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FG SEEKS STRONGER PARTNERSHIP WITH NIGERIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT GROUP TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

The Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Sola Enikanolaiye, has called for strategic collaboration with the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) to accelerate investment, job creation and sustainable national development. The Honourable Minister of State gave the assurance on Tuesday, 7 July 2026, when he received a delegation of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group, led by the Vice-Chairperson of the Conference Organizing Committee, Cecilia Akintomide, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.

The delegation briefed the Minister on preparations for the 32nd Nigerian Economic Summit, scheduled to hold from 25 to 27 October 2026 under the theme, "Growth that Works: Delivering Jobs, Productivity and Shared Prosperity." The Group also sought the Ministry's collaboration in facilitating high-level international participation, supporting the Rising Together Initiative, partnering on a proposed Africa Economic Summit and institutionalising broader cooperation between the Ministry and the NESG.

Speaking during the meeting, Ambassador Enikanolaiye commended the Nigeria Economic Summit Group for its sustained contribution to Nigeria's economic policy development and reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to promoting economic diplomacy in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Administration. The Honourable Minister of State explained that Nigeria's refined 4-Ds foreign policy framework places the Nigerian people at the centre of the country's international engagements, with diplomacy serving as a vehicle for attracting foreign direct investment, promoting inclusive economic growth, creating jobs and improving the welfare of citizens.

He observed that while recent economic reforms had strengthened macroeconomic stability, greater efforts were required to translate growth into

tangible improvements in the lives of Nigerians. He therefore underscored the importance of strategic policy dialogue, innovation, investment promotion and stronger public-private sector collaboration in achieving sustainable development.

On energy transition, Ambassador Enikanolaiye reiterated Nigeria's commitment to pursuing a balanced approach that promotes renewable energy and climate finance while safeguarding the country's strategic interests as a major oil-producing nation.

The Honourable Minister of State assured the delegation of the Ministry's full support for the forthcoming Nigerian Economic Summit and pledged to facilitate engagement with invited foreign leaders, members of the diplomatic community and relevant international partners. He also welcomed the proposal for an Africa Economic Summit and encouraged the establishment of a structured institutional partnership between the Ministry and the NESG, particularly through the Economic, Trade and Investment Department.

The meeting further discussed the importance of strengthening collaboration among relevant government institutions, including the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC) and the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, to promote a coordinated whole-of-government approach to investment promotion and economic diplomacy.

The delegation presented the Honourable Minister with a publication documenting the history of the Nigeria Economic Summit and invited him to participate in the forthcoming Gender Summit scheduled for September 2026 in Abuja.

Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to deepening collaboration in support of Nigeria's economic transformation, enhanced investment promotion and sustainable development

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