



“Established by the NIMC Act No. 23 of 2007, it has the mandate to establish, own, operate, maintain and manage the National Identity Database in Nigeria, register persons covered by the Act, assign a Unique National Identification Number and issue General Multi-Purpose Cards (GMPC) to those registered individuals, and to harmonize and integrate existing identification databases in Nigeria.”

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Vision

It is our vision to provide sustainable world class identity management solution to affirm identity, enhance governance and service delivery in Nigeria by 2019.

Mission

To establish and regulate a reliable and sustainable system of National Identity Management that enables citizens and legal residents affirm their identity in an environment of innovation and excellence.

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Identity management infrastructure, Key to Sustainable Development - Osinbajo



(L-R) - Chairman, House Committee on National Identity, Hon. Mahmood Mohammed, SSA to the President on ICT, Mr. Lanre Osibona and Country Director for Nigeria, World Bank, Mr. Rachid Benmessaoud, at the NIMC Stakeholders Workshop recently.

The Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo has said that a well-defined identity management infrastructure will provide a credible platform for all identity utilisation agencies to leverage on for adequate, effective and efficient identity and information of Nigerians and foreigners living in the country.

He said digital infrastructure will be pivotal to the security and socio-economic transfor-

mation of the country, such that Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), like the Federal Road Safety Commission, Independent National Electoral Commission, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), as well as the banking and security communities will leverage on it, for sustaina-

ble development and good governance.

The vice president who was represented by the Senior Special Adviser to the president on ICT, Mr. Lanre Osibona, called on all stakeholders at the workshop to produce a robust action plan to shape the implementation of the presi-

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OPENING REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF NATIONAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (NIMC) – ENGR. ALIYU A. AZIZ AT THE WORKSHOP ON STRATEGIC ROADMAP ON ID ECOSYSTEM FOR NIGERIA ON WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY, 2018 AT THE EXECUTIVE HALL, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, GARKI, ABUJA, NIGERIA



Engr. Aliyu Aziz

PROTOCOLS

1. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour and privilege to welcome you all to the stakeholder workshop on Strategic Roadmap for ID Ecosystem in Nigeria.

2. Permit me to give a brief historical background on this workshop.

3. Over a year ago – precisely on the 8th of December 2016, all identity stakeholder agencies gathered at the State House Banquet Hall for a roundtable meeting organized by the World Bank on developing a Strategic Roadmap for ID Ecosystem in Nigeria and leveraging digital ID entity to develop and transform our nation. The focus of the ecosystem approach is to ensure every individual in Nigeria is given a unique identity within the next 3 – 5 years. And it can

only happen when we all work together.

4. At the roundtable meeting, the representative of the Vice President read out the charge of the Vice President to all stakeholders as follows:

- To ensure that the policies developed must be articulated and refined in such a way that government agencies must work together; collaborate with each other, share infrastructure and government investment to serve their customers who are

potentially the same citizens and residents.

- That we give Nigeria a world class identity management infrastructure, which will be pivotal to the security and socio-economic transformation of the country.
- Robust action plans to shape the implementation of the Presidential directive for the alignment of all biometric identity databases in the country.
- To reach a common understanding on what our nation needs right now, what business model and approach should be adopted in ensuring that everyone in Nigeria has a unique identity (an identifier that serves the public and private sectors alike) and
- Consider options and strategies for streamlining activities of

MDAs and optimizing the use of scarce government resources in achieving a common goal on identification as an enabler.

5. Throughout the year 2017, several stakeholder meetings were held under the auspices of the Harmonization & Integration Committee to achieve the above Presidential objectives and we had high level support from the Office of the Vice President through the SSA-ICT to the President – who was present at all our meetings in the past year.

6. The World Bank team also held one-on-one meetings with several stakeholders in the identity sector in Nigeria (private and public).

7. Two sub-committees – Business Model & Plan and Legal & Regulatory – were set-up by the Harmonization & Integration Committee and the reports of these sub-committees served as input to the development of the Strategic Roadmap by the World Bank that is being presented today.

8. The draft Strategic Roadmap has been reviewed by the Harmonization & Integration Committee made up of about 25 government agencies and it was decided that the document be exposed to an expanded audience cutting across different sectors of the economy so as to get the document more enriched with inputs/feedbacks/comments.

9. At the end of today, we expect to have a document that is ready for finalization for submission to the Federal Executive

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Council (FEC) for approval and subsequent implementation.

10. Private sector participation is required for extended optimization of resources typically devoted to addressing issues of PROOF OF IDENTITY across the nation. It would also mean seamless integration and use of a common facility for identity verification and authentication, in both the public and private sectors.

11. Some accruable benefits to a credible national database of unique identities :

- Enhancement of law enforcement work.

- Accessibility to consumer credit.
- Ensuring financial inclusion.
- Reduction in cost of governance and citizens' service delivery.
- Achievement of multi-pronged approach to the fight against corruption.
- Introduction of social security or welfare payments.

