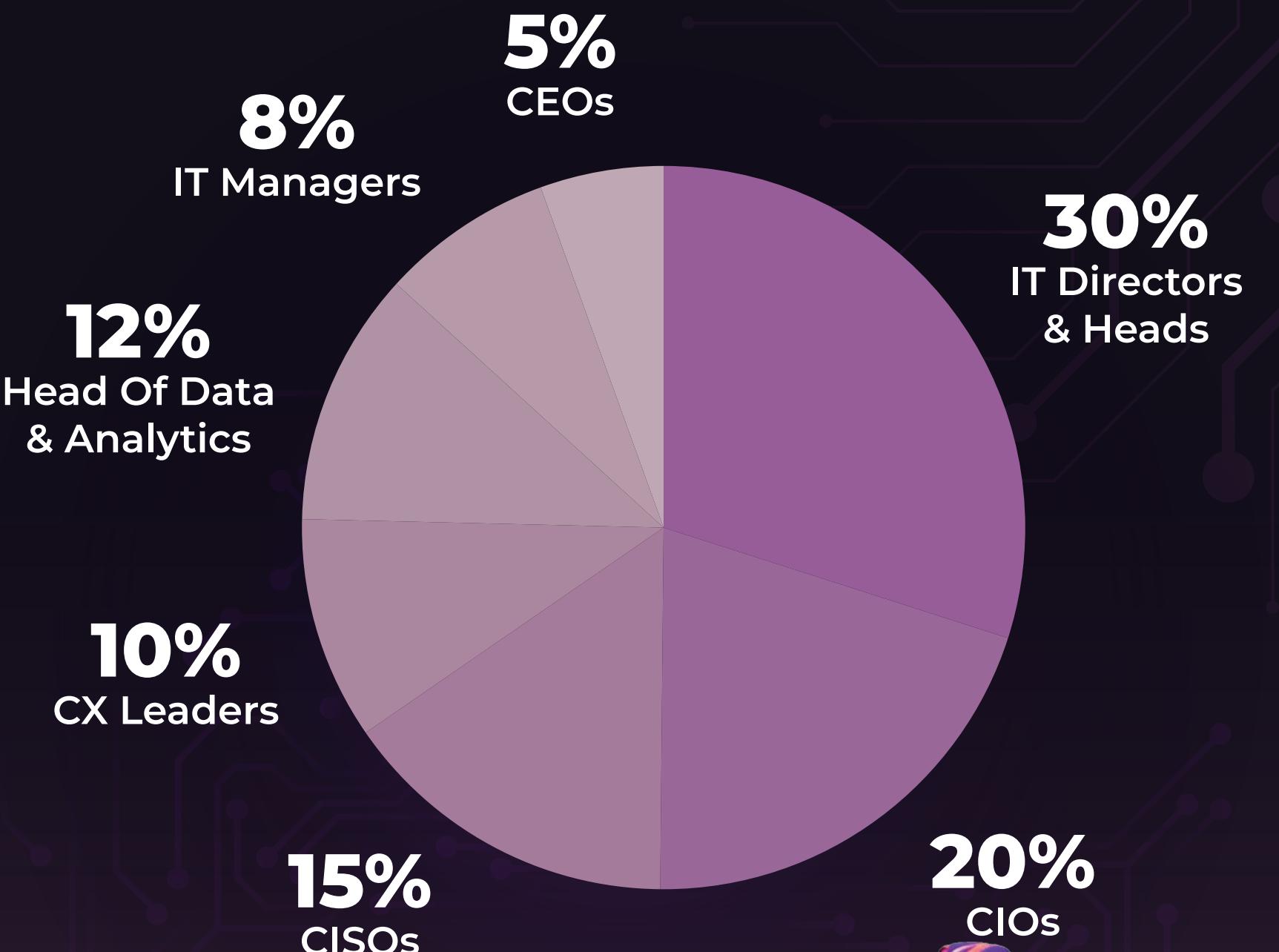


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“ I made it a priority to attend the inaugural AI session and it was well worth it. The insights from the panelists on how organizations should reposition adopt and adapt AI were excellent. Forums like this help shape the narrative and also support governments in developing policies that responsibly enable technology. This was truly a different event and I commend the organizers

