



QUARTERLY REPORT

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The first quarter of 2026 marked a period of intensive knowledge-driven engagement, strategic dialogue, and capacity development by the Peace Building Development Consult (PBDC). Through a combination of high-level lectures, policy dialogues, technical trainings, and leadership programmes, PBDC addressed critical national and global challenges affecting peace, security, governance, and development in Nigeria.

Across January to March 2026, PBDC implemented five major lecture series, a national symposium on preventing violent extremism, an executive leadership retreat, and a specialised technical course on data mining and geospatial intelligence. These engagements brought together experts from government, academia, security institutions, and civil society.

A key underlying thread across all programmes was the shift from reactive responses to proactive, knowledge-based, and systems-driven approaches in addressing insecurity, governance challenges, and development constraints.

- January focused on Nigeria's strategic positioning in global geopolitics, particularly within US–Nigeria relations.
- February emphasised transformational leadership, preventive security approaches, and data-driven governance, combining leadership development with practical tools for national resilience.
- March expanded discussions to resource governance and global security shocks, examining how external and internal dynamics affect Nigeria's stability.

Central Cross-Cutting Insight

Across all lecture topics and programmes, the core emphasis was:

“Building a proactive, adaptive, and knowledge-driven governance and security ecosystem that integrates leadership, prevention, technology, and strategic policy thinking to ensure sustainable peace and national resilience.”

Key Achievements

1. Strengthened policy dialogue and strategic thinking
2. Built leadership and technical capacity
3. Promoted preventive approaches to violent extremism
4. Enhanced multi-stakeholder collaboration
5. Generated actionable, evidence-based policy recommendations

PBDC continues to position as a thought leader and convening platform for advancing peacebuilding, leadership development, and national security discourse in Nigeria.

January 2026

Online Peace and Security Lecture Series

Date: 20 January 2026

Venue: Virtual (Zoom)

Theme: Navigating US–Nigeria Relations: Balancing Security, Diplomacy, and Strategic Autonomy

The high-level policy dialogue on Navigating US–Nigeria Relations: Balancing Security, Diplomacy, and Strategic Autonomy opened PBDC’s 2026 programming with a strategic examination of Nigeria’s place within an increasingly competitive global order. The session featured ACG Sunday James (Rtd), Maj Gen G. Oyefesobi (Rtd), Prof. Sharkdam Wapmuk, and Amb. Nkoyo Toyo, bringing together security, diplomatic, and academic perspectives.

Discussions focused on the evolving nature of US foreign policy and its implications for Nigeria, particularly in areas of counterterrorism cooperation, intelligence sharing, economic engagement, and diplomatic alignment. Participants emphasised the importance of Nigeria maintaining a careful balance between leveraging international partnerships and safeguarding its sovereign interests.

A key outcome of the dialogue was the recognition that Nigeria’s foreign policy must be increasingly adaptive, reflecting shifts in global power dynamics while ensuring national security and economic stability.

Central Idea

“Strategic positioning of Nigeria in a competitive global order through balanced diplomacy, security partnerships, and protection of national interests.”

Key Discussion Highlights:

- 1.Shifts in US foreign policy and implications for Nigeria
- 2.Counterterrorism cooperation and intelligence sharing
- 3.Economic and diplomatic considerations
- 4.Nigeria’s positioning amid global power competition

Outcomes

1. Improved understanding of bilateral relations
- 2.Policy insights for national security stakeholders
- 3.Strengthened dialogue between local and international actors

Overall, the session reinforced the importance of strategic diplomacy and informed policymaking in navigating Nigeria’s complex international relationships.

FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP RETREAT (ELR)

Date: 11–14 February 2026

Venue: Fraser Suites, Abuja

The Executive Leadership Retreat (ELR) remains PBDC’s flagship leadership platform, designed to equip senior leaders with the competencies required to navigate complex governance, security, and development environments. The retreat brought together distinguished facilitators, including Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Dr Ayodele Aderinwale, Dr Dukuku Peterside, Dr Jumoke Odewale, Mrs Didi Walson-Jack, Amb Ahmed Rufai, Prof. Eghosa Osaghae, Prof. Ayo Omotayo, Muhammed Babandede, Dr Alfred Okoigun.

The lectures provided a multidisciplinary exploration of leadership, covering transformational governance, adaptive leadership, international relations, security management, organisational effectiveness, policy analysis, and business innovation. Participants were also exposed to historical reflections and practical insights aimed at strengthening ethical and strategic leadership capacity.

At its core, the retreat reinforced the importance of leadership that is not only competent but also values-driven, adaptive, and reform-oriented, capable of responding effectively to Nigeria’s evolving governance and security challenges.

