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September 7th

In alignment with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's priority area of accelerating diversification through industrialisation, digitisation, creative arts, manufacturing, & innovation, NITDA in collaboration with NYSC, has kickstarted Digital Literacy for All (DL4ALL).

As part of the Agency's efforts to achieve **70% digital literacy for all Nigerians by 2027**, this initiative aims to equip every Nigerian citizen with basic digital skills necessary to thrive in today's technology-driven world.

The programme will enable citizens to access opportunities, contribute to national development, and secure a brighter future.

A key component of DL4ALL is the strategic partnership with the NYSC, which aims to leverage the energy and reach of corps members nationwide.



September 10th

During the National Artificial Intelligence Strategy Stakeholder Engagement, the DG of NITDA, stressed the importance of collaborative efforts in developing and implementing effective AI policies. He noted that in the rapidly evolving AI landscape, nations that lag behind risk being left out, and Nigeria must take proactive steps to make informed decisions. The overarching objective is to engage all relevant stakeholders, foster inclusivity, and harness the potential of AI to drive progress in critical sectors, such as, Agriculture, Healthcare, Education and National Security.



September 10th

At the 2024 Annual Civil-Military Conference, themed "Whole of Society Approach to National Security and Development," the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Dr. Ayo Bakare emphasised the importance of collaboration among government MDAs, the military, private sector, civil society, and academia to strengthen national security and drive socio-economic progress.



September 10th

The Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Dr 'Bosun Tijani, led the government delegation to the 2-day conference on Global Inclusivity and AI: Africa. The event was put together by the United States Diplomatic Mission in Nigeria in partnership with the Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, and NITDA. The Minister described Artificial Intelligence as not another technology trend but “a significant catalyst for a change that the country needs for its digital transformation agenda.”

He noted that AI offers countries like Nigeria the opportunity to leapfrog the challenges of traditional development and unlock new opportunities for growth.





September 11th

On Day 2 of the **Global Inclusivity and AI: Africa conference**, Kashifu Inuwa, Director General of NITDA, delivered a keynote address titled "Partnership to Catalyse Africa in the 4th Industrial Revolution." In his speech, Inuwa stressed the critical importance of developing AI technologies that serve humanity. He emphasised, "We cannot afford to build AI that does not assist humanity."

He further highlighted the transformative power of AI, pointing out its potential to improve human well-being, foster societal advancement, promote environmental sustainability, and drive progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

September 11th

The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, who was represented by Dr Ayo Bakare, delivered a keynote address at the Business Day Blockchain Conference with the theme: Building Africa's Future: Harnessing Blockchain Technology for Economic and Social Transformation.

Inuwa asserted that with blockchain-powered financial systems, Africa can significantly reduce the percentage of its unbanked citizens, individuals can gain access to secure, low-cost digital identities, allowing them to open bank accounts, access credit, and engage in trade.





September 13th

The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf T. Sununu to discuss collaboration towards achieving President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's digital literacy mandate for the country.

During the meeting, Inuwa highlighted the goal of achieving 70% digital literacy in Nigeria by 2027, with NITDA's Digital Literacy for All (DL4ALL) initiative aiming to train 50 million Nigerians.

Dr Sununu expressed the Ministry's commitment to supporting the initiative, emphasising the inclusion of in-service teacher training and utilising teachers in all the 774 LGAs for wider outreach.

The Minister has directed that a Technical Working Group (TWG) should be established immediately, and all relevant MDAs should be co-opted for optimal results.



September 13th

In continuation of the ongoing collaboration between NITDA and JICA, the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, met with the JICA team to receive an update on the progress of the Preparatory Survey and Grant Assistance project aimed at fostering a supportive environment for social startups.

The grant is designed to enhance the startup ecosystem by providing financial support to a dedicated fund that backs local startups working on economic and social development initiatives in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration's priority area of accelerating diversification through industrialisation, digitisation, creative arts, manufacturing and innovation.

Additionally, the project aims to establish an onshore fund management system, further driving innovation to address key social challenges.



