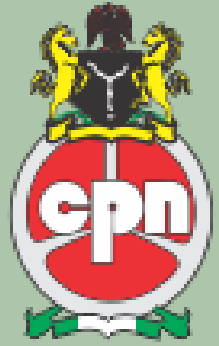




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CPN, OTHERS FLAYS THE PROPOSED NITDA BILL 2021

Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria) (CPN) has

condemned the proposed NITDA Bill 2021 in its entirety. CPN delegates, led by the President and Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun, FNCS, were at the stakeholders engagement,



recently organized by the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to consider the proposed NITDA Bill 2021 which, among other things, aimed at changing NITDA from an IT Development Agency, to a Regulator of the Information Technology industry ecosystem.

It was obvious from the comments, suggestions and opinions expressed by all other stakeholders, at the meeting which held in Abuja on Friday 18th February, 2022 that the NITDA Bill 2021 arrogates powers of several other Regulatory Agencies to NITDA, which is an infringement on the statutory powers of other agencies of government like CPN,

National Communications Commission (NCC), Galaxy backbone, Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA), the National Universities Commission (NUC), etc.

Stakeholders who attended the meeting were unanimous in their opinions that several sections in the proposed NITDA Bill is an usurpation of the statutory powers of other Agencies of government that had been in existence before NITDA, and who have been performing their statutory roles.

For instance, Section 6, 13, 20, 21, and 22, which talked about NITDA's power, licensing and authorizations, and offences and penalties, among others, raised some pertinent issues.

Section 6 arrogated new powers to NITDA, which included the ability to fix licensing and authorization charges, collect fees and penalties and issue contravention notices and non-compliance with the Act.

All the Agencies present during the stakeholders' engagement were unanimous in their opinion that all the offending sections of the proposed NITDA Bill, giving NITDA powers to perform other Agencies' functions should be expunged.

CPN strongly believe that NITDA should stick to its role as an IT Development Agency and stop seeking Regulatory roles since there is so much that is yet to be done under Information Technology Development in the Country.

FG BARS WORKERS FROM USE OF GENERIC DOMAINS, SET TO ENFORCE .GOV.NG USAGE

The Federal Executive Council (Nigeria) approved the National Policy on the Nigerian Government Second-Level Domains during its meeting on the 16th of February, 2022 and barred its workers from the use of generic domains.

This followed the presentation of a memo by Professor Isa Pantami, the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, TechEconomy.ng can report.

The Policy, according to a statement signed by Dr Femi Adeluyi, Technical Assistant (Research & Development) to

the Minister, was developed to strengthen public confidence in the use of digital technologies and participation in the digital economy.

The Policy is also in line with the implementation of the Nigerian e-Government Master Plan, approved by the Federal Executive Council in August 2018.

“The Master Plan has a vision to create a world class open and digitalized government that connects with people to drive efficiency in public administration, responsiveness of civil

services and transparency in governance leading to improvement of the quality of life of Nigerians”.

The government said that the increasing rate of cyber-related incidences has inspired countries to develop Policy instruments to effectively regulate and manage their use of Information and Communication Technologies in Government Institutions, specifically electronic correspondences within the government. Several countries have put policies in place to ensure that official correspondences are only conducted using approved domains and platforms in Government Institutions.

Although, this is not the first time the Federal Executive

Council is directing workers to desist from the use of generic domains, the government however pointed out that the use of generic domains and private emails for Government businesses and correspondences impedes the identity, security and global recognition of the Nigerian Government on the Internet.

Furthermore, the use of private emails for Government business is a major limitation to the capabilities to archive and back-up sensitive Government data

thereby making it difficult to preserve historical correspondences and documents hosted on non-Government servers.

