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3-10-24



The Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation, and Digital Economy, Dr. 'Bosun Tijani, represented by DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, delivered an opening speech at the 17th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV 2024) in Pretoria, South Africa.

Inuwa underscored the Minister's leadership in promoting African-centric Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), emphasising the need for scalable, affordable, and inclusive public services and identified three key pillars for DPI success: digital identity, payment systems, and data exchange platforms, noting Nigeria's progress in these areas, and urged African nations to invest in broadband, digital literacy, cybersecurity, and data sovereignty.

3-10-24



In commemoration of International Freedom of Information Day 2024, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) organised a comprehensive training session designed to enhance transparency, accountability, and open governance for its management staff.

This initiative shows our commitment to empowering government officials, civil society, and individuals with the knowledge and tools to effectively manage and access information in the digital age.

3-10-24



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In line with the Federal Government's commitment to supporting research and technological innovation, five Nigerian Researchers whose papers on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) were accepted and sponsored to participate at the 17th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV 2024) in Pretoria, South Africa.

These Researchers had the opportunity to present their work, engage with global peers, and explore collaborative efforts to transform their findings into practical innovations.

4-10-24



The Minister of Communications, Innovation, and Digital Economy, Dr. 'Bosun Tijani, represented by Kashifu Inuwa, delivered a keynote on the importance of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in building trust between governments and citizens, emphasising how digital transformation is reshaping society and driving sustainable development, urging collaboration to bridge the digital divide.

He highlighted Africa's youthful population as key to leading the Fourth Industrial Revolution and stressed the need for equitable, secure, and transparent DPI to ensure good governance. He also introduced the African DPI Community, a platform for collaboration to accelerate digital transformation across the continent.

4-10-24



The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Dr Ayo Bakare, delivered a keynote address title: 'Emerging Technologies for Enhancing African Nations' Development' at the SMARTBLOCK4Africa Conference, which took place at Babcock University, Ogun State.

Inuwa emphasised that across Africa, emerging technologies are reshaping industries and societies - from artificial intelligence to blockchain, and from biotechnology to renewable energy, the scope for innovation is vast. These technologies offer the opportunity to leapfrog traditional development obstacles, empowering people to build systems and infrastructure suited to unique challenges and opportunities.