If we are to gain all these benefits, then, we must first and foremost, establish, populate a credible National Database and provide secured, authorized access for verification of identities of individuals.

12. I want to commend all stake-

holders so far and those joining us now. Your commitment, cooperation, focus and support in pursuing this quest to bequeath a credible, secure, world class identity management system to our children and the unborn generations is highly appreciated. I pray and hope that this commitment and focus will be sustained till eventual successful implementation of the Strategic Roadmap for the Identity Ecosystem in Nigeria.

13. Thank you all for honouring our invitation. I wish us a productive and fruitful deliberation.

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the alignment of all biometric identity databases in the country.

He said: "The roadmap is a technological platform for inclusion and digital governance considering the fact that "millions of Nigerians do not have access to basic means of identification.

"Hence, the focus of the ecosystem approach is to ensure that every individual in Nigeria is given a unique identity within the next 3 – 5 years."

He assured everyone present that the digital identity ecosystem roadmap is to be brought before the Federal Executive Council (FEC) at the conclusion of the workshop.

The Director General/ CEO NIMC, Engr. Aliyu Aziz, while giving the opening remarks at the event explained that the workshop was organised to ensure that

policies were developed, articulated and refined in such a way that government agencies must work together; collaborate with each other, share infrastructure and government investment to serve their customers who are potentially the same citizens and residents

He said the draft Strategic Roadmap has been reviewed by the Harmonisation & Integration Committee and it was decided that the document be exposed to an expanded audience cutting across different sectors of the economy hence the workshop, in order to get more feedback and comments.

Noting that the benefits of unique identification for all Nigerians are enormous, he said: "we must first and foremost, establish, populate a credible National Identity Database (NIDB) and provide secured, authorised access for verification of the identities of individuals." he said

Also at the workshop was the World Bank Country Director, Mr. Rachid Benmessaoud, who said that a robust and unique identification system is central to socio-economic development and bench-marking of development process of any nation as it provides information on vulnerable group like women, children and persons with disability.

Benmessaoud reiterated that an updated identification system will help development agencies across the globe to identify, assist and monitor countries and persons in need of social services assistance in the areas of health, education, financial inclusion, migration and travel, voting, social safety and women empowerment.

He said: "The World Bank group is focused to provide a functional identification system in West Africa in line with global best practices, hence the World Bank commitments to the development of the roadmap."

NIMC enrols over 28m Nigerians and Legal Residents ...Targets 78m by December, 2018



The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has enrolled over 28 million Nigerians and Legal Residents into the National Identity Database and issued them the National Identification Number (NIN). The figure was reached on Wednesday January 10, 2018.

While announcing the figure, the Director General/CEO of the Commission, Engr. Aliyu A. Aziz also set a new target to enrol additional 50 million Nigerians and legal residents as well as issue them the NIN by December, 2018.

In December, 2016 when the enrolment figure stood at only 14 million, the NIMC DG had set the target to double the figure so as to capture 28 million Nigerians and legal residents into the database by December 2017, a target that was met few days after the end of December 2017.

According to him, the remarkable achievement could not have been possible, but for the dedication, commitment and sacrifices made by members of staff of the Commission on the one hand and the unalloyed support of government at all levels despite the economic meltdown recently witnessed in the

country.

He also acknowledged the push for the mandatory use of the NIN from stakeholders and partners of the Commission in the private and public sectors, especially members of the Harmonisation Committee set up by the Federal Government and charged with harmonising all identification data.

“Indeed, their commitment towards the harmonisation process contributed to the growth of the database, as well as increase in the general public’s awareness about the NIN and its benefits,” Engr. Aziz said.

The Harmonisation Committee is made up of about 25 Federal Government Agencies who are stakeholders in the identity sector.

Explaining that the NIN bequeaths citizens with a lot of privileges and benefits, the DG listed

some benefits to include one-person-one-identity, ability to verify and authenticate individual’s identity, access to services, claims and entitlement and benefit from government social interventions.

Urging Nigerians to take advantage of the over 900 enrolment centres across the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory to enrol for the NIN, the NIMC DG said the Commission is set to commence enforcement of the mandatory use of the NIN for all identity based transactions in the country as enshrined in the NIMC Act No 23 of 2007.

The DG also stated that the Commission had recently gazetted and published supplementary regulations which consist of the set of principles, practices, policies, processes and procedures that would be utilised to achieve the desired objective of enforcing the NIN.

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He also called on Nigerians to be patient as the Commission is working tirelessly to ensure that all Nigerians get their National Identity Cards. He further thanked the general public for their feedback which has helped improve the services of the Commission.

