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-Raising productivity of Nigeria’s economy through the use of digital technologies and innovation
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*

**Breakout Round Table Discussion III:**


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

**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

**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*

**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**

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**DAY TWO: 25TH OF OCTOBER, 2023**

**MAIN STAGE - SET III**

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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 Hafsat 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:**

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 Bassey - 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 Kollective
Cavic Hub Abuja
Prof Fiammari

11:10 – 11:50 am **Main Stage Panel X:**

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

**Speakers:**
AyoOluwa Nihinlola, Ulesson
Jola, Google
Jimi Dauodu, COO Vaulthill
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 Tawsimia**
Speakers:

Sani Amanesi Michael (Mc Lively)
Tiwalola Olanubi
Uzoma Orji - Creative Technologist

11:50 am  Main Stage Session XI:

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 Oladepe, IHS Towers
Galaxy Backbone
Abayomi Adebanjo, 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:**

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

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, Technolgical 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**

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**DAY THREE: 26TH OF OCTOBER, 2023**

**MAIN STAGE - SET V**

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**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. Rislan 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 Secretary, Ministry of Innovation & Digital economy Sokoto
Fred Agbata (CFA), DG, Anambra State ICT Agency

3:20pm  Day 3 Closing Remarks & Gala Night