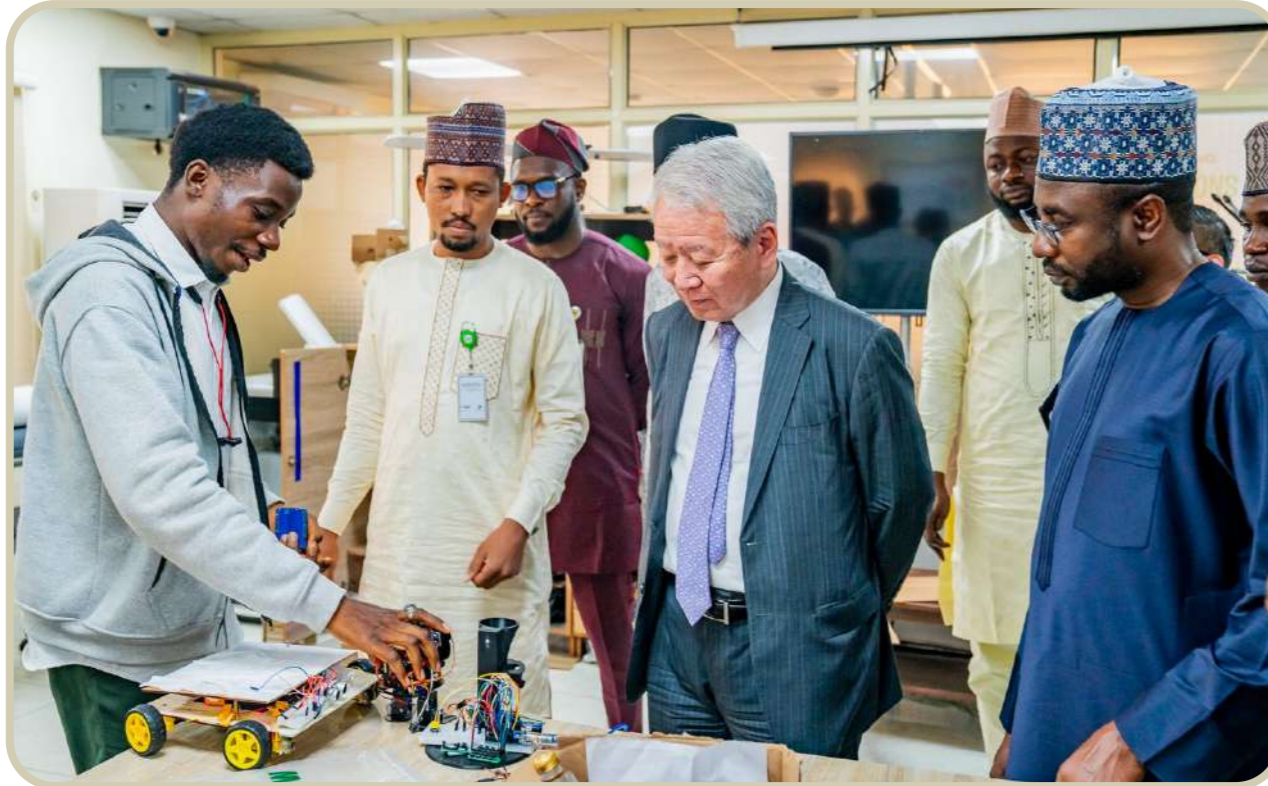
8-10-24



A team from the National Information Technology Development Agency visited Osogbo, the Osun State capital for a Stakeholders' Engagement and ICT Ecosystem Development programme, and paid a courtesy call on the State Governor, Senator Ademola Adeleke who was represented by the Commissioner for Innovation, Science, Technology and Digital Economy, Dele Maruf Ayanfe.

The commissioner welcomed the initiative for giving attention to stakeholders at the State level, which he described as a departure from the usual practice of staying in Federal Capital and proffering a 'one jacket fits all' solutions to ICT challenges of the sub-nationals which in most instances does not work.

8-10-24



The President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Akihiko Tanaka, paid a visit to the National Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (NCAIR) in Abuja, where he was received by DG NITDA.

The purpose of this high-level visit is to further cement the strong collaboration between NITDA and JICA, focusing on fostering innovation and knowledge sharing in driving the Nigeria startup ecosystem in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration's priority area of accelerating diversification through industrialisation, digitisation, creative arts, manufacturing and innovation.

9-10-24



As part of his engagement at the 2nd Moonshot Annual Tech Conference taking place in Lagos, the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, alongside Dr. Augustina Odame, CEO of the Ghana Chamber of Technology; David Manley, Chief Advisor on Technology for Sierra Leone; and Marieme Kane, Director of Innovation at Mauritania's Ministry of Digital Transformation, discussed "Building Digital Economies for the World: How African Countries Are Shaping Their Tech Economies to Compete Across the Continent and Globally" during a panel session on Government and Policy.

Inuwa argued that it is important for the government to work with the ecosystem in collecting data and understanding the needs of the ecosystem in developing a robust regulation.

10-10-24



At the 2nd edition of the Moonshot Annual Tech Conference 2024, the Director, Strategic Management and Partnerships at NITDA, Dr Aristotle Onumo, gave a comprehensive overview of the agency's Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan 2.0 (2024-2027) and its impact towards the advancement of Nigeria's digital economy.

He gave deep insight into the document's 8 strategic pillars and urged participants to take advantage of the agency's recently launched Digital Literacy For All (DL4ALL) which is aimed at training a mass of Nigerians on skills in Information and Data Literacy, Content Creation and Online safety with an ambitious target of achieving 70% digital literacy level by 2027.

10-10-24



The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, today delivered a goodwill message at the Nigeria Govtech Conference and Awards organised by the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR) with the theme: "Digital Innovations as a catalyst for the Renewed Hope Agenda".

The DG highlighted the importance of digital innovation and transformation for economic growth and empowerment. He emphasised the need for a comprehensive agenda that focuses on human capital development, digital literacy, and skills training, particularly in both formal and informal sectors.

10-10-24



In line with President's Renewed Hope Agenda, which aims to strengthen agriculture and achieve food security across Nigeria, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and National Agricultural Development Fund (NADF) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at harnessing the power of technology to transform the agricultural sector.

The MOU is designed to integrate cutting-edge technologies into agricultural practices in order to improve productivity, optimise resource use, and develop modern solutions to the challenges facing the agricultural industry today.

11-10-24



As a guest speaker, the DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa participated alongside other tech innovators and thought leaders at the 3rd TeXcellence Conference with the theme "Revealing Tomorrow", held at the Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos State. The event focused on exploring groundbreaking innovations shaping the future of Africa.

Inuwa, who was represented by Dr. Aristotle Onumo, Director of Stakeholder Management & Partnerships at NITDA, spoke on the topic, "From Policy to Implementation: Collaborative Approaches to National Digital Goals".

