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## "Nigeria's Political Outlook: The 2007 Elections and Beyond"

March 9, 2007  
Johns Hopkins University, SAIS  
Kenney Auditorium  
1740 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20036

8:30 – 9:00  
Sign-In and Coffee

9:00-9:15  
Welcome: Peter Lewis  
Johns Hopkins, SAIS

9:15-11:00  
**Panel I: Nigeria's Political Landscape**  
Chair: David Smock, USIP

Dr. Jibrin Ibrahim, Director, Center for Democratic Development  
Professor Rotimi Suberu, University of Ibadan and USIP  
Mr. Reuben Abati, Chairman, Editorial Board, Guardian Newspapers

11:00-11:15  
Coffee Break

11:15-12:30  
**Panel II: Election Preparations and Oversight**  
Chair: Stephen Morrison, CSIS

Mr. Innocent Chukwuma, Transition Monitoring Group  
Mr. Nate Van Dusen, IFES  
Ms. Stephanie Blanton, IRI

12:30-1:45  
Lunch

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Honorable Nasir El-Rufai, Minister of the Federal Capital Territory**

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