

# THE 2026 DIRECTORY

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## **A Note Before You Begin**

This directory exists because Chapter Eight told you to fish in the right river but did not hand you the full map.

Consider this the map.

But before you use it I want to say something important. The goal of positioning yourself in these spaces is not to walk in with your agenda visible and your eyes scanning the room for a husband. That energy, however understandable, is the energy that places you in the wrong category immediately.

The goal is to be genuinely present in spaces that reflect who you are and what you value. To show up as the most grounded, most genuine, most interesting version of yourself. And to trust that consistent, authentic presence in the right environments naturally creates the conditions for the right connections.

Go where serious men are. Show up as the woman you have been building. Let the placement do its work.

This directory is organised in two parts. Part One covers what is available everywhere, spaces and platforms that exist across every

Nigerian state and every diaspora city. Part Two covers specific opportunities in major cities and diaspora locations where the concentration of serious, established, marriage-minded Nigerian men is particularly high.

## **PART ONE: What Is Available Everywhere**

Spaces, platforms and communities that exist regardless of where you are in Nigeria or the world.

### *Section One: Professional and Career Spaces*

#### Why This Category Matters

Serious men are almost universally serious about their careers and their financial lives. And men who are serious about building something professionally tend to also be at a stage where they are thinking seriously about building something personally. Professional spaces are therefore one of the highest-probability environments for encountering the kind of man you are looking for.

The additional advantage of professional spaces is that the connection you make there is grounded in something real, a shared industry, a shared professional challenge, a shared ambition, rather than the more

artificial context of a purely social or romantic setting. That foundation makes early conversation more natural and more revealing.

## Networking Events and Professional Meetups

Every state in Nigeria has a professional community. Every diaspora city has a Nigerian professional network. These events, industry conferences, professional association gatherings, entrepreneurship summits, business networking evenings, attract men who are actively building careers and businesses. They are present in these spaces because they are serious about their professional growth. And men who are serious about their professional growth are often simultaneously at the stage of life where they are also serious about their personal growth.

How to find them: Eventbrite, LinkedIn events, professional association websites, industry group WhatsApp communities, chambers of commerce in your state or city.

How to show up: With genuine professional interest. Go because your career or business gives you a real reason to be there. Engage with the content. Ask real questions. Let professional conversation open naturally into personal connection.

## Alumni Networks and Old Students Associations

Every university in Nigeria has an alumni association. Every secondary school has an old students association. These networks exist across every state and in every diaspora city with a significant Nigerian population. And they attract men who are established enough in their careers and lives to invest time in community and connection beyond the purely transactional.

How to find them: Your university or secondary school alumni association social media pages, alumni WhatsApp groups, annual reunion events.

How to show up: With genuine connection to the community. These spaces work because of shared history. Let that shared history be the natural starting point.

## Industry-Specific Communities

Every major industry in Nigeria, finance, technology, law, medicine, engineering, creative industries, agriculture, real estate, has its own community of professionals. These communities gather at conferences, seminars, workshops and informal networking events. And within

every industry there are serious, established men who are actively building something.

How to find them: Industry association websites and social media pages, professional certification bodies, industry-specific WhatsApp and Telegram groups, LinkedIn communities organised around specific industries.

How to show up: As a genuine participant in your own industry or as someone with a genuine interest in a related field. Do not enter professional spaces you have no connection to. The inauthenticity is readable and it places you in the wrong category immediately.

## *Section Two: Religious and Faith Communities*

### Why This Category Matters

For the majority of Nigerian women faith is central to life and to the marriage they are declaring. And for the majority of serious, responsible Nigerian men, regardless of whether they are Christian or Muslim, faith community is also a significant part of their social world.

The key distinction I want to make here, which I also made in Chapter Eight, is that not all religious environments are equally useful for this

purpose. Very large congregations can actually make genuine connection harder because everyone disappears into the crowd. The environments within faith communities that create the best conditions for genuine connection are the smaller, more intimate ones where consistent, repeated interaction is possible.

### Young Professionals and Singles Fellowships

Most churches and mosques of significant size have a young professionals or singles fellowship, a smaller group within the larger congregation specifically for unmarried adults who are building their careers and their lives. These groups tend to attract people who are at a serious stage of life and who are thinking intentionally about the future. They meet regularly which means the repeated interaction creates the conditions for genuine connection rather than the one-off encounter of a large service.

How to find them: Ask your church or mosque leadership directly. Check the church or mosque website and social media. Ask friends who attend different congregations.

How to show up: As a genuine participant in the community. Serve. Contribute. Be present consistently rather than sporadically. Consistent presence over time is what creates real connection in these spaces.

