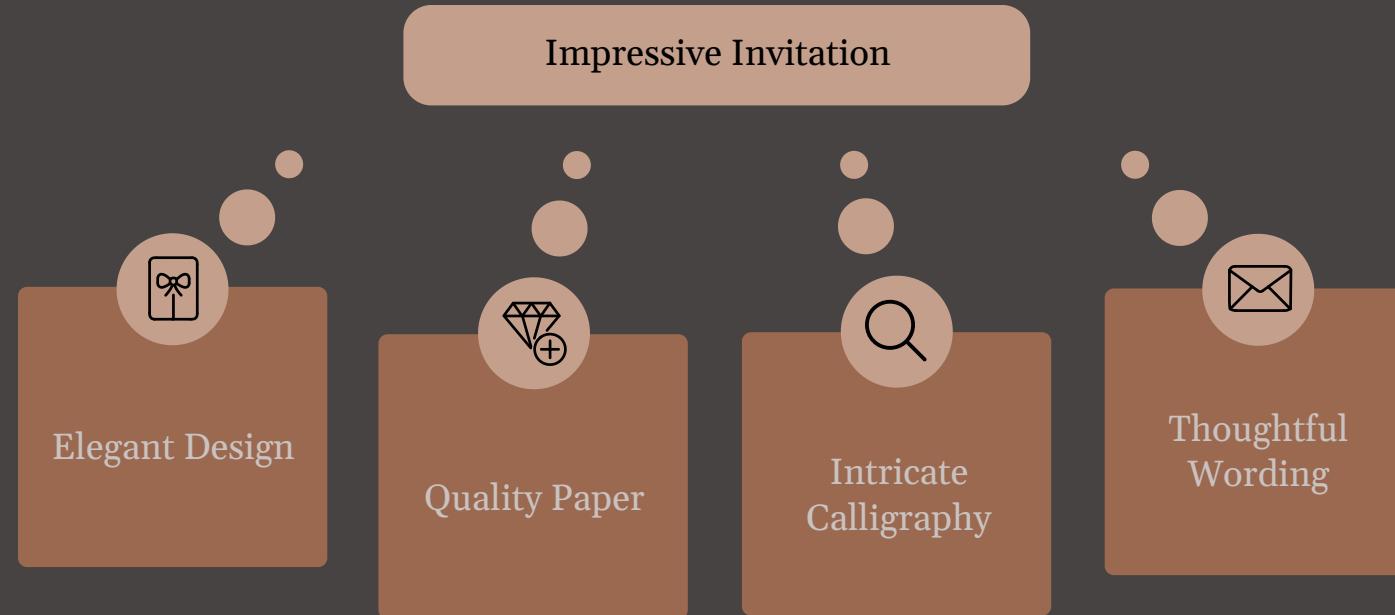


Is This Event Real? How to Verify Conferences, Seminars, and Business Invitations in Nigeria

The invitation looked impressive.



Gold-accented letterhead. An official logo. A confident subject line:

"We are pleased to invite you as a keynote speaker..."

For him, an international consultant based in Europe, invitations like this were not unusual. But this one felt different. The event was in Nigeria. Abuja, to be precise. A tech and innovation conference with supposed international backing.

The offer included:

- Business-class flights
- Five-star hotel accommodation
- Speaker fees
- VIP security protocol

It all sounded... perfect.

The Build-Up

Emails followed swiftly. The organizers were responsive, articulate, and respectful. They sent photos of past events — large halls, branded stages, applauding audiences.

The LinkedIn profiles of the organizing team checked out.

A website existed.

Nothing felt obviously wrong.

Yet something lingered.

He had learned, over time, that the most dangerous scams aren't loud—they're quiet, polished, and patient.

The First Question

He asked a simple thing:

“Can I see the venue layout?”

The response came hours later. A PDF. Generic diagrams. No live photos. No walkthrough.