Central Idea

“Developing transformational, adaptive, and values-driven leadership capable of navigating complexity, driving institutional reform, and delivering sustainable national development.”



Key Outcomes

- Enhanced leadership capacity among senior participants
- Improved governance insight and strategic thinking
- Strengthened professional and inter-sectoral leadership networks

Overall, the ELR reaffirmed PBDC's commitment to building a new generation of leaders equipped to drive sustainable national transformation.



Online Lecture Series

Venue: Virtual (Zoom)

Date: 10 February 2026

Theme: Nigeria–Turkiye Counterterrorism Pact

The lecture on the Nigeria–Turkey Counterterrorism Pact brought together key experts, including Brig Gen S.K. Usman and Prof. Efem Ubi, with Shola Jaiyesimi serving as moderator, to examine the strategic implications of Nigeria’s growing security partnership with Turkey.

The session highlighted how international collaboration in counterterrorism can enhance Nigeria’s defence capacity, intelligence sharing, and access to advanced security technologies. Particular attention was given to Turkey’s role in defence training, military hardware support, and technology transfer, positioning the partnership as a significant opportunity for strengthening Nigeria’s security architecture.

Beyond security gains, discussions also explored the economic and governance dimensions of the pact, including its impact on local defence industries, foreign investment, and the importance of transparency and accountability in security agreements.

Overall, the lecture emphasised the need for Nigeria to strategically leverage international partnerships in a way that not only improves operational effectiveness but also safeguards national sovereignty, promotes economic value, and ensures responsible governance in the security sector.

Central Idea

“Leveraging international security partnerships to strengthen national defence capacity while ensuring accountability, economic value, and strategic sovereignty.”

Symposium On Preventing Violent Extremism

Date: 12 February 2026

Venue: Virtual (Zoom)

Theme: Pre-emptive Action Through Radicalisation Prevention

The symposium on Pre-emptive Action Through Radicalisation Prevention served as a critical platform for advancing PBDC’s preventive peacebuilding agenda by emphasising early intervention and community-driven responses to violent extremism. The session featured insightful contributions from Prof. Gbemisola Animashaun, Dauda, and Jaiye Gaskiya, with Kayode Bolaji moderating the discussions.

Deliberations focused on the urgent need to move beyond reactive counterterrorism approaches toward proactive strategies that address the root causes of radicalisation, including socio-economic exclusion, misinformation, and weak community structures. Central to the discussions was the role of early warning systems, digital literacy, and locally grounded counter-narratives in building resilience, particularly among vulnerable populations.

The symposium also explored practical dimensions through breakout sessions on radicalisation pathways, youth engagement, ethical considerations, and countering misinformation, providing participants with actionable tools and frameworks for intervention.

Overall, the engagement reinforced the importance of community-based prevention, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and evidence-based policy approaches in reducing susceptibility to extremist ideologies and strengthening long-term societal resilience.

Leadership Course In Artificial Intelligence & Data Analytics For Health Sector Management

Date; 15–18 February 2026,

Venue: NIPSS, Kuru, Jos

The Leadership Course in Artificial Intelligence & Data Analytics underscored the growing importance of technology as a strategic driver of effective governance, innovation, and service delivery, particularly within the healthcare and public policy sectors. The programme is equipped with practical knowledge on how emerging technologies can be leveraged to improve planning, forecasting, and policy implementation.

The Programme exposed staff members of the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Board to the application of AI tools and data analytics techniques for solving complex governance challenges, enhancing efficiency, and supporting evidence-based decision-making. The course also emphasised the role of data in improving transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in public institutions.

Impact Outcomes

1. Improved data literacy and analytical capacity among participants
2. Strengthened integration of AI into governance and institutional systems
3. Enhanced decision-making processes through data-driven insights

Overall, the programme reinforced the need for technology-enabled leadership as a foundation for modern governance and sustainable development.



LEADERSHIP COURSE IN DATA MINING & GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE

Date: 23–25 February 2026

Venue: Defence Space Administration, Abuja

The Leadership Course on Data Mining and Geospatial Intelligence brought together a distinguished group of facilitators, including Maj Gen BM Shafa, Prof. Ayo Omotayo, Muhammed Babandede, Dr Muritala Oke, Maj Gen Ayannuga, Prof. Charles Anosike, Dr Garba Malumfashi, Abubakar Kyari, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, and Chief Raymond Nkemdirim to deliver a comprehensive, multidisciplinary learning experience.

The course explored the integration of data mining, geographic information systems (GIS), geospatial intelligence (GEOINT), cybersecurity, and emerging technologies in addressing complex national challenges. Sessions covered a wide range of applications, from national security and climate resilience to smart cities, agriculture, and legal frameworks for data governance.

