



*leading in a transformational world
- the imperative of innovation.
Lagos, Nigeria*

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Dear Stakeholders,

Welcome to Access Conference 2015

As some of the world's most accomplished leaders arrive Nigeria today, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 edition of Access Conference. The biennial event is Access Bank's response to a global call for corporate involvement in resolving the major challenges facing humanity.

The Access Conference is a key component of Access Bank's 'Thought Leadership Series' and yet another testament to the Bank's deep-seated commitment to social advancement. It also serves as a veritable medium for execution of its ambassadorial role. By this strategic initiative, Access Bank has enlisted Nigeria in the league of countries with genuine interest in global welfare.

Since its inauguration in 2013, Access Bank has deployed the Access Conference as a platform for engaging global leaders and provoking debates on issues of threats and opportunities to our world. At the past edition of the Conference themed 'Sustainable Leadership', views expressed by speakers like the past presidents of the United States of America, Mr George W. Bush, former president of France, Nicolas Sarkozy and Mr John Kuffor, the former president of Ghana, reaffirmed the importance of leadership to national and corporate successes.

This year's edition of the Access Conference provides the world with yet another opportunity to address topics of significance to global progression. With Nigeria as the destination of distinguished global leaders such as Steve Wozniak (Apple Co-Founder), Murthy Narayana (founder, Infosys) and José-Maria Figueres (former President of Costa Rica), Muhammad Yunnus, (Nobel Laureate and founder, Grameen Bank), Ted Souder (Head, Industry (Retail) Google Inc.) for discussion of the theme '*Leading in a Transformational World – The Imperative of Innovation*', Access Bank has reassured the international community of Nigeria's readiness to contribute to solving the world's major challenges and making the world a better place for humanity.

As a responsible corporate citizen, Access Bank takes pride in Nigeria's achievement in this regard and enjoins every Nigerian to share in the grandeur of our nation's accomplishment. Once again, it is my joy to welcome you to the 2015 edition of the Access Conference.

Yours faithfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herbert Wigwe". The signature is written over a white background and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**HERBERT WIGWE
GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR**