### Ministry Teams and Volunteer Groups

Working alongside someone toward a shared purpose is one of the most natural conditions for genuine connection. Ministry teams, ushering, media, music, outreach, welfare, bring people together in a context that reveals character naturally. You see how someone handles responsibility. How they treat people. How they show up when nobody is watching. These are some of the most revealing contexts available.

How to find them: Through your church or mosque leadership.

Through community outreach organisations connected to your faith community.

### Interdenominational and Cross-Community Events

Conferences, seminars, retreats and events that bring together people from different congregations or different mosques expand your exposure beyond your immediate community. In Nigeria these include large youth and young professionals conferences organised by umbrella Christian or Muslim organisations. In the diaspora these

include Nigerian Christian fellowship conferences, Muslim community events and interdenominational gatherings.

How to find them: Through your existing faith community networks.

Through social media pages of major faith organisations in your area.

### *Section Three: Personal Development and Growth Communities*

#### Why This Category Matters

A man who is investing in his own growth, who is reading, learning, attending seminars, joining masterminds, seeking mentorship, is almost always a man who is serious about building something real in his life. Both professionally and personally. These spaces therefore have a higher concentration of men who are intentional about their lives in the way that makes them worth considering seriously.

#### Book Clubs and Reading Communities

Book clubs exist in every major Nigerian city and in every diaspora city with a significant Nigerian population. They attract people who are curious, intellectually engaged and interested in ideas, qualities that tend to correlate with the kind of depth and seriousness you are looking for in a partner.

How to find them: Instagram and Twitter communities organised around reading, Eventbrite, local community boards, LinkedIn groups. Search specifically for Nigerian book clubs in your city.

### Personal Development Seminars and Workshops

Events organised around financial literacy, entrepreneurship, leadership, career development and personal growth attract men who are actively working on themselves. These events exist across every Nigerian state, often organised by banks, business schools, entrepreneurship hubs and personal development organisations, and in every major diaspora city.

How to find them: Eventbrite, LinkedIn events, the social media pages of business schools and entrepreneurship organisations in your area, financial institutions that organise public seminars.

### Masterminds and Accountability Groups

Mastermind groups, small communities of people who meet regularly to support each other's professional and personal growth, are increasingly common in Nigeria and in the diaspora. They attract people who are serious enough about their goals to invest time and

sometimes money in structured accountability. These are high-quality environments.

How to find them: Through entrepreneurship communities, through professional networks, through social media groups organised around specific industries or goals.

### Fitness Communities

Gyms, running clubs, cycling groups, CrossFit communities and fitness events attract people who are disciplined, health-conscious and consistent. In Nigerian cities and diaspora communities there are increasingly active fitness communities that bring people together around shared physical goals. The repeated, regular nature of fitness activity means that genuine connection, built over consistent shared experience, is more natural here than in one-off social events.

How to find them: Instagram fitness communities in your city, running clubs organised through Strava or social media, gym communities, fitness event pages on Eventbrite.

### *Section Four: Online Platforms*

#### Why This Category Matters

Online platforms have become a genuine and significant part of how serious Nigerian men and women connect. The stigma around meeting people online has largely disappeared, particularly among urban, educated Nigerians and the diaspora. What matters is not whether the connection began online but whether both people are showing up to it with genuine seriousness.

## LinkedIn

LinkedIn remains the most underused platform by Nigerian women for social positioning and it deserves to be said again here. Serious, established, professional Nigerian men are active on LinkedIn. They are there for professional reasons, which means the environment is naturally more grounded and more serious than purely social platforms. Engaging genuinely on LinkedIn, sharing your professional thinking, commenting thoughtfully on relevant content, participating in professional communities, puts you in front of serious men in a context that is naturally conducive to meaningful connection.

How to use it: Keep your profile current and specific. Engage genuinely with content in your industry. Join LinkedIn groups organised around

your professional interests. Let professional connection develop naturally into personal connection over time.

### Dating Apps Used With Intention

Bumble, Hinge and, increasingly among Nigerian professionals, apps specifically designed for the Nigerian market attract a range of people. The serious men are there. So are the unserious ones. The difference is in how you position yourself and how you engage.

Position yourself specifically and genuinely. Your bio should communicate who you specifically are, not who anyone could be. Engage with genuine curiosity rather than enthusiasm that signals availability. Move slowly and deliberately from app interaction to real conversation to real meeting. And apply everything from Chapters Nine and Eleven to what you observe online, because the flags are visible there too.

Which apps: Bumble and Hinge have the highest concentration of educated, professional users globally including in the Nigerian market. For diaspora-specific connections, apps and communities specifically designed for Nigerian professionals abroad are increasingly active.

