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WELCOME ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL NIGERIA DIGITALSENSE FORUM ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT (IG4D) AND NIGERIA IPV6 ROUNDTABLE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIGITALSENSE AFRICA MEDIA, MRS. NKEM NWEKE, HOLDING AT WELCOME CENTRE HOTELS, MM INTER'L AIRPORT ROAD, LAGOS, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019

Welcome Speech

.The Chairman of this event, Chief Chris Uwaje, Oracle of IT Industry
Chief Host, His Excellency, Gov. Sanwo-Olu Babajide
The Permanent Secretary/Acting Minister of Communication, Represented by Engr Olufemi Olufeko
The Executive Vice Chairman, NCC, Dr. Umar Danbatta,
Other Permanent Secretaries/Directors of MDAs,
Managing Directors of Companies here present,
The panel of discussants here,
Giants of the industry and presidents/chairpersons of interest groups,
Distinguished members of the press,
Ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC) and management of DigitalSENSE Africa (DSA), it is my pleasure and honour to welcome you all to the 10th edition of the Nigeria DigitalSENSE Forum (NDSF) on Internet Governance for Development (IG4D).

This event was created 10 years ago and by God's grace, nurtured to date as a think-tank platform where Nigerian internet stakeholders converge annually to raise and address germane issues concerning the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector with particular reference to Computing, Internet Governance-related issues like access, security, openness, privacy; toward helping to further advance Nigeria in the ever-rapidly advancing phenomenon of global ICT.

Ordinarily, this year Nigeria DigitalSENSE Forum series should have been held on June 6, which is a day set aside for commemoration of the World IPv6 Day, but due to recent holidays, we have to move it to this day, 20th June.

This year's theme 'Connecting Nigerians for Enhanced Internet Governance' was chosen so as to give the Nigeria internet users ISPs, Telecom operators, value added service providers, end users as well as all other stakeholders, the platform to discuss, brainstorm as they join other netizen in the call for a better connection and internet governance internet as well take a stand on other Internet governance issues and accurately align NDSF on IG4D position into the National, Regional, Africa and Global Agenda.

Worthy of note is that just last Monday, June 10, 2019, the final report of the UN High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation was tagged 'The Age of Digital Interdependence' and released by the office of the Secretary-General of UN, Mr. Antonio Guterres, which take home could be summarized in its three-main sections and five-top recommendations.

Whereas the report's three main sections include:

1. "Leaving No One Behind": a landscape of how digital technology can support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how to ensure a more inclusive digital economy;

2. "Individuals, Societies and Digital Technologies": a review of issues related to human rights, human agency and security in the digital realm; and

3. "Mechanisms for Global Digital Cooperation": an analysis of current gaps and proposals for how to improve our global digital cooperation architecture."

While the top-five recommendations of this UN Panel report on Digital Cooperation comprised:

1. "Build an Inclusive Digital Economy and Society;
2. Develop Human and Institutional Capacity;
3. Protect Human Rights and Human Agency;
4. Promote Digital Trust, Security and Stability; and
5. Foster Global Digital Cooperation."

Above all the recommendations, I would like to submit that in building an inclusive digital economy and society, we as a nation should develop human and institutional capacity required to be competitive.

These will afford these institutions to form a protective shield on human rights and become human agencies of sort, thereby promoting digital trust, security and stability in the system, platforms, industry and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector in general, while fostering global digital cooperation.

The elementary definition of cooperation is 'collaboration' which aligns with the proposed NCC, NITDA joint Committee to boost Nigeria's ICT Development since August 2016.

This was key outcome of the interactions between the leaderships of NCC and NITDA where they agreed that a new era of interagency collaboration, especially within the sister ICT agencies will bring about desirable results, in line with global best practices.

Therefore, synergy between NCC and NITDA, for us cannot be over-emphasised as we journey in this digital age of interdependence for the sake of the industry and Nigerian nation, eventually bolster seamless connectivity for end users.

So, I welcome us on behalf of DigitalSENSE Africa Media [an ICANN certified At-Large Structure (ALS)] team and partners, as we urge us to pay attention to discussions by selected subject experts as they share their views. I also think, there is no better time to discuss 'Connecting Nigerians for Enhanced Internet Governance' moreso now that there are so much fake news and fallacies on the social media.

