



Central Bank of Nigeria



CBN KNOWLEDGE ACCELERATION PROGRAMME

Call for Competitive Participation Proposals in the CBN-KAP Thematic Workshops

Venue and Dates

- Abuja
- August 4-5, 2025
- August 7-8, 2025
- August 11-12, 2025.

Purpose

As part of the launch of the CBN Governor's Knowledge Acceleration Programme, interested researchers are encouraged to submit proposals on multidisciplinary topics related to Nigeria's wealth creation, human development and international competitiveness.

Successful contestants will be invited to participate in a workshop designed to leverage peer interaction to improve their proposals. The immediate goal is to develop working papers that lead to published research. These activities help identify suitable intervention areas to enhance ongoing and emerging research within the thematic groups outlined in the Description and Application Process section of this announcement. The themes are vital for the Bank's reputation as a knowledge hub, aligning with its role as the Government's advisor.

Description and Application Process

- 1) Proposals must specify a thematic area of interest. These are:
 - a. Theme I: **Development Cluster** - Growth, Income, and Employment.
 - b. Theme II: **International Finance Cluster** - Internal and External Balances, Capital (FDI and Portfolio) Flows, Domestic Resource Mobilisation, Exchange Rate Dynamics, and Asset Pricing.
 - c. Theme III: **Regulation, Bank Structure, and Competition Cluster** - Monetary Economics, Behavioral Finance, Fintech (not limited to evolution of money and digital assets), Illicit Financial Flows, Payment Systems, Systems Competition and network externalities.

- 2) Proposals must not exceed two pages, single-spaced, in Georgia 11 pt font, and should focus on the “What” and “Why”. To fully realise the expected benefits of the exercise, successful applicants (PIs) must arrive at the workshop prepared to present key aspects of the proposed methodology and contextualise the research objective within the relevant literature.
- 3) Tables, charts, references, and endnotes do not count toward the two-page limit. Please use endnotes instead of footnotes. MLA or any standard referencing style is acceptable. Tables and figures must be numbered for easy reference with cited sources, where applicable, and if it's the author's rendition, that must also be noted.
- 4) The selection will prioritise topics that enhance our understanding of the potential systemic risks from nonbank-financial intermediaries and how these vulnerabilities affect monetary policy transmission, and supervision cum financial stability goals. Other relevant topics related to emerging systemic risks and their effect on macroprudential policies include differential fund flows and reserve stability, self-regulation and off-balance sheet activities of depository institutions, risk-based capital requirements, and audit technologies or detection mechanisms under conditions of asymmetric information and uncertainty. the implications of these vulnerabilities for monetary policy (transmission), supervision, and financial stability objectives.

Timelines

- 5) Submissions open on July 15 and close at midnight on July 22, 2025.
- 6) Upload proposals here: [Click to submit](#), and all the best.

Feedback

- 7) Successful applicants will be informed of the date and venue for their thematic workshop by July 30.

Further inquiries

- 8) Contact the [Convenor](#).
- 9) For problems uploading files, please contact the [Technical Support](#).

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