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NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY PLANS STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY

he meeting, will focus on issues around financial fraud, cyber-attacks, social media hacking and cyber security education. Confirming proposed meeting, the the President of NCS, Professor Adesina Sodiya, said that the meeting will afford stakeholders the opportunity to also discuss



matters related to formulating nation's cyber security strategies and cyber security regulations. NCS considers that the current local and international reports indicate that cyber-attacks in Nigeria are still on the increase. This is despite the fact that many attack incidences in Nigeria are not reported. Today, individuals, government s and corporate organizations are losing huge sums of money and property as a result of cyber-attacks. Threats landscape continue to change rapidly, and attacks are increasing in might and sophistication. It is also believed that this trend will continue in the nearest future. Consequently, concerted effort is needed to enhance cyber security in Nigeria, he said.

Speaking further, Prof. Sodiya said that NCS has the mandate of supporting government towards the realization of a safe

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and secured deployment and use of IT resources. He said, NCS intends to make this stakeholders, meeting a pungent plat form for analyzing the situation critically provide the reliable solutions to and Nation's Cyber Security Challenges. Thus, NCS plans to invite expert s from various aspect s of the economy to lead discussions at the meeting. NCS remains committed towards addressing the factors mitigating efficient use of IT for leapfrogging development, he added.

Expected to attend the event are representatives of financial institutions, regulatory agencies, government institutions. telecommunication companies, corporate organizations, IT professionals, security expert s and law enforcement agencies.

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S/N	Chapter	Chapters Status	Chapters Activities	Membership Drive	Implementation of National Programmes	Participation at National Programme	Support for Debt Recovery	Overall Performance 2019	Overall Performance 2020
1	Abuja	Exec	Exec	Exec	Exec	High	High	A	A
2	Benue	High	High	Ave	Exce	High	Ave	A	A
3	Kogi	High	High	Ave	Low	High	Low	C	A
4	Kwara	Ave	Ave	Ave	Ave	Ave	Ave	В	С
5	Nasarawa	Low	Ave	Low	Low	Ave	Low	В	С
6	Niger	Low	Ave	Ave	Low	Ave	Low	В	С
7	Plateau	Low	None	Low	None	Low	Low	C	С
8	Adamawa	Low	None	Low	None	Ave	Low	С	С
9	Bauchi	Ave	Ave	High	Ave	Ave	Low	С	В
10	Bornu	Ave	Ave	Ave	None	Ave	Ave	В	С
11	Gombe	Ave	Ave	Ave	Low	High	Low	В	В
12	Taraba	Ave	None	Ave	Ave	Ave	Low	С	С
13	Yobe	Ave	Ave	Ave	None	low	Low	С	C
14	Kaduna	High	High	Exec	Exec	Ave	High	В	Α
15	Kano	High	High	Exec	Ave	High	Ave	A	А
16	Katsina	High	Ave	Low	Ave	Ave	Ave	A	В
17	Kebbi	Ave	Ave	Ave	Ave	Ave	Low	C	С
18	Sokoto	High	Ave	High	Ave	Ave	High	B	A
19	Zamfara	High	Ave	Ave	Low	Low	Low	B	B
20	Abia	Low	None	Low	None	None	Low	С	С
21	Anambra	Ave	None	Ave	Ave	Ave	Low	С	В
22	Ebonyi	Low	None	Low	None	Low	Low	C	С
23	Enugu	Low	None	Low	None	None	Low	C	С
24	Imo	High	High	Low	Low	High	Low	C	А
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	Akwa							_	В
25	Ibom	Ave	Ave	Ave	None	Ave	Ave	С	2
26	Bayelsa	Low	None	Ave	None	None	Low	С	С
	Cross								В
27	River	Ave	Low	Ave	None	Ave	Ave	С	
28	Delta	Ave	Ave	Low	None	Ave	Ave	В	В
29	Edo	Ave	Ave	High	Ave	Ave	Exec	В	A
30	Rivers	Ave	Ave	High	Low	High	Low	В	В
31	Ekiti	Ave	None	Low	Low	Ave	Low	C	С
32	Lagos	Exec	Exec	Exec	Exec	High	High	A	A
33	Ogun	High	High	High	Exec	High	Ave	A	A
34	Ondo	High	Ave	Ave	Low	Ave	Low	C	B
35	Osun	Ave	Ave	Ave	Low	Ave	Ave	B	B
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Notes:

Red - North Central

Blue- North East

Green - North West

Yellow- South Fast

Purple -South South

Lemon- South West

- I. The table is compiled based on the frequency membership of forms application received. registered members and NCS Events attendance.
- II. Chapters with Α category (Excellent) performing are excellently well such as Lagos, Ogun, Abuja, Kano, Kaduna, Sokoto, Kogi, Benue, and Edo. Application forms were received regularly, admitted members attend and pay Conferences for Induction. Aside new members, old members also attend

NCS organized programmes.