Deen Yusuf
General Manager
Microsoft Nigeria and Ghana



KEY THEME



AI-First Business
The Next Frontier
of Enterprise Strategy



AI in Banking & Finance
Automating Trust, Risk,
and Value Creation



Reimagining Customer
Experience with
Power of GenAI



AI & Cybersecurity
Protecting Digital
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Operations



Data is the Fuel
Building Scalable AI
Infrastructure in Nigeria



AI Governance,
Ethics, and Regulatory
Compliance



The Role of AI
in Financial Inclusion
& SME Growth



The AI Talent Gap
Building Nigeria's Future
Workforce

“ This conference brought together diverse industry perspectives each with unique challenges and opportunities. Listening to clients partners and peers helps us rethink how we approach AI. These conversations are inspiring and essential for planning responsibly in a rapidly evolving AI landscape. Thank you AI Forum Nigeria Team for bringing us together at such a crucial time as this.



Lars Christer Johannisson
CEO
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“ The event ran seamlessly and the panel discussions were exceptionally rich. The quality of speakers has been fantastic and to be able to curate speakers from the main core industries driving Nigeria’s economy really gives rich and robust insights into how these sectors are using AI and what the opportunities are. So, I must commend the organizers for that. It's been a very wonderful conversation and experience.

Uti Ellu
Group Head
Customer Experience Strategy
Sterling Bank Nigeria



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KEY FACT!

THE AI FORUM NIGERIA Hosted Decision Makers as Speakers and ATTENDEES, Representing
Top 10 – 20 Organizations Responsible for Nigeria's Non-Oil
Sector GDP Numbers.



THE AI FORUM NIGERIA SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

International Keynote Presentation by Alaa Dalghan, CEO Cognit DX, AI Expert, Thought Leader & International Keynote Speaker

Technology Innovation Session on Integrating AI into everyday business processes: Zoho's approach



CEO & Business Leaders Panel Session: AI-First Business: The Next Frontier of Enterprise Strategy

Executive Panel Session on AI & Cybersecurity: Protecting Digital Nigeria in the AI Era



“ What impressed me most was the diversity of speakers across sectors which is exactly what AI conversations need. AI adoption is no longer optional. Businesses must integrate and scale it to see real results. You cannot adopt AI halfway and expect transformation. It has to be intentional and enterprise wide.

Kehinde Ogundare, Country Manager, Zoho Corporation Nigeria



THE AI FORUM NIGERIA SESSIONS AT A GLANCE



AI in BFSI Panel Session: Discussing How Banks, Insurance and Fintechs in Nigeria Are Leveraging AI For to Transform Business Operations and Drive Innovation



Technology Innovation Session on Effective Security in the AI Era



Fire Side Chat: Transforming CX & Customer Service with the Power of AI



Panel Discussion: The Role of AI in Transforming Retail, Ecommerce & SME Growth in Nigeria

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The energy at this event really stood out. Globally there is growing passion for AI and it is encouraging to now see that same momentum here. Bringing top leaders together to share fresh thinking makes this a very timely and impactful program.



**Tunde Dada,
Group CIO, inq digital Group**



POWERFUL VOICES, REAL IMPACT & KEY TAKE AWAYS AT THE AI FORUM

Odalo Aimufia, Group Chief Information Officer, Leadway Holdings

One key takeaway is that AI transformation must be people centered. As we adopt AI we must put people at the heart of change ensure compliance and use AI responsibly. That balance is critical to sustainable transformation.



