



The TeXcellence CONFERENCE

Showcasing Excellence in Technology and Innovation

The Texcellence Conference is a visionary platform from CWG Plc that showcases excellence in technological innovation and examines how business leaders across industries can leverage technology to transform organisations, industries, and economies.

Since its inaugural edition in 2022, Texcellence has explored some of the most consequential technology conversations of our time, with themes spanning artificial intelligence, digital transformation, technology for economic and organisational resilience, cybersecurity and the conference was built on a simple conviction: meaningful technological progress requires people across industries to share ideas, challenge assumptions and learn from one another.

Today, Texcellence has grown into a gathering of C-suite technology leaders, business executives, innovators and industry voices from across Africa and beyond, creating space for strategic conversations about technology, business and Africa's digital future.



The Texcellence Difference

Transform conversations into
actionable organisational
strategies

Facilitate peer-to-peer
knowledge exchange at the
highest organisational levels

Decode emerging
technological trends and
their strategic implications

Create an exclusive forum
for strategic technology
leadership dialogue

Foster meaningful connections and
innovative thinking across industries
and technological ecosystems

Impact and Achievement



3000+ Guests

About 3000 guests in the first three editions – about 60% of participants in the senior/top management category.



14+ Countries

About 3000 guests in the first three editions – about 60% of participants in the senior/top management category.



80+ Speakers

Featured 80+ speakers from 9+ countries, showcasing global expertise.



Professional Connections

Lasting professional connections forged.







The **TeXcellence 5.0** CONFERENCE

What will it take for Africa's digital progress to scale, earn trust and create opportunity? The fifth edition of TeXcellence brings government, enterprise, technology and creative industry voices together to examine the decisions shaping that future and the work already bringing it to life.

Taking place on 13 October 2026 at Landmark Event Centre, Lagos, TeXcellence 5.0 connects the foundations of a digital economy with the people and businesses it must serve. Lagos State Deputy Governor Dr. Obafemi Hamzat explores what government must become for technology to scale, while Prof. Chidiebere Onyia examines the digital public infrastructure needed to support that ambition. Ashanti Kunene's "The Future Is Not Neutral" challenges participants to consider who gets to design Africa's next decade and whose interests those choices represent.

That ambition meets practical experience across four panel discussions. Enterprise AI comes under scrutiny through contributions from practitioners including Dotun Adeoye and Mosope Okanlawon, asking what is actually working in African organisations. GovTech voices including Dr. Joe Abah and Njide Ndili explore the systems underpinning public services. Ifeoluwa Johnson and Dr. Harrison Nnaji join the discussion on trust, identity and fraud in digital finance, while filmmakers Laju Iren and Kenneth Gyang, alongside other creative industry leaders, examine how African creativity can build globally valuable intellectual property.

The question of participation runs through the edition. In "The Next Move", Tunde Onakoya brings the focus to who gets the opportunity to build Africa's digital future. Innovation showcases give attendees the opportunity to encounter emerging solutions, while dedicated networking creates space for conversations with speakers, exhibitors and potential collaborators.

For leaders making investment and policy decisions, practitioners implementing technology, and founders and creatives building businesses, TeXcellence 5.0 offers a place to test assumptions, exchange practical insight and develop connections around the challenges that matter.

ACCELERATING AFRICA'S DIGITAL FUTURE

Conference Agenda

THE GATHERING

9:00 – 9:30 AM

DOORS OPEN

Registration, Networking & Innovation Showcase

HOSTS

Gloria Babarinde – Main Host | Tiana John – Floor Host

SETTING THE DIRECTION

What kind of digital future are we accelerating, and what must exist for it to scale?

9:30 – 9:40 AM

OPENING OF TEXCELLENCE 5.0

HOST

Gloria Babarinde – Main Host

9:40 – 9:55 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS

The TeXcellence 5.0 Framework

SPEAKER

Adewale Adeyipo Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, CWG Plc

10:00 – 10:20 AM

SPECIAL ADDRESS

The Enabling State: What Government Must Become for Technology to Scale

SPEAKER

Dr. Obafemi Hamzat – Deputy Governor, Lagos State

10:20 – 10:35 AM

FEATURED PROVOCATION

The Future Is Not Neutral: Who Gets to Design Africa's Next Decade?

