

Report of The Nigeria Youth Internet Governance Forum 2020 (Virtual)



**Shaping a Resilient
Internet for Societal
Sustainability.**

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OVERVIEW

The 2020 edition of the Nigerian Youth Internet Governance Forum (NYIGF) is convened by the Nigerian youth Internet stakeholders as part of the 2020 Nigerian Internet Governance Forum in line with the principles of the United Nations Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a platform for Nigerian youth to assess the state of Internet technology in Nigeria and communicate challenges and opportunities to the appropriate stakeholders.
2. To enable Nigerian youth to learn about the principles of Internet governance and how they can contribute to developing infrastructure, policy, and standards for telecommunications in Nigeria.
3. To encourage the integration and inclusion of Nigerian youth in national Internet-related public policy meetings and events.

WHY NYIGF?

The theme for the 2020 NYIGF event "*Shaping a resilient Internet for societal sustainability*" addresses the need to build strong telecommunication infrastructure, policies, and standards within Nigeria. This has been made obvious from the high dependence on Internet technology in light of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

WHAT DOES VIRTUAL NYIGF EVENT OFFER?

Due to global disrupts caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, we met online to offer the following;

- ENGAGE with pathways to influence policy making and contribute to priority setting in the public and private sectors.
- CONNECT with youth from across Nigeria working to map solutions to complex ICT and digital economy problems and find partners to help put them into action.
- LEARN through workshops and skill-building seminars with the industry youth experts and take advantage of recorded content to learn at your own pace.

Organizing Committee.

Composition refers as following: Full names with affiliations and stakeholder groups of the committee members of the 2020 Nigeria Youth IGF:

Name	Organization	Stakeholder Group
Bolutife Adisa	Internet Society Youth SIG	Civil Society
Dunsin Fatuase	Together Against Cybercrime	Civil Society
Ekemini Alfred William	CYSEC-NG	Technical community
Gabreal Odunsi	Paradigm Initiative	Civil Society
Joshua Josh	Bandwidth Consortium	Technical community
Oshinojo Adedeji	Tech4Teen	Civil Society
Tomisin Awosika	University of Lagos	Academia
Uffa Modey	Digital Grassroots	Civil Society / Technical Community

PRE-EVENT WEBINAR

Date: 16 September 2020

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM WAT

Location: Zoom

Participants: 46

The 2020 NYIGF pre-event webinar created a space to introduce the youth to the concept of internet governance and explain their roles in the Nigerian internet ecosystem. The organizing team realised that many of the participants for the main event may need this introduction to explain seemingly complex internet governance terms to them and to help them visual and map their expectation for the main event the following week.

Topics

1. Introduction to Internet Governance Principle
2. Youth participation in Internet Governance

Speakers

1. Bolutife Adisa - President, Internet Society Youth Special Interest Group
2. Chinonso Ama Ota - Founder, Depen Global

AGENDA

Nigeria Youth Internet Governance Forum September 23, 2020 THEME: "SHAPING A RESILIENT INTERNET FOR SOCIETAL SUSTAINABILITY"			
Time Slot	Time (AF)	Title	Speaker
30 MINUTES	11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Welcome Address:	NYIGF Coordinator - Ms. Uffa Modey, Global Lead, Digital Grassroots
	11:16 AM - 11:30 AM	Goodwill messages:	Dr. Haru Alhassan, NIGF Chair Ms. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat's Focal Point for the NRIs Engagement Brice Abba, AFRINIC Community Engagement Mrs. Mary Uduma, Coordinator WAIGF
60 MINUTES	PANEL SESSION		
		High-Level Panel session on the event theme: Shaping a resilient Internet for societal sustainability (30 MINS)	
		Moderator: Ms. Morisola Alaba, Legal Officer, Media Rights Agenda	Mr. Seun Ojedeji, Board of Directors Member, AFRINIC Ms. Chenai Chair, The Web Foundation Mr. Ridwan Oloyede, Partner, TechHive Advisory Mr. Seun Fakorede, Oyo State Commissioner for Youth and Sports
		QnA / Open Discussions (25 MINS)	
	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Session Summary by panel moderator (5 MINS)	
15 MINUTES	15 MINUTES of HEALTH BREAK		