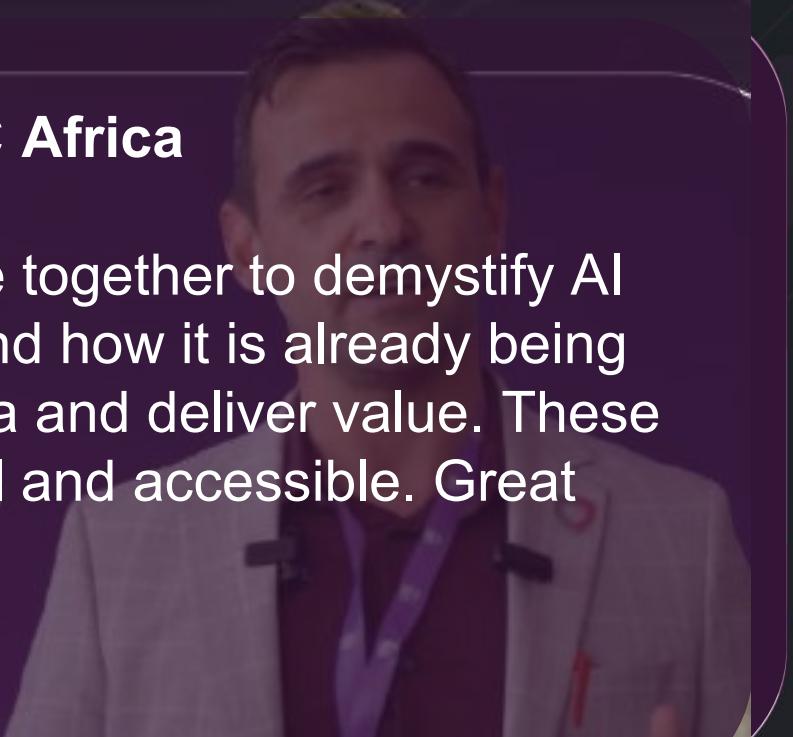
BUKOLA AJAYI, GM, Architecture and Engineering (I.T Division), MTN Nigeria

Great to be part of this Forum. The key takeaway is that AI is a foundation for everything we do. It enables us to work smarter, be predictive rather than reactive, and improve security and efficiency. It is also important for you to define your "WHY". AI cannot be pursued just because it's a trend. Lastly, I would say innovate with AI or die because we are getting there. Thank you so much.



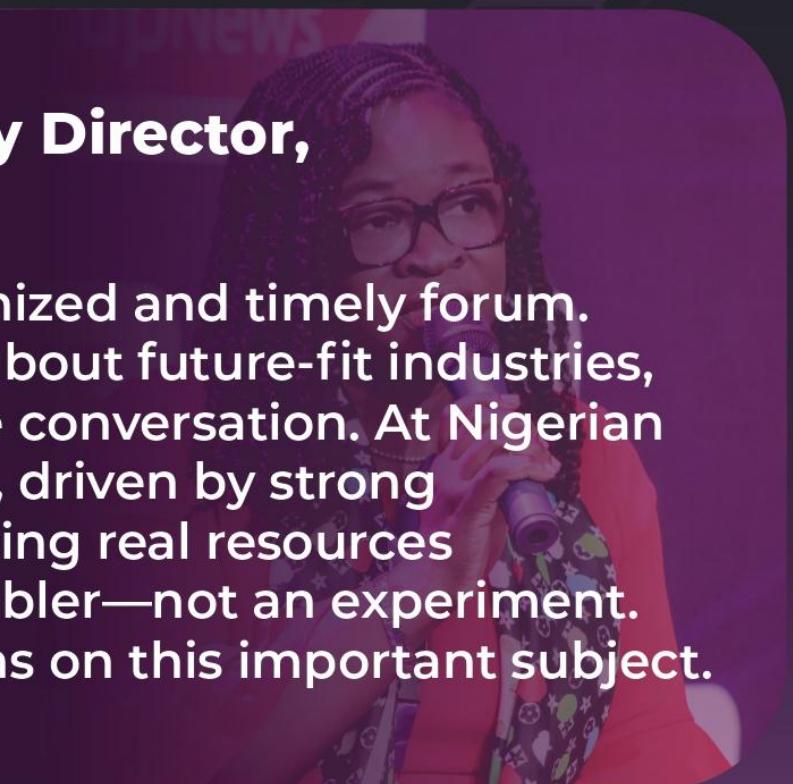
Jaen VanWyk, Ag. CEO/CFO, CyberSOC Africa

What stood out for me was bringing people together to demystify AI by explaining how it impacts businesses and how it is already being used to accelerate operations manage data and deliver value. These real world examples help make AI practical and accessible. Great event indeed and happy to be part of it.