May I seize this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and partners; particularly NCC, AFRALO, IXPN, ALTON, NiRA, CPN, NCS, ATCON, Teledom Group, Medallion, GOCOP, NITRA and a host of others for supporting this event, without forgetting our esteemed members of media.

With your kind permission let me thank in a special way Gbenga Adebaoyo of ALTON, IXPN Muhammed Rudman, Ike Nnamani of Medallion, Gbenga Sesan of Paradigm Initiative for their unflinching support this past 10 years.

My appreciation extends to IXPN, ATCON, NIRA, NCS, NITRA, NIG; for all your corporate and individual support and encouragement. We appreciate you all and God bless.

Welcome.

NKEM NWEKE (Mrs.)
Executive Director, Operations
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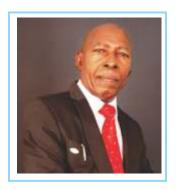
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CHRIS UWAJE
(FNCS, FSP)

Chris Uwaje is acclaimed Pioneer of the National information technology Policy for Nigeria (2000-2002) and also a founding Member of Africa Emergency Technology Response Forum. (AETRF). Uwaje was recently appointed Africa Chair for IEEE-World Forum on IoTs. From 2016-to date, he has been the founder, Chief Software Architect and Chairman of Mobile Software Solutions and Connect Technologies Limited respectively. He was Lead Consultant/conceptualized one of the foremost Nigerian Science & Information Technology Park (SIT Park) and State IT Policy for Akwa Ibom State in 2003-2005.

Also, Uwaje is a co-Founder and Past-President of the Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON) – 2009-2014, and a Fellow of Nigeria Computer Society and ISPON. He is an IT veteran and commands a senior leadership position in the IT Professional and Industry Domain with over four decades of on-the-job IT Practice as Computer Scientist – Spread across four continents (Europe/Africa /Asia and North America), specializing in IT-Strategy and Policy Consulting, Software Engineering Solutions; Research, Design and Development (RD&D) - incorporating SIT Park project conceptualization, design, implementation, project management and Technical Support. He is a Past-President of the Information Technology Association of Nigeria (ITAN) – 1999-2003. Uwaje is a Fellow of the Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (FISPON) and the convener of IPv6 Council Nigeria.

Special areas of Professional focus include but not limited to International, National & Regional IT Strategy/Policy Consulting and Knowledge incubation Parks. Between 2010-14 he established over 30 Software Clubs in the Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria and was the convener and lead Host to National Software Conference and Competition, Lead Director, Software Incubation and Software Hackathon Events in Nigeria and HackEbola Working Group in New York City, Washington DC. USA. 2012-2014.

1975-1980, he studied at the Control Data Institute of Information Technology, Frankfurt, Germany. Equipped the knowledge of Computer Science he enrolled for Operations Research at the British Institute of Engineering Technology UK, incorporating certificate (1980) in Communication Technology from the International Correspondence School, Glasgow, UK. He has presented numerous conference papers in Nigeria, USA and served as Panel Discussant at MIT/Boston/USA on Smart City. As speaker he has presented ICT Keynote at many Corporate ICT Conferences and at Nigeria Universities – Including but not limited to: UNN, UI, UNILAG, OAU, UNIBEN, UNIJOS, Covenant University and LASU/Others.

Uwaje is the core promoter for the establishment of National Software Strategy for Nigeria and served as member of the National IT Policy Blueprint Formulation and drafting Committee. In 2003, he served as member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on ICT Harmonization. Co-Chair: National Software Development Initiative (NSDI). Uwaje has also served as Member of Council of the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) and Computer Professional Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN) respectively. He served as member of the Governing Board of National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and Chair of NITDA e-Solve ICT Competition 2014. He is also served as former member of National ICT Advisory Council to the Minister of Communication Technology – Dr. Mrs. Omobola Johnson. He is the Vice-Chair IPv6 Council Nigeria. Uwaje has won numerous ICT Awards internationally and at home, including Lifetime ICT Achievement Award 2016. Currently, Uwaje is the Director-General of Delta State Innovation Hub.

