

**1 MILLION
TEACHERS**



**LET THERE
BE TEACHERS**

CONFERENCE 2025



**20
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2025**

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**OFFICIAL
ATTEMPT**

LARGEST GATHERING OF
TEACHERS IN THE WORLD

60,000+ TEACHERS



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EVENT OVERVIEW

- **Event Title:** Teachers Matter: Celebrating the Role of Teachers in Enhancing Quality Education
- **Date:** Saturday 20th September, 2025
- **Venue:** Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos
- **Time:** 9:00 AM
- **Expected Attendance:** 60,000+ Teachers
- **Highlight:** 1 Million Teachers Blackbelt Graduation
- **Special Highlight:** Attempt to Set a Guinness World Record for the "Largest Gathering of Teachers"



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INTRODUCTION

The teaching profession is the bedrock of society, shaping the future by nurturing and educating young people. Despite their critical role in enhancing human capital, teachers face numerous challenges, from inadequate remuneration and lack of professional development opportunities to societal underappreciation.

In recognition of the critical and invaluable role that teachers play in advancing quality education, Let There Be Teachers Conference is a large-scale advocacy event tagged "Teachers Matter." The event is designed to elevate the voices of teachers, promote their professional growth, and emphasize their indispensable contributions to society.

In a significant milestone, the event will also attempt to set a Guinness World Record for "the Largest Attendance of an Education Conference", creating a global platform for amplifying the voices of teachers and their essential role in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4): Quality Education.

This event, scheduled for Saturday 20th September, 2025, at Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos, will gather over 60,000 teachers from across Nigeria and beyond to celebrate their contributions, highlight their challenges, and discuss actionable solutions.



ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4 (SDG 4)

SDG 4

Quality Education aims to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all." Teachers are central to achieving this goal, especially in the following areas:

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By 2030, substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries. This highlights the importance of professional development and support for the teaching profession.

The **Let There Be Teachers Conference** directly aligns with SDG 4 by advocating for better teacher welfare, professional development, and policy reforms that enhance the teaching profession. By gathering a vast network of teachers, this event supports the development of a qualified teaching workforce, advancing SDG 4's objectives of fostering equity, inclusion, and quality in education systems.



OBJECTIVES

1

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

Promote the value of teachers in society and raise awareness of the challenges they face in delivering quality education.

2

GLOBAL RECOGNITION

Use the Guinness World Record attempt to globally spotlight the importance of teachers and showcase Nigeria as a leader in promoting quality education.

3

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Provide a platform for teachers to learn, network, and engage with policymakers, education stakeholders, and experts to enhance their skills and career prospects.

4

TEACHER EMPOWERMENT

Elevate teachers' voices by creating a space for open dialogue on the issues affecting the profession and the paths toward improving teaching conditions.

5

POLICY INFLUENCE

Influence education policy by advocating for reforms that support teachers' welfare, professional development, and overall well-being.

6

CELEBRATION

Honor and celebrate teachers for their crucial contributions to national development and the futures they help shape, while creating a historic moment by breaking a Guinness World Record.



CALL TO ACTION: POLICY REFORM COMMUNIQUE

The Let There Be Teachers Conference will serve as a platform for teachers to advocate for significant policy reforms in Nigeria's education sector. Teachers will be encouraged to sign a communique that will be presented to the National Assembly, calling for a Teacher-Led Education Policy Reform Bill that includes the following changes:

- 1. Leadership by Teachers:** Ensure that Ministers of Education, Commissioners for Education, and Heads of Education Agencies are qualified educators. The call emphasizes the importance of leaders with firsthand teaching experience, allowing decisions to be made from an informed perspective rooted in classroom realities.
- 2. Increased Education Budget Allocation:** Advocate for a substantial increase in the budget allocation for education, as a means to ensure sufficient resources for teacher training, infrastructure, curriculum development, and overall education quality.
- 3. Teacher Involvement in Curriculum Design:** Ensure that teachers are actively involved in the design and redesign of curricula and other educational policies, so that classroom realities and practical insights shape what and how students learn.
- 4. Elevated Entry Standards for Education Programs:** Propose an increase in the JAMB cut-off mark for students aspiring to enter Faculties and Colleges of Education, aiming to attract high-caliber candidates into teaching and elevate the profession's standards.
- 5. Public Holiday on World Teachers Day:** October 5th of every year is World Teachers Day. This is the only day dedicated to celebrating teachers. We are advocating that this day becomes a national public holiday for all teachers in Nigeria as it was done in Ogun State this year.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Primary, secondary and tertiary education teachers.
- School administrators and principals.
- Education policymakers and government officials.
- Teacher unions and associations.
- NGOs and organizations involved in education.
- Media and advocacy groups.
- **Corporate sponsors and educational technology companies.**



