


NATIONAL NGO CONFERENCE 2026

Strengthening Impact



9th to 11th April, 2026

 Abuja Continental Hotel, Abuja Nigeria.

Organized By:



Step Entrepreneurship and
Community Development Initiative

Supported By:



Federal Ministry of
Budget and Economic Planning

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



The Conference, themed “Strengthening the power of Collaboration: Uniting NGOs for sustainable Impact” (also described as “**Building Partnerships for Sustainable impact**”) is Nigeria premier gathering for nonprofit leaders, philanthropists, and social impact organizations committed to sustainable change.

This partnership represents more than an event; it is a movement for collective action and sustainable change. By bridging conversations with strategy, innovation with community empowerment, and advocacy with measurable impact, the conference seeks to build a resilient national network of NGOs committed to advancing humanitarian response, social equity, environmental sustainability, and inclusive development.

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Goal 1: To strengthen collaboration and coordination among NGOs in Nigeria. We aim to create a unified platform where NGOs can network, share experiences, build partnerships, and work together towards more effective national development initiatives.

Goal 2: Influence policy and advocate for a more enabling environment for NGOs. We will engage government stakeholders and development partners to shape policies that support NGO operations, Sustainability, and nationwide impact.

Goal 3: To enhance the capacity and effectiveness of NGOs in delivering impact. Through sessions, masterclasses, and strategic dialogues, we seek to improve the skills, governance, accountability, and operational efficiency of NGOs accross Nigeria for stronger community impact.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND



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1. Gain practical tools for NGO growth and sustainability

The conference will provide hands-on training, expert led sessions, and proven strategies that NGOs can immediately apply to strengthen their operations. This includes tools for effective project management, proposal writing, financial accountability, monitoring and evaluation, and organisational sustainability. Participants will leave with knowledge that improves their structure, performance, and long-term stability.

2. Network with national and international stakeholders

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with donors, development partners, government agencies, foundation representatives, and other NGOs. These connections open doors to collaboration, visibility, mentorship, and resource-sharing. Building strong networks is essential for influence, support, and expanding the reach of your organisation.

3. Access new opportunities for funding and partnerships

The event will showcase various funding windows, grant opportunities, and partnership platforms available to NGOs. By interacting directly with funders and sector leaders, organisations can understand funding requirements, learn how to position themselves competitively, and explore partnerships that can support their projects and scale their impact.

4. Strengthen your organisation's governance and impact

Through expert sessions on governance, accountability, leadership, and strategic planning, attendees will learn how to build stronger internal systems. Improved governance, increases credibility with donors, enhances community trust, and boosts overall project effectiveness.

ABOUT STEP, MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUE



About Step Entrepreneurship and Community Development Initiative:

Step Entrepreneurship and Community Development Initiative (SECDI) is a transformative, people-centered organization communities, and driving sustainable socio-economic development across Nigeria.

Through innovative programs and conferences, strategic partnerships, and grassroots engagement , SECDI is building a pathway for inclusive growth, entrepreneurial excellence, and long-term community resilience.

Our Vision:

To be a catalyst for socio economic transformation

Our Mission:

To nurture entrepreneurship, foster economic developent, uplift communities through innovative solutions, and support

Core Values

Empowerment: We believe in enmpowering individuals and communities to create lasting change.

Innovation: We embrace creativity and innovation as the keys to progress.

Community: We prioritize community engagement and development in all our initiatives.

Integrity: We operate with transparency, honesty, and ethical principles.

Collaboration: We actively seek partnership to maximize our impact.

Sustainability: We are committed to creating lasting and sustainable change.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

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WHAT WE HAVE DONE (Past Achievements)

SECDI has achieved significant impact through:

- Strengthening NGO capacity in project management, proposal writing, financial systems, and community engagement, enabling organisations to access funding and implement effective community-driven solutions.
- Promoting gender inclusion by hosting the Annual STEM Project for Girls, introducing them to coding, robotics, digital creativity, and mentorship from female STEM professionals.
- Trained and strengthened dozens of grassroots NGOs across Nigeria.
- Provided entrepreneurship training and business support to women and youth in FCT Abaji, Bwari, Kwali, Kwara State and Minna Niger State.
- Awarded scholarships to children from low-income households in Kuje Area Council, Visiting the Community School, Government Girls Science Secondary School, School for the Special Kids Kuje Abuja.
- Successfully organize the Kogi State Entrepreneurship and Non-Governmental Organization Summit 2022 with the theme: Structure & Access to funds as tools to sustaining organization objectives. In partnership with Small Medium Enterprise Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), Kogi Enterprise development agency KEDA, Kogi Non-Governmental Organization Network KONGONET.