This, among other things, seeks to promote transparency in governance; protecting the Nigerian cyberspace; and promotion of the Digital Nigeria agenda. It also seeks to accelerate the adoption of the second level domain (.gov.ng, .edu.ng, .mil.ng) under the country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD.ng) with the main objective to eliminate the use of

top-level domains for Government business and the use of private emails for official correspondences by the end of year 2022

“The Policy gives direction for the

enforcement of the mandatory use of the Nigerian Government second-level domains by all Federal Public Institutions, and recommends its adoption by States and Local Governments. The scope covers the Nigerian Government second-level domain and email services on .gov.ng, .mil.ng, .edu.ng, .sch.ng, and any other Nigerian Government owned second-level domains that could be approved in the future.



CPN PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL HOSTS IT TEACHERS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

The President and Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun, FNCS, held an interactive session with Information Technology (IT) Teachers in tertiary institutions on Thursday 3rd March, 2022. The Forum for Information Technology (IT) Teachers in Tertiary Institutions was conceived as an exclusive networking event, to bring together Information Technology Lecturers in all the institutions of higher learning in Nigeria with the objective of fostering togetherness amongst them.

In his welcome speech, the Registrar/Secretary to Council, Mr. Muhammad Bello Aliyu said part of the reasons why Council came up with the programme was to enable IT teachers to network and discuss on issues of common interest that are emergent in Information Technology

in order to come out with decisions that will impact positively on the industry, the profession, and the nation. He said that the meeting is also intended to create an interest on general fiscal policy as it affects the teaching of Computer Science in all the institutions of higher learning.

The President and Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun, FNCS, said the interactive session was in fulfillment of one of the promises he made when he was campaigning for the office of the President and Chairman of Council. He said he appreciated what the academia; Information Technology (IT) Lecturers who form a critical and very important segment of CPN membership, are doing for the advancement of the teaching of IT.

Mr. Jagun gave the rationale for the



Information Technology (IT) Teachers in Tertiary institutions in Nigeria to include the following:

1. To champion CPN's interactive engagement with IT Teachers in an organized manner identifying opportunities, challenges and solutions
2. Facilitate engagement towards the advancement and development of IT Education
3. Foster unity and togetherness and give IT Teachers a sense of belonging in CPN
4. Build the capacity, expand the horizons and improve the effectiveness of IT Teachers in the learning and teaching of Computer Science and related programs in tertiary institutions
5. Promote high academic standards, professional competence and currency, ethical practice and exemplary conduct among IT Teachers
6. Contribute towards closing the Education-Industry gap

7. Enable IT teachers to learn, network, contribute and discuss on issues of common interest in the development and use of established and emerging technologies in education

8. Improve CPN awareness, value and appreciation in academic communities - about CPN and the benefits, essence and importance of CPN

9. Proffer actionable solutions to challenges militating against the affective learning and teaching of Information Technology/ Computer Science in tertiary institutions, the role of IT Teachers and IT Education

10. Ensure IT Education solutions impact the nation, industry and profession positively.

The meeting deliberated extensively on wide range of issues as it affects the teaching of IT courses in institution of higher learning in Nigeria, and the President and Chairman of Council assured them of Council's unflinching support.

PRESIDENT BUHARI APPROVES ECHONO AS NEW TETFUND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the appointment of Arc Sunday Echono as the new Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND).

Echono, who recently retired from the civil service, has served in various important national assignments including Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Education and Member, Board of Trustees of TETfund.

The information on his appointment was contained in a terse statement made available to newsmen on Friday in Abuja by the Director, Press and Public Relations of the Ministry, Mr. Ben Goong.

Arc. Echono takes over from Prof. Sulaiman Elias Bogoro whose five-year tenure ends on March 18, 2022.



“Described as an accomplished technocrat, Arc Echono brings to the job, diverse wealth of experience spanning Infrastructure, business administration, procurement management, ICT and the education sectors,” the statement read.

NOMINATIONS FOR 5TH EDITION OF .NG AWARDS NOW OPEN – NIRA

The Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) said the 2022 .ng Awards is the fifth (5th) edition of the .ng Awards. Over the years, the .ng Awards have rewarded organisations and individuals who are promoting the .ng brand, the Nigerian Online Identity.