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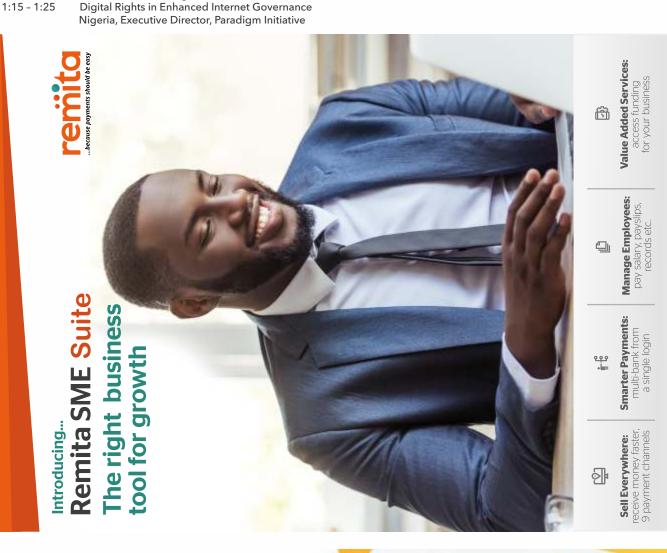**Francis Uzor**
CEO, Wisdom Computer
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Gbenga Sesan
Executive Director
Paradigm Initiative

Order of Programme

8:30- 9:30   Registration Desk Opens | Early-bird networking
9:30 – 9:35   Introductions
9: 35- 9: 45   National Anthem - Second Stanza
9:45 – 9: 55   Welcome Address Executive Director, Operations, DigitalSENSE Africa Media, Nkem Nweke (Mrs)
9:55-10: 00   Chairman's Opening SpeechVice Chairman, Ipv6 Council Nigeria | Chair, Mobile Software Solutions Limited, Chief Chris Uwaje
10:00-10:10   Special Goodwill Remarks
10:10-10:30   Goodwill Messages
10:30-10:45   Keynote Address: Connecting Nigerians for Enhanced Internet GovernanceExecutive Vice Chairman, (NCC)
10:45 – 11:00   Special Address:
11:00 – 11:10   Presentation: Francis Uzo, MD, Wisdom Techonologies
11:10 – 11:20   Keynote Address: Policy Framework for Connecting Nigerians for Enhanced Internet Governance (Perm. Sec. /Ministry of Communication Technology)
11:20 – 12:00   Tea Break/Networking
12:00 – 12:10   Goodwill Messages
12:10 – 12:20   Presentation: RAGP – Recharge And GetPaid RAGP

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

12:20 – 12:35   Keynote Address: Security & Connecting Nigerians for Enhanced Internet Governance (DG NITDA)
12:35 – 12:45   Enhanced Internet Governance and Role of AFRALO Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Names (ICANN Vice President) | Chair, AFRALO
12:45 – 1:05   IPv6 and Connecting Nigerians for Enhanced Internet Governance, Chairman, IPV6 Council Nigeria & CEO, IXPN, Mr. Muhammed Rudman
1:05 – 1:15   Role of 21st Century Broadcasting and Connecting Nigerians for Enhanced Internet Governance DG, National Broadcasting Commission (NBC)
1:15 – 1:25   Digital Rights in Enhanced Internet Governance Nigeria, Executive Director, Paradigm Initiative

1:25 – 1:30   Discussion and Feedback From Presentations.

Panel Session on IPv6 Roundtable

1:30 – 2:00   IPv6 for Enhanced Connectivity:Chief Technology Officer, Medallion Communications, Dr. Krishnan Ranganath,Coordinate – Lead Strategist, DigitalSENSE Africa, Remmy Nweke; Chairman, IPv6 Council Nigeria; Executive Director,Paradigm Initiative; President, Internet Society (ISOC) Nigeria; Chief Technology Officer, Medallion Communications; Matthew Igbalajobi (Cyber Expert)
    Comments/Responses: NCC & NiTDA | NIMC | NBC etc
2:00 – 3:00   Lunch break/Networking

Panel Session on FinTech

3:00 – 3:30   Connecting Nigerians through Internet Banking Chairman's Intervention – Chief Chris Uwaje Lead Strategist – Remmy Nweke AccessDiamond | Zenith Bank | First Bank
3:30 – 3:40   Rapporteurs Summary Rapporteurs Faculty
3:40 -3:50   Chairman's closing remarks and vote of thanks Vice Chairman, IPv6 Council Nigeria | Chair, Mobile Software Solutions Limited, Chief Chris Uwaje
3:50 – 4:00   National Anthem - Second Stanza

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