SPEAKER

Ashanti Kunene – Founder, Learning 2 Unlearn

THE EXCHANGE

Where ideas, people and possibilities connect.

10:35 – 11:15 AM

NETWORKING, REFRESHMENTS & INNOVATION SHOWCASE

Networking, sponsor and exhibitor engagement, innovation showcase and light refreshments.

MAKING THE SYSTEMS WORK

What happens when ambition meets implementation?

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

AI Reality Check: What Is Actually Working in African Enterprises?

PANELISTS

Dotun Adeoye – Co-Founder, AI in Nigeria

Elitcha Kossi Mawududzi- Head of Architecture and Compliance, Agence Togo Digital

Mosope Okanlawon – Founder & CEO, Corvyn AI

Rowena Turinawe – Founding CEO, RukaPay

Tobi Ogundare – Regional Sales Lead, West Africa & Mauritius, Red Hat

MODERATOR

Seun Runsewe – Founder, Security Basics Toolkit (SBK)

12:00 – 12:15 PM

GOVTECH PANEL KEYNOTE:

The GovTech Stack: Building Africa's Digital Public Infrastructure

SPEAKER

Prof. Chidiebere Onyia – Secretary to the State Government, Enugu State

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

The GovTech Stack: Building Africa's Digital Public Infrastructure

PANELISTS

Johnson Tumusiime – Ag. Director Information Security Services, NITA-U

Prof. Ibrahim Adepoju Adeyanju – Managing Director/CEO, Galaxy Backbone Limited

Prof. Chidiebere Onyia – Secretary to the State Government, Enugu State

Njide Ndili – Country Director, Nigeria, PharmAccess

Dr. Joe Abah – Vice President & Country Director, Nigeria, DAI

MODERATOR

Femi Taiwo Chief Technology Officer at INITS

Conference Agenda

Conference Agenda

MIDDAY PAUSE

12:55 - 1:55 PM

LUNCH & NETWORKING

BUILDING, PROTECTING AND OWNING VALUE

How does Africa protect, move, create and own value in a digital economy?

1:55 - 2:40 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION 3

Trust, Identity, Fraud and the Rails of African Digital Finance

PANELISTS

Chinwe Uzoho - Regional Managing Director, Western Africa, Network International

Dr. Harrison Nhaji - Group Chief Information Security Officer, FirstBank

Ifeoluwa Johnson - CEO & Co-Founder, Juicyway

Collin Babirukamu - Executive Director, Information Technology, Bank of Uganda

Ernest Mbenkum - Founder & CEO, Interstellar

MODERATOR

Wunmi Faiga - Chief Information Security Officer, Axiom Integrated Solutions Limited

2:40 - 2:55 PM

FEATURED SPOTLIGHT

The Next Move: Talent, Opportunity and Africa's Digital Future.

SPEAKER

Tunde Onakoya - Founder, Chess in Slums Africa

2:55 - 3:40 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION 4

The Business of African Creativity: Building Global IP in the Digital Age

PANELISTS

Laju Iren - Award-Winning Filmmaker & Founder, Laju Iren Films

Kenneth Gyang - Writer, Director & Producer; Co-Founder, Cinema Kpatakpata

Stella Fubara - CEO, Fura Collective

Fola Folowosele - Vice President & Head of NBA Nigeria, NBA Africa

David Akwara - Global Storyteller

MODERATOR

Stanley Onuorah - Economic Analyst and Fintech Advocate

Conference Agenda

MIDDAY PAUSE

12:55 - 1:55 PM

LUNCH & NETWORKING

FINALE | WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR?

Return the day from systems and technology to people, opportunity and participation.

3:40 - 3:55 PM

THE UPGRADE

A TeXcellence Stage Experience

LEAD

Drama Ensemble

3:55 - 4:00 PM

TEXCELLENCE 5.0 CLOSING REMARK

The Business of African Creativity: Building Global IP in the Digital Age

Harriet Yartey - Vice President Regions, CWG Plc

Gloria Babarinde - Main Host

Networking Reception & Innovation Showcase follows from 4:00 PM.

