Programme of events.

Tranquil's Public Speaking Prize 2026. Theme: Voices for the Future.

Thursday, 19 November 2026 | **Main Hall, Ilorin Innovation Hub, Ilorin**

All times are West Africa Time and may shift slightly on the day. Every contestant receives the same speaking time in each round. Live programme: tranquilprize.com/programme. Enquiries: info@tranquilprize.com.

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	**Arrivals, purple carpet and registration**	Welcome desk opens. Audience guests and contestants register.
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	**Purple carpet, photographs and seating**	Meet the speakers, take photographs and find your seat.
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	**Contestant briefing**	Contestants receive their speaking order. Guests settle in.
10:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.	**Opening and welcome**	Welcome from the convener, introduction of the judges and how the competition works.
10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	**Round One: The Power of Persuasion**	Speakers 1 to 25. One-minute speeches making a case for an idea.
11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	**Short break**	
11:45 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.	**Round One: The Power of Persuasion**	Speakers 26 to 50.
12:35 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	**Lunch break**	Round One scores are compiled.
1:15 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.	**Spoken word: Saliu Ahmad (Penwarlord)**	A guest spoken word performance while Round One results are confirmed.
1:20 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	**Semifinalists announced**	Fifteen speakers advance.
1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	**Semifinal: The Power of Solutions**	Three-minute speeches on practical solutions to school and community challenges, each followed by panel feedback.
2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	**Short break**	Semifinal scores are compiled.
3:00 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.	**Spoken word: Saliu Ahmad (Penwarlord)**	A second guest performance while semifinal results are confirmed.
3:05 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	**Finalists announced**	Five speakers reach the final.
3:15 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	**Final: "Dear Mr Governor"**	Two-minute appeals for positive change, each followed by questions from the judges.
3:40 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.	**Goodwill messages and partner recognition**	Remarks from our special guests while the judges confirm the results.
4:25 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	**Awards and closing**	Recognition of all finalists, then the winner and two runners-up.
4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	**Photographs and departures**	

On stage with us.

Convener

Sakeenah Jatto

Guest performer

Saliu Ahmad (Penwarlord)
Spoken word

Judges

Dr Foluke Aliyyu
Chief Judge

Sanni Alausa-Issa
Judge

Bisola Oduwole-Suleiman
Judge

Dr Rasheed Ajao
Judge, Senior Education Officer, Kwara State Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development

Special guests

Hon. Ibraheem Abdullateef
Special Guest, Senior Special Assistant to the Kwara State Governor on Communications

Dr Mahmud Abdulraheem, Esq.
Special Guest, Chief Promoter, GerinFm 95.5

Rafiu Ajakaye, PhD
Special Guest

Dr Oba Abdulkadir La'aro
Special Guest

Mrs Ajide Victoria Omowumi
Special Guest

Mal. Abdur Rahman Adebayo (ARA Aderinoye)
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