The .ng string is a critical national resource and Nigeria's unique identity on the World Wide Web.

Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) a stakeholder-led organisation, is the Registry for the .ng domain name and maintains the database of names registered in the .ng country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) namespace in the interest of Nigerians and the global Internet community.

Speaking ahead of the awards ceremony Mr. Muhammed Rudman, the President of NiRA, said the organisation is rewarding these entities for their various achievements. "For this year's

edition, NiRA is seeking to recognize and acknowledge individuals and organisations who are contributing to the growth of the .ng domain name and promotion of the DNS Industry.

"Using the .ng Awards, NiRA celebrates the achievements and innovation of Nigerian Internet initiatives", Rudman said. "As we all look forward to the awards, let me again re-assure all stakeholders that these awards are based purely on merit and the sheer hard work of the nominees and eventual winners. Let me also use this opportunity to congratulate the potential nominees and the eventual winners".

Also in her comment, Mrs. Eyitayo Iyortim, the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of NiRA, said that 2022 .ng Awards serve to commend the excellent achievements of stakeholders, and the public, who contribute towards building a sustainable

economy using technology. The Awardees contribute to uplift the image of .ng locally and internationally, and stimulate the development of local content on the World Wide Web.

Nominations

She said that nominations for the .ng Awards by the public will commence on Sunday, 6th March 2022, and close at midnight on Sunday 20th March 2022.

“Members of the public who wish to participate in nominating an organisation or an individual are to note the .ng Awards

nomination criteria available on the .ng Awards nomination website.

“There will be eighteen (18) categories of Awards. To participate in the nomination or find out more about the awards, click here, or click the link: <https://nira.org.ng/ngawards2022/>

“After the nomination closes, voting will commence on Friday 25th March 2022 and close at midnight on Sunday 10th April 2022”, she said. The awards ceremony will hold on Friday 29th April 2022.

PICTURE NEWS



The President and Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun, FNCS, during his courtesy call on Dr. Vincent Olatunji, the National Commissioner/CEO, Nigeria Data Protection Bureau at his office in Abuja

PICTURE NEWS



Management Staff of Nigeria Data Protection Bureau in a Group photograph with The President and Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun, FNCS, and the Registrar, Mr. Muhammad Bello Aliyu the courtesy call on Dr. Vincent Olatunji, the National Commissioner/CEO



The President/Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun, second from left, at the NITDA Bill Stakeholders Engagement for Government Regulatory & Affiliated Agencies on the NITDA Bill organized by NITDA in Abuja on Friday 18th February, 2022

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MEMBER OF STAFF AT THE HEAD OFFICE IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MS AISHAT NASIDI DURING THE SENDFORTH ORGANIZED FOR HER RECENTLY