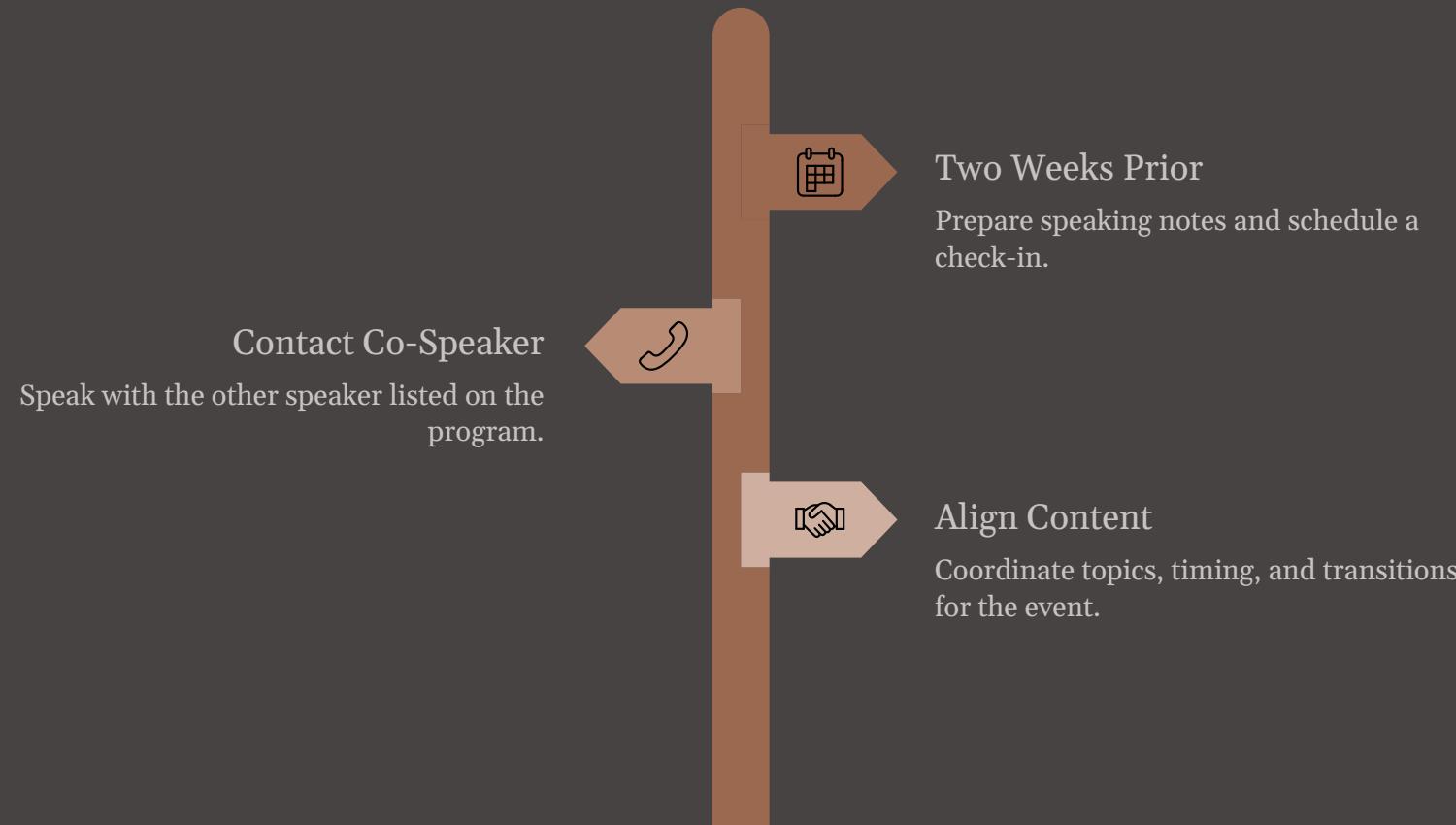
Then he asked about the hotel.

Another PDF. Another logo. No room numbers. No confirmation email from the hotel itself.

Still—everything was *technically* in order.

The Twist

Two weeks before the event, he spoke with another speaker listed on the program.



That speaker had also been invited but had never received a flight ticket.

Another had been asked to “cover some logistics upfront.”

A third quietly withdrew.

The event wasn’t fake.

But it wasn’t real either—at least not in the way it was being sold.

The venue existed.

The conference title existed.

But the scale, the audience, and the execution are all inflated.

The Hidden Risk

This is where many professionals get trapped.

Not by non-existent events, but by **misrepresented ones**.