### Twitter and X: The Underestimated Space

Nigerian Twitter, now X, has a significant and active community of educated, professional, often socially conscious Nigerian men. The discourse communities organised around finance, entrepreneurship, technology, culture and current affairs attract men who are thoughtful and engaged. Being a genuine, interesting participant in these communities, not a consumer but a contributor, puts you in front of people who are thinking seriously about the world.

How to use it: Contribute genuinely to conversations in areas you actually care about. Your perspective, your humour, your thinking, these are placement tools. A woman who is interesting and genuine on Twitter attracts interest from men who value those qualities.

### Instagram Communities Beyond Personal Profiles

Beyond your personal profile, Instagram has communities organised around shared interests, business, finance, fitness, food, culture, travel, faith. Engaging genuinely in these communities, through comments, through collaborative content, through genuine interaction with people who share your interests, creates organic connection in a context that is far more natural than purely romantic settings.

### WhatsApp and Telegram Communities

Professional communities, alumni groups, industry groups, faith communities and interest-based groups on WhatsApp and Telegram are active across every Nigerian state and diaspora city. Being a genuine, valuable contributor in these communities, sharing useful information, engaging thoughtfully with discussions, being known as someone with substance, creates the kind of natural visibility that leads to real connection.

## **PART TWO: Major Cities and Diaspora**

Where the concentration of serious, established Nigerian men is particularly high.

### *Lagos*

Lagos has the highest concentration of serious, established, professionally active Nigerian men in the country. The challenge in Lagos is not finding them, they are everywhere. The challenge is being in the right rooms and showing up in the right way.

### Professional Spaces

Victoria Island, Lekki and Ikoyi are where the majority of Lagos's established professional class works and socialises. The networking

events, industry conferences and business communities in these areas attract men who are genuinely building something.

The Lagos Chamber of Commerce organises regular events. The tech ecosystem centred around Yaba, sometimes called Yaba Left or Silicon Lagos, has a significant community of young, ambitious, entrepreneurially serious men. Startup events, hackathons and tech community gatherings in this ecosystem are worth attending if technology or entrepreneurship is relevant to your professional world.

### Social Spaces

Quality social events in Lagos, private dinners, art gallery openings, cultural events, film screenings, book launches, attract a different quality of person than general nightlife. The arts and culture scene in Lagos, centred around spaces like Terra Kulture, Freedom Park and various galleries in Victoria Island, regularly attracts educated, thoughtful, culturally engaged men. The Lagos Social Club and similar membership communities attract established professionals.

### Fitness Communities

The running and fitness community in Lagos is active and growing. The Lagos Running Club and similar groups organise regular runs and

fitness events that attract disciplined, health-conscious professionals. These repeated, regular events create the conditions for natural connection over time.

### Faith Communities

Lagos has a significant concentration of large churches with active young professionals fellowships. The young professionals and singles fellowships of major Lagos churches, particularly in Lekki, Victoria Island and Lagos Island, attract established, serious men who are active in their faith communities.

### *Abuja*

Abuja attracts a specific kind of serious Nigerian man, the policy-oriented, government-adjacent, internationally connected professional. The city has a significant concentration of men in government, international organisations, NGOs, diplomacy, law and finance.

### Professional Spaces

The Abuja networking scene is active and well-organised. The British Council, the American Corner, various international organisations and

think tanks organise regular events that attract educated, globally connected professionals.

The entrepreneurship community in Abuja, organised around hubs like CcHUB's Abuja presence and various co-working spaces, is growing. Government-adjacent professional communities, lawyers, consultants, policy professionals, are particularly concentrated in Abuja.

### Social Spaces

Abuja's social scene is more intimate than Lagos, which actually makes genuine connection easier. Quality social events, cultural gatherings and community events in Abuja tend to draw from a smaller, more connected professional circle. The Abuja arts and culture community, while smaller than Lagos, is active and attracts thoughtful, engaged people.

### Sports and Fitness Communities

The cycling, running and fitness communities in Abuja are active. Regular group rides and runs attract disciplined professionals who value health and consistency.

### *Port Harcourt*

Port Harcourt's economy is dominated by the oil and gas sector which has a significant concentration of established, well-compensated professionals, engineers, consultants, project managers, finance professionals. The professional community in Port Harcourt is smaller and more tightly knit than Lagos or Abuja which means genuine connection, once made, tends to develop more naturally.

### Professional Spaces

Industry events organised around oil and gas, maritime and related sectors attract serious professionals. The Port Harcourt Chamber of Commerce and industry associations connected to the energy sector organise regular events.