A CROSS SECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE EXECUTIVE REGISTRATION PROGRAMME (ERP) HELD IN KANO

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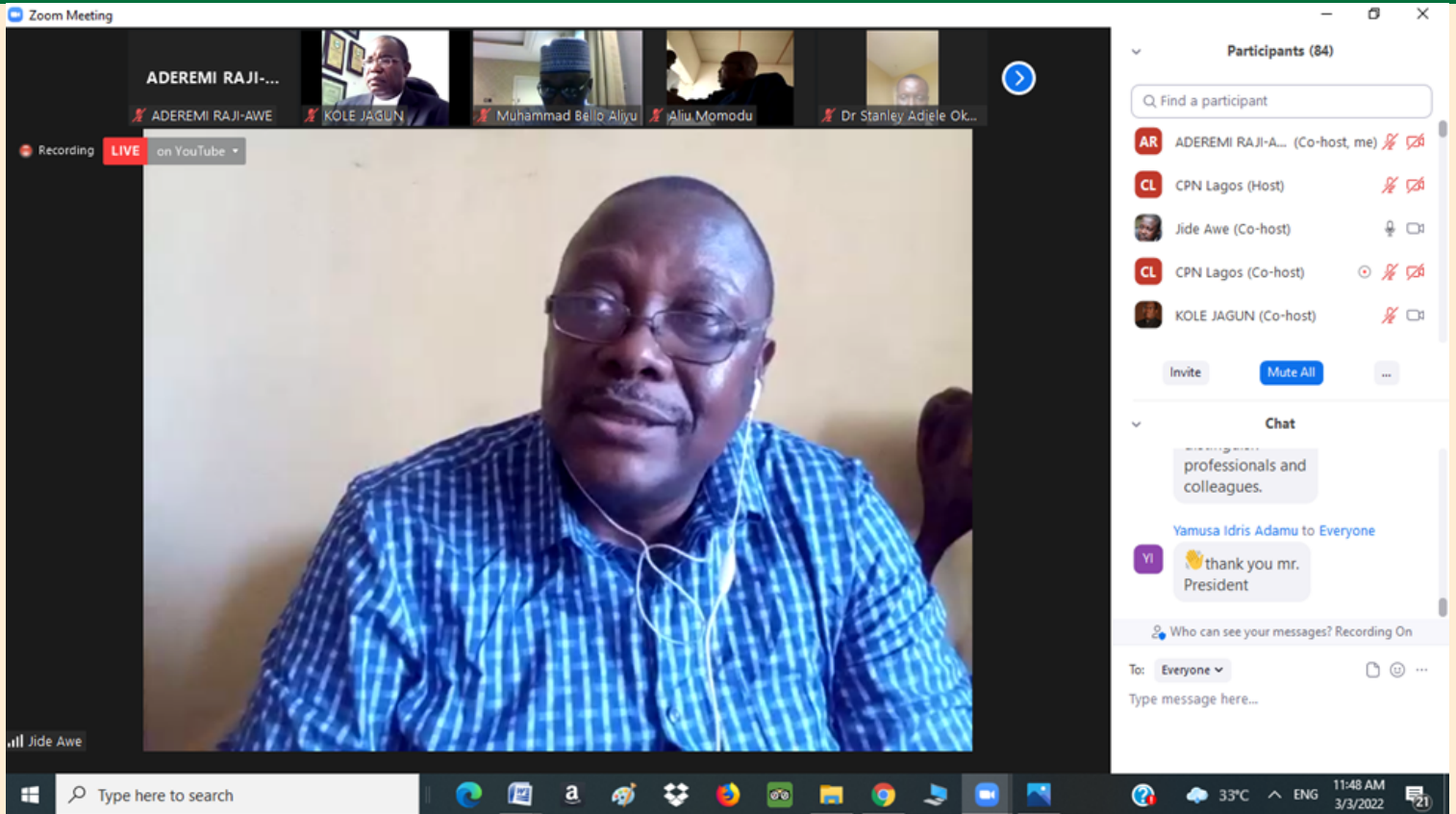
THE REGISTRAR IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH PARTICIPANTS AT THE KANO ERP

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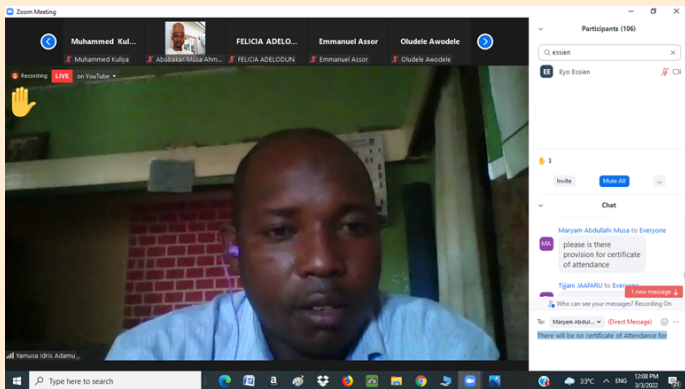


THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, MR. KOLE JAGUN DELIVERING HIS OPENING REMARKS AT THE CPN IT TEACHERS FORUM

