

# COMMUNIQUE

OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY (NCS), HELD AT JOJEIN HOTEL, AKURE, ONDO STATE, NIGERIA FROM 22-24TH JULY, 2015



## 1.0 Preamble

The Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) was established in 1978 as the umbrella body for all Information Technology practitioners in Nigeria. The Society comprises of various interest groups in the ICT industry namely: Information Technology in Academia, the Institute for Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON), the Information Technology Association of Nigeria (ITAN), the Internet Services Provider Association of Nigeria (ISPAN), Information Technology Systems & Security Professionals (ITSSP), Nigeria Information Technology Professionals in Civil Service (NITCS), Nigerian Women in IT (NiWIIT), and the National Association of Computer Science Students (NACOSS). This year's conference was held at the Jojein Hotel, Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria.

The theme of this year's conference was "Information Technology for Inclusive Development". This year's conference provided a forum for policy makers, public and private sector, IT practitioners and academia to keep up to date with technology trends and to discover opportunities for the private sector in the process of inclusive development and avenues for public-private partnerships towards realizing the IT objectives within the context of Millennium Development Goals (MDG). The Conference also provided opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas, establish business and research relations, and find global partners for future collaborations. In addition the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) convened a special event to discuss critical issues impacting IT policy for states in Nigeria.

## 2.0 Attendance

The Conference had in attendance the Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, ably represented by the Deputy Governor Alhaji Lasisi Oluboyo, Chief of Staff to the Governor of Ondo state, Dr. Kola Ademujimi, the Director General of National Information Technology Agency (NITDA), Mr. Peter Jack represented by Dr. Vincent Olatunji, Director, Corporate Strategy & Research, NITDA; Mrs. Ibukun Odusote, Permanent Secretary, Presidency (Office of the Secretary to Government of the Federation); Professor Vincent Asor, President & Chairman of Council, Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN).

Furthermore, there were more than 800 attendees from within and outside Nigeria. In addition, about 450 new members were inducted.

## 3.0 Decisions

After the paper presentations, technical sessions, contributions of the participants and exhaustive deliberations, the following decisions were reached:

- i. That Information Technology (IT) is an enabler for growth and national development and capable of being the highest employer of labour in Nigeria;
- ii. That the IT industry holds a huge potential for Nigeria to improve the economy base through job and wealth creation; foreign exchange earnings and conservation and this

potential must be fully utilized by the Federal and the State Governments.

- iii. That the Federal Government needs to urgently push for comprehensive broadband access all over the country.
- iv. That the Federal Government as a matter of urgency should roll out, implement and monitor local content policy to encourage Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to patronize indigenous software and hardware.
- v. That the passing of the Cybercrime bill into law is acknowledged and critical stakeholders should collaborate with NCS in pushing the details and implications of the Cybercrime Act into the public domain through awareness programs and sensitization campaigns.
- vi. That Big Data Analytics is an emerging IT concept with potential to impact individual, businesses and Government in many ways including planning, budgeting, monitoring, marketing, customer relationship management, and fraud detection.
- vii. That Emerging technologies including Big Data Analytics are also key to innovation and socio-economic development in every sector and in all agencies of government.
- viii. That to facilitate the uptake of Big Data Analytics in Nigeria the following challenges must be addressed: Privacy and Security Laws, Shortage of Skilled Personnel with Data Analytical skills, Lack of a National Strategy/Initiative on Big Data, and Data Inaccessibility.
- ix. That there is great need for recruiting students into Science Technology Engineering Mathematics + Computing (STEM+C) majors because employment opportunities in STEM+C fields continue to increase at a rapid pace.
- x. That there is the urgent need to develop homegrown intellectual capability, methodologies, and manpower to defend and protect our critical national information infrastructures and industries
- xi. That the conference commended the efforts of the Ondo State Government in the deployment of IT in state especially the newly launched Residency Card, as well as the efforts of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in the provision of competitive research fund to encourage the development of ICT-enabled solutions.

Signed

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Past Chairman, Conferences Committee