At its core, the programme emphasised the importance of leveraging data and spatial intelligence as critical tools for informed decision-making, enabling institutions to respond more effectively to security threats, development needs, and policy challenges.

Central Idea

“Harnessing data, geospatial intelligence, and emerging technologies to drive evidence-based decision-making, national security effectiveness, and sustainable development.”

Key Outcomes

- Improved technical and analytical capacity among participants
- Enhanced inter-agency collaboration and information sharing
- Strengthened adoption of data-driven approaches in governance

Overall, the course reinforced the strategic role of technology and intelligence systems in shaping modern governance and national development outcomes.



MINING GOVERNANCE LECTURE SERIES

Date: 10 March 2026

Venue: Virtual (Zoom)

The Mining Governance Lecture Series provided a comprehensive platform for examining the intricate linkages between natural resource extraction, national security, environmental sustainability, and community safety. The session featured expert insights from Muhammed Babandede, Dr Uche Ogah, Dr Garba Malumfashi, and Dr Mohammed Isah.

Discussions highlighted how illegal mining activities and weak regulatory frameworks contribute to insecurity, environmental degradation, and community vulnerability. The speakers emphasised the need for stronger governance mechanisms, improved enforcement strategies, and inclusive stakeholder engagement to address these challenges effectively.

The session also explored the economic importance of the mining sector, while stressing that sustainable development must be anchored on responsible resource management, safety standards, and environmental protection.

Central Idea

“Balancing resource extraction with security, environmental sustainability, and community safety through effective governance and regulation.”

Overall, the lecture reinforced the importance of adopting a conflict-sensitive and multi-stakeholder approach to mining governance as a pathway to long-term peace, stability, and economic growth.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY DISCOURSE

Date: 13 March 2026

Venue: Virtual (Zoom)

Theme: US–Iran Crisis and Nigeria’s Strategic Stability

The high-level dialogue on the US–Iran Crisis and Nigeria’s Strategic Stability examined the broader implications of global geopolitical tensions on Nigeria’s internal security, economic stability, and social cohesion. The session brought together distinguished experts, including Prof. Chidi Odinkalu, Prof. Isaac Albert, Rear Adm. YEM Musa (Rtd), and Prof. Tony Kila, with moderation by Prof. Efem Ubi.

Discussions emphasised how international conflicts, particularly between major global powers, can indirectly influence Nigeria through energy markets, economic volatility, security spillovers, and ideological sensitivities. The speakers underscored the importance of understanding these dynamics to anticipate risks and strengthen national resilience.

A key aspect of the dialogue was the need for responsible public discourse, particularly in managing religious and social narratives that could be influenced by external geopolitical developments. The session also highlighted the importance of proactive policy planning to safeguard national interests in an increasingly interconnected global environment.

Central Idea

“Understanding global geopolitical conflicts and their domestic implications for Nigeria’s security, economy, and social cohesion, while promoting responsible public discourse and national resilience.”

Key Focus Areas

1. Geopolitics
2. Economic stability
3. Security risks
4. Religious and social cohesion

Overall, the dialogue reinforced the necessity for Nigeria to adopt a strategic and anticipatory approach to global events, ensuring that external shocks do not undermine domestic stability.

CROSS-CUTTING IMPACT

Across the first quarter of 2026, PBDC demonstrated its growing role as a strategic convenor, capacity builder, and thought leader in the fields of peacebuilding, governance, security, and leadership development. Through a series of high-impact programmes and multi-sector engagements, the organisation consistently advanced knowledge, strengthened institutional capacity, and promoted collaborative approaches to national and global challenges.

The quarter’s activities reflected a deliberate focus on impact-driven programming, bringing together stakeholders from government, academia, security institutions, and civil society to engage in meaningful policy dialogue and practical knowledge exchange. A key emphasis was placed on preventive peacebuilding frameworks, evidence-based decision-making, and adaptive leadership strategies capable of responding to complex and evolving threats.

Overall Achievements

Policy Influence

Generated actionable, evidence-based policy recommendations to inform governance and security responses

Capacity Building

Strengthened leadership competencies and technical skills across diverse participant groups

Collaboration

Fostered robust multi-sector partnerships and inter-agency engagement

Knowledge Advancement

Promoted sustained evidence-based dialogue on governance, security, and development challenges

Conclusion

Collectively, these outcomes underscore PBDC's strategic contribution to shaping informed policy discourse, strengthening institutional resilience, and advancing sustainable peacebuilding and development frameworks in Nigeria. PBDC remains a critical platform for shaping sustainable, forward-looking responses to Nigeria's complex security and development challenges.

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