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Agenda/Program Outline

DAY 1, FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

04:00pm: Registration & Welcome Reception
05:30pm: General Meeting
07:00pm: Dinner at a Nigerian/African Restaurant

DAY 2, SATURDAY JULY 25, 2025

09:00am: Registration & Coffee/Tea

10:00am – 12:00 pm: OPENING CEREMONY

- Opening Prayer
- Anthems (British, Nigeria and Urhobo Anthems)
- Introduction of Guests by the MC/Otota of the Day, Olorogun Henry Obovu.
- UHS President's Welcome Address: Dr. Aruegodore Oyiborhoro
- Chairman's Address: Olorogun (Dr.) Moses Oghenerume Taiga
- Goodwill Message by HRM Simpson Obruche, the Odion R'Ode of Uwheru Kingdom, Urhoboland and Other Special Guests of Honour
- Music Interlude
- Keynote Address: Chief Simeon Ohwofa, UHS Nigeria Operations Coordinator
- Presentation and Launching of a new UHS Book "Warri Crises: Colonial Roots and Post-Colonial Conflicts" (2026)

12:00 pm – 12.30 pm: Coffee Break & Mini-Exhibition/Video Show of Urhobo History and Culture

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm: PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION I

1. Urhobo in the Diaspora (UK)– History, Challenges and Contributions to the homeland, by Olorogun Nyerhovwo Ughwujabo
2. Urhobo in the Diaspora (North America) – History, Challenges and Contributions to the homeland, by Dr Aruegodore Oyiborhoro
3. The Urhobo in the Politics of Nigeria, by Rt Hon (Revd) Francis Ejiroghene Waive (MHR)

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm: LUNCH BREAK (Lunch Packs/Finger lunch)

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm: PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION II

4. Towards Urhobo Vision 2025 and Action Plan– Dr. Emmanuel Ojameruaye, Secretary/Treasurer, UHS
5. The Political Evolution of the Urhobo Ethnic Nationality: Governance, Strategic Adaptation, and the Administration of Governor Sherriff – Innocent Ojefia, Executive Assistant on Communications to the Governor of Delta State.
6. Towards Urhobo Leadership: A Radical Approach – Pastor Shadie Okpako & Mr. Ekohwo Orogun, UHS-UK

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm: PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION III

7. Why Our Children Are No Longer Speaking Urhobo Language: A Personal Experience – Dr. John Ejiafe, UHS-EMC member
8. Urhobo Arts Presentation – Olorogun Akpomiemie, Urhobo Artist, London
9. From Heritage to Prosperity: A Strategic Framework for the Socio-Economic Transformation of the Urhobo Nation – Ochuko Dafiaghor, Chairperson, UPU- Aberdeen, UK

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION IV – VIA ZOOM

10. Oil and Gas Exploration and Production in Urhoboland: Key Issues and Strategies for Optimizing Benefits for Host Communities – Zik Gbemre, Coordinator, Niger Delta Peace Coalition (Via Zoom)
11. Urhobo in the Digital Age: Opportunities and Challenges – Felix O. Abijoroh, Doctoral Student, Department of History and International Studies, Delta State University, Abraka. (Via Zoom)
12. A Sociolinguistic Study of Urhobo Vanishing Tongue in the 21st Century, Overare Benjamin Akpovona, Master's Student, Department of Languages and Linguistics, Delta State University, Abraka. (Via Zoom)
13. Towards an Economic Philosophy for the Urhobo Nation by Emmanuel Ogheneochuko Arodovwe (Via Zoom)

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm: BREAK

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: GALA NIGHT & CLOSING CEREMONY

- 2026 UHS Awards
- Dinner
- Re-launch of UHS Endowment Fund
- Launch of new Warri Book continues
- Cultural Display and Dance
- Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

ZOOM links for online/virtual participants

Friday, July 24, 2026 – 2026 UHS Conference and General Meeting Day 1

Time: Jul 24, 2026, 04:00 PM – 8:00 PM London Time (3:00 PM – 7:00 PM GMT)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Saturday, July 25, 2026: 2026 UHS Conference and General Meeting – Day 2

Time: Jul 25, 2026 09:00 AM – 9:00 PM London Time (8:00 AM – 8:00 PM GMT)

Join Zoom Meeting

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