



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF (CDS) UNDER-15 FOOTBALL COMPETITION-BOYS (SOUTH-SOUTH) EDITION

PORT HARCOURT, RIVERS STATE
DATE: 13TH - 20TH DECEMBER - 2025

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PARTICIPATING STATES

RIVERS STATE
BAYELSA STATE
DELTA STATE
EDO STATE
CROSS-RIVERS STATE
AKWA IBOM STATE
ABIA STATE
IMO STATE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differs,
In brotherhood we stand
Nigeria all, and proud to serve

Our flag shall be a symbol
that truth and justice reign,
In peace or battles honour'd
Ans this we count as gain
To hand on to our children
A banner without gain

O God of all creation
Grant this our one request
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria maybe blessed

NATIONAL PLEDGE

I Pledge to Nigeria my country
To be faithful, loyal, and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity and uphold her
Honour and glory, So help me God.



HIS EXCELLENCY
BOLA AHMED TINUBU GCFR
PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



GENERAL CHRISTOPHER GWABIN MUSA (RTD)
HONOURABLE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



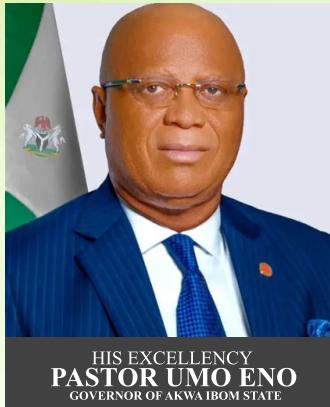
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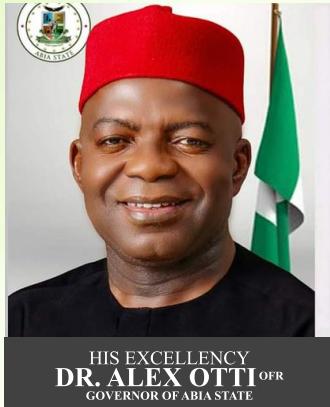


HIS EXCELLENCY
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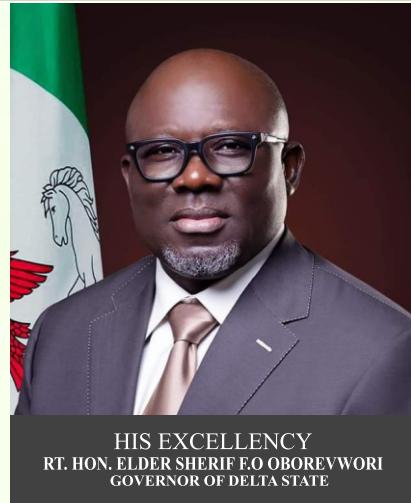
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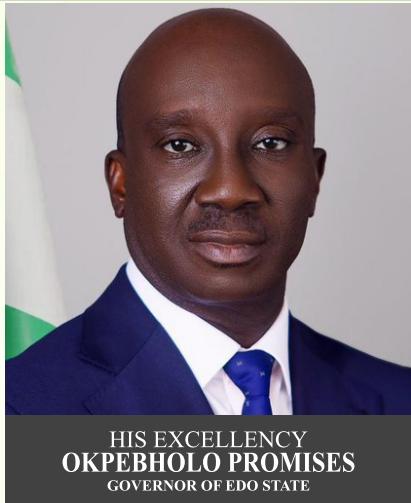
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HON. BASSEY OTU
GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER STATE



HIS EXCELLENCE
HOPE UZODIMMA
GOVERNOR OF IMO STATE



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GOVERNOR OF DELTA STATE



HIS EXCELLENCE
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GEN OO OLUYEDÉ AFM NAM CMH GSS psc mni FCM FCMH TSM GOM CCA
CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF
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CENTRAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1.	Rear Admiral GD Kachim	-	Event Coordinator
2.	Air Vice Marshal PB Phillips	-	Committee Chairman
3.	Brigadier General AA Bello	-	Member
4.	Brigadier General O Igwe	-	Member
5.	Colonel FE Odiase	-	Member
6.	Colonel SH Hussaini	-	Member
7.	Lieutenant Colonel DJ Danjuma	-	Member
8.	Lieutenant Colonel FT Okou	-	Member
9.	Lieutenant Colonel EE Mbu-agar	-	Member
10.	Lieutenant Commander AM Koko	-	Member
11.	Lieutenant Commander S Garba	-	Member
12.	Mr Amaiebi R Victor	-	Event Manager
13.	Captain (NN) A Umaru	-	Secretary

TEAM LEADERS FOR STATES

1.	Abia State	-	Brigadier General HM Bello
2.	Akwa Ibom State	-	Brigadier General NE Okolo Agu
3.	Bayelsa State	-	Commodore Akinbani
4.	Delta State	-	Commodore AA Zubairu
5.	Edo State	-	Air Commodore EV Onu
6.	Cross Rivers	-	Group Captain FI Oyenusi
7.	Imo State	-	Colonel SM Ahmed.
8.	Rivers State	-	Brig Gen AA Bello

SUB – COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

1.	Brigadier General AA Bello	-	Security Sub-Committee.
2.	Brigadier General O Igwe	-	Logistics and Transport Sub-Committee.
3.	Colonel FE Odiase	-	Medical, Health and Sanitation Sub-Committee.
4.	Lt Colonel DJ Danjuma	-	Media Publicity/ Protocol/Decoration/ Ceremonial Sub-Committee.
5.	Lt Colonel AR Oloruntaba	-	Technical and Match Official Sub – Committee.
6.	Wing Commander VC Azunnuwa	-	The Facility and Kits Sub – Committee
7.	Major OJ Obi	-	Music Sub-Committee.
8.	Lt Commander AM Koko	-	Reception and Accommodation Sub-Committee.
9.	Lt Commander S Garba	-	Food and Entertainment Sub-Committee.

