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EXPLORING THE POTENTIALS OF AI AND ROBOTICS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE: A REVIEW OF THE PLATEAU STATE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMIT

The 3-day Artificial Intelligence Summit, held at Crispan Hotel in Rayfield, Jos, Plateau State, from the 21st to the 23rd of March 2023, was a highly anticipated event for stakeholders in the technology industry. The summit was organized by Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), in collaboration with the Plateau State government, with the aim of exploring the potentials of AI and robotics for good governance and national development.

The event brought together big tech companies, startups, investors, and relevant organizations from within and outside Nigeria to network and discuss the latest trends in AI and robotics. The summit provided an excellent opportunity for participants to gain

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insights into how these technologies can be leveraged to enhance service delivery, improve productivity, and create new job opportunities.

Throughout the 3-day event, various sessions were held, including keynote speeches, panel discussions, and breakout sessions, which explored topics such as machine learning, natural language processing, robotics, data analytics, and the ethical considerations surrounding AI. Participants were also able to attend training sessions on the use of AI and robotics in different sectors of the economy, such as healthcare, education, agriculture, and finance.

Overall, the Artificial Intelligence Summit was a huge success, and it demonstrated the commitment of the Plateau State government and the NCS to promoting the adoption of cutting-edge technologies for sustainable development. The summit provided an excellent platform for knowledge-sharing and collaboration among stakeholders in the technology industry, and it is hoped that the insights gained from the event will help to shape the future of AI and robotics in Nigeria and beyond.

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NCS PLANS TO PUT BAUCHI ON THE GLOBAL TECH MAP WITH THE UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023.

The President of the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), Professor Adesina Simon Sodiya, FNCS, recently led his team on a visit to Bauchi State to prepare for an upcoming International Conference in 2023. The conference is expected to attract top tech professionals and enthusiasts from across the globe.

During the visit, President Sodiya met with top government officials, including the Chairman of the Bauchi State Board of Internal Revenue, the State First Lady, the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), and the State Accountant General, to solicit their support for the conference. Discussions centered on the importance of the conference and the potential benefits it could bring to Bauchi State and Nigeria as a whole.

President Sodiya and his team also visited the renowned Professor Iya Abubakar Community Resource Centre to explore potential collaborations and partnerships with the center, which has been at the forefront of technology-related initiatives in the state.

Prior to the visit, the NCS President held a pre-meeting at the just concluded Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Summit (AIRS2023) where he discussed the importance of

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hosting a successful conference in Bauchi State and solicited support from stakeholders. The meeting also provided an opportunity to explore potential collaborations and partnerships to make the conference a success.

Accompanying President Sodiya on the visit were Deputy President Dr. M.S. Aliyu, FNCS, Provost of NCS College of Fellows Mr. Ibrahim Tizhe, FNCS, Chairman Conference Committee Mr. A.R. Abitogun, FNCS, Chairman Credentials Prof. Awodele Oludele, FNCS, Chairman Publicity Mrs. Margaret John-David, FNCS,

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The NCS President

pre-meeting at AIRS 2023 and subsequent visit to Bauchi State demonstrate the society & commitment to putting Bauchi State on the global tech map and promoting technology development in Nigeria. The society efforts towards hosting a successful conference in the state are expected to attract global attention and boost the state & economy.

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UNICCON GROUP'S SMARTAFRI LABS: THE KEY TO UNLOCKING FINANCIAL GROWTH IN NIGERIA

Uniccon Group, the technology company that recently made history with the launch of the first African humanoid robot, OMEIFE, has launched another groundbreaking product. SmartAfri. Labs is a new blockchain-based solution that will enable Nigerians to achieve financial growth.

At the launch event, which was held in Lagos, Nigeria, the President of the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), Professor Adesina Simon Sodiya, FNCS, was in attendance. Representing the president was the NCS Zonal Coordinator, Mr. Bayo Muhammed Onimode, as well as the NITMA Queen, Hajiya Hauwa Abubakar Yahaya, FNCS, and the liaison officer, Mr. Sunday Songo.