- III. Those Chapters with **B** category (average)are also performing wonderfully well. However, they need to increase the inflow of membership Application forms, encourage would be members to fill the form properly and respond to mails whenever the need arises.
- IV. Chapters with C category (Low)are those we can classify as Sleeping States. Some were inaugurated a long time ago, but due to some reasons, the chapters are no longer functional.The Zonal Coordinators need to encourage those on ground at the Chapter level to take charge in order to move the Chapter forward vis a vis the Society.

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NACOSS NATIONAL CONGRESS 2020

he National Congress held on 23rd DEC 2020 by the Nigeria Association Science of Computer foresaw the adoption NEW of the Association Nomenclature which saw the renaming of the association to **NIGERIA** OF ASSOCIATION COMPUTING **STUDENTS (NACOS).**

The Congress which was one of it kind in the history of the association was kick-started with the introduction of notable and key stakeholders of the association. The Congress was presided the association National over by President Comr. Olamilekan Abolade.

In the welcome address of the National President, Comr Olamilekan Abolade said the current National Executive Council of the association is currently on a MISSION TO REBUILD this prestigious association with the support of each and every member. He said the congress will definitely be regarded as a new era and a turning point for the association as it is set to change the nomenclature of the association from Nigeria Association of Computer Science Students (NACOSS) to Nigeria Association of Computing Students (NACOS) which was agreed



upon by the association parent body Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) and the Previous administration led by his predecessor Comr. Abubakar Sadiq Hassan and the new Nomenclature will see the association proclaim it full right over all IT related course in various tertiary institutions.

The NFW Nomenclature of the association was officially accepted by members present at the congress and thereafter, it shall become mandatory that all students studying IT related courses (Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Technology, Information Systems, Cyber Security, Software Engineering e.t.c) in various

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institutions in Nigeria shall be regarded as members of the NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTING STUDENTS (NACOS).

The Congress also saw the unveiling of two logos designed by members of the association and decision was made by poll to select one as the official logo of the association. The logo with the highest vote (Included below) shall henceforth be the official logo of the association.

The Constitution Review and adoption process also started after the congress has been declared open by the National President and it receiving tremendous support and review by great stakeholders of the association which includes Comr. Oluwafemi Ajetunmibi pka Phellas and Comr. Tochukwu Ositadinma amongst others.

The Constitution review ended on a good course and the association adopted the new constitution and waits the final editing to be done before public circulation.

In the final words of the National President, he thanked all stakeholders and members present at the congress and reassured everyone that the Association will surely take a new turn under his administration. In his words, he said THIS IS A NEW DAWN.

The Vice President of the association Comr. Ruth Samuel gave the closing and vote of thanks while remark appreciating everyone present at the congress and reassured that the administration is working tirelessly to give the best to her members. She said on behalf of the entire members of the Executive Council, We National are grateful once more for your presence here today. We say a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year in Advance

The congress which lasted for 3hrs 30mins saw student across the Geo-political zone of Nigeria in attendance to decide the way forward for the association.

To the general public the association shall henceforth from 23rd December 2020 be regarded as **NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTING STUDENTS (NACOS).**

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THE COVID-19: WE WANT YOU TO STAY ALIVE

Dear professional colleagues, Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) as a Professional body in Nigeria are not oblivious of the pandemic ravaging the world called 'COVID-19.

We care for our members. Therefore, we wish to inform our precious and distinguished members of the need to pay utter attention to basic preventive measures against COVID-19.

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others.

Take care of your health and protect others by:

a. Constantly getting basic preventive measures and current updates from WHO (https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel -coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public). Kindly always follow the guidelines as outlined

b. Paying attention to national and international information on COVID-19

Being an health ambassador by helping to sensitise the public on preventive measures against the virus

d. Ensuring you always take advice from healthcare

e. Taking general measures to improve your health conditions

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) wants our members to always be strong and healthy. Together we shall continue to build strong and virile IT Profession.