OPENING CEREMONY

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MAIDEN EDITION OF THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF SOUTH SOUTH UNDER-15 BOYS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ON 15 DECEMBER 2025 IN PORT HARCOURT RIVERS STATE

Serial	Day	Event	Responsibility	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	1400 – 1410	Arrival of Participants/Officials	Team Leaders/Coaches	
2.	1410 – 1420	Arrival of Invited Guests/Senior Officers	COC	
3.	1420 - 1430	Arrival of States Directors of sports/Military Formations Sports Officers	COC	
4.	1430 - 1440	Arrival of DHQ Branch Chiefs	D Sports	
5.	1440 - 1450	Arrival of Participating States Governors/ Representatives/Military Formations Commanders	COC	
6.	1450 - 1500	Arrival of CDS/SGOH	CDA	
7.	1500 – 1530	March Pass by Participants	Team Leaders/Coaches	
8.	1530 - 1540	Welcome Address by the CDA	CDA	
9.	1540 - 1550	Opening Remarks	CDS	
10.	1550 - 1650	Kick-off Opening Football Match	Officials	
11.	1650 - 1710	Group Photographs	MC	
12.	1750	Departure	All	

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ABOUT THE MAIDEN EDITION OF THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF SOUTH – SOUTH UNDER-15 BOYS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PORT HARCOURT 2025

The primary objective of the Maiden Edition of Chief of Defence Staff Under-15 Boys Football Championship South – South Zone is to strengthen Civil-Military Cooperation by positively engaging the youths in healthy competition while promoting mutual understanding and respect. This engagement not only fosters togetherness in the spirit of sportsmanship but is intended to help stir the interest of the youths in the game of football with the opportunity to showcase their skills and talent here and on the international stage. This opportunity also offers the youths legitimate means of livelihood with the overall goal of deterring unwholesome behaviours as a result of youth restiveness, thereby enhancing national security.

The organization of this championship aligns with the Chief of Defence Staff's Military strategic philosophy for the Armed forces of Nigeria which is, "To consolidate the capabilities of the Armed Forces of Nigeria through enhanced jointness for a reinforced operational posture, supported improved welfare efforts and sound administration aimed at ensuring the Armed Forces maintain its core military fundamentals of guaranteeing Nigeria's sovereignty and prosperity under a whole of government approach". This pillar leverages the participation of the populace in the overall efforts to counter security challenges of which this championship is one of the initiatives.

This championship, embodies the spirit of collaboration, fair play and sportsmanship and through such sporting activities, the gap between civilians and military personnel will be continuously bridged while fostering camaraderie and shared values. You are therefore welcome to this epoch event and may the best team win. God bless!

CLOSING CEREMONY

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MAIDEN EDITION OF CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF SOUTH SOUTH UNDER-15 BOYS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ON 20 DECEMBER 2025 IN PORT HARCOURT RIVERS STATE

Serial	Day	Event	Responsibility	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	1400 – 1410	Arrival of Participants/Officials	Team Leaders/Coaches	
2.	1410 – 1420	Arrival of Invited Guests/Senior Officers	COC	
3.	1420 - 1430	Arrival of States Directors of Sports/Military Formations Officers	COC	
4.	1430 - 1440	Arrival of DHQ Branch	D Sports	
5.	1440 - 1450	Arrival of Participating States Governors/ Representatives/Military Formations Commanders	COC	
6.	1450 - 1500	Arrival of CDS/SGOH	CDA	
7.	1500 – 1630	Kick-off Football Match Finals	Officials	
8.	1630 - 1640	Presentation of Medals/Trophies	Technical	
9.	1640 - 1650	Speech by CDS	CDS	
10.	1650 - 1700	Closing Remarks	SGOH	
11.	1700 - 1710	Vote of Thanks	Youths Representative	
12.	1710 - 1730	Group Photographs	MC	
13.	1730	Departure	All	



■ APPRECIATION

A big thank you to Chief of Defence Staff, Gen OO Oluyede for this sterling vision that endures and the Governments of Rivers, Abia Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo and Imo States for making the U15 Boys football championship a success!

We also appreciate Greater Heights Global Sports Development, officials, participating teams, parents/guardians as well as Sports Councils, military formations and units in the 8 states for their support. Your collective efforts are shaping the future of Nigerian sports and contributing to the youth development of our great country!!

The level of sportsmanship displayed by the participating teams was impressive and commendable. It was a great way to promote teamwork, camaraderie and healthy competition among wards of the military personnel and the participating teams within the region; and to all who made it happen, we say thank you.

As we look forward to subsequent events, stay strong and fit as well as committed to the peace and prosperity of Nigeria. To God be the glory and congratulations to every participating State team. God bless. compliments of the season and Happy New Year 2026 in advance!

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