

**NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**SECTION ON PUBLIC INTEREST AND DEVELOPMENT LAW**  
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**1<sup>st</sup> SPIDEL FORUM ON PUBLIC INTEREST AND DEVELOPMENT LAW ISSUES**

**TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 @ LAGOS/OSUN HALL Transcorp Hilton Hotel Abuja**

**Theme**

**“ELECTORAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR DEMOCRACY BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT”**

**FACULTY**

**Chairperson - Opening Session:** Justice Idris Kutigi  
Chief Justice of Federation

**Key Note Speaker** Advocate Pansy Tlakula  
CEO South African Electoral Commission

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Otive Igbuzor - Country Director ActionAid International
- Mr. Haz Iwendi – PRO , Nigeria Police Force
- Senator Smart Adeyemi – Former President , Nigerian Union of Journalist
- Mr. Edet Ojo – Executive Director – Media Rights Agenda
- Mr. Emma Ezeazu – Alliance for Credible Elections
- Mr. Philip Umeadi – Commissioner for Public Affairs, INEC
- Adv. Pansy Takula – CEO, South African Electoral Commission
- Mr. Innocent Chukwuma – Chairman, Transition Monitoring Group
- Mr. Chief Akuro George – Chairman NBA Electoral Working Group
- Mr. Femi Falana - President – West Africa Bar Association
- Rep. Abike Dabiri – Member , House of Representatives

**Moderators**

Ayo Obe (Mrs) – Working Session on Legal/Legislative Framework

Dr. Sam Amadi - Working Session on Institutions and Processes

**Chairperson - Plenary Session:** Chief Mrs A.J Offiah SAN  
**Co-Chair -** Mr. Duro Adeyele Esq SAN

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**Program of Events**

8:30 am

***Arrival of Guests/Participants Registration***

9: 00 am

***Remarks by Chairperson***

9: 10 am

***Welcome Address - Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama SAN, MFR Chairman SPIDEL***

9: 30am

***Remarks- Mr. Olisa Agbakoba SAN, President NBA***

9:50 am

***Keynote Presentation By***

***Adv. Pansy Tlakula, Chairman/CEO South African Electoral Commission***

***Electoral Management Process – key to Democracy Building and Development'***

11:00 am

***End of Opening Session/Tea Break***

12:00 noon

***Working Sessions***

***Panel 1: Legal/Legislative Framework***

***Panel 2: Institutions/Process of Elections***

2:00 pm

***Lunch***

3:00 pm

***Plenary Session***

5:00 pm

***Closing Session/Vote of Thanks***