



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DIGITAL NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

Theme: **HARNESSING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR JOB CREATION, INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Venue: **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, HERBERT MACAULAY WAY, CENTRAL AREA, ABUJA, NIGERIA.**

Date: **24TH - 26TH OF OCTOBER, 2023.**

DAY ONE: 24TH OF OCTOBER, 2023

MAIN STAGE SET I- OPENING CEREMONY

Comperes: Inye Kem-Abonta, Suleiman Uwa, David Olumiyiwa and Kinyi Nwabuokei

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00 am	Doors Open Arrival of the Dignataries
9:10 am	Welcome Address by Host, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi , Director General, NITDA
9:25 am	Welcome Speech by Chief Host, Dr Bosun Tijani , Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Nigeria- <i>Raising productivity of Nigeria's economy through the use of digital technologies and innovation</i>



- 10:05 am National Anthem
- 10:10 am Presidential Remarks by **President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR**
- 10:30 am Exhibition Booth Tour

MAIN STAGE AND BREAKOUTS- SET II

11:00 am Keynote Speech, **Funke Opeke**, Managing Director, Main One-
The role of emerging technologies can play in helping nations leapfrog

11:20 am Guest Speaker, **Lorien Gamaroff** – CEO CentBee, *Potential of
Blockchain Technology in an Emerging Economy*

11:40 – 12:20 pm **Main Stage Panel Session I:**
*Blockchain Beyond Bitcoin: Leveraging blockchain technology for
multi-industry applications.*

Speakers:

Lise Li – Head at BSV Blockchain Hub for China & APAC

Salisu Uba – CEO at NatQuest

Eva Porras - CEO Blockchain Smart Technologies

Michelle Chivunga L – Global Policy House/ AfCFTA

Apollo Eric Ohmer- CEO Bitlipa

11:40 – 12:20 pm **Breakout Panel Session I:**
*Decoding the Metaverse: Opportunities and Challenges in the Virtual
Frontier.*

Moderator: **Michael Ogungbe** - Business Analyst

Panelists:

Jimi Daodu - Founder, Vault Hill
Roland Divine Ogbaji - Founder CEO at Near Finance Protocol
Fambegbe Olakunle Famola - CEO of Famcoin Universe

12:20 - 12:40 pm **Main Stage Session II:**
Nicholas Westermann - Director EMEA, Mesmerise- *The Intersection of Spatial Computing and AI.*

12:40 - 1:20 pm **Main Stage Panel III:**
Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Innovation and transformation of Nigerian Industries.
Moderator: **Dr. Flash** - Curacel

Speakers:

David Edoja - CEO at Analytics Intelligence
Daniel Doll-Steinberg - Co-founder EdenBase
Michael Collins - Founder/CEO Periculum
Ayanda Luthuli

12:40 - 1:20 pm **Breakout Workshop Session II:**
Emerging technologies in Action: Real-world Applications and Success Stories- Fintech, Creative Economy, Healthcare, Agriculture.
Moderator: **Juliana Alu** - CEO Application Lab

Speakers:

Adedeji Owonibi - CEO of Convexity
Dr. Chuks Ekwueme - Chairman UNICCON Group
Olufemi Balogun - CEO, PayVantage
Tunji Andrews - Co-Founder

1:20 - 1:50 pm **Lunch**

1:50 - 2:10 pm **Main Stage Session III:**



Guest Speaker, **Evan Freeman** - Director of Education BSV Association- *Building the Future Through Blockchain Education*

1:50 – 2:10 pm

Breakout Round Table Discussion III:

Emerging Tech and Regulations: Government Policies and Legal Frameworks.

Moderator: **Tomiwa Aladekomo** - CEO Big Cabal Media

Panelists:

Oswald Osaretin Guobadia - Fmr. Senior Special Assistant on Digital Transformation at the Office of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Saadatu Fali Hamu- Managing Partner, Hamu Legal

Smith I. Osemeke, Co-Founder, MD/CEO Unitellas

2:10 – 2:50 pm

Main Panel IV:

Building Blockchain Capacities in Africa to drive Digital Transformation.