EVENT COMPONENTS

- 1. OPENING CEREMONY:** The event will begin with keynote speeches from prominent figures in education, government, and international organizations, emphasizing the significance of teachers in achieving SDG 4 and celebrating World Teachers' Day, 2025. The opening ceremony will kickstart the Guinness World Record attempt with an official adjudicator present.
- 2. GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT:** The central highlight of the event will be an attempt to set a new world record for the largest gathering of teachers in one location. This momentous achievement will garner global attention and symbolize the strength and solidarity of the teaching profession.
- 3. 1MT BLACKBELT GRADUATION:** The 1 Million Teachers (1MT) Blackbelt Graduation and Celebration is a hallmark event dedicated to honouring educators who have reached the esteemed Blackbelt level in the 1 Million Teachers program. This significant milestone reflects their commitment, advanced skills, and outstanding contributions to the teaching profession. The graduation recognizes not only their personal achievements but also the broader impact they are making on their communities and students.
- 4. PANEL/POLICY DIALOGUE SESSIONS:** Interactive sessions featuring education experts, government representatives, and teachers.
- 5. TEACHER AWARDS:** Recognizing teachers who have made exceptional contributions to education, demonstrating innovation and enhancing student outcomes. These awards will emphasize the importance of teachers in achieving SDG 4 targets.
- 6. EXHIBITION & RESOURCE FAIR:** An area for education technology providers, publishing companies, NGOs, and educational institutions to showcase resources and services that support teachers in delivering quality education.
- 7. CALL TO ACTION COMMUNIQUE SIGNING:** A collective communique-drive where teachers will add their voices in support of the proposed education reforms, advocating for the Teacher-Led Education Policy Reform Bill.
- 8. ENTERTAINMENT SEGMENT:** Performances by popular Nigerian artistes, musicians and comedians to celebrate Nigeria's diversity and the role of teachers in fostering unity through education.

KEY MESSAGES

- Teachers are the foundation of quality education and deserve respect, recognition, and support in line with the goals of SDG 4.
- A Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of teachers will demonstrate global recognition of their indispensable contributions to society.
- Supporting teachers is essential to achieving inclusive, equitable, and quality education globally.
- Empowering teachers through professional development and policy support is key to raising educational standards.
- Teachers' voices must be heard and reflected in education policies for meaningful progress toward SDG 4.



PROPOSED SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



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BABAJIDE SANWO-OLU

Governor
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H.E. BIODUN OYEBANJI

Governor
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PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



The event seeks collaboration with corporate sponsors, government agencies, and development organizations to enhance its impact. Partners will gain:

Brand Visibility among policymakers, business leaders, and industry experts.

Exclusive Networking Opportunities with top decision-makers and stakeholders.

Recognition in event materials, media coverage, and official communications.

Speaking & Panel Opportunities to showcase thought leadership and industry expertise.

Exhibition & Product Showcase access to engage with a targeted audience.

Strategic Collaboration with government and private sector leaders on policy development.

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CONCLUSION

The “Let There Be Teachers” event represents a historic, unique and timely opportunity not only to celebrate and advocate for the critical role of teachers in achieving SDG 4: Quality Education but also to make history by setting a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of teachers. With over 60,000 teachers expected to attend, this event will spotlight the importance of teachers in securing a better future. It will create a powerful platform for advancing teacher development, influencing education policy, and fostering collaboration between teachers, governments, and stakeholders.

Together, we can ensure that teachers' voices are amplified, valued, and empowered, as we work towards a future where inclusive and equitable quality education is a reality for all.

“To be a teacher is not a crime; Let us breathe!” “Teachers Build Futures, Yet Struggle to Build Their Own.”

“Empowering Others, Disempowered Themselves: Free the Teachers!” “Teachers Give, Society Takes: Let Them Breathe.”

“The Heart of Society, Yet Barely Heard – Let Teachers Breathe.” “Shaping Nations, but Shackled by Neglect – Free Our Teachers.”

“Teachers Empower Every Profession – Let Them Breathe Too.” “The Profession Behind Every Other Profession Deserves a Voice.”

“Liberate Our Teachers: They Deserve More Than Struggle.” “Pillars of Knowledge, Yet Held Down by Society – Free Teachers.”

“Full Classrooms, Empty Wallets – It’s Time to Breathe.” “Disempowered teachers empowering other professions/people”

“We raise doctors but can’t afford medical bills” “I empower people but I weak”

“I raise millionaires but i no get shishi” “I teach you for earth but my reward dey heaven abi?”

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