



EDITORIAL TEAM

Mrs Margret John David
Editor

Prof. Adebukola Onashoga
Deputy Editor I

Mr. Adekunle Durosinmi
Creative Director

Mr. Samson Ajose
Co- Creative Director

Mr. Muhammad Bello Aliyu
Member

Mr. Taiwo Oyesanwo
Member

Toyeeb Olamilekan Abolade
Member

Orakwue Ogor Destiny
Member

HEADLINES

Pg 1 >> NCS SEEKS IMPROVED SUPPORT FOR IT PROFESSIONALS . 22 RESOLUTIONS AT ISDE 2021

PG 4 >> NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY FROWNS AT CBN'S SELECTION OF FOREIGN FIRM FOR E-NAIRA PROJECT

PG 6>> AUSTIN OKERE HINTS ON 5 TRANSFORMATIONAL KEYS FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

PG 8>> LAGOS STATE TRAINS 299 YOUTHS

PG 9>> NACOS TO PROMOTE LOCAL CONTENT IN TECHNOLOGY

PG 16>> UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

PG 17>> UPCOMING EVENTS

NCS SEEKS IMPROVED SUPPORT FOR IT PROFESSIONALS, 22 RESOLUTIONS AT ISDE 2021

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) international

conference 2021 has called on the governments and the corporate organisations to provide more supports to Information Technology professionals. This, according to the Professor Adesina Sodiya, president of NCS, is to enable



the professionals to acquire requisite training and expertise needed for the effective implementation of the digital economy initiatives of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

ISDE 2021 which held at Ibom Hall, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State between 3rd and 5th August, 2021 under the theme: 'Innovative Systems for Digital Economy (ISDE 2021)', also observed a strong need for strategic positioning of Nigeria, especially the potentials of her teeming youth population as agents of change.

Also, the conference's theme leveraged on how the digital economy is deeply changing the actions of governments, businesses, and citizens.

ISDE 2021 observed that innovation is indeed central to digital transformation hence, the need for governments, businesses, academia, the technical community and civil society to consider the broad social, economic and technological trends affecting the development of the digital economy and discuss policies that could respond to evolving societal demands.



www.ncs.org.ng

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

22-key resolutions at Nigeria Computer Society int'l conference; ISDE 2021:

After paper presentations, parallel meetings and exhaustive deliberations, the conference came up with key resolutions. The participants in the communiqué signed by Prof. Sodiya and Ayodeji Rex Abitogun, chairman, Conferences Committee, affirmed as follows:

1. That governments and corporate organisations should provide more supports to Information Technology professionals to acquire requisite training and expertise needed for the effective implementation of the digital economy initiatives of the Federal Government of Nigeria.
2. That members of the IT profession should focus more on the development of innovative ideas and systems to drive the nation's goals in the IT sector.
3. The conference recognised the government's efforts in making Right of Way (RoW) accessible and affordable to service providers for effective digital penetration. It strongly condemns taxing technology providers on RoW as it impedes innovative systems for digital economy.
4. NIMC must improve on the level of implementation of the digital identity management programme by upgrading the digital infrastructure capacity to allow for seamless registration and integration of identity data
5. Many Nigerians are yet to register for

NIN because of lack of awareness of the benefits of the programme to the citizens and nation. NCS should work with NIMC to generally improve on the level awareness for the identity management programme,

6. NCS should work with NIMC to develop the needed technical skills and expertise in identity management
7. INEC should integrate NIN should into national voters' database so as to address some electoral challenges
8. Government should create a suitable environment for learning, research and development, with synergy among stakeholders in achieving a sustainable industrial revolution framework.
9. The conference recognised the strength of youths in the building of a digital nation. The forum charged NCS to work with the relevant agencies to develop capacity building programmes targeted at five million young persons on innovative systems and digital literacy for economic prosperity, wealth creation, and employment opportunities within the following year.
10. Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy in conjunction with NCS should create opportunities and platforms for developing start-ups and young innovators in Information Technology.
11. The conference further resolved that members must work with governments and other international organisations to provide services in