PHIL ANEKE, Digital & Technology Director, Nigerian Breweries Plc

It's an honor to be part of this well-organized and timely forum. Kudos to the organizers. When we talk about future-fit industries, artificial intelligence must be part of the conversation. At Nigerian Breweries, AI already plays a critical role, driven by strong intentionality. We are deliberately investing real resources into AI, treating it as a core business enabler—not an experiment. I look forward to continued conversations on this important subject.



POWERFUL VOICES, REAL IMPACT & KEY TAKE AWAYS AT THE AI FORUM

Chikaodili A Adun, Chief Customer Experience Officer, First Bank Nigeria

The quality of speakers and diversity of perspectives stood out. Leaders from banking telecoms FMCGs and other sectors made the conversations incredibly enriching. Even for someone already working with AI I learned new ways to deepen its impact.

GBOLAHAN SALAMI, SVP, Product, Growth and Marketing, WAKANOW

Personalization is driving our industry today at Wakanow and AI is helping us to stay ahead of the game. True personalization is about training AI to understand your data, your customers, and your market. When AI can infer customer intent in real time and recommend relevant, lower-cost options instead of rigid, rule-based choices, it unlocks better experiences and drives revenue in ways that weren't possible before.

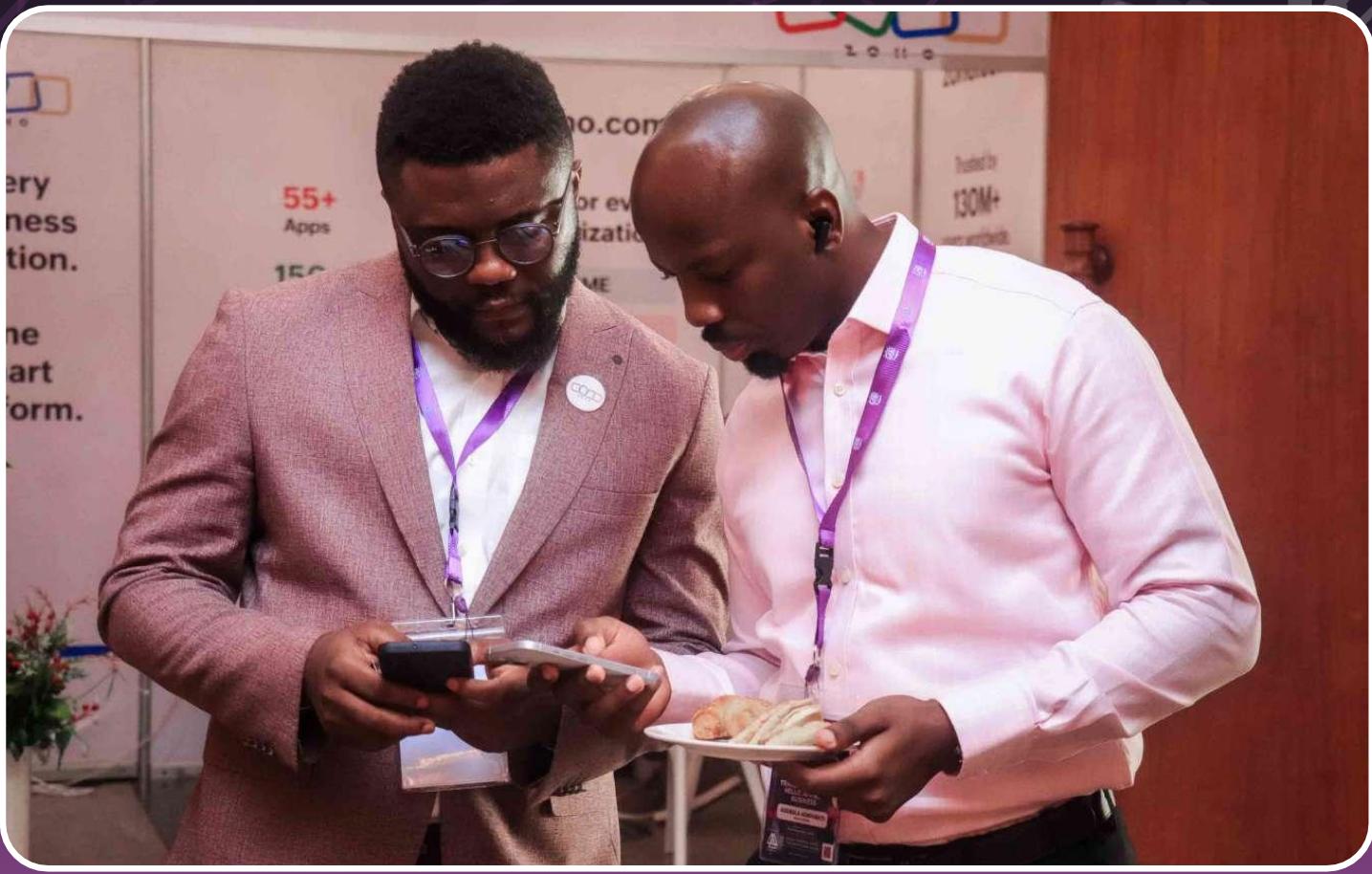
Modupe Oyekunle, CEO, Masterpiece Resource Development Center (MRDC) Lagos