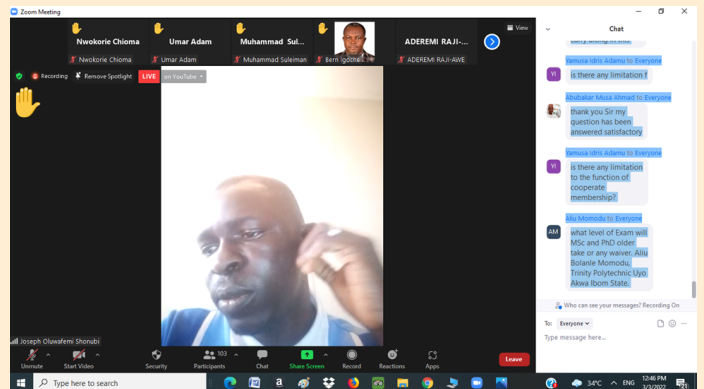
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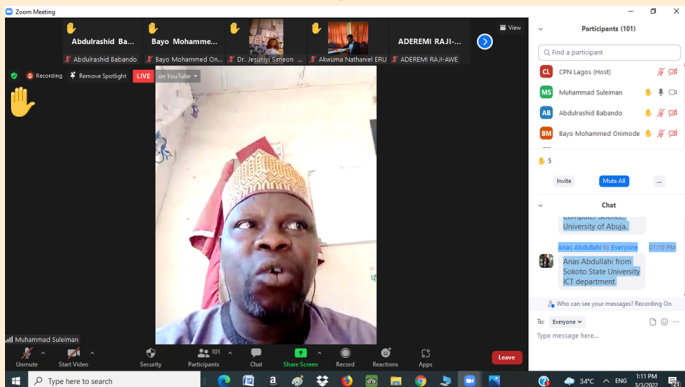
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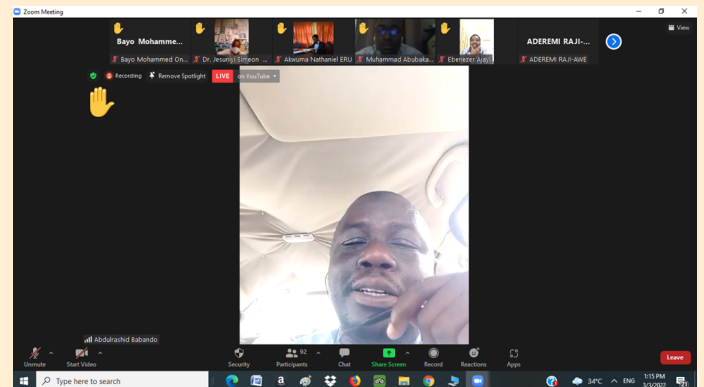
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UPCOMING EVENTS

EXECUTIVE REGISTRATION PROGRAMME (ERP)

S/NO	DATE	VENUE	REGION
1	9th- 11th Mar, 2022	Ibadan Business School, 65, Okediji	IBADAN
2	23rd- 25th Mar, 2022	Mokland Hotels, Oba Alake, GRA,	ABEOKUTA
3	30th - 1st April, 2022	Bolingo Hotel, Abuja	ABUJA
4	12th - 14th April, 2022	PDTF Hall, ICT Centre, Rivers State,	PORTHARCOURT



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2022 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY

THEME: LEVERAGING IT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC STABILITY

Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th
May 2022

NAF Conference
Center, Abuja.



**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

Dr. Vincent Olatunji
National Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer,
National Data Protection Bureau (NDPB)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration Opens for June 2022 Diet of the Computer Professional Examination

Registration has commenced for the June 2022 Diet of the Computer Professional Examination.