WHAT WE ARE DOING & ABOUT TO DO

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WHAT WE ARE DOING

(Current Activities)

- Running continuous capacity-building programs for NGOs nationwide.
- Expanding entrepreneurship training for women and youth.
- Growing our mentorship platform for girls in STEM.
- Supporting grassroots organisations with technical guidance and development tools.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO (Future Plans)

What We Are Working on Next

- SECDI is scaling its impact through new and upcoming initiatives:
- Expanding our NGO Development Hub to support more organizations with tools, mentorship, and resource access.
- Launching a Women-in-Business Accelerator, providing advanced business training, incubation, and access to micro-grants.
- Increasing scholarship slots to reach more vulnerable children through her Royal Scholarship Fund.
- Strengthening partnerships with local and international development agencies to widen our reach and impact.



FEATURES & BENEFITS OF THE CONFERENCE



THE NATIONAL NGO CONFERENCE 2026 WILL FEATURE:

- a. **Insightful sessions and masterclasses** on sustainability, funding, digital transformation, and impact measurement.
- b. **Networking opportunities** with key decision-makers, donors, and potential partners.
- c. **Showcase platforms** for organizations to present their projects, initiatives, and innovations.
- d. **National Recognition Awards** celebrating exceptional NGOs and leaders making remarkable community impact.
- e. **Live Audience Mic Sessions:** Unscripted, open-mic dialogue with grassroots leaders.
- f. **Voice Booths:** Record your story, your challenge, or your success to be shared globally. We are making room for real talk about funding, failures, frontline work, and the future.
- g. **Master Class Training Session**
- h. **Interactive Workshops:** Co-creating solutions across borders and sectors.
- i. **Youth & Women Panels** – Ensuring inclusion in the dialogue from the start.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Panel Discussion



4

Masterclasses



400

Participants



5

Keynote Address



13

Funders Matchup



4

Sidelines Events



5

Guest Speaker



15

Exhibitors



10

Award &
Recognition



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Action Plan
Presentation



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PROGRAMME RUNDOWN

DATE:

April 9th, 10th & 11th 2026

LOCATION:

ABUJA CONTINENTAL HOTEL

Theme: Strengthening the power of collaboration: Uniting NGOs for Sustainable Impact

EVENT FLOW

DAY 1: STRENGTHENING NGO CAPACITIES FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM DELIVERY (9TH APR., 2026)

Time	Activity/Session
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration & Networking Breakfast Arrival, accreditation, and informal networking
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Opening Ceremony National Anthem, Welcome Address, Goodwill Messages, Keynote Speech: "The Future of NGO Collaboration in Achieving SDGs"
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Plenary Session 1 Enhancing Institutional Governance and Accountability in NGOs
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Break Networking lunch
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Plenary Session 2 Effective Monitoring & Evaluation Systems for Impact Measurement
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Welcome Cocktail, Live Audience Mic Session Voice Booths & Cultural Night Informal evening reception with cultural performances.

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DAY 2: PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE (APR. 10TH, 2026)

Time

Activity/Session

8:00AM – 9:30AM

Breakfast Networking

Informal interaction over breakfast

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Plenary Session 3

The role of NGO in Nigeria

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Capacity Development Workshops & Masterclass

Class 1: Fundraising, Donor Engagement & Resources Mobilization Masterclass

Class 2: Grant Writing & Proposal Development Masterclass

Class 3: NGO Governance, leadership & Compliance Masterclass

Class 4: Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning (MEAL) Masterclass

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Lunch Break

Lunch and informal Networking

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Plenary Session 4

The role of NGOs in Nigeria's Development Agenda

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Exhibition Tour

Made in Nigeria

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DAY 3: CELEBRATING IMPACT AND BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER (APR. 11TH, 2026)

Time

Activity/Session

8:00AM – 9:30AM

Breakfast

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Plenary Session 5

Standard Operating System (SOP)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Plenary Session 6

Leveraging Technology & Digital Tools for social impact

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Lunch Break

Lunch and Informal Networking

2:30 PM

Departure & Farewell

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THINGS THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE

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CONCLUSION

The National NGO Conference 2026, organized by Step Entrepreneurship and Community Development Initiative (SECDI), will successfully provide a collaborative platform for civil society actors, development partners, and government stakeholders to exchange ideas, strengthen institutional capacity, and chart actionable pathways for national development. With the invaluable support of the Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning and other strategic partners, this conference will reaffirmed the critical role NGOs play in driving community development, accountability, and sustainable impact across Nigeria.

Hence, SECDI remains committed to fostering stronger partnerships, amplifying grassroots voices, and supporting organizations with the tools, knowledge, and networks needed to deliver transformative results. Together, we move forward with renewed dedication to building a more inclusive, empowered, and prosperous Nigeria.



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