

**Roundtable on Single Currency
and Fintech to Boost Intra
Africa Trade
and Enhance AfCFTA
Implementation**

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At the start of the Corporation's second decade of operation, Mr Zubairu provided decisive entrepreneurial leadership that propelled the development and implementation of a new five-year corporate strategy which at its core, addresses the urgent mandate of developing and financing power, mining, transport, telecommunications and heavy industries. Key pillars of the strategy include enhancing the capacity of the team and entrenching a High-Performance Culture; coherent ecosystem strategy for value accretive beneficiation and import substitution; proactive risk and portfolio management to improve AFC's rating and diversifying the Corporation's funding sources.

Mr Zubairu currently represents the Corporation's interests on the Board of Directors of Aker Energy A.S. - Vice Chairman; Cenpower Generation Company Limited; Thor Gold Explorations Limited; ARISE Port & Logistics; Takoradi Port Expansion Project; Nouvelle Gabon Mine. Additionally, Samaila sits on the Advisory Board of the United Nations administered Nigeria Humanitarian Fund – Private Sector Initiative (NHF PSI) for internally displaced persons in North-Eastern Nigeria.

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