BREAK OUT DISCUSSION GROUPS			
45 MINUTES	<p>12:46 PM - 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Session 1: Building capacity of the Nigerian Youth in Web Literacy and ICT Skills in the era of COVID19 (30 mins)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Joshua Josh, Operations Manager, Bandwidth Consortium</p> <p>QnA / Open Discussions (10 mins)</p> <p>Session Next steps by the moderator (5 mins)</p>	<p>Ms. Adenrele Adedayo, Program Coordinator, The STEM Belle Mr. Funminiyi Oladapo, Program Assistant, Data Science Nigeria</p>
	<p>12:46 PM - 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Session 2: Role of the Nigerian Youth in the global Internet Economy (30 mins)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Bolutife Adisa, President, Internet Society Youth Special Interest Group</p> <p>QnA / Open Discussions (10 mins)</p> <p>Session Next steps by moderator (5 mins)</p>	<p>Mr. Oluwaseun Ajani, Founder and Team Lead, Opportunities Community Ms. Moriam Sulaimon, 2019 NextGen Fellow, ICANN</p>
	<p>12:46 PM - 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Session 3: Impact of connectivity on e-businesses and e-commerce in Nigeria(30 mins)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Peter Akenremi Taiwo</p> <p>QnA / Open Discussions (10 mins)</p> <p>Session Next steps by the moderator (5 mins)</p>	<p>Mr. Joseph Agunbiade, Founder, U nivelcity Ms Adenike Ajuwon, Legal Associate, ZCL So.licators</p>

	12:46 PM - 1:30 PM	Session 4: Cyber Security & Cyber Crime - Enabling a secure and sustainable internet for all. (30 mins) Moderator: Mr. Pius Effiom, Cloud and Network Support, Eko-Konnnect QnA / Open Discussions (10 mins) Session Next steps by the moderator (5 mins)	Mr. Abiade Dosunmu, AFRINIC Mr. Raymond Onuoha, Tech Policy Fellow, Lagos Business School (LBS)
	RECONVERGENCE OF GENERAL FORUM		
40 MINUTES	1:30 PM - 1:50 PM	Session reports (20 mins)	Session Rapporteurs
	1:51 PM - 2:00 PM	QnA / Open Discussions (10 mins)	Input from the participants
	2:01 PM - 2:05 PM	Next Steps (5 mins)	Mr. Gabreal Odunsi
	2:06 PM - 2:10 PM	Closing remarks / Vote of Thanks (5 mins)	Ms. Uffa Modey

MEETING OUTCOMES

SUMMARY OF HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Morisola Alaba, Legal Officer, Media Rights Agenda

Speakers: Seun Ojedeji, Board of Directors Member, AFRINIC
 Chenai Chair, The Web Foundation
 Ridwan Oloyede, Partner, TechHive Advisory

This session focused on the theme of the forum - Shaping a resilient Internet for societal sustainability under four categories of questions.

1. What would be the strategy in dealing with digital divide?
2. What is the role of the technical community in building capacity for a resilient internet?

3. What should be the strategy of stakeholders in ensuring that we have a sustainable secured internet?
4. What are the key factors in creating a favourable environment that will include more youth in internet related conversations and debates.

Key Points and recommendations:

It is important that the government focus on ensuring the closure of the digital divide and including young people into policy development. The government should also comint to change, to actually assist the quality of internet connectivity and to ensure that all voices are heard in developing ways that tackle the issues around skills, affordability and safe space online.

The technical community has a huge role to play in building capacity. Nigeria has one of the lowest numbers of community networks in Africa. There is a need to approach capacity building in various ways such as community networks, events and using other capacity building opportunities.