Moderator: **Obinna Iwuno** – President, SIBAN Founder, CBC

Speakers:

Wei Xiao - Director of DevRel NVIDIA

Ayanda Luthuli – CTO, Paycode

Dr. Catherine Lephoto – E.D Global Partnerships, VX Technologies

Lorien Gamaroff – CEO, Centbee

Evan Freeman - Director of Education BSV Association

2:50 – 3:10 pm

Breakout Roundtable Discussion Session IV:

Guest Speaker, **Dr. Nnenna Ifeanyi-Ajufo** - Legal expert and professor of Technology Law- *Decentralized Identity and Privacy: Securing Personal Data in a Digital World*

2:50 – 3:10 pm

Main Stage Fireside Chat Session V:

Investing in the future of emerging technologies.



Moderator: **Bola Lawal**

Speakers:

Kola Aina (Ventures Platform)

Ashim Egunjobi

3:10 – 3:50 pm

Main Stage Panel Session VI:

The Future of Work: Adapting to AI, Automation, and Remote

Speakers:

Musa Mohammed I. – Board Member Start-up Arewa

Emrah Koktekin – Director EMEA, Mesmerise

Ashley Immanuel - SemiColon

Prince Isaac - Zeedas

Demilade Jemilugba, Fast Forward Ventures

3:10 – 3:20 pm

Breakout Workshop V:

Blockchain Development Session

Speakers:

Aminu Bin- CEO Startbench Hub

4:00 pm

Day 1 Closing Remarks

DAY TWO: 25TH OF OCTOBER, 2023

MAIN STAGE - SET III

TIME

ACTIVITY

8:00am

Doors Open | Arrival of the Dignataries

9:00am

National Anthem



9:10am Reconvening Remarks by Host, **Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi**,
Director General, NITDA

MAIN STAGE AND BREAKOUTS- SET IV

9:35 – 10:15 am **Main Stage Panel Session VII:**
Fostering Digital Growth: Collaborative Strategies for Operators and Regulators in the Digital Economy.

Moderator: **Bilal Al-Rais**, Vice President - Technology & Digital Cluster, Dubai World Trade Centre

Speakers:

Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi - Director General, NITDA

Bar Hafsah Sahabi Dange, President, Association of Northern Women Entrepreneurs

Hassan Jaber - MTN

9:35 – 10:15 am **Breakout Roundtable Discussion Session VI:**
The Creative Economy through the lens of Digitization: Collaboration and Ecosystem Building.

Speakers:

Fed Min of Art, Culture & Creative Economy rep - SSA to the President on Creative economy, Olamide Dawodu

Adedeji Olowe - Founder Landsqr

Aisha Sambo ED Elamin International School

Chavala Yaduma - Vala Pictures

10:15 – 10:30 am **Main Stage Session VIII:**
Daniel Awe, Access Bank- *Learning's from Africa's Largest Fintech Foundry.*

10:30 – 11:10 am **Main Stage Panel IX:**
Driving Financial Inclusion in an Emerging Economy: The Role of Banks & Fintechs.

Moderator: **David Adeleke** - Zeeh

Speakers:

Michael Simeon - Co-founder & CEO, VPD.money

Richmond Basse - Bamboo

Dami Crowdforce

Ahmed Idris - Postpay Africa

10:30 - 11:10 am

Breakout Workshop Session VII:

Growing Investment in our Creative Sector.

Speakers:

Ife Adediran - Kreative Kollektive

Cavic Hub Abuja

Prof Fiammari

11:10 - 11:50 am

Main Stage Panel X:

Empowering Human Capital in the Digital Economy: Leveraging Technology for Skill Acceleration.

Moderator: **Ada Nduka Oyom** - CEO, She Code Africa

Speakers:

AyoOluwa Nihinlola, Ulesson

Jola, Google

Jimi Dauodu, COO Vault Hill

Racheal Onoja- ALT School Africa

Ruby Igwe, ALX

Abdulaziz Kabir, 4U Academy

11:10 - 11:50 am

Breakout Panel Session VIII:

Nigeria to the world: The role of technology in distributing Nigerian stories and culture.

Moderator: **Aaliyah Tawsumia**



Speakers:

Sani Amanesi Michael (Mc Lively)

Tiwalola Olanubi

Uzoma Orji - Creative Technologist

11:50 am

Main Stage Session XI:

- 12:05 pm

Ray Youssef, Founder CivKit- *Harnessing Technology Skills of Nigerian Youths for Nigeria's Economic Growth.*

12:05 - 12:20 pm

Main Stage Fireside Chat Session XII:

Regulation & Connectivity: The Backbone of our Digital Economy.