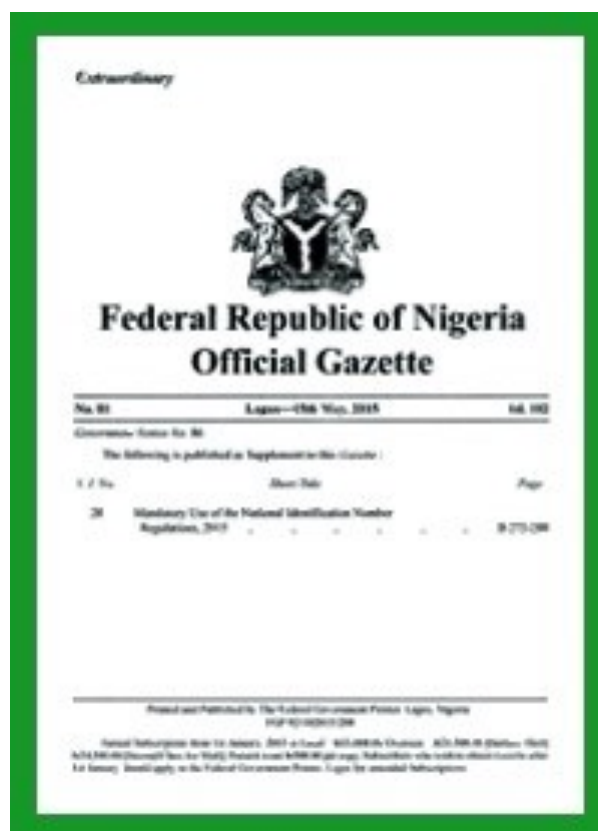
NIMC's Gazetted Policies, Key to Sustainable Identity Management Solutions

Sequel to the newly projected target of additional 50 million NIN enrollments by December 2018, the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) in line with its mandate has set steps towards achieving this target efficiently.

One of the key factors that will help achieve this is the enforcement of the recently gazetted policies approved by the Honorable Attorney General of the Federation (HAGF) and the Minister of Justice in November, 2017.

This is in reference to Sections 27 and 31 of the NIMC Act, 2007 which provides for the Commission to make supplementary regulations to cover the various services and offerings of the Commission.

According to section 27 (1) and (2) of the NIMC Act, 2007, transactions including, applications for, and issuance of an International Passport; opening of individual and/or group bank accounts, all consumer credits; purchase of insurance policies; the purchase, transfer and registration of land by any individual; National Health Insurance Scheme, such transactions that have social security implications, registration of vot-



ers, payment of taxes, and pensions, etc., will be done with the NIN.

The Enforcement of the Mandatory use of the NIN will automatically make the NIN a precondition for conducting any transaction that requires a means of identification in the country, further strengthening the practicality of the National Identity Management System.

The enforcement of these regulations will;

- Enable NIMC set standards,
- Enable the enforcement of the use of the NIN,
- Create an avenue for reve-

nue generation

- Enable the commission to scale up population of the National Database
- Ensure best practices for interoperability and conformity
- And ensure a robust and reliable National system for identity management

The Legal Department and Inspectorate,

Regulatory and Compliance Unit will ensure that the Policy is enforced and adhered to by Stakeholders, Government, Private Organizations and the general public.

In conclusion, the enforcement of the mandatory use of NIN will ensure that a sustainable identity management system that will affirm identity, enhance governance and service delivery in Nigeria is achieved.

It is our duty as Staff and stakeholders to work collectively towards this achievement.

Gov. Ambode urges Lagosians to register for their NIN



Lagos State Governor Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, with the State Coordinator, Lagos West, Funmilola Opekanwo; Lagos Regional Coordinator, Mr. Kayode Adegoke (4th left) and State Coordinator, Lagos East, NIMC, Mr. Olumide Aremu, registering for his NIN, at the Banquet Hall, Lagos House, Ikeja, on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Lagos State Governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode has urged residents of the State to come out and register for the National Identification Number (NIN) scheme being administered by the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), saying compliance would enhance proper planning and facilitate national development.

Speaking at Lagos House in Alausa, Ikeja after registering for the scheme, Governor Ambode said it was important for people to register for the scheme, as such would go a long way to scale up data and financial planning, as well as boost the delivery of democratic dividends to the people.

He said: "I have just finished registering myself as a very proud Nigerian; I am very proud

to hold this identification number and I also urge all Lagosians to do the same. We are proudly Lagosians and we are very proud Nigerians.

"So, I urge every Lagosian to come out and get their national identification numbers. It is in our best interest and it is also good for data and financial planning for all the things that we are trying to deliver to our people. So, I urge everyone to come out and register."

Earlier, NIMC Regional Coordinator for Lagos, Mr. Kayode Adegoke commended Governor Ambode for leading the registration process and for the massive infrastructural development across the State.

Adegoke, who presented the transaction slip confirming the Governor's enrollment into the

National Identity Database, said the NIMC was proud to be associated with the State Government to deliver on the scheme.