The government should do its bit by creating an adequate law that respects human rights not just focusing on punishing the crime. We also need a judicial system that works effectively.

Users of the internet need to have a sense of responsible use of the internet. While the technical organization creates an efficient technical measurement for a safe and secure internet environment.

However, there is a need to create spaces for youth participation in internet related conversations. Muchmore, it is important for those in the position of decision making to listen to young people actively to understand what they want. The more we engage the youth in creating useful contents that reflect our culture and essence, the more we have the right engagement.

Members of the panel referenced that there will be no way for participation if the challenges of affordability and access are not adequately tackled.

SUMMARY OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session 1: Building capacity of the Nigerian Youth in Web Literacy and ICT Skills in the era of COVID19

Moderator: Joshua Josh, Operations Manager, Bandwidth Consortium

Speakers: Adenrele Adedayo, Program Coordinator, The STEM Belle
Funminiyi Oladapo, Program Assistant, Data Science Nigeria

Reported by: Gabreal Odunsi

Summary of session:

The moderator opened the session with a background on how COVID-19 continues to shape the world's reality, how it's affected the education system and it exposing the digital inequalities evident in the country.

Hence, this calls for the need to implement comprehensive capacity-building strategies to ensure that the Nigerian Youth have the ICT skills needed to be more productive and employable. Also, what roles do different stakeholders play in building the capacity of Nigeria youth?

Challenges identified in building capacity of the Nigerian Youth in Web Literacy and ICT Skills in the era of COVID19

- High cost of data and internet services
- Lack of access to Internet-enabled devices
- Poor power supply
- Poverty - people are more concerned with what they will eat
- Indiscipline of youth toward learning
- Lack of collaboration between stakeholders.

Recommendations

- We need to build communities (online and offline) where people can connect to learn
- There is need to provide alternative means of learning, using offline content strategy
- The need to exist strong collaboration between public and private sectors.
- Creation of learning platform with easy user experience
- There is a need to build the capacity of public school teachers, this will help them to relate with the students better on ICT.

Session 2: Role of the Nigerian Youth in the Global Internet Economy.

Youth are at the forefront of using the internet as a tool for development, justice, and social change in our communities. Their advocacy activities promote the core principles of the network. Nigeria youth should get more involved in policy development processes that shape the internet through internet governance because they are the future of Nigeria in the Global Internet Economy.

Capacity and human capital development of Nigerian Youth in emerging technologies will accelerate the pace of technological change as IoT, AI and blockchain technologies are fully deployed. They will reshape the economies in a drastic manner.

The Nigerian Youth will play a significant role on e-commerce, digital entrepreneurship, digital product, e-business infrastructure

Recommendations

- The youth should be educated on the proper use of the internet and social media.
- Government should empower the youth so as to engage them in more meaningful and constructive activities
- Parents as a matter of urgency should monitor the activities of their wards on the internet.
- A cyber monitoring team should be set up by schools to checkmate the effects of illegal activities of the internet.
- We should have adequate and effective online child protection law
- The Nigerian Youth should get more involved in internet economy discussion
- We need to develop project because this project will create awareness
- We need to understand the technology trend
- We should also expose our young boys and girls to the digital internet economy.
- We must guide the Nigerian Youth and limit their exposure to the negativity of Internet and social media
- We must ensure appropriate laws in place to protect them against the exposure to social media
- We must channel their activities on social media to yield positive results.

Session 3: Impact of Connectivity on e-businesses and e-commerce in Nigeria

Moderator: Taiwo Peter Akinremi, Head of IT/Operations Data Analytics Privacy Technology Ltd

Reported By: Taiwo Peter Akinremi.

Speakers Mr. Joseph Agunbiade, Founder, Univelcity
Ms Adenike Ajuwon, Legal Associate, ZCL Solicitors

Summary of the Presentations:

It was recognized by the moderator that connectivity is now core of the business society and service offering. The Internet has made it possible for new business opportunities, ease of doing business, and improved productivity and efficiency. However, connectivity has also led to increase in cybercrime activities and some illicit behavior that is hindering opportunities for businesses. Also, the concern that; is connectivity in Nigeria sufficient for e-business and commerce growth and its translation to more business offerings.