Speakers

LEADERSHIP × VISION × ACTION
FIVE VOICES. ONE DEFINING CONVERSATION.
WHAT WILL WE ACCELERATE?

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Adewale Adeyipo

Group Managing Director/
Chief Executive Officer

Adewale Adeyipo is a technology executive and business strategist. As Group CEO of CWG Plc, a Forbes-recognized Global Growth Company headquartered in Lagos with operations across six countries, he expanded the firm into two new markets, grew its share price by over 900%, and launched fintech subsidiary Fifthlab in 2022, which processed over 500 million transactions in its first year. Previously CWG's Executive Director for Sales and Marketing, he oversaw sales, marketing, product management, and market penetration. In 2014, he led the PAN Africa Initiatives, expanding CWG into 23 African markets. He also consults on technology-enabled growth and has partnered with state governments and federal agencies on SME development. An alumnus of Lagos Business School and MIT Sloan, he is a Forbes Business Council member and holds fellowships in several leading professional bodies.



**Dr. Obafemi
Hamzat**

Deputy Governor, Lagos State

Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat is the Deputy Governor of Lagos State, serving alongside Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu since 2019. Born on 19 September 1964 in Lagos, he attended Odu-Abore Memorial Primary School and Olivet Baptist High School. A technocrat with a strong background in information technology and engineering, he entered public service in 2005 as Commissioner for Science and Technology, where he modernised government data and record keeping. He later served as Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure from 2011 to 2015, overseeing major road and construction projects, and held the Budget and Planning portfolio. He resigned in 2018 to contest the governorship primary, then stepped aside to become Sanwo-Olu's running mate. As Deputy Governor, he is Vice Chairman of the State Executive Council, chairs the State Boundary Committee, and supervises the Ministry of Education.

Speakers

LEADERSHIP × VISION × ACTION
FIVE VOICES. ONE DEFINING CONVERSATION.
WHAT WILL WE ACCELERATE?

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Prof. Chidiebere Onyia

Secretary to the State Government,
Enugu State

Prof. Chidiebere Onyia is Secretary to the Enugu State Government, Nigeria, with 25+ years in change management and public sector reform. Formerly Chief of Staff to the Minister of Power and Team Leader of UKNIAF, he is also a university professor, Globethics.net advisor, author, and World Bank advisory board member.



Ashanti Kunene

Founder, Learning 2 Unlearn
& The Unlearning Institute

Ashanti Kunene founded Learning 2 Unlearn and The Unlearning Institute, working on how institutions and individuals shed inherited assumptions in order to build something different. She brings the Featured Provocation to TeXcellence 5.0 – The Future Is Not Neutral: Who Gets to Design Africa's Next Decade? – a deliberate challenge to the room before the working sessions begin.



Tunde Onakoya

Founder, Chess in Slums Africa

Tunde Onakoya is a Nigerian National Chess Master, coach, and social entrepreneur from Ikorodu, Lagos. In 2018 he founded Chess in Slums Africa, giving underserved children access to chess, education, STEM, mentorship, and scholarships. He also holds a Guinness World Record for a 64-hour Times Square chess marathon in 2025.

Panel 1

INTELLIGENCE × EXECUTION IN CONVERSATION AI REALITY CHECK:
WHAT IS ACTUALLY WORKING IN AFRICAN ENTERPRISES?

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Dotun Adeoye

Co-Founder AI in Nigeria

Dotun Adeoye is a global business and technology leader with 30+ years' experience, including 12+ years delivering AI-driven transformation. Co-Founder of AI in Nigeria, he champions responsible AI adoption and governance across Africa, advising executives in financial services, technology, energy, and media. He is also a bestselling author and speaker.



Mosope Okanlawon

Founder & CEO Corvyn AI

Mosope Okanlawon is Founder and CEO of Corvyn AI, an AI-native platform unifying fraud detection, AML monitoring, identity intelligence, and risk management for Africa's digital finance. Shaped by his Interswitch career, he believes Africa needs risk intelligence built around its transaction patterns, helping institutions move from alerts to actionable intelligence.