I am excited by the ability of this forum to bring everyone together. Whether we like it or not these are the conversations we must have. AI is here to stay and organizations that want to grow must embrace it. My key takeaway is how AI can drive excellence and effectiveness in customer service.

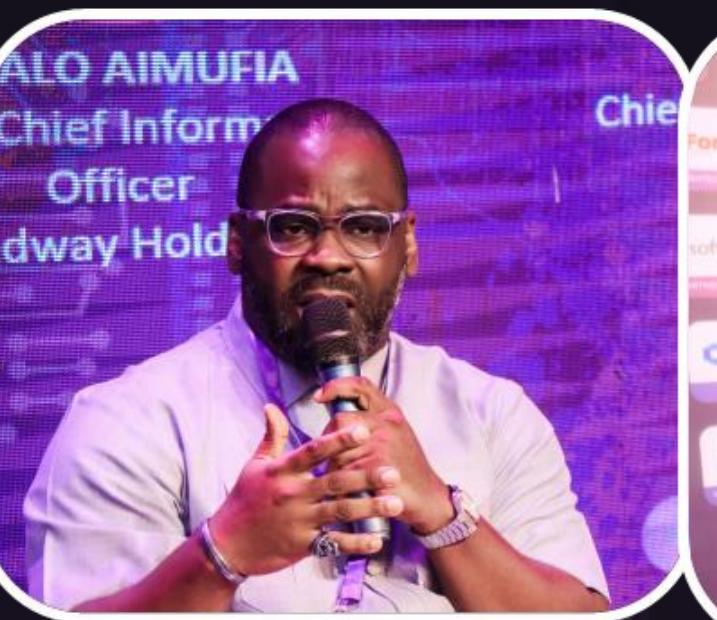
RACHEL ADESHINA, Chief Information Officer, First Bank of Nigeria

Every AI initiative must be purposeful, creating real value for the organization and its stakeholders. It must be unsurprising, with safeguards to prevent unexpected outcomes, respectful of data privacy and individual rights, and explainable, so decisions can be traced and understood. AI should act as a copilot, supporting humans while ensuring innovation is responsible, ethical, and aligned with stakeholder needs.

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Obafemi Banigbe, CEO, T2mobile Nigeria