- critical sectors of the economy such as health, education, agriculture (for food security), production, environment, etc. for the benefit of the teaming populace.
- 12.NCS should design and develop a framework for corporate organisations to create a system for internship and job placements for students to help bridge the gap between industries job requirements and academic curriculum.
 - 13.Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy and NCS should facilitate improved Public Private Partnership (PPP) in capacity building and development towards achieving the new governance methods.
 - 14.The conference advocated for closed collaboration between the industry and academia, leveraging on the network of Nigeria Computer Society members across the country to help bridge the gap in digital skills and provide Train-the-Trainer programmes for academia and industry professionals.
 - 15.The conference encouraged governments and corporate organisations to increase patronage of local content as part of the strategies to move the nation forward.
 - 16.NCS should support our regulatory agencies (like CPN and NITDA) in the quick elimination of unsafe and unreliable digital gateways to create sound trust in the system and enable innovations for the digital economy.
 - 17.Information security should be considered and incorporated into the development of all innovative systems in digital economy.
 - 18.The Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy should promote and support high impact developmental research that will spur innovations needed for total transformation to digital economy.
 - 19.Transformations to digital economy should not be seen as the business of government alone. All stakeholders must be carried along in the development and implementation of digital economy policies.
 - 20.Nigeria should focus on the development and application of emerging technologies such as AI, Robotics, Blockchain Technology, IoT etc., in developing digital economy.
 - 21.Digitalisation and e-government are considered foundational to the realisation of the digital economy policy of governments. Government should show serious commitment and determination in these areas.
 - 22.The full implementation of e-policing system is long overdue in this nation. NCS should work with the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy and ONSA to promote e-policing in the nation.

NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY FROWNS AT CBN'S SELECTION OF FOREIGN FIRM FOR E-NAIRA

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), the umbrella body for all Information Technology practitioners in Nigeria, has warned that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN's) decision to outsource the e-Naira project to a foreign is a total abuse of known Executive Order 003 of 2017.

The Body established in 1978 is concerned with the promotion of national development using Information Technology.

In a strong worded press release signed by the Professor Adesina Sodiya, the president and Iyiola Ayoola, executive secretary, the Society said that as good as the e-Naira technical partner selection criteria are, it has become very imperative for NCS to advise CBN on the way forward on the issue.

Recall that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) through Mr. Osita Nwanisobi, the director of Corporate Communications, recently announced the formal engagement of the global Fintech company, Bitt Inc. as the Technical Partner for its digital currency, named eNaira which is due to be unveiled next month.

“The CBN’s selection of Bitt Inc, as e-Naira technical partners from among highly competitive bidders was hinged on the company’s technological competence, efficiency, platform security, interoperability, and implementation experience”, the CBN claimed.

But this is not going down well with IT experts in Nigeria. For instance, NCS wondered why Bitt Inc; the Fintech company, was engaged by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) as the Technical Partner for its digital currency project; “company of not more than three staff and a lower market capitalization compared to any of Nigeria’s major Fintech companies”.

“It is a missed opportunity to further strengthen the value of Nigeria’s Fintech ecosystem, reduce the country’s undue exposure to FOREX imbalance and enhance the value of the naira struggling against major currencies”, Sodiya said.

“Non-compliance to IT policy and framework of Federal Government: By law, MDAs are under obligation to seek clearance from the NITDA before

embarking on any IT project as enshrined in Section 6 of the NITDA Act, 2007, and by extension seeking clearance from Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN), the only regulatory body saddled with that responsibility”.

“Presidential Executive Order 003 of 2017 clearly states that “All Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the FGN shall grant preference to local manufacturers of goods and services providers in their procurement of goods and services; Any document issued by any MDA of the FGN for the solicitation of offers, bids, proposals or quotations for the supply of provision of goods and services (Solicitation Document), in accordance with the above , shall expressly indicate the preference to be granted to domestic manufacturers, contractors and service providers and the information required to establish the eligibility of a bid for such preference”, he said.

Also, Presidential Executive Order 005 of 2018 corroborates Order 003 and goes deep down to enumerate punishment for violations of these executive orders.