Elitcha Kossi

Head of Architecture & Compliance
Agence Togo Digital

Godwin ELITCHA is an Information Systems Architect and Head of Architecture and Compliance at Agence Togo Digital (ATD). He contributes to the design of digital public services in Togo, with a focus on interoperability, data governance, and digital trust infrastructure. His work aims to make public services more accessible and connected while supporting their transformation in the age of artificial intelligence.

Panel 1

INTELLIGENCE × EXECUTION IN CONVERSATION AI REALITY CHECK:
WHAT IS ACTUALLY WORKING IN AFRICAN ENTERPRISES?



Rowena Turinawe

Founding CEO RukaPay

Rowena Turinawe is an award-winning African technology leader, author and coach with 15+ years across telecoms, fintech and public-sector transformation. Founding CEO of Bank of Uganda-regulated RukaPay, she has led across seven African markets, contributed to Uganda's Digital Transformation Roadmap, and been named among Africa's most influential women in technology.



Seun Runsewe

Founder Security Basics Toolkit (SBK)

Seun Runsewe is a technology executive, cybersecurity practitioner and founder of SBK, working at the intersection of financial infrastructure, cybersecurity governance and regulation in Africa. Formerly of Paystack, Switch by Sterling Bank (as CEO), OPay and Chipper Cash, she developed Cybersecurity Governance Infrastructure and also founded health-tech company Biamo.

Panel 2

INFRASTRUCTURE × GOVERNANCE IN CONVERSATION THE GOVTECH STACK:
BUILDING AFRICA'S DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Prof. Chidiebere Onyia

Secretary to the State Government,
Enugu State

Prof. Chidiebere Onyia is Secretary to the Enugu State Government, Nigeria, with 25+ years in change management and public sector reform. Formerly Chief of Staff to the Minister of Power and Team Leader of UKNIAF, he is also a university professor, Globethics.net advisor, author, and World Bank advisory board member.



Dr. Joe Abah

Regional Director for Africa DAI

Dr Joe Abah is a governance and institutional reform expert, currently Regional Director for Africa at DAI. As Director-General of Nigeria's Bureau of Public Service Reforms (2013-2017), he shifted reform toward citizen-facing services. Formerly a UK Cabinet Office reformer, he teaches at Oxford, holds a Maastricht PhD, and received the OON in 2023.



Prof. Ibrahim A. Adeyanji

Managing Director & CEO
Galaxy Backbone Limited

Prof. Ibrahim Adeyanju is Managing Director/CEO of Galaxy Backbone, which runs Nigeria's federal government ICT infrastructure and powers civil service digitalisation. A former Professor of Intelligent Systems at Federal University Oye-Ekiti, he holds a Robert Gordon University PhD in AI, and is a COREN-registered engineer and Fellow of the Nigerian Young Academy.

Panel 2

INFRASTRUCTURE × GOVERNANCE IN CONVERSATION THE GOVTECH STACK:
BUILDING AFRICA'S DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Johnson Tumusiime

Acting Director, Information Security
Services NITA-U

Johnson Tumusiime is a cybersecurity and IT governance professional with over 11 years of experience in Uganda's public sector. As Manager, Governance and Risk at NITA-U, he leads risk, compliance, privacy, and vendor risk initiatives, supporting government agencies on security compliance. He holds CISA, CISM, and DPO certifications.



Njide Ndili

Nigeria Country Director
PharmAccess

Njide Ndili is Nigeria Country Director for PharmAccess, an NGO using digital technology to strengthen health markets across sub-Saharan Africa. She is President of the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria, advocating private-sector involvement in healthcare, and a founding member of the Digital Transformation for Health Lab. She holds degrees from LSE, INSEAD and the University of Houston.



Femi Taiwo

Chief Technology Officer
INITS Limited

Femi Taiwo is a technology executive with 25+ years' experience building mission-critical platforms for African institutions. Co-Founder and CTO of INITS Limited, he has led projects in digital identity, payments, taxation, healthcare and public-sector transformation. A Google Developer Expert in Cloud and Certified Cloud Solutions Architect, he organises Google Developer Groups Lagos and DevFest Lagos.