Martin Igwe, Chief Information Security Officer, Globus Bank

KEY TAKE AWAYS FROM OUR SPEAKERS



KEHINDE OGUNDARE, Country Manager, Zoho Corporation, Nigeria



Harrison Nnaji, Chief Information Security Officer, First Bank of Nigeria



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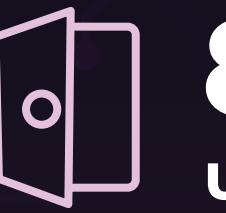
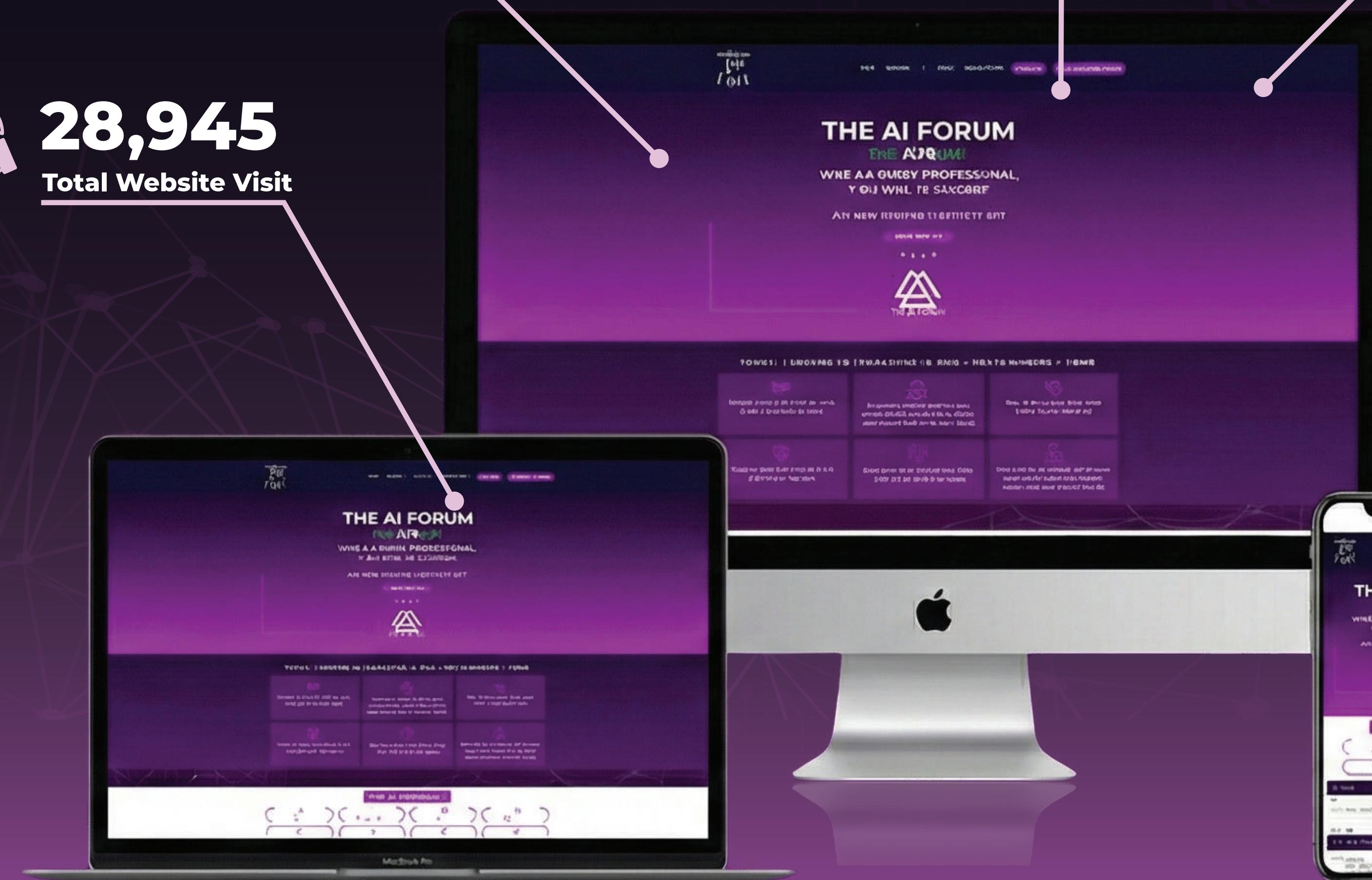
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Last week, our Co-founder and Executive Director, **Tola Yusuf PhD, PFD, MBA**, was at The AI Forum Nigeria, organized by **Olak Events Group**.

He moderated the CEO and Business Leaders Panel Session titled "AI-First Business: The Next Frontier of Enterprise Strategy".