Adenike Ajuwon who is a lawyer with experience in intellectual property, technology law, internet policy and governance states that e-business is already thriving and growing very fast

especially with the advent of covid-19. She posed that there is increased connectivity in Nigeria and growth in internet users. Adenike identified the challenges to e-business to be digital divide which can be categorized as materials (availability of resources), and usability (skills) challenges, lack of ICTs infrastructure, bandwidth constraint, cost of setup, unemployment leading to cybercrime activities, lack of trust, regulatory impact such as unfavorable policies and regulations, border closure and banned of importation, payment issue in the e-business value chain. In responding to translating connectivity to business, Adenike referred to how people make use of Instagram for service offering. She also addressed the issues of trust in the online business environment by being decent in conducting online business, implementing business processes and ensuring effective communication.

Joseph Agunbiade who is the founder of Univelcity and co-founder of Budgit stated that Nigeria have come a long way as regards connectivity and adopting the internet especially with payment gateway. He dwells more on sharing practical scenarios on how people are making the use of connectivity. Joseph found the laying of fiber optics cable in Lagos very interesting in addition to what has been done by companies such as mainone, ipnx, and would like to see other states doing the same. He as well encourages Lagos State government to do more as 3000km is just a beginning. He further stressed the importance of low bandwidth technology to improving e-business and e-commerce in Nigeria which is clearly seen in the banking sector through the adoption of USSD for payment. Innovation around audio technology to conduct and improve businesses such as teaching. Using existing technology for service and products offering. Joseph noted that adopting 5g technology early will make Nigeria experience business opportunities such as playing in the area of equipment manufacturing. He gave a scenario where 5gb could help a local restaurant livestream services for customers preference. And concluded by advising on spending more on access rather than fighting cybercrime. Joseph as well advised that anyone from any part of Nigeria can enjoy the benefit of connectivity by selling stuff and weave stories

Key Issues Raised:

- Digital divide in the areas of material and usability issues
- Lack of infrastructure that hinders e-business development
- Literacy issues among the youth and business community was raised
- E-business and e-commerce in Nigeria are faced with cost and trust problem
- Logistics issues for e-business operations
- Policy and regulatory issues. Especially changes in policy that affect platform operations
- Increase in cybercrime activities
- Youth wasting time on politics in the online environment rather than doing business.

Actions recommended:

- The State Government should invest in connectivity. Example from the Lagos State
- Lagos should do more in the aspect of fiber optics cable laying as 3000km is good but not enough.

- Resources should be channeled to access provision. It should take more priority than fighting cybercrime.
- Stakeholders should adopt innovative approach in doing business in the Nigeria environment
- Adoption of non real-time approach in doing e-business online
- There is a need for investment in low bandwidth technology in Nigeria by the government, private and civil society actors.
- There is need for youth to leveraging on the existing platform for business promotion
- A call to the tech community to create an esco platform for ease of business delivery in Nigeria in addressing trust.
- E-business in Nigeria need to be descent, implement business process, ensure effective communication, adopt freelance platform and sale the right product
- Access such as 5gb will result in equipment manufacturing and creating more business opportunities in Nigeria

Session 4: Cyber Security & Cyber Crime - Enabling a secure and sustainable internet for all.

Moderator: Pius Effiom, Cloud and Network Support, Eko-Konnect

Speakers: Abiade Dosunmu, AFRINIC

Raymond Onuoha, Tech Policy Fellow, Lagos Business School (LBS)

Reported by: Uffa Modey

Summary of session:

Due to the global disruptions caused by the novel coronavirus outbreak, the nation wide stay at home order increased the need of Nigerians to adopt telecommunication and ICT enabled platforms for communication and basic amenities for day to day living. Everyone needed to be online therefore increasing their potential exposure to Cyber Security & Cyber Crime attacks.

