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THE UUBO GENERAL COUNSEL SUMMIT

29 JULY 2025

10:00 A.M. LAGOS | NIGERIA

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10:50 – 11:00	Welcome Address And Opening Remarks / Introductions Host: Aniekan Ukpanah , Senior Partner, UUBO; Board Chair, Lex Mundi Opening remarks highlighting the collaborative vision of the Summit and the Lex Mundi partnership, followed by a brief orientation introducing the Summit format, the day's sessions, and the speaker line-up.
11:00 – 11:20	Keynote Presentation: Resilience In A Multipolar Era – Strategic Outlook For General Counsel, 2025–2026 Speaker: Dr. Tayo Aduloju , CEO, Nigerian Economic Summit Group A strategic, data-driven session delivers high-level insights into macroeconomic, policy, and regulatory trends likely to shape corporate strategy and legal risk in 2025. It will examine fiscal direction, geopolitical volatility, regulatory reform, and the evolving Nigerian and African business landscape, providing GCs with the tools to anticipate and navigate complex, intersecting challenges.
11:20 – 11:40	Presentation: Strengthening Operational Resilience In High-Risk Markets – Managing Security, Compliance, And Incident Response Presenter: Tim Cox , CEO, Control Risks A practical session exploring how General Counsel and their teams can manage legal exposure and operational disruption in high-risk jurisdictions, with a focus on Nigeria. The discussion will address strategies for navigating geopolitical uncertainty, regulatory complexity, and compliance enforcement trends through proactive crisis planning, robust internal controls, and readiness for incident response in volatile operating environments.
11.40 – 12:30	Lex Mundi Cross-Border M&A Panel: Deals, Risks, And Regulation – Insights And Realities Across Borders Moderator: Eric Staal , Lex Mundi Ezra Davids (Bowmans South Africa), Aleem Tharani (Bowmans Kenya), Jacob Oben (Bennani & Associés), Seth Asante (Bentsi-Enchill), Dan Coppell (Faegre Drinker), Christine Sijuwade (UUBO) A candid panel of Lex Mundi counsel reflecting on real-world challenges in executing African cross-border M&A transactions. The session will explore merger control, regulatory delays, political interference, and coordination strategies - emphasising the role of trusted legal networks like Lex Mundi in closing complex deals.
12:30 – 13:00	The GC Risk Agenda: Evolving Trends In AI Governance, Data Protection, And Breach Response Moderator: Jumoke Lambo , Managing Partner, UUBO





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Presenters And Panellists:

Andy McDonnell, Director Innovation And Technology,
Lex Mundi: Global Trends In Legal Tech
And AI Governance

Nkem Nweke, Growth Advancement Partner, Lagos
Business School: Trends In Innovation, Product & Strategy
And Digital Transformation

Huw Beverly-Smith, Partner, Faegre Drinker: The GC Risk
Agenda: Evolving Trends In Data Protection And Breach
Response (Global Perspectives)

Codson Oghenechuko, Partner, UUBO: The GC Risk
Agenda: Evolving Trends In Data Protection And Breach
Response (The Nigerian Perspective)

13:00
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13:45

Lunch & Networking

13:45
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14:30

GC Panel Discussion: Steady Hands In Stormy Weather – Navigating Risk, Delivering Impact

Moderator: Ozofu Ogiemudia, Deputy Managing
Partner, UUBO

Panellists: John Aga, Deputy General Counsel, Seplat
Energy, Festus Onyia, Partner, UUBO, Yemisi Adegboye,
Senior Legal Counsel, Africa And Middle East (Others
TBC), Osose Aziba, Head Of Legal & Compliance (West &
Central Africa), British American Tobacco

This cross-sector panel will explore how General Counsel
are navigating heightened regulatory scrutiny,
enforcement activity, and operational volatility. The
discussion will examine practical strategies for legal
departments to manage risk, enhance legal-business
collaboration, and engage proactively with regulators.

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14:55

Fireside Chat:

The GC Every CSuite Executive Wants: From Risk Manager To Strategic Gamechanger

Moderator: Mrs. Folake Elias-Adebawale (UUBO)

Panellists: Seun Oni, MD - AG Leventis
Femi Badeji, Executive Director, Corporate &
Investment Banking At FCMB Group Plc,

This high-value panel features leading CEO discussing
their evolving expectations of today's General Counsel.
Discussion will focus on GCs moving beyond black-letter
advice, "speaking CEO", managing regulatory and market
volatility, unlocking commercial value, and shaping
governance outcomes as trusted C-suite strategic
partners.

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15:00

Closing Reflections And Networking Cocktails

Hosts: Aniekan Ukpanah (UUBO/Lex Mundi) / Jumoke
Lambo (UUBO), Ozofu Ogiemudia (UUBO) and Eric Staal
(Lex Mundi)