The panel arrayed with visionary leaders from top tech companies deep dived into how executive leaders are adopting AI-first thinking, reimagining business models, and creating competitive advantages in the digital era.

It's great to see the subject of AI becoming the centre of discussion, and we look forward to seeing it redefine our world in Africa.

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AI Forum Nigeria 2025 Shines a National Spotlight on AI-First Enterprises

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Lagos, Nigeria, December 2, 2025 - The 2025 edition of AI Forum Nigeria will bring together Nigeria's leading business, technology and government decision makers for a landmark dialogue under the bold theme "Goodbye Digital Transformation, Hello AI First Business." The forum will take place on 2 December 2025 at the Lagos Oriental Hotel in Victoria Island and is organised by OLAK Events Management.

As organisations across sectors move beyond traditional digitization, this year's forum highlights the reality that artificial intelligence is no longer a supporting tool but the central driver of enterprise strategy, value creation and long-term competitiveness. The event aims to show how companies in banking, telecommunications, consumer services, energy and infrastructure can evolve into truly AI first organisations prepared for sustainable growth.

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Thrilled to see my boss Chikaodili Adun, Chief Customer Experience Officer, FirstBank speaking at AI Forum Nigeria today. ...more

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By Justice Okangba

The 2025 edition of AI Forum Nigeria has concluded in Lagos, bringing together senior business leaders, technology executives and government officials to discuss how artificial intelligence can drive enterprise transformation in Nigeria.

The forum, organised by OLAK Events Management, was themed "Goodbye Digital Transformation, Hello AI First Business", signalling a shift from conventional digitisation towards AI-first strategies.

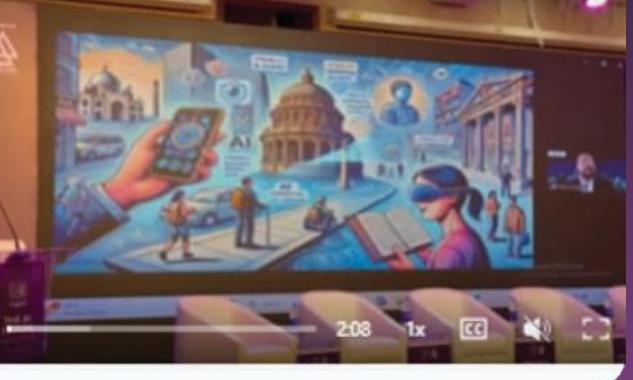
Delegates explored how Nigerian enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses, can implement AI to improve efficiency, decision-making and competitiveness. Participation from leading corporations and innovators reflected growing national interest in artificial intelligence as a catalyst for economic growth.

Alaa Dalghan 1st
Al Expert, Thought Leader, Keynote Speaker, C-Suite Advisor.
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Event Description

The AI Forum Nigeria is an exclusive platform where Nigeria's leading business, technology, and government leaders converge to explore how artificial intelligence is no longer just a component of digital strategy but the foundation of enterprise growth, innovation, and national development.

Under the theme Goodbye Digital Transformation, Hello AI-First Business, this year's forum marks a bold shift in Nigeria's technology agenda.

This high-level gathering features thought-provoking keynotes, real-world case studies, sector-specific panels, and innovation showcases led by Nigerian and international AI experts. From AI and Business Transformation Talks to AI and Cybersecurity, AI Infrastructures and Data Centers to how Generative AI is transforming Customer Experience and Services, the AI Forum Nigeria is your platform to network and connect with all the key players and pioneer driving AI implementation that's shaping our AI future.

Date : December 2, 2025
Venue : Lagos, Nigeria

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AI Forum Nigeria 2025 Focuses National Attention on the Rise of AI First Enterprises in Nigeria

AI Forum Nigeria 2025 Signals Shift from Digitization to "AI-First" Enterprise

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The participating organisations come from different sectors and are applying new approaches to digitization. One of the major conclusions drawn from the forum was that AI is not merely a supporting device but has become the main factor that determines business strategy, value, and competitiveness over the long term. Therefore, the event seeks to demonstrate how the identified sectors of banking, telecommunications, consumer services, energy, and infrastructure can actually transform to the level where they would be classified as AI first companies capable of achieving incremental growth through sustainability.