15-10-24



At GITEX Global 2024, the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, met with Startup Genome's global leadership, including President Ravi Narayan, Managing Director Samantha Evans of Hypergrowth, and Chief Program Officer Mike Jackson.

The meeting aimed to explore partnerships that will unleash the untapped potential of Nigeria's tech ecosystem.

15-10-24



Kashifu Inuwa, Director General of NITDA, at GITEX Global 2024, participated in the panel session on the global startup ecosystem and funding gap, where he emphasised Africa's significant potential as a key destination for startups and investors alike.

He highlighted that Africa has one of the largest opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation, driven by a young, tech-savvy population eager to solve local and global challenges.

15-10-24



The DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, met with the Executives of Dubai World Trade Centre, the organiser of @GITEX_GLOBAL at a Breakfast Networking Meetup and advocated for a collaborative approach towards organisation of GITEX Nigeria in 2025.

The DG emphasised the need to ensure the involvement of the Nigeria tech ecosystem in planning and preparation of the event. To achieve this, a technical committee will be set up to prepare the framework that would ensure inclusive participation of all stakeholders. It is a Nigeria event and a platform to change both the diplomatic and economic narrative of the country.

16-10-24



At GITEX Global 2024, Kashifu Inuwa, Director General of NITDA, delivered a keynote address during the session titled “Securing Africa’s Digital Future: Nigeria’s Cybersecurity Roadmap” and “Nigeria’s Cyber Resilience for a Digital Future” highlighted Nigeria’s efforts in building a secure and resilient digital ecosystem.

Inuwa emphasised the importance of digital innovation as a tool for economic diversification and the need for strong cybersecurity frameworks to support Nigeria’s digital future. He outlined the five key pillars of the country’s digital vision: building digital fluency among citizens, enhancing cybersecurity skills, developing policy frameworks to secure infrastructure, fostering technological innovation, and driving cybersecurity through innovation roadmaps.

16-10-24



The 3rd ECOWAS Cybersecurity Hackathon came to an end after 30 hours of intense challenge!

The teams that emerged victorious:

- 🏆 **Team ShellxRoot from Cote D'Ivoire** 🇨🇮 - \$10,000
- 🏆 **Team M3V7R from Benin Republic** 🇧🇪 - \$8,000
- 🏆 **Team Error from Nigeria** 🇳🇮 - \$6,000

16-10-24



The Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Dr Ayo Bakare participated at the Central Bank of Nigeria's Banking Services Department 2024 Retreat, themed "Navigating Banking Services Transformation: Leveraging Innovation and Technology."

Dr. Bakare chaired and moderated a paper session titled "Enhancing Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, and Fraud Prevention in Banking Services: People, Process, and Technology."

18-10-24



The DG- NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa was represented by Mr. Preye Itonyo, Deputy Director IT Infrastructure Solutions department during a panel discussion on "Satellite as a bridge to Digital economy" at the Nigerian Satellite Week, Stakeholders Forum 2024 with the theme: Harnessing Communication Satellites for Sustainable Development held at Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja.

The Nigerian Satellite Week 2024 is expected to solidify NIGCOMSAT's position as a transformative force in Nigeria's digital and technological advancement, creating avenues for entrepreneurship, security, and innovation growth, focusing on satellite technology's role in driving digital transformation and fostering national development.

18-10-24



The DG of NITDA, was represented by Engr. Salisu Kaka, Director of Digital Economy Development Department, at the National Secretariat of Association of Local Government Service Commissions national summit. The event which was held at the Women Development Centre in Abuja, focused on addressing security and contemporary challenges faced by Local Government Councils (LGCs) in Nigeria.

Engr. Kaka presented a paper titled "Digital Transformation, a Panacea to Digital Economy Inclusion at the Grass-Root Level," highlighting the potential of digital transformation in building resilient local governments and strengthening local security mechanisms.

22-10-24



The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, delivered a thought-provoking paper titled "Alternative to Cybercrimes" during the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) National Cybercrime Summit.

In his presentation, Inuwa advocated for a fresh approach to tackling cyber threats, emphasizing prevention through digital literacy and innovation.

24-10-24



The Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, received the President, Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA), Adesola Akinsanya, and members on a courtesy visit at the Corporate Headquarters, Abuja.

The purpose of the visit was to present NIRA's Annual Report and 2024 Business Plan to the agency. Additionally, NiRA sought to further collaborate on National Public Key Infrastructure (NPKI), Capacity Building Development, and continued support in creating awareness and promoting the .ng domain.

