

NITPA PROGRESS & ACTIVITIES REPORT

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I. E-BOARD REPORT

- Our Project focus is on target (legislative, technical, educational, business, outreach, programs, etc).
- Membership growth continues to be strong
- Communication among members have been very productive – Over 1245 email exchanges
- Specific Projects to be discussed by TF Leaders – Summary in Section II.
- Legislative activities include the Cyber crime bill being developed (Owei)
- Outreach programs include:
 - IT summit with NCS (COAN, ITAN, NIG, ISPON, ATCOMM, NSE, NACOSS), September 22-24 2002, Lagos Nigeria (7 members attended)
 - IT Strategic Alliance meeting with Nigeria Science and Tech ministry, September 25-26 2002, Abuja Nigeria (5 members attended)
 - Africa Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) Conference, with S&T Ministry, November 10-15 2002, Abuja Nigeria (1 member attended)
 - CESAC Conference on IT Application to Energy, Nigeria Society of Engineers, December 18-21, Abuja Nigeria (3 members to attend).
 - We now have access to ALL Nigerian press outlets to take our case directly to the people. Over 63 articles written on NITPA over last 3 months alone.
 - Collaboration Discussions with Teachers Without Borders, & AIDS Relief Foundation ; Presidents of both organizations are here with us today – testimony to strength of our discussions and planned collaboration.
 - Possible network-building with other Nigerian and African Diaspora organizations including DDN Network (UN), NIDO, ANPA, etc.

II. NITPA TASK FORCES:

E&R (TF Leader, Abi Bada)

- Curriculum Review
- Faculty Exchange , with NUC
- Research Collaboration
- WSIS 2003
- Virtual Library
- Community Learning Centers Collaborations (with TWB, NUC)
- Training the trainers

Application (TF Leader, Dickson Ozokwelu)

- Application of IT in the energy sector (2 NITPA members are attending a conference in Abuja, Nigeria in Dec 2002)
- Collaboration with Aids Relief Foundation (ARF)
- Bio-technology initiatives with Ministry of Science & Technology
- e-government and other application of IT (i.e. to health, agriculture etc)

Telecom & Networks (TF Leaders, Frank Nduka/Ohiri Udoma)

- ITU initiatives, NCC
- ICT Institute in Nigeria; NITPA to collaborate with NCC
- Telco meeting in Abuja in January 2003 – 3 NITPA members to attend and contribute

Consulting and Management (TF Leader, Vesper Owei)

- B2B initiatives; Collaboration with COAN and other outfits in Nigeria.
- Submission of business proposals to government and private sectors
- Creation of e-Network tools (in collaboration with development task force)

IT Development (TF Leader, Uche Onwudiwe)

- Nigeria Skillsbank
- Nigeria IT portal development
- Nigerian domain name registration (.ng issues)
- Developing transaction tools in collaboration with Consulting and Management TF (through NITPA website)

III. Concluding Remarks

- ❑ We are making progress as we celebrate our 1 year anniversary today
- ❑ But more remain to be done including EXECUTION, ACTION and RESULTS.
- ❑ An IT Advisory Board with 21 members representing ALL stakeholders is being discussed.
- ❑ We need to identify 2 or 3 “low-hanging fruits”, execute them, and build on them.
- ❑ This will involve same sacrifice in time, energy, resources and sweat equity investment.
- ❑ Series of activities are planned for next year including 3 or 4 missions, summits, conferences, and on-the-ground projects.
- ❑ We must stay engaged.