SmartAfri Labs has been developed to enable Nigerians to apply blockchain technologies for financial growth. With this solution, users can access a range of financial services, including banking, insurance, and investment opportunities. The product is now available for Nigerians to explore, and you can find out more by visiting www.smartafrilabs.com or by following the product social media account @smartafrilabs.

This is an exciting development for Uniccon Group and for the wider Nigerian technology sector, and we look forward to seeing the impact that SmartAfri Labs will have on financial inclusion in Nigeria.

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Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) and Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineers (IEEE) are collaborating to empower Africans in the IT, Telecommunications, and Electronics Industries.

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We have secured several online courses on technical topics created and peer-reviewed by technical experts for IEEE, the world's largest technical professional association for engineers and technical professionals. To provide more information about the platform

and answer any questions you may have, we are organizing an interactive online meeting. During the session, we will provide an overview of the platform, discuss the available courses, and provide tips on how to get the most out of your learning experience. We will share the meeting details with you shortly.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and learn from the experts. Join us and take advantage of this unique opportunity to shape the future of the IT industry.

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NCS STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT TO CYBERSECURITY WITH REPRESENTATION AT CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) President, Professor Adesina Simon Sodiya, FNCS, was recently represented by a Fellow of the society, AVM(Rtd) Victor Udoh, FNCS, at the opening session of a two-day Cybersecurity Stakeholders Capacity Building Workshop in Abuja. The workshop, hosted by the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy in partnership with the World Bank, aims to enhance the capacity of stakeholders in the cybersecurity sector.

Other NCS representatives at the workshop were Mr. Peter Effiom, Abuja Chapter Director of Events and Mobilisation, Mr. Yakubu Daiman Chibok, MNCS, MD/CEO of Cyforce Technologies, and Mr. Sunday Songo, Head Abuja office. The Honourable Minister of Communications and

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Digital Economy, Professor Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami),

FNCS, delivered a keynote address and declared the workshop open. The event was an opportunity for stakeholders in the cybersecurity sector to exchange ideas, share knowledge, and explore opportunities for collaboration and partnership towards improving Nigeria cybersecurity landscape.

The NCS President representation at the workshop underscores the society commitment to promoting the development of cybersecurity in Nigeria. The society believes that building the capacity of stakeholders in the cybersecurity sector is critical to safeguarding Nigeria cyberspace and protecting its citizens against cyber threats.

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NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY ENGAGES GOVERNMENT ON AI AND ROBOTICS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) recently held its second annual Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Summit, with the theme "AI and Robotics for National Development". The summit aimed to create awareness and develop capacity in the area of AI and robotics in Nigeria, with the goal of ultimately repositioning the country's major social and economic sectors, including health, education, and manufacturing.

According to NCS President, Professor Adesina Simon Sodiya, only about 3% of IT professionals in Nigeria are in the area of AI and robotics, indicating a need to create programs and relevant activities that would generate interest and awareness. The summit was an opportunity to engage government on how to use AI and robotics to drive good governance and enhance economic function, as well as to expose participants to emerging technologies in the industry.

The summit has already had some success stories, with participants from the previous year's event collaborating with AI experts outside Nigeria to build solutions for the country. The NCS is also looking to propose a BSc degree in AI and robotics to the National Universities Commission, as well as launch the Tech Kid Program at the state level to develop the skills of young boys in AI and robotics.

Additionally, the NCS is working with the Nassarawa State Government to build an AI and robotics center, and has partnered with the National Information Development Agency (NITDA) to train more young people in the area of AI and robotics. The NCS is also

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looking forward to the deployment of AI in Nigeria's health, agricultural, and sports sectors, among others.

However, the NCS faces the challenge of securing more funds to support these initiatives. Despite receiving grants and fellowship opportunities, the organization seeks more support to scale the efforts of young people already working on AI solution-based ideas.

The NCS's commitment to AI and robotics demonstrates its belief in the potential of these technologies to drive national development and transform Nigeria's economy. With continued support and investment, the NCS is well-positioned to make significant progress in this area and create a more prosperous future for all Nigerians.

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