



FUTURE-SAT AFRICA

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ABUJA, NIGERIA - 11TH - 12TH JULY 2017

Dear colleague,

Thank you for registering to attend this year's Future-Sat Africa Summit, this year's Future-Sat Africa Summit will be held at the impressive Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria, on 11th – 12th July 2017.

Future- Sat Africa 2017 'Smarter Networks'

If ICT is the key to unlocking Africa's full potential, socially and economically, Communication Networks are the roadmap to finding the lock!

The biggest challenge to providing universal access to socio-economic development in Africa is in providing people with affordable, reliable and ubiquitous access to ICT. Depending on their circumstance, people have many different requirements ranging from:

- Access to basic services which enable significant improvements to their daily lives
- High-Speed uninterrupted access that enables video, social media, OTT to demanding digital citizens and mission critical services for international businesses
- Mobile access that enables remote and mobile workers who need connectivity to move with them.
- Secure networks that allow sensitive and confidential information to be communicated in confidence
- Communication Service Providers, Large Enterprise, Governments and the Third Sector each face differing challenges in provisioning networks that will provide their stakeholders with access to ICT and enable fulfilment of their objectives

Today, Satellite provides Mobile Backhaul, Push Data Services, Linear and Non-Linear TV, Converged Media, Broadband Services, Many M2M Services. By 2025 over 100 High Throughput Satellite Systems will be in orbit delivering Terabits of connectivity across the World using Ku and Ka bands. C-band Satellite alone is essential in the delivery of key services:

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FutureSat Africa is an initiative conceived by the global satellite industry key players with the intention of bridging the relationship between Satellite and Terrestrial service and technology providers. While the summit showcases developments in the satellite sector, it invites input from the fibre, mobile and wireless industries and brings policy makers, regulators, Network Operators and major end users together to reveal the challenges and highlight the opportunities presented when key industry players collaborate for the greater good.

FutureSat Africa is a two-day, high impact agenda driving positive interaction between high-level attendees from across Africa. Ministers, Regulators, Communication Service Providers and Major End Users from across Africa along with a carefully selected number of international Solution Providers.



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The innovative programme incorporates Case Study keynote Presentations, Working Groups (on Policy, Regulation and Broadcasting), Panel discussions, Round Table and Workshop sessions. Networking and interaction. The primary objectives of the summit are to support deal making, solution sourcing and strategy defining.

Future Sat Africa Summit Venue: Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja

Located in the heart of Nigeria's Federal Capital, the Nicon Luxury hotel is next to the International Conference Centre and only 30 minutes away from Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport Abuja.

Nicon Luxury Hotel offers wireless high speed internet, more than 24 meeting rooms and over 300 rooms for accommodation. Room amenities include: air condition, cable movies, computer data port, Free night shoe shine, Full-length mirror, hairdryer, laundry service, mini bar, 24 hours room service, mini bar, turndown service, wake up call, etc..

Facilities includes, Outdoor swimming pool, three squash courts, Gym, three tennis courts, snooker board, table tennis, lawn tennis court, etc.

Within the hotel, there is 24-hour front desk and concierge desk, business center and secretarial service, car rental desk, pharmacy, clinic, Doctor on call, non-smoking rooms.

The hotel also has an ATM machine and accepts Visa and Master credit cards.

Hotel reservation form [here](#)

Travel - Airport

Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja services the majority of International Airlines.

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. All travel information, including flight number, arrival and departure dates and times should be forwarded to the organising committee as soon as possible to the contacts listed at the bottom of this letter:

Transport to and from the Airport can be arranged, a fee of 7000 NGN (around \$22) each way, this is to be paid locally. *(Uber is also available in Abuja)*

VISA Process

More details to follow

Country Profile

Abuja is the capital city of Nigeria. It is located in the centre of Nigeria, within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Abuja is a planned city, and was built mainly in the 1980s. It officially became Nigeria's capital on 12 December 1991, replacing Lagos, though the latter remains the country's most populous city. At the 2006 census, the city of Abuja had a population of 776,298, making it one of the ten most populous cities in Nigeria.



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Abuja has witnessed a huge influx of people into the city; the growth has led to the emergence of satellite towns such as Karu Urban Area, Suleja, Gwagwalada, Lugbe, Kuje and smaller settlements to which the planned city is sprawling.

The unofficial metropolitan area of Abuja has a population of well over three million and comprises the fourth largest urban area in Nigeria, surpassed only by Lagos, Kano and Ibadan. Abuja's geography is defined by Aso Rock, a 400-metre monolith left by water erosion.

The Presidential Complex, National Assembly, Supreme Court and much of the town extend to the south of the rock. Zuma Rock, a 792-metre monolith, lies just north of the city on the road to Kaduna. Significant sights include the Nigerian National Mosque and the Nigerian National Christian Centre.

Visiting Abuja

Some helpful information to ensure you are fully prepared for your trip to Abuja. We hope you enjoy your stay!

About Abuja	Population	780,000
	Time zone	» Abuja time zone
About Nigeria	Population	136 million
	Embassies	» Embassies of Nigeria » Foreign embassies and consulates in Nigeria
Money	Currency	Nigerian naira (₦ / NGN) Feb 2015
	US exchange rate	\$100 = ₦31,500 ₦1,000 = \$3:18 <i>Better exchange rates can be found locally on arrival!</i>
Electricity	Voltage	240 volts
	Frequency	50 hertz
	Plug type	Plugs used in most hotels are three-pin (British Standard), although two-pin plugs (European Standard) are also used 
Telephone	International dialling prefix	00 234 (9 for Abuja)
Climate		



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Nigeria is situated within the tropical region. There are two climatic seasons that prevail within Nigeria, namely the wet and the dry seasons. The weather of Nigeria is generally quite hot throughout the year, although there are variations in the climate in certain regions within the country

Credit Cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most places in Abuja, such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club.

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