“These Orders were outrightly violated and their contents flagrantly jettisoned

overboard”, NCS reminds the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Sodiya said while CBN based its decision to select Bitt Inc, a company in the Caribbean as a technical partner, on technical challenges, and the necessity of speed, the fact remains that the pockets of startups which went down after the CBN cryptocurrency technical ban, could have provided technical capabilities for this project.

To this end, NCS wants CBN to reverse its decision on the choice of technical partners for the e-Naira project and allow all the Fintech giants (in Nigeria) apply/bid for the job.

“Nigeria has cutting edge financial technology development and implementation firms like: Precise Financial Systems (PFS); SystemSpecs Nigeria the firm behind Remita; Migo Credit-as-a-Service digital platform; Unicorn limited; Flutterwave; OPay; Fintrack limited; Inksledger financial system, to mention but few”.

He said that Nigeria’s National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy (NDEPS) is supposed to enable Nigeria to take advantage of digital technologies in order to become a leading player in the global digital economy.

ENAIRA: NCS ACCUSES CBN OF VIOLATING EXECUTIVE ORDERS ON LOCAL CONTENT

Few days to the proposed launch of Nigeria's digital currency, eNaira project by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) has condemned the choice of Caribbean's Bitt Inc., as Technical Partner for the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) over indigenous financial technology (Fintech) companies, as violating existing orders on local content policy.

Specifically, the NCS alleged that the CBN deliberately ignored Executive Order 003 that mandates all MDAs to provide 'Support for Local Content in Public Procurement by the Federal Government' and Executive Order 005 in respect of "Planning & Execution of Projects, Promotion of Nigerian Content in Contracts and Science, Engineering and Technology Declaration Scheme."

On 30 August 2021 the CBN announced the appointment of Bitt Inc as technical partner for the eNaira Project. Bitt Inc is a provider of Blockchain based payments platform based in Barbados (founded in 2013). The CBN has since announced plans to acquire a majority stake in Bitts which is expected to be locally incorporated under Nigeria laws.

But the NCS, the umbrella body for IT

professionals, over the weekend, joined a legion of other stakeholders to express worries that the country has missed a major opportunity to drive the vast opportunities in CBDC by leveraging local skills.

"Presidential Executive Order 003 of 2017 clearly states that "All Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the FGN shall grant preference to local manufacturers of goods and services providers in their procurement of goods and services; Any document issued by any MDA of the FGN for the solicitation of offers, bids, proposals or quotations for the supply of provision of goods and services (Solicitation Document), in accordance with the above , shall expressly indicate the preference to be granted to domestic manufacturers, contractors and service providers and the information required to establish the eligibility of a bid for such preference", said president of the NCS, Professor Adesina Sodiya in an official release signed by Iyiola Ayoola, the society's executive secretary.

"These Orders were violated and their contents flagrantly jettisoned overboard," a piqued Sodiya stated.

AUSTIN OKERE HINTS ON 5 TRANSFORMATIONAL KEYS FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

Austin Okere, founder of CWG Plc and the Ausso Leadership Academy, has disclosed five transformational keys for business growth which he said include vision, team, time, resources and resolve. Okere explained that entrepreneurs are incurable optimists and that optimism enables adventure and calculates risk-taking, adding that every business goes through seven stages, the first stage is the startup.

The founder of CWG made this known on Tuesday, September 21, at an Information technology business forum, titled: 'Enhancing the Technical and Entrepreneurship Capabilities of Information Technology Companies and Startups'. organised by Nigeria Computer Society (NCS).

Okere, however, expatiated on the five transformational keys for business growth:

1. Vision: It is critical and a direction, anyway is a right way. It is about a concise statement of aspiration. Once it is made clear, everybody understands and connects with it.

2. Team: This is one of the things that would make us grow or stock in our entrepreneur dream because together we achieve more. They say if you want go

slow, go alone, if you want to go fast go together.

In terms of who makes the team, it is about someone who has sound basic reasoning and strategy. You don't treat people like machines, you treat people with ownership mindset. So, these are the things you look about in forming a team.

3. Time: This is of the essence and there is time for everything. It is for you to make sure that you are growing that business.

