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Digital Identity- A Panacea to Transforming Governance in the 21st Century— DG, NIMC

The Director General/CEO, National Identity Management Commission, Engr. Aliyu Aziz made this known during his presentation titled "National Digital Identity Ecosystem Strategic Road Map for enrollment of Nigerians and legal residents into National Identity Database (NIDB)", at the January, 2019 lunch time reform seminar organized by the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR), in Abuja.



The DG/CEO NIMC, Engr. Aliyu Aziz during his presentation at the January, 2019 Lunch Time Reform Seminar held in the Auditorium of the Federal Ministry Of Finance, Abuja .

Engr. Aziz noted that Nigeria has recognized the importance of Digital Identity as a catalyst to achieving its set developmental goals.

"Nations all over the world and in particular, developed countries have utilized identity as foundation to transforming governance and enhancing service delivery in the areas of healthcare, agriculture, voting, transportation, financial inclusion, access to basic service and welfare programmes," he said.

Recognizing the importance of having a National Identity Database, the Federal Government approved the new digital identity ecosystem in which Government Agencies and private sector Organizations will be licensed by NIMC, to collect Citizens and Legal resident's data using guidelines issued by NIMC through secured approved channels of communication

and send such data to NIMC backend to generate NIN.

"We have a mandate to register all Nigerians and legal residents or at least over 95 per cent of the population within the next three years. It does not necessarily mean that NIMC must have offices or enrollment centres in all nooks and crannies of the country, especially given the current economic situation and realities in our country, the collection of data by government agencies or licensed agents by NIMC under the digital identity ecosystem means fast-tracking of the enrollment process in the national identity system." He said.

The Ecosystem approach will ensure that a vast majority of Nigerians and legal residents

are captured into the National Identity Database (NIDB) by 2022.

Underlining the importance of achieving digital identity, the Acting Director-General, BPSR Mr Dasuki Arabi ably represented by the Director of Communications, BPSR, Mr Inyang S Inyang said the world is currently facing political, economic, social and technological challenges which have forced institutions to undergo reforms to cope, address and manage change for improved performance on quality service delivery to citizens.

"Nigeria, like any other country of the world has undertaken various public sector reforms especially since the beginning of democratic rule in 1999. Part of the public service reform is to move the public service delivery standards to world class, by refocusing public institutions on the citizens and transforming the public service into a value based and well performing institutions" Mr Arabi said.

The Lunch time Seminar is organized by the BPSR to foster better understanding amongst Government Organizations and Stakeholders on topical issues ranging from the economy, Social welfare, Government polices etc. that concerns all . It provides an educative platform for discussion and interactions with Executives of Organizations.

Photos From The January, 2019 Lunch Time Reform Seminar



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