Giving details about the registration, Adegoke explained that the NIN generated by the system is an eleven digits unique number which is

similar to what is obtainable in the developed world.

"That unique number is your identity," he said, adding that NIMC will also issue a general multi-purpose electronic identity card which has about 13 applets and 18 security features.

"With this sir, we want to thank you (Governor Ambode) for what you are doing for us in Lagos State; we want to thank you for the work you are doing and we like to assure you that we will partner with the State Government to ensure the progress of the State," Adegoke said.

The NIN registration process is done in Lagos in partnership with the Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA).

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ANTIVIRUS

Computer



Viruses

WHAT IS A VIRUS?

A virus is a microscopic infectious organism or agent that can replicate inside the cells of another organism. It infects and most times, causes harm to its host.

Similarly, in the same way that viruses infect all life forms, from animals and plants to humans, a computer virus is designed to spread from host to host and has the ability to spread between computers. It can also be transported via email or via USB drives and other types of media. When it infects a computer, it can perform malicious acts, such as deleting files, accessing personal data, or using your computer to attack other computers on the same network as the host.

Where does computer viruses' come from?

Computer viruses are usually malicious computer programs written in order to damage other people's machines or steal information or even cash. They are written by skilled programmers as an "ego" boost to prove that they can hack into computers & sites to obtain private information, or by criminals who

have more dubious intentions. The types of virus include:

Worms: These are programs which copy themselves to other computers on a network. They tend to slow things down as they consume more and more bandwidth or computer resources.

Trojans: Performs functions (sometimes malicious) on the computer without the knowledge of the user (Think of the horse of Troy)

Malware: Technically, this is not classified as a virus. More commonly known as "spyware", a Malware (short for malicious software) is a program specifically engineered to compromise the security features on a computer or mobile device to give cybercriminals access to a user's personal data and in some cases, commit identity theft. Malware can sneak in through holes into the computers through legitimate apps downloaded by a user, or can be hidden in software programs of online adverts.



WHAT IS AN ANTI-VIRUS?

Antivirus or an antivirus software (often abbreviated as AV), is a

software used to prevent, detect and remove malicious software from a computer.

In particular, antivirus software can protect computers from malicious browser helper objects (BHOs), browser hijackers, ransomware, keyloggers, backdoors, rootkits, Trojan horses, worms, malicious LSPs, dialers, fraud tools, adware and spyware.

Some products also include protection from other computer threats, such as infected and malicious URLs, spam, scam and phishing attacks, online identity (privacy), online banking attacks, social engineering techniques, advanced persistent threat (APT) and botnet DDoS attacks.

Why do i need an antivirus software for my computer?

One of the most common reasons for failures or problems in computers is the lack of antivirus software, or expired antivirus software. It is an issue which is often overlooked and has dire consequences for the unfortunate computer owner.

Without the right precautions the internet can be very dangerous and unsafe for every computer user. Even the most advanced technology user is not completely protected and is vulnerable to these threats. Which is why it is important that everyone knows about the benefits of using an anti-virus software on the computer or mobile device.

An antivirus software helps to protect computer against such unwanted invaders that make the computer "sick."

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HOW AN ANTIVIRUSWORKS Updating Signature Files

Antivirus software is the "policeman" at the gate of a computer system. It protects the computer from incoming threats and seeks out, destroys and warns of possible threats to the system.



As new viruses are written, it is the job of the antivirus software to keep up with the latest threats. This is achieved by daily updates of the antivirus database definitions, which counteract the latest threats to provide constant protection.

Antivirus software looks at the data—web pages, files, software, applications—present or stored on your computer and storage devices as well as traveling over the network to your devices. It searches for known threats and red-flags behaviour to block or remove malware as quickly as possible.

To help keep your computer healthy. You must also ensure that the program and the virus signature files are up to date. These updates are generally available through your subscription.

Why is it important to constantly update antivirus software?

It is very important to constantly update the anti-virus software on a computer because computers are regularly threatened by new viruses. The anti-virus updates contain the latest files needed to combat new viruses and protect your com-

puter.

Signature files contain the latest list and behaviour of known viruses. Anti-virus programs release signature file updates regularly; sometimes daily, sometimes more often, because new viruses are being identified on a daily basis. It is best to configure your anti-virus program to automatically check for these updates.

Maintaining the Scan Engine

The scan engine is where the signature files are loaded. It is responsible for scanning and performing actions such as cleaning, quarantining and deleting identified viruses in your computer. Updates on scan engines are intermittent and not as regular as signature files. When a scan engine is updated, it is either to fix a scan engine issue or to make it scan faster, perform better and detect fewer false positives.

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR ANTIVIRUS ON NIMC'S SYSTEM.

STEP 1: Click on the "triangle" close to the date on the task bar on your computer.

STEP 2: From the pop up click on the ESET icon.

