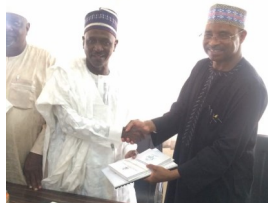


## Photo News



DG/CEO NIMC, Engr. Aliyu Aziz, accompanied by Kano state coordinator at a radio programme organized by Express Radio Station, Kano.



DG/CEO NIMC, Engr. Aliyu Aziz presenting NIMC's Gazette to the Chairman KANO LEADS, Kano Chapter Alhaji Nasidi Abdullahi



NIMC Kano Staff with KANO LEAD Members



NIMC Kano team led by Kano State Coordinator with Staff of Arewa24 TV Station after an interview with the State Coordinator.

## Identity Ecosystem-a Key Advantage in Populating the NIDB

Identity Ecosystem is a proposal to improve identity authentication of citizens and make all transactions safe within and outside the country by developing an effective ID ecosystem framework leveraging on the existing capabilities and infrastructure of Government agencies to carry out enrollment nationwide and issuance of Digital ID.

The Ecosystem will help NIMC scale up the speed of capturing applicants because the system will enable NIMC to license identity issuing Government agencies and private agencies to capture data and send to the NIMC backend. While NIMC remains the custodian of the National Database.

The World Bank, European Union (EU) and AFD- Agence Française de Développement (AFD) a French developmental agency have pledged to fund the ecosystem so that NIMC can capture minimalist data.

Based on the NIMC Act that makes the NIN a requisite for accessing and providing Government services to citizens and legal residents, NIMC came up with regulations that expands and are very clear that for every Government service you must provide a NIN and it should be linked to civic registration (birth and death registration) to ensure retirement of the NIN to sweep out the dead in the database.

Some Government Agencies that will participate in the ID Ecosystem are:

- ◆ National Identity Management Commission (NIMC): Lead agency for Identity Management in Nigeria.
- ◆ National Population Commission (NPopC)

- ◆ Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- ◆ Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
- ◆ National Communications Commission (NCC)
- ◆ National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)
- ◆ Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)
- ◆ Joint Tax Board (JTb)
- ◆ National Pensions Commission (PENCOM)
- ◆ National Social Safety Net Project (NASSP)
- ◆ Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD)
- ◆ Ministry of Defense (MoD)
- ◆ Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS)
- ◆ Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)
- ◆ Nigerian Prisons Service (NPS)
- ◆ Nigeria Police Force (NPF).

The ID Ecosystem also comprises of Government agencies at State level, Private sector including Financial institutions, Telecommunications service providers, Healthcare service providers etc.

## Digital Inclusion, Important to National Identity Management-Engr. Aziz

The Director General, National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), Engr Aliyu Aziz, has stressed on the importance of digital inclusion, especially in Identity Management.

This was made known at the ongoing Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) National conference in Ibadan, Oyo State, under the theme, 'Digital Inclusion: Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies'. The DG however, decried the slow broadband penetration in hinterlands which has caused hitches for the Commission in its quest to grant every Nigerian access to enrolment. "We all have to care for digital inclusion; it is more

complex, but entails the allocation of resources to deploy infrastructure. We need to create environment for the deployment of new technology that will enable digital inclusion.

"We have to strike a balance between protecting individual rights and remaining open to digital flaws. Rather than relegating old debates about digital inclusion, it is time to accept the reality of the new era of digital economy and work to maximize its benefits, minimize its costs, and distribute the gains inclusively. Only then can its true promise be realized", he added.



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