A lot of people talk about VUCA, volatility, uncertainty, supposing instead of volatility you have a vision and that is what Amazon did. It saw the vision that people would be shopping from home.

ALSO READ CelebratingYou2018: Stars light up TD's glamorous year-end party
Understanding is Uber saw, it saw that people would want cars from home, they would not to walk on the street with their luggage.

And instead of complexity, we have clarity and that is what MV&V saw and the last thing is instead of agility, we have the ability and this is what zoom saw.

The good thing about time is where are we, when you know you are now, you then look at the strategy that would get

you where you want to be.

4. Resources: The fourth important thing is resources. These are very important because they must match the project. When we give the target of where we want our company to be, let's make sure that we have the resources that would make us there

5. Resolve: This is what made the discovery of the light bulb Thomas Edison a great inventor because he did not give up. So, resources are about not giving up, just keep going.

He added: Every business goes through seven stages, the first stage is the startup, everyone is excited, and then suddenly there is anxiety. Things didn't go as planned and that is the first brick wall and unfortunately it's only 20% of businesses that escape through it and go into a period of growth.

This is a good time when businesses buy good cars, business plans, there is a big pay out, then frustration sets in because money is not coming as expected.

When the business hits the second brick wall, it's more difficult than the first one. Then, there are questions to answer like I am an IT company, how many people come to the company or am I rendering services over the cloud.

Then personality comes in, a lot of

businesses start adding agenda like the sales of IT equipment later include the sales of fertilizer, and look into oil and gas and you will see that the business is unhealthy and unconnected.

So, functionality is that you have to know what is that thing that has a strong composition and focus on that. Capability means bringing skills, technology and this is where you see companies come together and merge.

Succession is not about leaving your business, it is not supposed to be one person that has the book of the company and if anything happens to him, the business is lost. If you do all things, you will escape the second brick wall and out of the 20% that would pass this stage, 5% would go into an advanced growth.

The circle repeats itself. Don't think that it's only startups that just begin to start a business. For a business to discover itself, there must be a set of transformations and many businesses have transformed since the COVID-19 happened.

LAGOS STATE TRAINS 299 YOUTHS

A training programmes geared towards impacting the capacity of the youths towards economic development of the state, and equipping them for the future, was organized by the Lagos state government, The graduation ceremony of the training on soft employability

skills on technology construction and installation through the ministry of wealth creation and employment

was held at the Luxurious Event Center Ikeja Lagos State, on Sept. 15, 2021. The commissioner for wealth creation and employment Mrs. Yetunde Arobieke said that 'the programmes was a demonstration of the State government commitment to build youth capacity. She appreciated the

international Institute of Technology Application Georgia, USA, for the training the youths on Solar Board Technology, and commended the effort of the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) for equipping participants with the skills set. The Occasion was

graced by the permanent secretary, Mrs. Kafayat Adetokunbo Olanrewaju Ajenifuja, Hon. Jude Dimogu,



Chairman House Committee on wealth creation and equipment, Prof. Adesina Sodiya, President, Nigeria Computer Society, Sir. Ademola Aladekomo, FNCS, Tokunbo Onabanjo, FNCS, Mrs. Omolade Adeniyi, CEO wave academy, and well-wishers of the graduands

NACOS TO PROMOTE LOCAL CONTENT IN TECHNOLOGY

Nigeria Association of Computing Students (NACOS) has reiterated its plans to promote local content in Information Technology (IT) by showcasing students who are bring solutions in the tech ecosystem.

This was disclosed at a media parley on the upcoming Annual innovation and Software Summit, themed, Technological Renaissance for Innovation and Productivity, (TRIP2021).

National President, NACOS, Olamilekan Abolade, said "The summit will ensure local content promotions. The National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy 2020 to 2030 calls for indigenous and local contents promotions. We are at a time that we should start patronising our local content solutions and use the opportunity to bring on board students doing



great things in the eco system."