Stay Alive!!!

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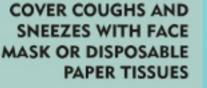
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YEAR 2021 EVENT PLANNER

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1	Cyber Security Forum	Abuja	January 7 th , 2021
2	Webinar on Smart Agriculture	Virtual	February 17 th , 2021
3	Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) President Dinner	To be Determined	February 26 th , 2021
4	Academia in Information Technology Profession (AITP) ITED Conference 2020	University of Abuja	March 17 th 19 th , 2021
5	Information Technology/Computer Science Research & Development Workshop	Lagos State	March 23 rd 25 th , 2021
6	Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) - Quarterly Roundtable	To be Determined	March 26 th , 2021
7	Information Technology Professionals Assembly (Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria)	Abuja	April 7 th -8 th , 2021
8	Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) Annual General Meeting	To be Determined	April 14 th , 2021
9	Academia in Information Technology Profession (AITP) Workshop on Winning Research Grants and Big Data Analytics	To be Determined	April 28th - 30th, 2021
10	NCS-Pantami Hackathon for Digital Economy	Abuja	May 9 th -17 th , 2021
11	Cybercrime Detection and Forensic Investigation Workshop	NOUN, Abuja	June , 8 th -10 th , 2021
12	Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) - Quarterly Roundtable	To be Determined	June 25 th , 2021
13	Information Technology Business Forum	Lagos	July 1 st , 2021
14	Annual International Conference	Akwa Ibom State	August 2 nd - 4 th , 2021
15	Grand Finale of the National IT Competition for Tertiary and Secondary Schools	Akwa Ibom State	August 2 nd - 4 th , 2021
16	Workshop on Business Approaches to Web and Mobile Application Developments	Kaduna	September, 14 th - 16 th , 2021
17	Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) - Quarterly Roundtable	To be Determined	September 24 th , 2021
18	Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain Technology for Smart Business Management	Lagos	October 5 th -7 th , 2021
19	e-Health Workshop	Virtual	October 19 th , 2021
20	Summer School Camp on Multidisciplinary Perspectives to Data Sciences and Artificial Intelligence	Awka, Anambra State	October 4 th 9 th , 2021
21	National Information Technology Merit Awards (NITMA) & Fellowship Conferment	Lagos State	November 25 th , 2021
22	National Information Technology Exhibition (NITEX) and Innovation Show	Lagos State	December 8 th 10 th , 2021
23	Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) - Quarterly Roundtable	To be Determined	December 17 th , 2021
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UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

PANTAMI APPROVES RELEASE OF IMPROVED NIN SLIP, NIMC MOBILE APP

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, has approved the development and release of an improved National Identity Number (NIN) slip and a Mobile App.

The Minister said that the move is part of the Federal Government's Policy to improve the process of obtaining NIN and linking it to SIM, which was sent to the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) for implementation.

The N20 and N40 fees for NIN verification by individuals and Mobile Network Operators, respectively, were also waived.

"These efforts are aimed at supporting the Policy to link subscribers' NIN to their SIM, which was approved by the Federal Government earlier in the year and communicated to the NCC on the 4th of February, 2020, the Minister said in a statement signed by his Technical Assistant (Information Technology), Dr Femi Adeluyi.

Pantami said that the highly anticipated Web Service (MWS) Application, called the NIMC Mobile App, and the improved National Identification Number (NIN) Slip are now available for public use.

The App provides a secure channel for all Nigerians and legal residents to easily verify and authenticate their identities on-the-go using smartphones. It also enables them to link the NIN to their phone numbers. "The development of the App and other tools to support the National Identity Number (NIN) process align with the National Digital Economy Policy for a Digital Nigeria.

"The App offers a built-in harmonization process that allows for its use across other government services including the NCC, Federal Inland Revenue Service, Federal Road Safety Commission and National Health Insurance Scheme, to mention a few.

On the other hand, the new improved NIN slip is a pocket friendly and an easy to verify version of the NIN. It can be accessed via a self-service Portal, where people who already have been issued the NIN, can log in, download a PDF of the document in color (if preferred), print and laminate as desired. The current NIN Slip will remain valid and will be gradually phased-out.

"The App is available on the Google Play store for Android users and App Store for IOS users. Details on how to download and install the App and download the improved NIN slip are available on the websites and social media platforms of the Ministry and NIMC. Users can also download the improved NIN Slip at https://dashboard.nimc.gov.ng.