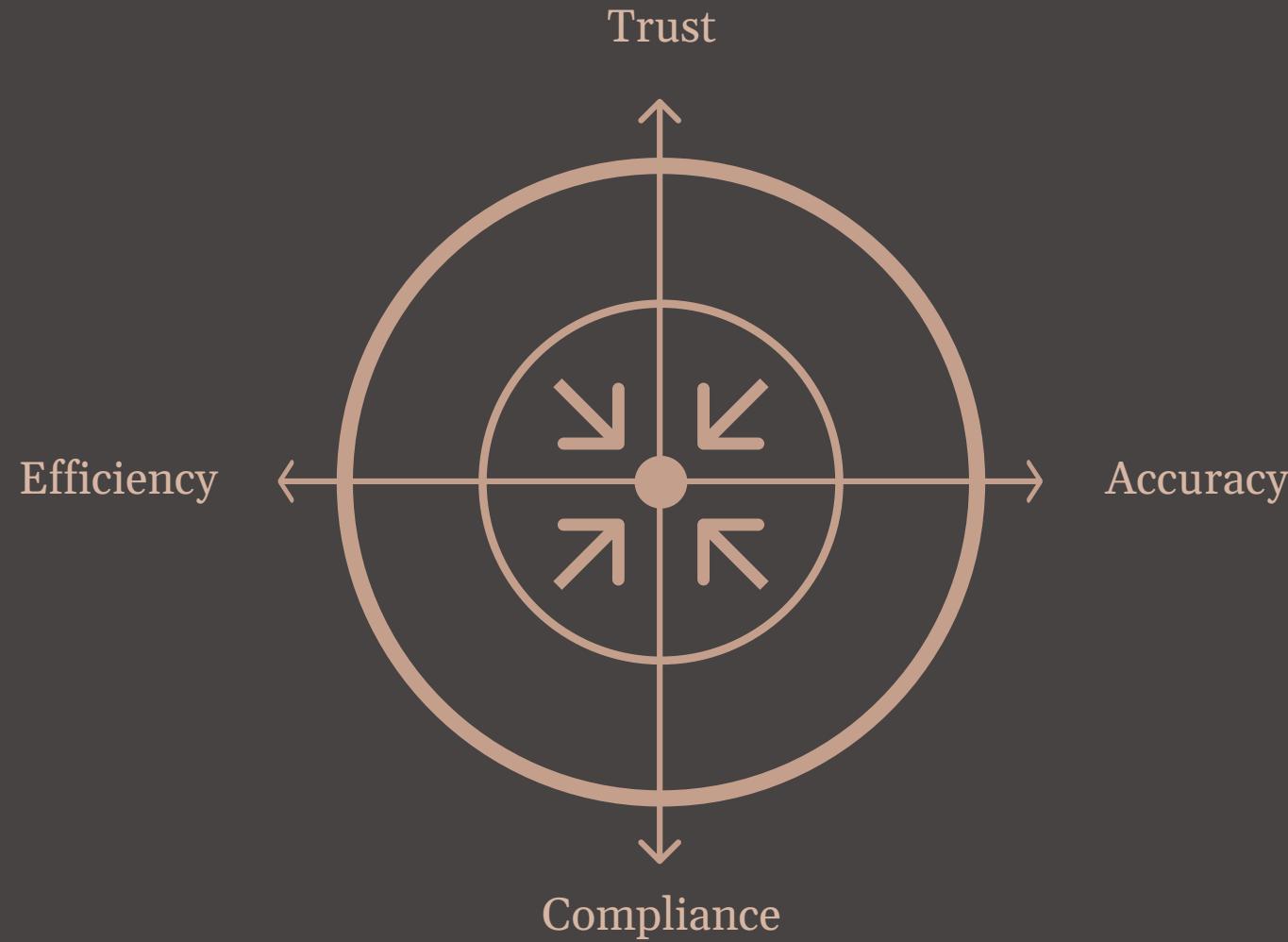
The danger isn't always kidnapping or theft.

Sometimes it's:

- Reputational damage
- Unsafe logistics
- Professional embarrassment
- Exhausting travel for low-impact outcomes

And once you land, it's already too late.

How Verification Changes Everything



Imagine verifying the event *before* you book a flight.

A trained on-ground agent walks into the venue—live.

You watch as they:

- Confirm the venue booking
- Speak with venue management
- Inspect stage setup
- Verify event branding
- Confirm audience capacity

Then the agent proceeds to the hotel.

Live room inspection. Location check. Safety assessment.

No assumptions. No PDFs. No promises.

Just reality—streamed to you.



Who This Matters To

This matters to:

- International speakers
- Business executives
- Consultants
- Trainers
- NGO representatives
- Investors visiting Nigeria

If your name, time, and safety matter, verification matters.

The Lesson

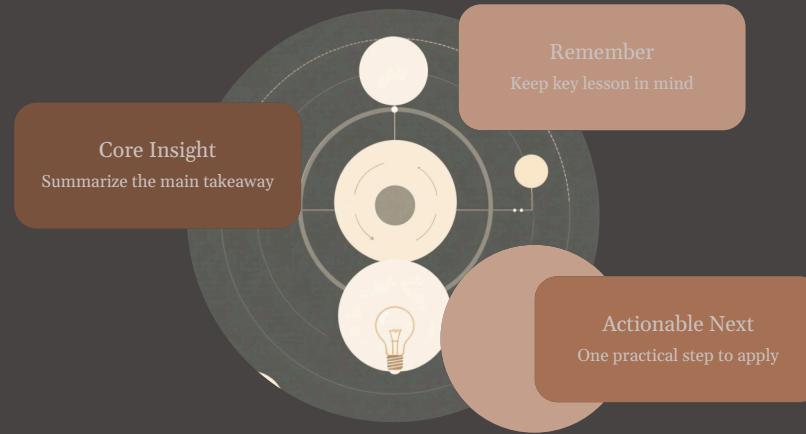
Globally, events don't have to be fake to be risky.

They only need to be exaggerated.

Distance amplifies uncertainty.

Live verification collapses it.

Final Thought



He declined the invitation.

Not out of fear—but clarity.

Another event came later. That one he verified.

And when he finally landed, everything matched what he had already seen live.

That's the difference verification makes.

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