He noted that the conference and exhibition would focus on bringing students from all IT related fields to develop, empower them with global IT knowledge and the specific tool for Increasing and facilitating skilled capacity to achieve self reliance. The hybrid summit would commence on the 1st October with a hackathon competition and hybrid conference from 12 to 14 October 2021 at Nile University, Abuja.

According to Abolade, one major highlight of the program is the Hackathon Competition, titled 'FSI/NACOS Innovation challenge', which aims to bridge the gap between the IT student community and the industry.

On the competition he said, "This is a life changing opportunity for every member of NACOS to showcase their talents and innovation and hopefully by the end of the summit, the next Paystack, Flutterwave and Unicorn would be from us. It is also an opportunity for students to create an innovation to solve real life problems in all sectors of the economy."

The competition is in partnership with the Financial Services Innovators (FSI). FSI is a platform that encourages financial technology and inclusion, promoted by the founder of flutterwave,

"The partnership intends to

execute an objective of the association, which is to create an avenue for students to showcase their innovations that includes products, solutions and other things they have worked on," Abolade added.

National Secretary, NACOS, Oyinkansola Olabode, noted that the winner of the competition would be given N2.5 million. He added that the registration for the competition ends on 1st of October, after which teams would submit their ideas with the first shortlist on 7th and final selection on 14th of October.

COURTESY VISIT TO GREG & CO. BY NCS BENUE STATE CHAPTER

The Benue State Executive Committee (SEC) of Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) led by its Chairman, Dr. Simon Yange paid courtesy visit to Greg & Co. ICT Hub at its head office today. The visit was indeed one to chart ways forward in the promotion and development of Information Technology (IT) profession in Nigeria, particularly Benue State. The visit which was meant to establish a cordial corporate relationship between NCS as an IT professional body and the ICT



hub which is a corporate member of the Society. The visit received a very warm reception by the management of the organization.

In an opening statement by Dr. Simon Yange, he briefed the organisation's management on the main goals of NCS as a professional body, and detailed the essence of the visit. He

further admonished that the organization should encourage its staff to also register with NCS like the organization itself and one of the staff, Dr. John Obeya had already done.

The Chairman also pledged NCS's readiness to collaborate with the organization in every respect possible. Having described the IT profession as

the new oil well in Nigeria and one that does not support idleness and haziness, he further preached platforms for engagement and empowerment of students and

other Benue youths.

The General Manager (GM) of the organization, Mr. Michael Jijingi, expressed joy over the Society's consideration and decision to pay the IT firm such a corporate visit. He also showed displeasure over the attitude of the young people towards learning, especially, in the ubiquitous IT

profession. However, "we are here to stay, and with your encouragement and partnership, we are sure we shall excel", the GM stated.

In a supportive comment, the Secretary, NCS Benue State chapter, Mr. David Yaakugh spoke on collaborations in the area of free IT trainings and workshops which would yield positively on the economic status of the State, among other things. Other SEC members on the visit train were the NCS Benue State Treasurer, Dooshima Gbor and Acting Publicity Secretary, Nathaniel Eru.

The visit ended with a tour of the different departments of the hub led by the IT Unit Head. Some of the facilities inspected included the international examination halls, a 288 capacity Computer Based Test (CBT) centre well equipped, training classrooms, among others.

Excerpts.

Amb. Prince Nathaniel Eru

Acting Publicity Secretary/Editor, NCS Benue e-Voice





BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY (NCS)

...Umbrella Organisation for all IT Professionals & Stakeholders in Nigeria

OUR MISSION

Advancement and Promotion of Computing/Information Technology Education and Practice for the benefit of all.

Join The umbrella body of all IT practitioners,
NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY (NCS)

- Career and capacity development
- Contribution to national IT development
- Scholarship opportunities
- Network with IT experts
- Promotion of sound, modern and continuous IT Education
- Mentorship
- International collaboration and partnerships
- Internships
- Supports for startups and young innovators
- Research and innovation funding
- Professional recognitions
- Exhibition of products and services of members
- Local content development
- And many more

To register, visit www.ncs-portal.org.ng
For further information, visit www.ncs.org.ng

Come, Let us promote IT together in Nigeria.