In this session, we assessed the current state of cyber security for Internet users with focus on their interfacing with cyber crime.

Issues Raised:

1. Nigeria has a large tech savvy young population. Their potential to engage in cyber crime may be influenced by socio-economic factors including lack of quality education and job opportunities.
2. Common avenues for cyber crime or cyber security breaches online stem from password leaks and sharing of sensitive personal information. 66% of cybersecurity breaches are caused by weak passwords.

3. Oversharing on social media may lead to leak of personal information such as location, date of birth, mother's maiden names.
4. In the past, questionable organizations/individuals have developed a business out of compromising the networks or systems using phishing emails.
5. Biometric identity creates a higher level of security compared to passwords. Regulations such as the 2019 Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) will provide guidelines to support the use of biometric identity for security in Nigeria.

Recommendations:

1. Nigerian youth need more role models for expected behaviour in cyberspace. They should be made aware of the dos and don'ts of the internet.
2. Internet users should make a conscious effort to establish a strong defense to accessing their personal devices.
3. Internet users should engage themselves in capacity building workshops to develop their basic cybersecurity awareness.
4. When possible make use of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) and encrypted software and networks.
5. Things posted on social media should remain private and very generic. Cherish your social media share
6. Tips for creating a good password: Use alphanumeric passwords, make use of sentences, use uppercase and lowercase characters, Change passwords often
7. Internet stakeholders should create strong regulations and laws that support the use of biometric identity in Nigeria.
8. The Nigerian government should empower the youth to increase their standard of living. This will potentially reduce budding dependency for crime within the country.
9. Young Nigerian should identify how they can contribute to building the digital economy through digital skills development.

Wrap up Session/Way Forward

The wrap up session was moderated by Gabreal Odunsi, he also talked about the next steps after the NYIGF which includes:

- capacity building session though webinar to discuss Internet Governance topics,
- registration for the global IGF, and
- further engagements will be done via the mailing list and social media platforms.

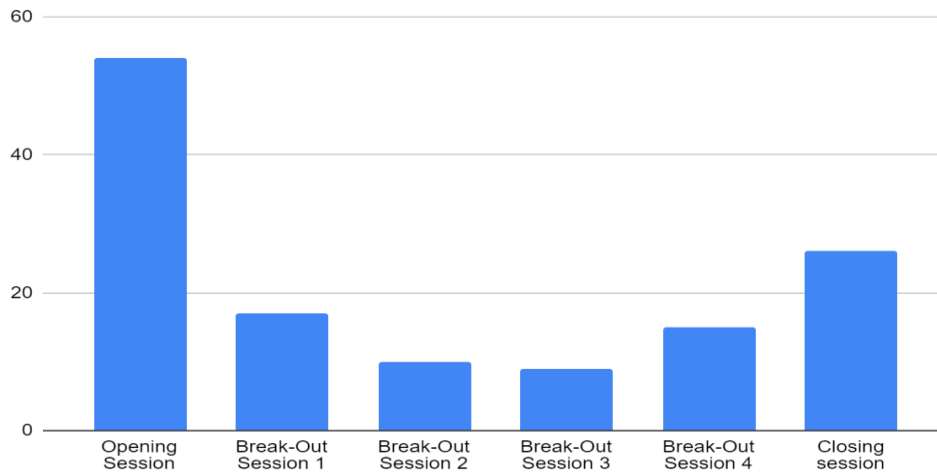
Closing Remarks

The closing remark was delivered by the Uffa Modey (Coordinator, NYIGF), she appreciated all the stakeholders who contributed to the success of the event. She also encouraged participants to keep the conversation going, by participating and lending their voices to internet governance related topics.

REPORT ON THE MEETING RECORDS

Participants

In total, we had 139 registrants and 54 attendees in this year's event. See the chart below for more details regarding to opening, break-out and closing sessions:



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