Panel 3

INFRASTRUCTURE × TRUST
IN CONVERSATION: TRUST, IDENTITY, FRAUD AND THE RAILS OF AFRICAN DIGITAL FINANCE

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Chinwe Uzoho

Regional Managing Director,
Western Africa Network International

Chinwe Uzoho is Regional Managing Director for West and Central Africa at Network International, driving market expansion and partnerships. With nearly 30 years in banking and payments, she was previously Group Head, Retail Banking at Access Bank, where she led retail strategy, the Access-Diamond merger alignment and flagship product launches. She sits on Network International's Nigeria and Ghana boards and champions women in leadership.



Ifeoluwa Johnson

CEO & Co-Founder Juicyway

Ife Johnson is the Founder and CEO of Juicyway, a cross-border payments company licensed in Nigeria, the UK, the US, and Canada, with infrastructure built on stablecoin rails. Since launching in 2021, Juicyway has served customers including Bolt, PiggyVest, and Access Bank, and runs Naira Rates, Nigeria's largest FX price discovery engine.



Dr. Harrison Nnaji

Group CISO FirstBank Group

Dr. Harrison Nnaji is Group CISO of FirstBank Group, leading cybersecurity and information security across 750+ branches and millions of customers. A dual PhD holder with four master's degrees and multiple industry certifications, he is a global speaker, award-winning cybersecurity strategist, mentor, and currently pursuing an MSc in Applied Data Science and AI at OPIT.

Panel 3

INFRASTRUCTURE × TRUST
IN CONVERSATION: TRUST, IDENTITY, FRAUD AND THE RAILS OF AFRICAN DIGITAL FINANCE

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Ernest Mbenkum

Founder & CEO Interstellar

Ernest Mbenkum is a technology entrepreneur, inventor, and blockchain pioneer with over 25 years of experience. As Founder and CEO of Interstellar Inc., he develops blockchain and digital financial infrastructure supporting payments, cross-border trade, and financial inclusion. He has collaborated with leading African institutions and co-founded initiatives advancing blockchain adoption, fintech innovation, and economic integration across the continent.



Collin Babirukamu

Executive Director, Information
Technology, Bank of Uganda

Collin Babirukamu is a Ugandan technology and digital transformation leader with over 25 years of experience across East Africa. As Executive Director of IT at the Bank of Uganda, he drives digital innovation, cybersecurity, AI, and financial technology. His previous leadership roles include Oracle East Africa, NSSF, and Uganda's National IT Authority. He is also a PhD scholar and thought leader in emerging technologies.



Wunmi Faiga

Chief Information Security Officer
Axiom Integrated Solutions Limited

Adewunmi is a cybersecurity leader with over 23 years of experience in cybersecurity, risk management, compliance, and data protection. Recognized among Nigeria's Top 50 Women in Technology in 2023, she chairs the ISC2 Nigeria Chapter Board. She currently leads cybersecurity and technology at axiomISL, mentors professionals, and lectures in cybersecurity and computing sciences.

Panel 4

CREATIVITY × OWNERSHIP IN CONVERSATION THE BUSINESS OF AFRICAN CREATIVITY:
BUILDING GLOBAL IP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Laju Iren

Filmmaker & Founder Laju Iren Films

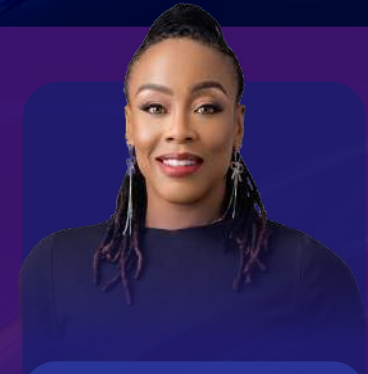
Laju Iren is a bestselling author, award-winning filmmaker, pastor, and master storyteller passionate about creating Christ-centered stories. Author of seven books, she pioneered virtual cinemas in 2022 and directed the box-office hit **Onobiren: A Woman's Story**. Through her publishing house, she has empowered over 50 authors, inspiring audiences worldwide through transformative storytelling.