NCS National Secretariat

ADDRESS: Plot 10 Otunba Jobi Fele Way, Alausa, Ikeja,
Lagos State



For More Enquiries:

Visit: www.ncs.org.ng or Email: ncs@ncs.org.ng
or Call 08097744600, 09038353783

**FOR SUBMISSIONS OF
ARTICLE OR EVENT
KINDLY CONTACT**

EMAIL:

e-voice@ncs.org.ng



**FOR ADVERT
PLACEMENT
CONTACT:**

**0806 136 4681,
0803 779 1078.**



STAY SAFE: PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU

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:

- 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
- 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
- Ensuring you always take advice from healthcare professionals
- 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!!!

Executive Secretary
NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY (NCS)
www.ncs.org.ng

<p>STAY AT HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL</p>	
<p>WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARLY</p>	
<p>COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES WITH FACE MASK OR DISPOSABLE PAPER TISSUES</p>	
<p>STAY 1.5 METRES AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE COUGHING OR SNEEZING</p>	
<p>AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE, NOSE AND MOUTH WITH UNCLEAR HANDS</p>	

UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

Q2: ICT SECTOR RECORDS 17.9% CONTRIBUTION TO GDP

The Honourable Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Isa Pantami, has expressed delight over the contribution of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector to Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the second quarter of 2021 (Q2 2021).

According to the report from National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) released today, the ICT sector contributed 17.92 per cent to the total real GDP in Q2 2021 representing a 20.54 per cent higher than its contribution a year earlier.

"This is the highest contribution of ICT to the GDP and is truly unprecedented", the Minister stated in a statement to Daily Sun.

The NBS report showed "Nigeria's GDP grew by 5.01%(year-on-year) in real terms in the second quarter of 2021, marking three consecutive quarters of growth following the negative growth rates recorded in the second and third quarters of 2020."

The negative growth was triggered by



COVID-19, not only in Nigeria but also globally. Even within that period, the ICT sector in Nigeria continued to experience positive growth.

The oil sector contributed 7.42 per cent to total real GDP in Q2 2021, down from figures recorded in the preceding quarter, where it contributed 9.25 per cent.

The non-oil sector grew by 6.74 per cent and contributed 92.58 percent to the GDP.

Pantami noted that the growing contribution of the ICT sector to the GDP is as a result of the commitment of the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, to the development of the digital economy.

"The 16 National Policies developed by the Ministry, the 1,667 projects and

programmes, the large scale digital skills and general capacity building efforts, stakeholder engagement and creation of an enabling environment have all played an important role in this achievement.”

The unprecedented contribution of ICT to Nigeria’s GDP can also be attributed to the dynamic and results-oriented leadership of the sector, which has been acknowledged and appreciated by a wide spectrum of the stakeholders in the sector, both locally and internationally.

For example, Mr Houlin Zhao, the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) commended the Minister for Nigeria’s “accelerated digital transformation”. Similarly, the Chairman of the United States-Nigeria Council (USNC) also

commended him for the “commitment to diversifying Nigeria’s great economy through digital technology and innovation.”

The GDP Report has shown how critical the ICT sector is to the growth of our country’s digital economy and, by extension, the general economy. The Minister renewed his call to all sectors to take advantage of the Federal Government’s new focus on the digital economy to enable and improve their processes through the use of ICTs.

This would enhance the output of all the sectors of the economy and boost Nigeria’s GDP.



www.ncs.org.ng

PANTAMI

HACKATHON FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY

Organised by
Nigeria Computer Society

WATCH OUT!



PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP UPGRADE APPLICATION

REQUIREMENTS

Application for Upgrade to **PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP** of the **Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)** is hereby open to all interested and qualified Professional Members

The Grade of Fellow is the highest of the profession and it is granted to any interested Member who can prove his/her professional activities, justify his/her acceptance as an authority in his/her particular field of computing; has made significant contribution to the growth of the Society; and in addition, fulfilled any of requirements A or B bellow:

Requirements – (A):

- i. Be at least thirty years of age and has not less than ten years relevant professional working experience, at least five of which must have been in position of senior management responsibility.
- ii. Has professional activities and achievements justified and accepted as an authority in the profession.
- iii. Be considered by the Society to be fit and proper person to be so recognized.
- iv. Holds a certificate of an examination or examinations recognized by the society for the membership grade.
- v. Has his/her application sponsored by two Fellows in writing and in such manner as the Society may, from time to time prescribe.
- vi. Applicant for Fellowship grade must have been a Member for at least 10 (ten) years, of which at least 2 (two) years out of 3(three)

years (preceding the date of application), of regular attendance/participation in the activities of the Society can be verified.