25-10-24



In line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, which focuses on bolstering national security for peace and prosperity, the Director General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, held a strategic meeting with the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. C.G. Musa, at the Defence Headquarters in Abuja.

The meeting aimed to deepen collaboration between NITDA and the defence sector, leveraging technology and human resources to strengthen national security.

29-10-24



At the recent workshop series titled, "Critical National Information Infrastructure Protection and Resilience", aimed at engaging policymakers and sector regulators, the DG NITDA Kashifu Inuwa, delivered a goodwill message emphasising the critical role of cybersecurity in safeguarding society, in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration's priority area of strengthening national security for peace and prosperity.

Inuwa reaffirms NITDA's commitment to working closely with all stakeholders to advance the protection of the nation's critical information infrastructure, stressing that the development of secure, locally produced software is imperative in addition to digital infrastructure.

29-10-24



The DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, received in audience the Director General of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, Binta L. Adamu Bello, and her team on a courtesy visit at the Corporate Headquarters in Abuja.

The visit was to seek collaboration and intervention on our collective effort to fight the menace of trafficking in persons, violence against individuals, cybercrimes, and other related issues by leveraging emerging technologies and innovations.

29-10-24



The DG of NITDA Kashifu Inuwa, joined the African Edutech Conference 2024 as a panelist, discussed "Africa's Edtech Ecosystem: Past, Present, and Building the Future" at the UBEC Digital Resource Centre, Abuja.

Represented by Dr. Ahmed Tambuwal, Acting Director of NITDA's Digital Literacy and Capacity Building Department, Inuwa reassured the Agency's dedication to advancing inclusive digital literacy across Nigeria, and shared various initiatives focused on localisation & democratisation of digital skills nationwide. These efforts are part of Federal Government's commitment to achieve 95% digital literacy among Nigerians by the year 2030.

30-10-24



The DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, hosted a team from the Defence Research and Development Bureau led by its Director General, Major General Emmanuel Aliyu Ndagi. This collaborative meeting aimed to build on the strong foundation between the two organisations, identifying avenues for joint efforts to drive innovation and research in Nigeria's R&D ecosystem.

With a shared vision aligned with the President's priority to strengthen national security for peace and prosperity, both organisations are committed to driving impactful research and development that will support Nigeria's defense and digital innovation.

30-10-24



The DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, hosted a delegation from the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) at the Corporate Headquarters in Abuja. The delegation, led by Prof. Haruna Dabin, comprised participants of the SEC 46 Chief Executive Course, 2024 Presidential Parley Report Committee.

These participants, currently undertaking a study course at NIPSS themed 'Digital Economy, Youth Empowerment, and Sustainable Job Creation,' sought to understudy the agency's digital economy initiative and gather expert insights for a comprehensive report for the President, providing recommendations to facilitate Nigeria's digital transformation.

31-10-24



In line with NITDA Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan (SRAP 2.0) pillar Forging Strategic Partnership and Collaboration, the DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, represented by Mr. Oladejo Olawunmi, Director IT Infrastructure Solutions Department, delivered an address at the Innovation Support Network (ISN) 2024 Gathering holding in Ibom Hotel and Golf Resort, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

This year's event, themed "Scaling Together: Building a Collaborative Culture for Nigerian Innovation," brought together leading figures in Nigeria's tech and innovation ecosystem, industry stakeholders, and emerging innovators. He emphasised the need for collaboration within Nigeria's technology and innovation space to foster sustainable development and economic growth, assuring NITDA's commitment to supporting innovative projects and initiatives

31-10-24



As the representative of DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, Mr. Oladejo Olawunmi, Director of the IT Infrastructure Solutions Department, took part in a panel discussion at the Innovation Support Network (ISN) Annual Gathering.

The session, titled "The Future of the Nigerian National Innovation Ecosystem," provided a platform to share NITDA's success story and affirmed Agency's commitment to creating a robust, sustainable environment where Nigerian startups can thrive. He outlined the agency's progressive initiatives aimed at empowering startups and fostering a culture of innovation through the Nigeria Startup Act

31-10-24



In a move to promote indigenous technology production and enhance digital literacy across Nigeria, the DG of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, received in audience, team from the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI), and computing devices manufacturing company, Imose Technologies Limited at the agency's Corporate Headquarters in Abuja.

The team presented locally produced Laptop and Tablet manufactured by Imosé Technologies in partnership with NASENI in order to provide availability and affordable digital devices for Nigerians, which aligns with one of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's priority areas of accelerating diversification through industrialisation, digitisation, creative art, manufacturing, and innovation.