### Faith Communities

Port Harcourt has a strong faith community. The young professionals fellowships of major churches in the GRA and other established areas of the city attract serious, established men.

### *Other States: What Is Universally Available*

Every Nigerian state, regardless of size, has versions of the following spaces where serious, responsible men are present and accessible.

The state capital professional community, lawyers, doctors, engineers, civil servants, entrepreneurs, gathers at professional association events, chambers of commerce events and industry gatherings. Every state has a bar association, a medical association, an engineering association and similar professional bodies that organise regular events.

Every state has faith communities with young professionals groups. Every state has alumni networks from secondary schools and universities. Every state has fitness communities, even if small, organised around gyms, running groups and sports clubs. And every state has online communities, WhatsApp groups, social media communities, organised around professional and personal interests.

The principle is the same everywhere. Find the spaces that attract people who are serious about building something. Show up genuinely. Be consistent. Let real connection develop naturally over time.

### *United Kingdom: Diaspora*

The United Kingdom has the largest Nigerian diaspora population in Europe and one of the most active Nigerian professional communities outside Nigeria.

## Professional and Community Spaces

The Nigerian British community has a well-developed professional infrastructure. The Nigerian British Chamber of Commerce organises regular events in London that attract established Nigerian professionals across industries. The Nigerian Lawyers Association, the Nigerian Medical Association UK and similar professional bodies organise events that attract serious, established men.

London specifically has a significant concentration of Nigerian professionals in finance, particularly in the City and Canary Wharf, in law, in medicine and in technology. Networking events in these industries in London regularly attract Nigerian professionals.

Outside London, cities with significant Nigerian populations, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Nottingham, have their own Nigerian community organisations and professional networks.

## Faith Communities

The Nigerian church community in the UK is large and active. RCCG, Winners Chapel, Mountain of Fire and other major Nigerian denominations have significant UK presences with active young professionals fellowships. The young professionals fellowships of these

churches in London and other major UK cities attract serious, established Nigerian men.

### Social and Cultural Spaces

Nigerian cultural events in the UK, music concerts, film screenings, cultural festivals, food events, attract a wide range of the diaspora community. Events organised around Nigerian culture in London particularly tend to attract educated, engaged, community-connected Nigerians.

### *Canada: Diaspora*

Canada, particularly Toronto, has a growing and increasingly established Nigerian diaspora community.

### Professional Spaces

The Nigerian Canadian Association and similar organisations organise regular professional and community events. Toronto's financial district, technology sector and healthcare sector all have significant Nigerian professional presences. Networking events in these industries in Toronto regularly include serious Nigerian professionals.

### Faith Communities

Toronto has an active Nigerian church community. The young professionals fellowships of major Nigerian churches in the Greater Toronto Area attract serious, established men.

### Community Events

Nigerian cultural events in Toronto, organised around music, food, culture and community, attract a broad cross-section of the diaspora. Events specifically organised for Nigerian professionals in Toronto are worth attending.

### *United States: Diaspora*

The United States has the largest and most economically established Nigerian diaspora community in the world. Nigerian Americans are statistically among the most educated immigrant groups in the country with high concentrations in medicine, engineering, finance, law and technology.

### Professional Spaces

Cities with the highest concentrations of established Nigerian professionals include Houston, Atlanta, New York, Washington DC, Dallas and Chicago. Professional associations for Nigerian Americans,

the Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas and similar organisations, organise regular events that attract serious, established professionals.

### Faith Communities

The Nigerian church community in the United States is large, well-organised and geographically distributed. Every major US city with a significant Nigerian population has active Nigerian churches with young professionals fellowships.

### Community and Cultural Events

The Nigerian American community organises significant cultural events across major US cities, particularly in Houston, Atlanta and the New York metro area. These events attract a wide cross-section of the diaspora community including established, serious professionals.

### **A Final Word on Using This Directory**

This directory gives you the map. What you do with it is still entirely up to you.

Go to these spaces because they genuinely reflect your interests and your values, not purely because they are likely to contain serious men.

The inauthenticity of going somewhere only to find a husband is readable. And it places you in the wrong category before you have said a single word.

Go because you are genuinely interested in your professional development. Go because your faith community matters to you. Go because you actually enjoy fitness or books or cultural events. Go because you are a whole person with a whole life and these spaces reflect that wholeness.

And then show up, consistently, genuinely, fully, as the woman you have been building yourself to be throughout this entire book.

The right environment plus the right placement plus the right woman equals the right result.

You have the environment. You have the placement tools. You are becoming the right woman.

Trust the process.