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## Effective Tips On Spending Wisely

- ◆ **Budget!** This is the cornerstone of all savvy financial planning. You can check the internet for templates to guide your spending and saving habits
- ◆ Along with budgeting, make sure you track your spending so you know how much is going out and coming in each month.
- ◆ Due to limited resources, identify your 'wants' and needs' and then prioritize by creating a scale of preference (The most pressing needs usually comes first, while the least pressing one come the last.)
- ◆ Use ATMs sparingly, be smart about ATM trips. Try withdrawing a set amount each week and sticking to it,
- ◆ Troll exclusive deals sites for deals on everything from grooming to lifestyle. [www.dealdey.com](http://www.dealdey.com) is a good one in Nigeria.
- ◆ Bundle your errands into one long, massive trip per week so that you can save on fuel costs.
- ◆ Reduce the number of times you dine out. Bring lunch from home at least three times a week.
- ◆ Cut many "extra" expenses. Wash your hair at home sometimes, cut back on the visits to the Cinema, stay in and watch a movie some Friday nights.
- ◆ Choose energy-efficient appliances, the math is easy on this one. Less energy used equals less money spent.

**"Our focus for the next three years is just going to be on the number to give digital identification,"- Engr. Aliyu Aziz**

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has harmonized about 30 million identities of Nigerians.

This was disclosed during the Strategic Roadmap for Developing Harmonized National Digital Identity Ecosystem presentation to Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, by the National Identity Harmonization team at the State House.

Speaking at the presentation, the Director General/CEO National Identity Management Commission, Engr. Aliyu Aziz hinted that despite challenges in the beginning, the harmonization process is advancing due to the collaborative efforts of Agencies involved.

## NIMC Gets A Pass Mark, As SERVICOM Evaluates

The SERVICOM National Coordinator, Mrs Nnenna Akajemeli gave the National Identity Management Commission a pass mark during the presentation of the SERVICOM Compliance Evaluation Report to the management.

The Evaluation was based on the Government's empowerment of SERVICOM to evaluate the performance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) based on their service standard and from the point of view of customers.

The reasons for the pass mark were based on observations during the course of investigation and evaluation carried out in twelve States (Lagos, Bauchi, Ogun, Kogi, Kano, Jigawa, Kwara, Delta, Edo, Gombe, Imo, Abia ) and the FCT.

NIMC was commended for its sensitization and awareness programmes, the spread of enrolment centres across the country for easy access by customers and its prompt attention to the aged, physically challenged and pregnant women during registration.

He also stated that NIMC had a three year timeline to issue digital identification to the entire population with focus shifting from possession of the physical cards to the National Identification Number (NIN).

Also speaking, the Presidential aide on Logistics and ICT Mr Lanre Osibona, applauded the advancement of the Harmonization process, and further expressed his confidence in the three year timeline set by NIMC as Digital Identification would lay solid foundation for other developmental programmes.

However, the Commission was requested to improve on timeline for registration and card production, ensure effective and efficient feedback mechanism , Customer service, Staff welfare etc

In his response, the Director General/CEO NIMC, Engr. Aliyu Aziz thanked SERVICOM for the evaluation and detailed reports and assured that all issues raised will be addressed appropriately to ensure impeccable service delivery to Nigerians.

Engr. Aziz assured that the next visit by SERVICOM will see NIMC on a higher performance scale.

## Quote Of The Week

*"We cannot solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them"*

- Albert Einstein