AI: 2025 - The Next Frontier of Enterprise Strategy

OBAFEMI BANIGBE, Chief Executive Officer, i2mobile Nigeria; ARDIE O. MOYAN, Chief Executive Officer, Chidita Centre; FUMI YABA, Group Head Information Infrastructure Group; DEEN YUSUF, Group Head Strategy, Nigeria & Africa.

AI Forum Nigeria 2025 Signals Shift from Digitization to "AI-First" Enterprise

Lagos, Dec 2, 2025 – The narrative for African enterprise has evolved. At the AI Forum Nigeria 2025, held at the Lagos Oriental Hotel, the consensus among decision-makers was clear: the era of "Digital Transformation" is over; the era of "AI-First Business" has begun.

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PANELIST:
Lars Johannsson
CEO, Rack Centre

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AI Forum Nigeria 2025 To Spotlight Rise Of AI-First Enterprises

The forum, scheduled for Dec. 2 at the Lagos Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island, is organised by OLAK Events Management under the theme "Goodbye Digital Transformation, Hello AI-First Business".

Organisers said the event would highlight how companies across banking, telecommunications, consumer services, energy and infrastructure are moving beyond traditional digitisation to embrace AI as the central driver of enterprise strategy and competitiveness.

Ales Daighan, Chief Executive Officer of Cognit DX, will deliver the keynote address on global AI trends and enterprise readiness.

Other speakers include Obafemi Banigbe, CEO of i2mobile; Lars Christer Johannsson, CEO of Rack Centre; Abidemi Yusuf, General Manager, Microsoft Nigeria & Ghana; Andile Oluwafemi Moyan, CEO of Chidita Centre; Favour Femi-Oyewo, Group Chief Information Security Officer, Access Bank Plc; Kehinde Ogundare, Country Manager, Zoho Corporation Nigeria; and Rachel Adeshina, Chief Information Officer, First Bank of Nigeria.

According to the organisers, discussions will cover real-world use cases, governance requirements, talent development, data capability and organisational mindset needed to thrive in an AI-first era.

The forum enjoys support from sponsors and partners including Microsoft, Zoho Corporation, Manage Engine, Rack Centre and Open Access Data Centres Lagos (OADC).

AI Forum Nigeria 2025 Highlights Enterprise Transformation Beyond Digital

The 2025 edition of AI Forum Nigeria will convene leading figures in business, technology and government to deliberate on the growing shift toward artificial intelligence-driven enterprises.

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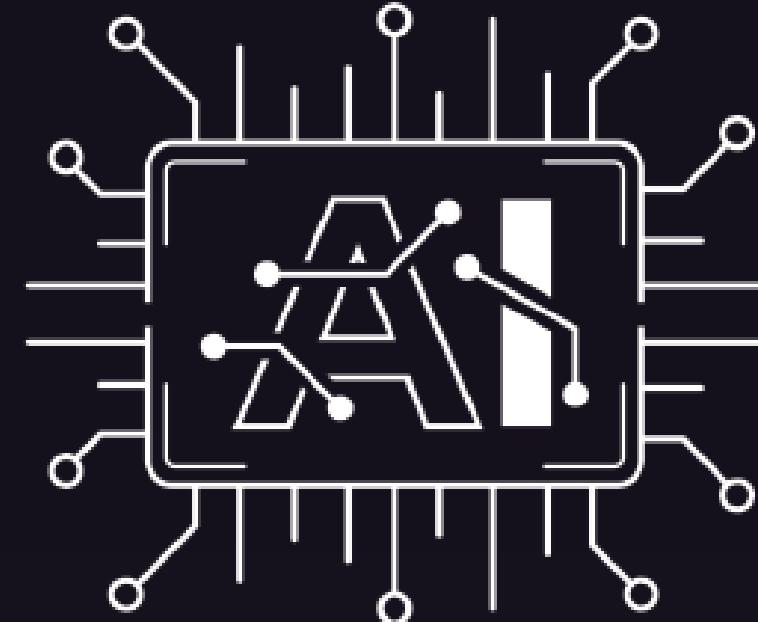
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