



ABUJA FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE & IDEAS

PROGRAMME

9-10 OCTOBER, 2026

10:00-11:00

11:00-12:20

13:00-14:00

14:00-15:20

15:30-16:50

17:00-18:00

Friday
9 October

Welcome Ceremony

Conversation

*Improbable Dialogues:
How Divided Societies
Learn to Speak Again*
Sergio Jaramillo

Host:
Richard Ali

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Book Chat

Chasing Freedom
Simukai Chigudu

Host:
Fatima Zahra Danejo

Conversation

*Cultural Creation, Artificial
Intelligence and the
Future?*
Stephane M. Grueso

Host:
Sanusi Ismaila

YouthSpeak

*What does the future look like
for northern Nigerian youth?*
Khadija Sanusi
Maryam Laushi Dasilva
Raymond J. Yusuff
Usman Hayatu
Nana Fatima Bello

Host:
Lola Shoneyin

Saturday
10 October

Book Chat

On Close Examination
Gloria Chinyere Okwu

Host:
Nkereuwem Albert

Conversation

Musings on the Internet
Carl Heath

Host:
Joseph Ike

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Panel Discussion

*The Right to Write: New
Northern Nigeria Women's
Writing*
Nana Sule
Hadiza Elrufai
Fatima Bala
Edify Yakusak

Host:
Abdulkareem Baba Aminu

Book Chat

Starborn
Roberto Trotta

Host:
Olaokun Soyinka

Poetry

Deborah Johnson
Moyosola Olowookure
Salim Yunusa
Mariam Abdullahi

Host:
Ayomide Oshunluyi

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