Moderator: **Nicolette Amporful**, Head Global Partnerships, Domineum

Speaker:

Aminu Maida - NCC EVC/CEO

12:05 - 12:45 pm

Breakout Panel Session IX:

Monetizing Creativity: From Passion to Business.

Speakers:

Zoza - Asha Bara

Emeka Amafor - Bedge Pictures

Adanna Adaka - Content Creator

12:20 - 12:55 pm

Main Stage Panel XIII:

The role of connectivity and infrastructure in bridging the digital divide gap in Nigeria.

Moderator: **Osibo Imohtsike - David**, Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy

Speakers:

Kazeem Oladepo, IHS Towers
Galaxy Backbone
Abayomi Adebajo, MainOne

12:55 – 1:10 pm

Main Stage Session XIV:

Daniel Doll-Steinberg, Co-Founder Eden Base- *Navigating and Influencing a world controlled by powerful new technologies.*

1:10 – 1:40 pm

Lunch

1:40 – 2:20 pm

Main Panel Session XV:

Shaping the Future of Consumer Tech in Nigeria: The Regulatory Perspective.

Speakers:

Babatunde Irukera, EVC/CEO, Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

Mr. Oladejo Olawumi, Director of Standards Guidelines and Framework, NITDA

Abdullahi Gambo Usman, PhD, Director of IT Infrastructure Solutions, NITDA

1:40 – 2:20 pm

Breakout Panel Session X:

The Making of Tech Giants: Strategies for sustained growth and innovation.

Moderator: **Nafisa Lawal Idris** - Lead Data Analyst, Greyssoft

2:20 – 2:35 pm

Main Stage Fireside Chat Session XVI:

Data Protection as a Catalyst for Innovation and Investments in the Digital Economy.

Moderator: **Aisha Kwakul**, Founder, Aisha Kwakul Associates

Speaker:

Dr. Vincent Olatunji, NC/CEO, Nigeria Data Protection Commission



2:35 – 3:15 pm **Main Stage Panel Session XVII:**
Unlocking growth for Nigeria's content creation and consumption industry.

Moderator: **Chavala Yaduma**, Vala Pictures

Speakers:

Sele Got, Filmmaker

Rodney Avo, CEO Avocado Podcasts

Aisha Augie Kuta, Centre for Art and Talent Nigeria

Dr. Oluwatobiloba Moody, World Intellectual Property Organization

Osaze Efe, Abuja Photo Festival

2:35 – 3:15 pm **Breakout Session XI:**
Speaker, **Opeyemi Iredumare**, Partner, Technolawgical Partner-
Monetizing Creativity: Intellectual Property and Copyright in Nigeria

3:05 – 3:45 pm **Main Stage Panel Session XVIII:**
Boosting Long-Term Investment for Digital Economy Advancement.

Moderator:

Speakers:

Tosin Faniro-Dada - Partner, Breega and Founder, Endeavor

Theodore Longji - Ecosystem Director ISN

Oyin Solebo, MD, Techstars Lagos (ARM LABS)

Dimeji Sofowora - MAGIC Fund

Bankole Oloruntoba - CEO, MNigeria Climate Innovation Centre

3:55 – 4:35 pm **Main Stage Panel Session XIX:**
Nigeria's VC Landscape: Empowering Local Investors to Scale Economic Growth.

Moderator: **David Adeleke**

Speakers:

Janade Du Plessis, Managing Partner, Launch Africa Ventures

Sateshi Melwani, Managing Director, Melsons Group

Ray Sharma, Partner, Pacer Ventures

Charles Odii, DG, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (SMEDAN)

4:35 pm **Day 2 Closing Remarks**

DAY THREE: 26TH OF OCTOBER, 2023

MAIN STAGE - SET V

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00am	Doors Open Arrival of the Dignataries
9:00am	National Anthem
9:10am	Reconvening Remarks by Host, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi , Director General, NITDA
9:20 am	Keynote Address by Mr. D.I. Arabi , Director General, Bureau of Public Service Reforms- <i>Landscape type of keynote around e-governance; the state of digitization of government</i>

MAIN STAGE AND BREAKOUTS- SET VI

9:40 – 10:20 am **Main Stage Panel XX:**
Delivering Essential Government Services Efficiently using Technology.