STEP 3: On the ESET – Endpoint Security window, which should pop up after step 2;

Check to see that the ☒ is next to the "PROTECTION STATUS" on the far left of the window

Check to see that the "Last update" is as current as today's date. i.e. up-to-date.

If your "Last Update" is not up-to-date, please click "Check for updates" at the bottom of the window.

THE BENEFITS

The first benefit of having an up to date antivirus software is that you will be protected from all types of computer viruses.

The risk of your computer getting infected or damaged can be significantly reduced simply by having an up to date anti-virus protection.

You will also be protected from having your identity or personal information stolen by spyware. This personal information can include anything from credit card and financial data to password, etc. The hackers can then use this information to make purchases and transactions.

Anti-virus protection can also reduce the amount of spam mail you receive. Receiving mail and ads that you are not interested in can be extremely annoying. Your inbox being bombarded with unwanted emails could be the result of your computer containing a virus. Anti-virus software can ensure that your inbox contains only what you wish to receive.

ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE IS VITAL!

The Importance of Antivirus Software cannot be underestimated. Not having anti-virus on a computer is like inviting a criminal into the home or having an uninvited guest! They then cause havoc or steal from the owner.

Today's internet has provided many ways for virus attacks and there are thousands of threats. To be safe from these, it is vital to police your computer and have it protected at all times.

Note: All IT related issues/challenges/requests should ALWAYS be reported to IT HELPDESK either by walking into Room 004/005, Sending a mail to ithelpdesk@nimc.gov.ng.

*Calling extensions 2258 or 2333 (8:00am – 5:00pm) or
CUG Lines: 08157691137, 08157691138*

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DG/CEO, Engr. Aliyu Aziz chairing the Harmonization and Integration (HIC) Meeting which held on Tuesday 23rd Jan 2018. Present at the meeting are representatives of the 25 agencies of government that make up the Committee.



Director General of Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre, Mr Jonah Bawa (forth left), DG/CEO, Engr. Aliyu Aziz and top management staff of the Commission when the latter paid a courtesy visit to the Commission recently.



DG/CEO, Engr. Aliyu Aziz flanked by the students of Federal University of Dutsin-ma, Katsina, during an excursion to the Commission recently.



Cross Section of Members of the NIMC Multipurpose Cooperative Society, during the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the NIMC training Centre in December.



Primary 5 pupils of Christabel Primary School, Wuye on excursion to the Commission being educated by a staff of Biometrics Unit.

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The Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Mohammad Sa'ad Abubakar III enrolling for his National Identification Number (NIN) at the NIMC enrolment Centre at the Sultans Palace in Sokoto State recently.



The Alaaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Olayiwola Adeyemi III recently registered for his National Identification Number (NIN) at the NIMC State Office in Oyo State.



The Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai Al-Amin El-Kanemi recently received his National e-ID Card from the Borno State Coordinator at his Palace.



The Aare Ona Kakanfo of Yoruba land, Otunba Gani Adams, flanked by the Lagos Regional Coordinator, Mr. Kayode Adegoke and other NIMC Staff members after he enrolled for his National Identification Number (NIN) recently.



Former First Lady, Hajiya Turai Umaru Musa Yar'adua, receiving her National e-ID Card from the General Manager, Legal, Regulatory & Compliance Services of NIMC – Mrs. Hadiza Ali Dagabana, recently.



The Secretary to the Kebbi State Government, Alhaji Babale Umar Yauri, receiving his National e-ID Card from the Kebbi State Coordinator, Mr. Umar Bello Bagudo at the Cabinet Office Birnin Kebbi, recently.

Cross-Section of Participants at the one day stakeholder's workshop on Strategic Roadmap for Digital Identity Ecosystem in Nigeria



Discussants at the one day stakeholders workshop



(L-R) - DG/CEO, NIMC, Engr. Aliyu Aziz and SSA to the President on ICT, Mr. Lanre Osibona



World Bank Representatives at the Workshop



(L-R) - Representatives from the Nigerian Army, the Nigeria Prison Service and the Nigeria Customs



Cross-Section of Stakeholders at the one-day Workshop



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Hajjiya Jamila Ahmad of Corporate Communications Unit marked her 40th birthday with Staff of the Commission on the 12th December, 2017. Hearty Cheers!!!