September 14th

The Director General, National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Kashifu Inuwa, making his remarks during the official flag-off ceremony of Digital Literacy for All (DL4ALL) initiative in Minna, Niger State.

Inuwa reiterated that, the programme is part of the Agency's efforts to achieve 70% digital literacy for all Nigerians by 2027, equip every Nigerian citizen with basic digital skills necessary to thrive in today's technology-driven world.





September 14th

The unveiling of the Digital Literacy for All (DL4ALL) Initiative Emblem by His Excellency, the Governor of Niger State, Hon. Mohammed Umaru Bago, alongside, Ayodele Olawande, State Minister of Youth Development; Engr Faruk Yusuf Yabo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy; Kashifu Inuwa, Director General of NITDA; and Brigadier General YD Ahmed, Director General of the National Youth Service Corps.





September 17th

The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Director IT Infrastructure Solutions, Mr. Oladejo Olawumi delivered the keynote speech at the Public Sector Strategic Engagement with the theme “Empowering Nigeria's Public Sector: Leveraging Cloud Innovation for Digital Transformation” organised by Cloudplexo in collaboration with Amazon Web Services. The engagement which brought together thought leaders, policymakers, and technology experts to discuss how cloud adoption can revolutionise the public sector.

September 18th

The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) has been honoured with the "Maximising Impact Award" at Coursera's 2024 Outstanding Enterprise Customer Achievement Award Ceremony held during the 12th Coursera annual Conference in Nevada, Las Vegas.

Received by the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, the award recognises organisations that have leveraged Coursera's offerings to create significant, wide-reaching impact.



September 19th

In a strategic effort to empower staff with the essential skills required to efficiently monitor, evaluate, and improve service delivery across various departments, the Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Mr. Oladejo Olawumi, Director of IT Infrastructure Solutions, delivered a keynote address at the Parastatal SERVICOM Committee (PSC) Workshop.

The workshop, which took place at the IT Lab, NITDA Headquarters, was themed "Strengthening Service Delivery," focused on enhancing the agency's ability to meet its objectives through better service delivery mechanisms.



September 20th

On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, served as a panelist titled, “Digital Transformation in Africa: Jumping Ten Years in One,” hosted by the Consulate of Denmark in New York, UNDP, and cBrain. The panel centered around government-led digital transformation initiatives, best practices, importance of private sector partnerships and how digital technologies could enable Africa to leap ahead into the future, with the continent identified as the next frontier for the global workforce.



September 21st

During the Summit of the Future, held at the United Nations Headquarters, the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa took part in an engaging panel discussion focusing on "The Power of the Commons: Digital Public Goods for a More Secure, Inclusive, and Resilient World."

The panel explored the transformative potential of Digital Public Goods (DPGs), universal safeguards for Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), and their relevance in the Global Digital Compact. The discussions also highlighted the significance of DPGs for social and economic development and the crucial role of academia in advancing digital commons.





September 22nd

As part of Nigeria's participation at the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa had a productive bilateral meeting with Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The discussions centered on aligning efforts and exploring strategic areas of collaboration in capacity building, cybersecurity, and digital transformation.

Inuwa shared NITDA's ongoing initiatives in driving Nigeria's digital transformation and developmental regulation, emphasising the need for closer collaboration with ITU to achieve shared goals for Nigeria's IT development.



September 23rd

On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa met with Francine Katsoudas, Vice President of Cisco, at their New York office. During the meeting, they reviewed the progress of initiatives under the Cisco Country Digital Acceleration (CDA) programme designed to fast-track national digital transformation efforts, stimulate economic growth, and promote innovation.

The DG also explored potential collaboration in enhancing cybersecurity to harness technology for sustainable development and building resilient economies in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.



September 25th

The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa participated at the launching of the Universal Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Safeguards Framework on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. This groundbreaking framework provides actionable guidelines for DPI design and implementation, prioritising public interest and promoting safe, inclusive, and interoperable digital infrastructure.

Inuwa also shared valuable insights on Nigeria's journey towards building a resilient, interoperable, and secure DPI, highlighting the country's commitment to harnessing technology for sustainable development.