- vii. Must have been registered by CPN for at least 3 years

Requirements – (B):

- i. First degree (HND or B.Sc.) in Computer Science/Information Technology/any related discipline OR Computer Professional Examination (CPE Stage II)
- ii. Practicing IT for a minimum of 20 years
- iii. Must have registered with NCS and CPN or concurrently registering with the Fellowship application.
- iv. Must pay special admission fee to be determined by the Council.
- v. Must also fulfil ii, iii, v in Requirements – (A) above

Visit www.ncs.org.ng to Apply | | Application Fee: N20,000.00

Submission Deadline: September 30th, 2021

For further enquiries, please contact:

National Secretariat: Plot 10, Otunba Jobi Fele Way, Behind MKO Abiola Gardens, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos
Tel: +234(0)8097744600, 09038353783 | E-mail: ncs@ncs.org.ng

Mrs. Tomiwa Olagunju, Head, Membership Department
Tel: 08033517893 | E-mail: tomiwa@ncs.org.ng



FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Application for Upgrade to **PROFESSIONAL FELLOW** of the **Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)** is hereby open to all interested and qualified Professional Members.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The Grade of Fellow is the highest of the Profession and it is granted only to a Member who can prove his/her professional activities, justify his/her acceptance as an authority in his/her particular field of computing; has made significant contribution to the growth of the Society; and has in addition fulfilled the following requirements (A or B):

Requirements - A:

- i) Be at least thirty years of age and has not less than ten years relevant professional working experience, at least five of which must have been in position of senior management responsibility.
- ii) Has professional activities and achievements justified and accepted as an authority in the profession.
- iii) Be considered by the Society to be fit and proper person to be so recognized.
- vi) Holds a certificate of an examination or examinations recognized by the society for the membership grade.
- v) Has his/her application sponsored by two Fellows in writing and in such manner as the Society may, from time to time prescribe.
- vi) Applicant for Fellowship grade must have been a Member for at least 10 (ten) years, of which at least 2 (two) years out of 3(three) years (preceding the date of application), of regular attendance/participation in the activities of the Society can be verified.
- vii) Must have been registered by CPN for at least 3 years

Requirements - B:

- I. First degree(HND or B.Sc.) in Computer Science/Information Technology or any related discipline;
- Or**
- ii. Practicing IT for a minimum of 20 years
 - iii. Must have registered with NCS and CPN or concurrently registering with the Fellowship application.
 - iv. Must pay special admission fee to be determined by the Council.
 - v. Must also fulfil ii, iii, v in requirement A above

To Apply, Visit www.ncs.org.ng | Application Fee: N20,000.00

Enquiries

The National Secretariat: Plot 10, Otunba Jobi Fele Way, Behind MKO Abiola Gardens, Central Business District, Alausa, Ikeja – Lagos

Tel: +234(0)8097744600, 09038353783 | E-mail: ncs@ncs.org.ng

Tomiwa on +234(0)8033517893; tomiwa@ncs.org.ng



NITMA

NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MERIT AWARDS

Ministry of Communications
and Digital Transformation
Infrastructure & Governance

EXCELLENCE & COMMITMENT



MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos



November 18, 2021



5.00PM Prompt



Nigeria Association of Computing Students
(NACOS National)

P R E S E N T S

ANNUAL NATIONAL INNOVATION AND SOFTWARE SUMMIT

TRIP 2021

Register at summit.nacos.org.ng



Theme: Technology Renaissance for Innovation and Productivity TRIP 2021

Event Highlights

- Keynote Speech
- Panel Discussion
- Paper Presentation
- Innovation Exhibition
- Software and Programming

 12th-14th
Oct. 2021.