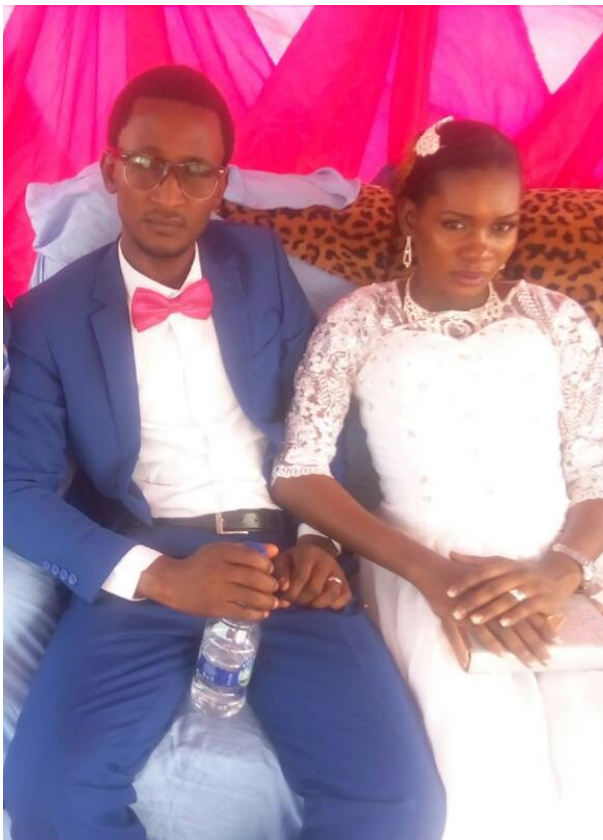
Miss. Oby of Inspectorate & Enforcement Unit celebrated her birthday recently. She is flanked by the DGM, Inspectorate & Enforcement and her Colleagues. We are wishing her many happy returns!



Mrs. Shola Oyewole of Audit Unit recently marked her birthday with colleagues in the Office. Many Happy Returns!!



Miss Saratu Matankari of Corporate Communications Unit celebrated her birthday with colleagues recently. We wish her Long Life and Prosperity!



Mr. Ebenezer Olerenwaju of Corporate Communications Unit recently tied the knot with his heartthrob. We wish them a Happy Married Life!!!



NIMC Catholic Community during the 2017 end of the year thanksgiving and Christmas Carol at the NIMC Chapel, Abuja.



NIMC Christian Fellowship (Inter denominational) during the 2017 end of year thanksgiving at the NIMC Chapel, Abuja.

'NIMC Time' Pilots in Six States



This is to notify all staff translated in each state's NIMC TIME is on-going on the commencement of local dialect, is an interactive and informative radio programme, designed to sensitize and educate the public on NIMC activities and achievements, the importance of the NIN, and enrolment procedures.

The Radio programme titled 'NIMC TIME' as in Adamawa, Katsina, Ebonyi, Nassarawa, Osun and Cross-rivers, and is scheduled to air for 13 weeks. All Staff are encouraged to tune in, interact if necessary and monitor the programme in their respective states.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROGRAMME IN EACH STATE

S/N	STATE	RADIO STATION	NAME OF PROGRAMME	DAYS	START DATE	TIME
1	Adamawa	Pulaaku Radio 92.3FM	LOKACIN NIMC	Sunday	21/01/2018	6:00pm-6:15pm
2	Cross Rivers	Kanaan City 99.5 FM	NIMC TIME	Wednesday	17/01/2018	1:00pm-1:30pm
3	Ebonyi	98.1 Salt FM	OGE NIMC	Tuesday	16/01/2018	6:00pm-6:30pm
4	Katsina	Katsina State Radio 97.2	LOKACIN NIMC	Monday	22/01/2018	2:00pm-3:00pm
5	Nassarawa	97.1FM NBS Radio	LOKACIN NIMC	Tuesdays	13/02/2018	10:00am-10:30am
6	Osun	Unique FM 103.1	AKOKO NIMC	Fridays	16/02/2018	9:30am-10:00am

“Always be the best you can in all you do... your effort will bring you up to shine” – Iwok

Nkoyo Iwok reveals how she has used her 26years experience to transform the Procurement Unit of the Commission, her challenges and achievements as the DGM/Head of Procurement Unit.

Can you give a brief introduction of yourself?

My name is Nkoyo E. A. Iwok and I am the Deputy General Manager/ Head of Procurement Unit, NIMC. I am a Nigerian and I believe in Nigeria. I am happily married and have four biological children & five foster children.

How long have you worked in NIMC and can you share some of your experiences with us?

I have worked with NIMC for nine (9) years. I have twenty six (26) years working experience in the public and private sector.

I worked with the Private sector for three years before joining the Public sector in June, 27th 1994, I have worked in three (3) Federal Ministries before I was redeployed to Ministry of Interior in August 2006.

In 2009, I was seconded from the Ministry of Interior to National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) as State Coordinator in Kaduna State and later transferred to NIMC HQ, Abuja on 28th October 2015 as an Assistant General Manager.

From your introduction, we understand you are the DGM/Head-Procurement unit, how do you manage challenges associated with this position?

This is two in one, a Deputy General Manager and Head of Procurement. By training, I am an Administrator, I love working with people. Human beings are the greatest asset of any organization.