"The Honourable Minister has directed NIMC to respond to enquiries and also provide multimedia guides to make it easy for users to obtain their improved NIN slips and install the App.

SMART AGRIC WILL PROMOTE DIGITAL INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP - PANTAMI

he Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr. Isa Pantami, has said that smart agriculture is part of promoting digital innovation and entrepreneurship in Nigeria. The minister made the statement on Saturday, at the closing ceremony to end the adoption of farmers for the National Adopted Village for Smart Agriculture, NAVSA, empowerment programme for 140 farmers in Ekiti State.

This, the government noted, was to improve food productivity, increase wealth and income of farmers, agric value chain players, improve food security, promote access to international food markets and host of other agricultural products.

According to the minister, this initiative was sequel to the need to build a robust environment to drive a digital platform for transformation of the Agricultural sector for a Digital Nigeria. To this end, the National Information Technology Development Agency, NITDA, under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy and in collaboration with Ekiti State Government partnered for the project.

According to Mr Pantami, the requirements to succeed in the 4th industrial revolution necessitate digitization to be at the core of any nation's developmental policy and strategy.

He said: "The digital economy is the single most important driver of innovation, competitiveness and growth and there is no doubt that digitization of the economy is one of the most critical issues of our time.



"Traditional industries are being reshaped by business models that have never existed before."

He said digitization has a proven impact on economy and society by reducing unemployment, improving quality of life, and boosting access to knowledge. He added that digitization is transforming the world in almost every aspect of life during the last few decades.

"The access to the internet, increase of people using mobile phones, social media and other digital services changed the way people interact, communicate, learn and work in almost every country.

"This made his Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR to unveil and launch the National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy (NDEPS) for a Digital Nigeria on the 28th of November, 2019 with a vision to transform Nigeria into a leading digital economy providing quality life and digital economies for all.

"This administration is building and leading the journey of digitizing every sector of the economy," he revealed.

Mr Pantami asserted that the potential

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.....Digitizing government processes, operations key to curbing corruption - Pantami

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benefits of digitizing the agro-food sector are convincing, but would require major transformations of farming systems, rural economies, communities and natural resource management.

"This challenge which requires is а а systematic, technology-driven and holistic approach to achieving the full potential and benefits. "This Smart Agriculture is part of promoting Digital Innovation and Digital Entrepreneurship.

"Agriculture has been very significant to our economy as a nation and it continues to remain very relevant in our country," he said.

He, however, said the ministry had discovered that the output Nigeria generates from agriculture compared to efforts put and resources being spent has no justification for that. He, therefore, said in order to enhance the output from agriculture to save cost and at the same time to integrate it, they came up with Smart Agric.

Mr Pantami emphasised that building a digital platform to connect agriculture ecosystem to deliver services to farmers more in а productive and efficient manner is in the interest of nurturing digital economy for a digital Nigeria.

He assured that the Nigerian Government through his ministry and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders would support this initiative to ensure it is implemented in all the States in Nigeria. He said the implementation would immensely contribute to massive job creation, improvement in the income of farmers and country's GDP.

development partners and state governments to support this initiative; partner with the Nigerian Government in the areas of finance, farm inputs, research and development, capacity building, smart solutions & services, green energy among others.

The success of this initiative in the agriculture sector, he said, would practically demonstrate the potentials inherent in digital technologies and innovations as the great enabler of the digital economy.

The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Abdullahi, in his remarks said: "We believe leveraging digital technologies and innovations will attract youthful population into agriculture and create new digital business models across the agriculture value chain.

"It will enable millions of jobs, increase productivity and contribution of the agriculture to GDP thereby making Nigeria a leading nation in food security and exporter of standard agricultural produce to the rest of the world".

He recalled that the programme was first piloted in Jigawa state earlier this year adding that the project was initiated to systematically adopt farmers across the 774 local government areas, LGAs in the country.

This, he said, was in order to equip them with necessary digital skills that would make Nigeria one of the leading nations for smart agriculture.

Dr Pantami, however, called on private sector,

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Talking Points:

Financial Frauds | Cyber Attacks | Social Media Hacking | Cybersecurity Education Formulating National Cybersecurity Strategies | Cybersecurity Regulations and Ethics Youths and Social Media | Fake News and Hate Speech

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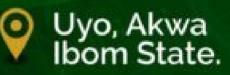
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