Speakers:

Engr. Shuaibu Kabir Bello, Senior Special Assistant on ICT,
Kaduna State Government

Nnenna Irebisi, AWS

Nonye Ujam, Government Affairs Lead, Microsoft

Tubosun Alake, Commissioner for Science and Technology,
Lagos State, Nigeria

Afolabi Olamide CEO, Cowry (digital transportation payment
collection for governments)

9:40 – 10:20 am

Breakout Panel Session XII:

*Sustainable execution of digital transformation in Public Service: The
role of multi-dimensional partnerships*

Moderator: **Rinsola Abiola**

Speakers:

Dr Isa Iyortim, Program Management Specialist, USAID

Representative of United Nations Development Programme
(UNDP)

10:20 – 10:35 am

Main Stage Session XXI:

Speaker, **Jimmy Nguyen**, CEO, New Win Global - *Empowering
Potential to WIN*

10:35 – 11:15 am

Breakout Session XIII:

Speaker, **Roc Bai** - Vice President, Huawei Cloud Southern
Africa Region- *Accelerate Web3 Innovation with Everything as a
Service. Powered by Huawei.*

10:35 – 11:15 am

Main Stage Panel Session XXII:

*Civil Servants: The Driving Force for Digitization of the Public
Sector.*

Speakers:

Basil Udotai

Agu Collins Agu, PhD, Research and Development (R&D)
Department, NITDA

FCCPC Rep

Hon Bashar Umar Kwaba A.A, Commissioner Ministry Of
Communication and Digital Economy, Sokoto

11:15 – 11:30 am

Main Stage Panel Session XXIII:

The Role of Satellite Technologies in Accelerating our Collective Prosperity

Speaker:

Jane (Amadi Nkechi) Egerton-Idehen, MD/CEO of NigComSat

11:30 – 11:45 am

Main Stage Panel Session XXIV:

The Postal Service as a Key Enabler of the Digital Economy.

Speaker:

Tola Odeyemi, Post Master General of the Federation

10:35 am

Breakout Session- Hackathon Pitches Session XIV

– 12:05 pm

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Coffee Break

1:00 – 1:30 pm

Main Stage Fireside Chat Session XXV:

Leveraging Technology to Enhance Public Service and Drive Digital Transformation in Nigeria.

Speaker:

Dr. Bosun Tijani, Honourable Minister of Communications,
Innovation and Digital Economy

1:15 – 1:45 pm

Breakout Panel Session XV:



Cybersecurity and Government: Safeguarding Public Services in the Digital Era

Moderator: **Embassy Marshal**, CEO, SpiCodeX

Speakers:

Dr. Bayero Agabi - CEO of TrustAfrica ICT Solutions.

Basha Ahmad - Chief Executive Officer of Cyber Security Experts Association of Nigeria (CSEAN)

Hamza Lateef- Co-founder Cyberplural

John Nwachukwu Chief Strategy/Executive officer Zoracom

1:30 – 1:45 pm

Main Stage Session XXVI:

Speaker, **Arzish Azam**, CEO Ejad Labs - *Talent Ecosystem: Opportunities for Nigeria-Pakistan Collaborations.*

1:45 – 2:25 pm

Main Stage Panel Session XXVII:

Legal frameworks governing public service enhancement.

Moderator: **Chimdi Neliaku**, Policy Researcher, Office of the Vice President

Speakers:

Kassim Sodangi, Technical Adviser to Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy

Nonye Ujam, Government Affairs Lead, Microsoft

Dr. Rislán Kanya - Deputy Vice Chancellor Innovation, Baze University

2:25 – 3:05 pm

Main Stage Panel Session XXVIII:

Building a Digital Nation.

Moderator: **Zumah Yahaya**

Speakers:

Iyinoluwa Aboyeji, Founding Partner, Future Africa

Nasir Daniya, Permanent Sccretary, Ministry of Innovation &
Digital economy Sokoto

Fred Agbata (CFA), DG, Anambra State ICT Agency

3:20pm

Day 3 Closing Remarks & Gala Night