As a head of a unit I have qualified, dedicated, hardworking and well behaved staff (some with BPP capacity building) working under me so I ensure all procurement unit staff are



DGM/Head, Procurement Unit. Mrs. Nkoyo Iwok

carried along and understand their individual schedule of duty thereby promoting team spirit for excellent results. I can function and manage any administrative responsibility as it is obvious from my past experience of 26 years, I have handled various positions in three (3) previous Federal ministries I have worked in: The office of the President, State House, Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Ministry of Interior and then to NIMC.

I love challenges and perceive challenges as ‘stepping stones for champions.’ I don’t see challenges but opportunities to contribute my quota to the commission/Nigeria and excel.

As Head of Procurement it is an additional responsibility that has to do with integrity and due process which cuts across: needs identification, process of documentation, selecting vendors, strategic vetting/ selection, negotiation of contracts and actual purchasing of goods, works and services without prejudice to the Public Procurement Act of 2007.

It is a whole lot from identification of needs, choosing adequate procurement methods, sourcing suppliers etc. to ensuring full implementation of the commission’s yearly appropriation through, proactive efficient procurement management system etc.

I play an advisory role as Head of Procurement to the Director General/Chief Executive of the Commission, to ensure that all approved procedures and processes are followed according to the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2007.

As the Head Procurement, do you have any certification in your field?

Yes I do. I see learning as a continuous process so, apart from my first degrees and a Master degree in Public Administration, I enrolled for a part-time course in Procurement and Supply Management with the College of Supply Chain Management, Nigeria. I currently have a Professional Postgraduate Diploma Certification (PGD) in Procurement and Supply Chain Management, and was also awarded a FELLOW of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, USA in 2017.

I also completed an online course and have a certification in Business and Legal Studies that has helped me understand the business and legal aspect of procurement processes.

What important developments/innovations are you introducing in this Unit and how can NIMC benefit from them?

Personally I like continuous learning ideology and also first as an administrator I don’t joke with proper docu-

mentation, processes and procedures. I have introduced the electronic storage of all sensitive documents in the procurement unit in compliance with information security, e.g. certificate of approvals, procurement plan, procurement records, evaluation reports, NIMC vendor list/data, filing system etc.

I personally organize in house capacity building amongst procurement unit staff in order to share knowledge and this has helped in effective work processes, build staff self-confidence and team spirit. I also introduced quarterly Procurement Unit in house workshop as well contributed in the initiation and organization of two seminars 2016 with the approval of the DG/CEO on the themes:(1) Effective Public Procurement in the

Public Sector (2)Public Private Partnership Framework for Nigeria in which the management and some key staff were invited.

In addition, I introduced four sub-units in Procurement unit for effectiveness (Admin & Records, Market survey, Monitoring & Evaluation, and Payment & Approvals) to get procurement unit staff abreast of the unit's responsibility /job schedule. We also hold monthly unit review meetings and end of year retreat for Procurement unit staff and their families. These are the changes I have made to motivate procurement unit staff, enhance team spirit and streamline the workflow to help achieve our targets.

Away from work and office stress,

how do you relax?

Personally I love reading. So during my spare time, I read books. I read and finish at least one book or more in a month. "Readers Are Leaders". I also love baking and cooking. I am also involved in counseling/mentoring young married couples and youths at church level and beyond.

Any words of encouragement to NIMC staff?

Please always be the best you can be. Don't allow challenges or flimsy issues deprive you of your expected destiny as defined by God Almighty. Dedication and hard work in whatever you are assigned to do, pays. You never can tell when your effort will bring you up to shine.

NIMC Apprehends Suspect for Issuing Fake Age Declaration Certificates

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) on Thursday, February 15th, 2018, apprehended a suspect for issuing fake Declaration of Age Certificates after a sting operation that was carried out by the NIMC Security unit, the Nigerian Police (NPF) and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) officials attached to the Commission.

The security officials were tipped off by enrolment officers after several enrollees for the National Identification Number (NIN), turned up at the NIMC Headquarters with fake High Court of Justice Statutory Declaration of Age documents.



Following the tip-off, a team consisting of members of the NIMC Security unit along side the police and civil defense corps officers carried out a sting operation to apprehend the culprit collecting money from the unsuspecting public and issuing

them the fake documents.

The suspect was picked up in Zone 5 near the former NSCDC Headquarters where he was operating under a tree.

He was in possession of an FCT High Court Identity Card which indicated he was an employee of the High Court. Also recovered from him were fake stamps and forms as well as some cash.

The Security official who carried out the sting operation urged all NIMC staff and general public to be on alert as such unscrupulous elements are everywhere looking for who to defraud.

Investigation is still on to determine if the suspect is acting alone or is part of a syndicate.

Jigawa inaugurates enlightenment committee on National Identity

The Jigawa State Government has inaugurated a nine-man Committee on enlightenment, sensitization and monitoring of the registration of its citizens into the National Identity Database (NIDB) Scheme.

The Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Alhaji Adamu Fanini, made this known in a statement signed by his spokesman, Alhaji Isma'il Ibrahim on Saturday, February 17, 2018, in Dutse.

While inaugurating the committee, Alhaji Fanini said the committee was imperative, to ensure that indigenes of the State get registered into the database of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC).

The SSG tasked members of the committee to work hard in order to justify the confidence reposed on them, bearing in mind the importance of the National Identification Number (NIN) project.

According to the statement, the Jigawa State Commissioner for Information, Alhaji Bala Ibrahim, will chair the committee, while the Director, Administration, Research, Evaluation and Political Affairs (REPA), Alhaji Yusuf Mukaddas, will be the Secretary.

Other members of the Committee include the state ALGON Chairman, Alhaji Aminu Sani Gumel, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Alhaji Ibrahim Guri, Permanent Secretary, REPA, Alhaji Garba Muhammad Auyo.

Others are: the Managing Director Jigawa Radio Corporation, Alhaji Mati Ali, Director Information, Alhaji Isma'ila Yakubu, NOA State Coordinator, Malam Haruna Shu'aibu and the state NIMC Coordinator, Mr. Aminu Jakada.

In his remarks, the chairman of the committee thanked the state government for finding them worthy to carry out the task. He also pledged that they would do everything within their limits to ensure that everyone got registered in the state, and justify the confidence reposed on them.

The NIMC Jigawa state coordinator who was obviously elated by the creation of the nine-



Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Alhaji Adamu Fanini



Cross-section of the Committee members at the Inauguration Ceremony

man committee, assured that he will collaborate with the committee to ensure that they mobilize the residents of the state to come out for enrolment.

"Before now, most officials of the state and local governments had the belief that the NIMC project is solely the responsibility of the federal government.

However, this new arrangement will guarantee that the project receives the attention it deserves from the state government because the project is as much their own as it is ours.

He expressed satisfaction that the committee will ensure that Jigawa State which is one of the least performing states will improve on its present statistics, so that the citizens will not be left out of the benefits which comes with enrolling for the National Identification Number (NIN).

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Health Corner

Lassa fever is a disease caused by Lassa virus. The virus belongs to the group of viruses causing hemorrhagic fever. Hemorrhagic fevers are a group of infectious diseases that interfere with the blood's ability to clot thereby resulting in bleeding from different parts of the body.

Lassa fever is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be transmitted to human from animals. The virus is named after 'Lassa Town' in Borno State where the first case occurred in 1969. It is endemic in West Africa especially Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea and Nigeria.

Mode of Transmission:

The Virus is spread by a type of rat known as MASTOMYS NATALENSIS. These rats live in savannas, forest and around our homes. The characteristic feature of the rat is the presence of MULTIPLE BREASTS.

The virus is shed through urine, faeces, and other excreta, and is transmitted to humans by:

- Coming in direct contact with the rats.
- Contact with rat's droppings.
- Contact with contaminated material like utensils.
- Airborne transmission.
- Person-to-Person.

Clinical Features:

The Incubation period of Lassa fever is usually 6-21 days. 80 per cent of the time, the disease is present with just mild symptoms, while 20 per cent can progress to

a severe disease that can ultimately result to death from multiple body system failure. Symptoms may include:

- Mild fever
- General malaise and weakness.
- Throat pain
- Cough
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- In severe cases the above symptoms becomes persistent and may result to Bleeding from different parts of the body, Repeated Vomiting, Facial Swelling, Pain in chest, back and abdomen and shock. Deafness is the most common complication.

How to Prevent Spread:

- Keep rats out of homes and foodstuff.
- Ensure proper hygiene and environmental sanitation.
- Store grains and other foodstuffs in rodent-proof containers.
- Disposing of garbage far from the home to prevent rat infestation.
- Use preventive gears like gloves, masks, laboratory coats, and goggles when in contact with an infected person.
- Avoid rat meat.
- Ensure all foods are well cooked before eating.
- Avoid bodily fluid and blood contact while caring for a sick person.

- Keeping cats might keep rats away from homes.
- Ensure safe burial practices.
- Educate your loved ones on lassa fever prevention.

When in Public Places

- Try to avoid touching staircase railings.
- Wash and sanitize your hands always.
- Limit bodily contacts especially with sweaty people.
- Avoid roadside food, unless you are sure the food was properly cooked.



Teacher: Kola, spell plantain

Kola: whish one? the lipe one or the unlipe one?

Teacher: what difference does it make? Just spell plantain!

Kola: Teasha, If you fly the lipe one na 'DODO'.

If you fly the unlipe one na 'SHIPS.'

If you loast am, na 'BORLI'

All of them na plantain, so whish one you wan make I spell?

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During a board meeting Mr. Chinedu the board leader noticed Mr. Akpos one of the board members who had been sleeping during the meeting... so he asked: Mr Akpos, please are you with us?

Mr. Akpos: (wakes up) oooh yes I am with us!