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The DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, **co-chaired the US-Nigeria Binational Commission (BNC) plenary on Digital Economy and Emerging Technologies** with US Deputy Secretary of State, Kurt Campbell.

The session, attended by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yusuf Tuggar, CEOs, government officials, and private sector representatives, focused on fostering research, private partnerships, and a Joint Plan of Action for digital transformation in Nigeria.

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The Director-General of NITDA, was represented by Dr. Ahmed Tambuwal, Head of Digital Literacy Division, at the official unveiling of **AI learning content in Hausa**, held in Kaduna State.

This collaboration between Google, Kaduna State Government, NITDA, and Data Science Nigeria produced 40 AI videos in Hausa. The initiative aims to overcome language barriers and enhance accessibility to tech skills, promoting inclusivity in education and ensuring no community is left behind in the rapidly evolving tech-driven world.

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The DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, received in audience the **Honourable Minister of State for Youth Development, Mr. Ayo Wisdom**, at the Agency's Headquarters. They met to discuss strategies for equipping Nigerian youth with digital skills, enabling them to succeed in the global digital landscape.

The aim is to bridge the international technology talent gap and provide opportunities for young people to secure employment both on-site and remotely through the National Youth Service Programme, in accordance with the Renewed Hope Agenda, which prioritises empowering Nigerian youth and driving growth in the digital economy.

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To further promote online safety in the use of digital technologies in Nigeria, the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, welcomed a team from TikTok, led by the Head of **Government Regulation and Public Policy for West Africa, Tokunbo Ibrahim**, on a courtesy visit to the Corporate Headquarters in Abuja. They discussed areas of collaboration in digital literacy and digital safety, with the aim of creating a safer cyber space and empowering online environment for Nigerian users.

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NITDA AND CISCO SIGN MOU ON COUNTRY DIGITAL ACCELERATION (CDA)

NITDA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cisco to advance Nigeria's digital transformation. **Cisco's Country Digital Acceleration (CDA) Programme** is a global initiative that partners with government and private sector leaders to develop sustainable, secure, and inclusive communities powered by ethical and innovative technology solutions.

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The DG of NITDA, was honoured by the Nigeria Bar Association NBA during its 2024 LAW WEEK, which took place in Kano.

Represented by Barrister Abdullahi Aliyu, Inuwa discussed **"The Role of Technology and The Impact of Digital Economy in Modern Day Legal Practice,"** emphasising its importance in addressing societal challenges.

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The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) today, socialised its draft **Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan 2024-2027 (SRAP 2.0)** with media stakeholders to strengthen its bonds with the fourth estate of the realm beyond headlines.

During the parley, the DG-NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, presented the agency's draft SRAP 2.0, a visionary plan that aspires to position Nigeria as a digitally empowered nation. This plan holds immense potential, and its successful implementation could herald a new era of digital empowerment in Nigeria.

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NITDA's DG, Kashifu Inuwa, received the Senior Special Assistants to the President on Community Engagement, Hon. Abdullahi Tanko Yakasai (North West), Moremi Ojudu (South West), and Barr. Chioma Naeze (South East), at the Corporate Headquarters in Abuja. The meeting emphasised the **importance of collaborative efforts in leveraging technology and digital innovation to drive socio-economic growth and development in Nigeria**, particularly at the grassroots level. This gesture reflects the shared dedication in achieving the President's Renewed Hope Agenda for a vibrant digital economy.

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The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) held a 2-day Retreat for Top Management over the weekend themed **"Transforming Nigeria into a Digital Innovation Power House"**, as part of its ongoing pursuit of becoming a high-velocity organisation driving technological innovation in Nigeria. The primary objective of the retreat was to facilitate the creative implementation of NITDA's Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan 2.0, with the goal of digitally empowering Nigeria and promoting inclusive economic growth.

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Nigeria's digital ecosystem witnessed yet another significant milestone as the NITDA spearheaded a Co-creation workshop focused on the reconstitution of the **National Blockchain Policy Steering Committee (NBP-SC)** to validate trends in blockchain technology and include new stakeholders for inclusive adoption and implementation taking place at the Statement Hotel, Abuja.

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The DG NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, who was represented by the ITIS Department Director, Mr Oladejo Olawumi received the **Chief of Army Transformation and Innovation, Major General ZL Abubakar and his team** at the corporate headquarters of the Agency to discuss possible areas of collaboration between the two organisations.

The discourse centered around forming a foundation for the frontier of digital transformation by developing innovative solutions and tools towards enhancing peace and security in the nation.

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In continued efforts at implementing the present administration's priority area of nurturing an innovative and entrepreneurial ecosystem through forged strategic partnerships towards accelerating diversification through industrialisation and digitisation, the DG NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa CCIE recieved a team from JICA at the corporate headquarters of the agency in a meeting to discuss ways of rejuvenating the startup ecosystem in the country.

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At the **2024 RegTech Africa Conference and Awards** in Lagos, Dr Aristotle Onumo, Director, Corporate Planning and Strategy, represented the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, delivered a keynote address titled '**Harnessing Partnerships for Africa's Prosperity: Bridging the Data Trust Gap**'. The speech highlighted NITDA's Strategy Roadmap and Action Plan 2.0, which aims to digitally empower Nigeria through inclusive economic growth and technological innovation, aligning with the President's Renewed Hope Agenda.

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The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, participated in the Renewed Hope Initiative's programme hosted by First Lady, Senator Oluremi Tinubu to honour Nigerian youth who have distinguished themselves in various endeavours.

The programme, themed "**Becoming: Pathway to Success**," served as a platform for Inuwa to delve into his personal journey, offering guidance to aspiring individuals seeking to carve out prosperous careers.

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In a continuous effort to forge strategic partnership and collaboration, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) received delegation from the Nigerian Institute of Training and Development (NITAD), led by its Vice President, Mr. James Bulus, at the Agency's Corporate Headquarters in Abuja.

They were received by Mr Sarafa Lawal, Director of Human Resources and Administration, who represented the DG.

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NIGERIA SET TO HOST THE WORLD'S LARGEST TECH EXPO (GITEX)

In a move set to boost the country's tech sector, the Federal Government, through NITDA, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to host the world's largest technology fair, GITEX, for the first time in 2025. The agreement was signed by the Director General and CEO of the NITDA Kashifu Inuwa, and Trixie LohMirmand, CEO of KAOUN International, the organisers of GITEX.

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The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) has inaugurated and sworn in reappointed members of the **Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU)** in order to promote integrity and transparency in Nigeria's digital transformation

The DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Mr Sarafa Lawal, Director of Human Resource and Administration, emphasised the importance of these values and entrusted the newly appointed members with the responsibility of preventing corruption and ensuring accountability.