Kenneth Gyang

Writer, Director & Producer
Co-Founder, Cinema Kpatakpata

Kenneth Gyang is an award-winning Nigerian filmmaker, writer, and producer, and co-founder of Cinema Kpatakpata. Known for **Confusion Na Wa**, **Oloture**, **Blood Sisters**, and **Far From Home**, his work has earned international recognition for its compelling storytelling. He continues to develop impactful African stories for global audiences through film and television.



Stella Fubara

Non-Executive Director

Stella Fubara is a global senior executive and destination strategist with over 30 years of international experience across tourism, hospitality, investment, and brand development. Having held leadership roles at Disney, NEOM, Wakanow, and Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism, she brings expertise in commercialising creativity, expanding market access, building partnerships, and scaling African businesses for global competitiveness.

Panel 4

CREATIVITY × OWNERSHIP IN CONVERSATION THE BUSINESS OF AFRICAN CREATIVITY:
BUILDING GLOBAL IP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

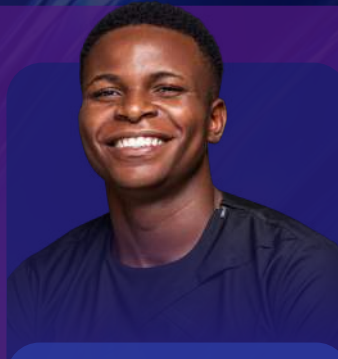
ACCELERATING
**AFRICA'S
DIGITAL
FUTURE**



Fola Folowosele

Vice President & Head of NBA Nigeria
NBA Africa

Fola Folowosele is Vice President and Head of NBA Nigeria at NBA Africa, driving basketball growth through grassroots development, partnerships, and social impact initiatives. With over 15 years of experience across sports, entertainment, and technology, he previously founded FanBants and held leadership roles at Nike. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a degree from Williams College.



David Akwara

Global Storyteller
Founder, David Akwara Films

David Akwara is an award-winning filmmaker and global storyteller exploring Africa's trade, economic integration, culture, and financial independence. He created *THE RISE: A Journey to Africa's Financial Independence*, an internationally acclaimed documentary screened at over 100 events worldwide. A sought-after speaker and policy advocate, he serves as Program Development and Partnerships Lead at Africa's Future Economic Leaders.



Stanley Onuorah

Economic Analyst & Fintech Advocate

Stanley C. Onuorah, popularly known as "OnlineBanker," is an economic analyst and fintech advocate with over a decade of banking and finance experience. Through his platform, he simplifies financial policies and economic trends, empowering individuals, entrepreneurs, and businesses with insights on financial inclusion, business growth, compliance, and emerging economic opportunities.

Hosts

LEADERSHIP × CONVERSATION
CONNECTING THE VOICES SHAPING WHAT COMES NEXT



Gloria Babarinde

Event Host

Gloria Babarinde is an award-winning broadcaster, international compère, and corporate communications strategist. A graduate of Obafemi Awolowo University, she has hosted high-profile events across Africa, interviewed influential leaders, and earned multiple accolades. Passionate about authentic communication, she mentors emerging voices and inspires audiences through impactful storytelling.



Tiana John

Event Host

Tiana John is a global event host, compère, presenter, and facilitator recognized for her intelligence, wit, and audience engagement. She has hosted major corporate and leadership events, including international conferences and executive programmes. With leadership experience in strategy and operations, she brings insight, professionalism, and impact to every conversation.

Sponsors



CORVYN AI



MoMo
From MTN



REVAUXY



fifthlab



Tatum
Bank



Why should you partner with us?



Access to Decision-Makers

Texcellence brings C-suite executives, investors, and industry leaders together for strategic conversations and meaningful connections.



Business Growth & ROI

Partnerships generate qualified leads, collaboration opportunities, and measurable business outcomes.



Data-Driven Leads

Audience interactions are tracked and analyzed, enabling strategic follow-ups with potential clients and partners.



Brand Amplification

Align with a conference known for innovation and professionalism, amplified through digital campaigns, social media, and media partnerships.

Connect with Texcellence

 www.thetexcellenceconference.com

 +234 705 616 3016, +234 803 318 1037

 sally@thetexcellenceconference.com
joshua@thetexcellenceconference.com
info@texcellenceconference.com

  @texcellenceconference