The Computer Professional Examination is designed to nurture the potentials of our youths in Information Technology in order to imbue them with the knowledge, skills and capabilities to contribute to the development of the profession and the nation in general. Also, their successful completion of the examination will make them to be well-trained and strategically positioned for global competitiveness in Information Technology. The examination is the benchmark for admission into professional practice in the Information Technology Industry in the country. It is conceived and designed with the candidate's career prospects in mind. The structure and nature of the examination allow every interested candidate an opportunity to earn a professional qualification that is accepted and recognized in the industry.

The examination holds twice in a year, it holds in June for the June diet of the examination while another one holds in October for the October diet of the examination.

Process Flow for Registration For the CPE

1. Log in to the CPN examination portal www.exams.cpnre.ng
2. Use your own unique email address to register for the examination
3. Fill the registration form, upload necessary information required and select the examination you want to write in the flow chart
4. Make payment with your ATM card.
5. An examination number will be generated as soon as payment is received and the examination registration confirmation slip will be sent to your email address. The slip contains your examination number, photograph and the list of courses which you are going to write in the examination.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Forum for IT Directors in MDAs and Corporate Members of CPN with the theme, Applying Emerging Technology to Digital Transformation Success, on Thursday 21st April, 2022, Hybrid
 - ▶ 2022, Virtual
 - ▶ Data Encryption And Data Management, 23rd – 24th March, 2022
 - ▶ Cyberspace, Cybersecurity & Computer Emergency Response Teams, 24th -25th August, 2022
 - ▶ Fundamentals Of Cyber Security, 21st – 22nd September, 2022
 - ▶ Cyber Crimes: Trends And Threats, October, 2022
 - ▶ Digital Economy In Nigeria: Challenges And Opportunities, 16th -17th November, 2022
 - ▶ Cyber-Security Challenges Towards A Successful Digital Economy In Nigeria: A Review, 7th – 8th December, 2022
2. The 2022 IT professionals' Assembly with the theme, "Leveraging IT for National Security and Economic Stability" will on Wednesday 18th – Thursday 19th May 2022 at The NAF CONFERENCE CENTRE, Abuja
3. MCPD CALENDER FOR YEAR 2022
 - ▶ The Effect Of Pervasive Computing On Socio-Economy & Artificial Intelligence, 18TH – 19TH May, 2022, Virtual
 - ▶ Information Security Management System, 22nd – 23rd June, 2022, Virtual
 - ▶ Global Norms And Cybersecurity Policies, Strategies, And Standards, 27th – 28th July,



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ABOUT CPN

Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria) [CPN] was established by Act No 49 of 1993. The Act was passed into law on 10th of June and gazetted on the 9th of August that year. It is a corporate entity that is charged with the regulation, control and supervision of the computing profession and practice in Nigeria in line with Section 1 (2) of the Act. CPN is under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Education.

The Act made it mandatory for all who are engage in the practice of computing in Nigeria to register with the Council. Specifically, the Act provides exclusively for the practice and provision of computer services only to registered members as stipulated under the Act.

The functions and responsibilities of CPN include, but are not limited to the following:-

1. To determine the standards of knowledge and skills to be attained by

persons seeking to become members of the computing profession and improve those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit.

2. To secure, in accordance with the provision of the Act, the establishment and maintenance of a register of persons seeking to be registered under the Act to practice the computing profession and the publication from time to time of the list of such persons.

By Act 49 of 1993, referred to above, it has become mandatory for all persons and organizations seeking to engage, or already engaged, in the sale and/or use of computing facilities, and in the provision of professional services in computing or related computing machinery in Nigeria, to be registered by the Council and licensed to carry out such activities. It is illegal to engage in computing and professional practice without satisfying the above condition -that is, registration and possession of a current valid license.

OUR VISION

As the apex regulatory body in the education and practice of IT in Nigeria, we seek to enhance industry standards in order to strategically position IT for significant contribution to national development.

OUR MISSION

To promote professionalism and quality computer education such that IT becomes a critical success factor in national development. The new council is committed to the attainment of excellence in regulating and standardizing the IT profession in Nigeria.

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