



About The Edo Leadership Summit



Heartbeat of the Nation



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Adams Oshiomhole,
Executive Governor of Edo State



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The ELA Leadership summit is a private, invitation-only event designed for past, present and emerging leaders from Edo State and the Edo diaspora. The event will focus exclusively on issues that affect the development of Edo State and her peoples. The summit will provide a platform for leaders from all sectors, to work collectively to ensure that democracy and globalization deliver benefits to all people particularly, those who have been at the short-end of development initiatives.

This will be a very refined, solutions-oriented Summit. Through dialogue and goal-setting, participants will have the opportunity to identify and discuss socio-economic and geopolitical megatrends as they affect Edo people. They will also develop strategic frameworks to address a range of issues at the nexus of politics and society - including Building community power, Developing leadership capacity, Challenging injustice, Encouraging self-sufficiency and Achieving transformation.

The intellect and visionary thinking of the crème of the Edo diaspora will be on display at the Leadership summit. The official theme - Sustaining Democracy: Responsive leadership, Economic Empowerment and Cultural Renaissance - will be addressed within the initiative's unique multi-stakeholder orientation, and anchored in the Edo Leadership Assembly's three universal principles of: **Oyayasinwim Evbomwan (Patriotism), Edoyemwen (Dignity) and Akugbe (Unity).**

Indeed, the agenda and content of the Summit have been designed and packaged so that community leaders can effectively dialogue and come to a consensus on the way forward for Edo development. In this way, the Summit is a value-added endeavor for leaders of all political and ideological orientation.

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MENU OF SUMMIT ACTIVITIES:

- Keynote Presentations by Comrade Governor Adams Oshomhole and Crown Prince Eheneden Erediauwaa, Edaiken N'Uselu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nigeria to Italy
- Panel discussions
- Roundtable discussions – small group work sessions (selection based on expertise)
- Ideas and Projects Exhibition- a preselected number of people (a mix of Edo and Americans) will present their ideas and projects to the Governor and delegation from Edo State
- Gala night and Awards Dinner- ordinary Edo citizens who have accomplished extraordinary feats will be recognized
- ELA Fundraiser – a fundraising drive for ELA's maiden development project will be launched at the Summit
- Trade Mission – for the Government Delegation. Co-organized with the World Trade Center-Chicago
- Development of a Chamber of Commerce in Benin City
- Launch a Sister-city Initiative between Chicago and Benin-City
- Movies Premier: EBUWA and Oba-ma! By renowned Nollywood Director and Producer, Lancelot Oduwa Imasuen aka Da Guvnor.
- Cultural performance by Lady Aghabiomo Ogbeiwu
- Cultural performance by "Idemudia" of the duo of Idemudia and Kokori of the famed Hotel D' Jordan T.V. show.
- Participation by renowned African American Civil Rights Leaders.



GOALS OF THE SUMMIT:

- Identify issues plaguing Edo State (A constructive, solutions based dialogue)
- Develop an Agenda for Edo Unity and Progress
- Determine concrete next steps- by identifying a project that will be implemented in Edo State, with financial commitments and donations from summit attendees.
- Creation of issue-specific working groups to assist the government of Edo State tackle under-development.

ATTENDEES

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate fully in this innovative summit. As a participant, you will benefit from extensive networking with a diverse group of accomplished individuals in various fields, including top level personalities from the Chicago business community and the Illinois Government representatives. There will also be ample opportunity to interact with the Edo State government delegation.

OUR PARTICIPANTS ARE SELECTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Distinguished professional and community profile
- Commitment to the development of Edo State
- Proven expertise in key economic sectors
- Demonstrated interest in the advancement of Edo State

TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE SUMMIT:

- Opportunity to participate in, and add your voice to the development of Edo State. This is the first diaspora event the Comrade Governor and his cabinet members will attend.
- Opportunity to network with others of like-mind
- Meet with leading personalities in politics and business
- Extensive opportunities for informal peer networking during the day and evening activities held within the Summit
- Access to documentation of presentations and information presented at the Summit via our interactive Website
- One-on-one business meeting opportunities
- Post-event Web site access for documentation and information on next event
- Complimentary meals, receptions & special events
- Join working groups to provide technical know-how to the Government & Commissioners
- Invitation to attend the ELA organized Edo State Trade Mission- in collaboration with the World Trade Center-Chicago

Ugie se wa egbe, Ivbie Edo N'Uzomo!
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