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NIGERIA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (NLI) SET TO HOST US AMBASSADOR JAMES ENTWISTLE IN LAGOS, NIGERIA

The Nigeria Leadership Initiative [NLI] is set to hold the second edition of its Diplomatic Dialogue Series (DDS) in Lagos Nigeria. The event is scheduled to hold at The Metropolitan Club, Victoria Island, Lagos on Wednesday, October 15 at 12.30pm. His Excellency, Ambassador James Entwistle, US Ambassador to Nigeria will be the Guest Envoy.

The DDS is a monthly event aimed at strengthening bilateral relations with other countries and the investment community from other nations. It is a platform for interaction with the Ambassadors of foreign representation in Nigeria and a forum for networking for the purpose of business relationships and catalytic investments. The DDS creates a sustainable forum for the leaders of corporate Nigeria, public service leaders, NLI Senior Fellows, Fellows and Associates, senior government officials, the academia, policy makers and the media to engage, interact and share ideas with Diplomatic Envoys. In short, the DDS is where foreign policy meets business.

According to Yinka Oyinlola, CEO of NLI, "Nigeria is consistently a pro-America nation with the US being Nigeria's greatest trading partner and foreign assistance priority in the areas of health, peace and security, economic growth and education. Furthermore, Oyinlola stated that his expectations for this second edition of the DDS *"is that new vistas of opportunities for trade and commerce; information sharing; linkage programmes and exchanges will be initiated"*.

Also speaking, NLI's Director of Program, Anthony Ubani stated that *"coming on the heels of the US-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington, and the billions of dollars in business deals and commitments to expand food and power programs in Africa, there are exciting issues for the business community in Nigeria to engage the US Ambassador on during the dialogue."*

The Nigeria Leadership Initiative (NLI) is a platform for credible, accomplished and uniquely patriotic Nigerians to develop and express values-based leadership skills with the aim of assuming a transformative role for the development of Nigeria. NLI is an international non-profit, non-partisan organization registered as a charity in Nigeria, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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