 Nile University,
Abuja.

 : @nacosnational

AVAILABLE TICKETS

Home NACOSites	Visiting NACOSites	Non-NACOSites
N4,000	N5,500	N5,000
Regular Seating NACOS Badge Community Access	Regular Seating NACOS Badge Community Access Accommodation	Regular Seating Corporate Badge Community Access

For more Details, sponsorship or partnership contact president@nacos.org.ng 08092461400 | 0809 5441786 | 08106027480





www.ncs.org.ng

e-Health Forum & Workshop

Theme: Enabling Smart Health Care System in Nigeria

December 14-16, 2021 📍 Sheraton Hotel, Lagos

INTRODUCTION

eHealth is typically about driving health care delivery using modern technologies. All over the world, there have been a paradigm shift in medical services such as record management, consultation, diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, etc. because of the advancement in Information Technology.

Nations all over the world continue to leverage on information for effective and qualitative health care delivery. In Nigeria, we must also show more commitment to the adoption information technologies in health care services. In the effective realization of sustainable development goal of universal health coverage by 2030, we must utterly embrace digital technologies in the management, administration and delivery of health care services.

Health care institutions across the globe have continued to apply emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics, blockchain, virtual reality (and augmented reality, big data analytics and robust network such as Internet of things, software defined network, edge computing and multi-cloud technology. Advanced nations in the world are now embarking on full implementation of eHealth systems at different levels but the rate of adoption of technologies in Nigeria health system is still low. The advent of Covid-19 has also made the dependent on information technology in medical services imperative. It is now very obvious that running health care institution requires highly modern technical skills in the application of Information Technology in health care practices.

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), the umbrella body for all IT practitioners and interest groups, has a core mandate of developing and promoting IT in Nigeria. In over four decades of existence, NCS remains committed to promoting rapid national growth by providing necessary technical and professional supports in all sectors of the economy. The eHealth Forum and Workshop were carefully conceived by NCS to assist health institutions in the design, implementation and deployment of dependable and robust smart eHealth systems. Participants will be exposed to the innovative and smart health delivery tools and systems.

The Society will continue to support and promote technological advancement and Information Technology initiatives for sustainable development of the nation.

FORUM
Date: Tue., 14th Dec., 2021
Venue: Lagos
Time: 9am - 4pm
Fee: Free

WORKSHOP
Date: Wed. 15th - Thur. 16th 2021
Venue: Lagos
Time: 9am - 4pm daily
Fees: Member - (60,000), Student -(30,000), Non-Member - (80,000)
(10% discount for payment made on or before 20th Nov. 2021)

Specific areas of focus at the workshop are:-

- General eHealth Practices
- Security and Privacy in eHealth systems
- Electronic Health Management System
- Decision support systems
- Hospital management system
- Artificial Intelligence / Machine learning in health care
- Telemedicine
- Smart health care management systems
- Intelligent Hospital management system
- Business intelligence in healthcare
- Big data in healthcare
- Remote patient monitoring systems and tools etc.

For Registration, visit www.ncs.org.ng/ehealth

Contact us:

For Sponsorship, Partnership and Advertisement
Interested in Resource Persons and Speakers

Taiwo: 08098647348
Ijeoma: 08037213920

taiwo@ncs.org.ng
ijeoma@ncs.org.ng



A Monthly Publication of



NCS National Secretariat (Head Quarters):

**Plot 10, Otunba Jobi Fele Way, Behind MKO Abiola
Garden**

Alausa, Ikeja - Lagos, Nigeria

E-mail: ncs@ncs.org.ng

Telephone: +234 (0)8097744600, 09038353783

Abuja Office:

**Plot 1321, Aderemi Adesoji Street, Cadastral Zone
B1, by Hot FM, Gudu District, Abuja**

Telephone: 09-2907287, 234-(0)703-302-0271

**FOR SUBMISSIONS OF ARTICLE
OR EVENT**

KINDLY CONTACT EMAIL:

e-voice@ncs.org.ng