

RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMUNIQUÉ

A National Forum on the Internet Governance (NIGF 2012) was jointly organized by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), and Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA), in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Communication Technology. The event was held on the 25th of September, 2012 at the NICON Luxury International Hotel, Abuja,

It was a one-day preparatory dialogue seeking various stakeholders' contributions towards the country's participation at the forthcoming Global Internet Governance Forum 2012 taking place at Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 6 to 9 November 2012.

The Forum was the products of inter-agencies and multi-stakeholders renewed efforts on promoting domestic input into internet governance issues and related matters at regional and global levels. At the end of the forum, various views and contributions were harmonized culminating into the following recommendations:

1. The Federal Government should sustainably promote and encourage the development of annual Internet Governance Policy Dialogue through multi-stakeholders engagement framework, thus supporting the Multi-stakeholder model in Internet Governance in Nigeria.
2. The country should take a proactive and harmonized position at the African and global Internet Governance Issues and matters connected therewith .
3. The country should raise her concerns about the discrimination and profiling of its IP and e-commerce transactions at the African and Global IGF fora and demand for the reversal of such attitudes towards the country by global internet users.
4. There should be more intra-agencies participation, cooperation and collaboration with stakeholders on Nigeria Internet Governance Forum.

5. More cross sections of stakeholders should be sensitized on the need to support internet governance forum. They should take interest in what ICANN does and benefit from the evolving new gTLD, including what other partnership institutions in Internet Governance do, i.e. ISOC, AFRINIC, IETF, etc.
6. Stakeholders should be trained on general awareness on internet infrastructure and resource to promote better understanding of internet and its benefits.
7. There should be support for passage of enabling law on declaration of ICT infrastructure as Critical Infrastructure.
8. There should be continuous engagement of stakeholders on internet governance discussions through a sustainable mechanism.
9. National Internet Governance Dialogue and Stakeholders Management Structure should be put into place to drive the annual preparatory dialogue process using multi-stakeholder management model and to serve as strategic think-tank to the federal government on the internet policy matters.
10. Federal government should work with all relevant stakeholders, including the law makers to fast track the passage of the current Cybercrime bill into law.
11. Nigeria Internet community should keep abreast of the critical internet resources and the emerging issues in the global domain name management.
12. Nigerians should participate effectively at global events and canvas for support of the efforts by the Government towards good internet governance.
13. Stakeholders should support government effort aimed at making internet access available to everyone while supporting government position at the global IGF.

14. There is a general consensus for the creation of IGF fund to sponsor domestic stakeholders to represent the country at African and Global IGF events and to hold such representatives accountable for the outcome and new perception of the peoples of Nigeria by the generality of the world actors in the internet ecosystem.
15. All internet stakeholders in the country should be responsive to their responsibilities on the safety and security of Nigeria internet space as well as to protect the freedom of Information Act.
16. The Federal government should be more responsive and visible in the global internet policy issues undertakings, and facilitate investment benefit for the country.
17. The country should seek the hosting of the Africa Internet Governance in the next one year, while the country should further seek to host Global IGF by the 2014.
18. The stakeholders seek further funding to support the annual NIGF while appreciating the renewed effort on inter-agencies cooperation on financial and technical contributions to the development of Nigeria Internet Governance Forum.