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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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The Gallant NIMC Information Security Team



The Information Security and Risk Management (ISRM) is an arm of the Research, Information Security and Risk Management (R/ISRM) Unit placed under the office of the DG/CEO. It is made up of staff with broad based knowledge that cuts across technical and non-technical disciplines, the team understands and recognizes the importance of "information security" under the National Identity Management System (NIMS) implementation, hence are committed to providing NIMC stakeholders, business partners & employees with a secure information processing environment.

Led by the Chief Information and Security Officer (CISO), the units' objective is to minimize the impact of information security & risk breaches; carry out regular comprehensive security audit and risk as-

essment of NIMC's IT Infrastructure; ensure the Commission maintains its global security certifications ISO 27001:2013 and MasterCard Physical & Logical security; minimize operational discontinuity & system inaccessibility; review all security initiatives, and perform risk analysis on all new IT deployments to verify and validate that the features and functionalities meet the defined business objectives. It is divided into three sub-units;

Information Security Management Systems and Business Continuity (ISMS and BC): responsible for directing the implementation of security for critical information assets, access control, vulnerability management, and security awareness training, in accordance with NIMC security policies, as well as ensuring business continuity by pro-actively limit-

ing the impact of security breaches.

Physical Security: responsible for implementing security standards and processes in furtherance of the NIMC security policies with particular emphasis on protecting data center physical IT assets from theft, embezzlement, sabotage, trespassing, fire and accidents.

Risk Management: responsible for carrying out security risk management including periodic security risk evaluation that identifies threats to critical information assets, vulnerabilities and risks.

The CCU media crew spoke to the information security team in this issue of the NIMC Newsletter, to celebrate their achievements, especially the recent re-certification of NIMC with the ISO 27001. Excerpts on page 6.

NIMC Reaches Laudable Milestone in Data Harmonisation

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has reached a laudable milestone in the Aggregation, Harmonization and Integration of all existing silo identity databases in Nigeria into the National Identity Database (NIDB).

Established by Act No. 23 of 2007, NIMC has the mandate to establish and maintain the national identity database, to register persons covered by the Act and assign a unique National Identification Number (NIN), to issue a General Multi-Purpose Card (GMPC) and to harmonize and integrate existing identification databases in Nigeria.

It will be recalled that a presidential directive was also given in December 2015, to all demographic and biometric data collecting government agencies, to aggregate, harmonise and integrate their data into the NIDB; domiciled with and managed by the NIMC.

Following this matching order, a technical committee comprising all data collecting agencies and coordinated by NIMC, was set up. This committee had the responsibility to develop the harmonization roadmap, outline the harmonisation levels and define the parameters and methods to achieve the directive; with an ultimate goal to establish a single version of truth by issuing the NIN to every citizen as the major integration tool.

In harmonising the different identity databases, the harmonisation levels required include policies and standards, data capture, card utilization, network,

and co-location. These were put in



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place to ensure that all data collecting agencies which fall within the harmonisation category follow the set standards in order to achieve uniformity.

Currently, NIMC has reached an appreciable stage in the Bank Verification Number (BVN) harmonization process. During the data conversion and migration process, source agency (BVN) data is mapped and converted to the destination agency (NIMC) format. When the converted data gets to the NIMC backend, a NIN is generated if the data is deemed okay and non-existent in the system, and if not, the data is excluded from the system for further ac-

tions. Data harmonisation processes with the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) have also reached commendable stages.

In harmonising these data, NIMC is however faced with a lot of challenges, which include poor biometrics data captured by source agencies, the volume of records with true/false hits or matches and large number of data required to be processed within a short time. Poor biometric data capture sometimes leads to the inability of the Automated Biometrics Identification System (ABIS) to process the biometrics and create templates for matching.

Due to the volume of records with true/false hits, to be manually adjudicated with limited resources, coupled with failures in directly contacting all applicants, this has led to applicants already enrolled via the harmonized data turning up for normal registration at a NIMC center. However, efforts are ongoing to overcome these challenges appropriately.

Despite the challenges, NIMC is undeterred and has held several follow-up harmonization stakeholders meetings and intends to submit a special harmonisation report that will include a business model for the identity eco-system, cost of harmonization, revenue projections, recommended action plans etc., to the President before the end of March 2017.

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NIMC Collaborates with KDSG to Register Residents



Cross-section of ad-hoc enrolment staff during the training exercise

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) is partnering the Kaduna State Government to enroll all residents of the State into the National Identity Database and issue them the National Identification Number (NIN).

According to the General Manager Operations, NIMC, Mr. Abdulhamid Umar, the enrolment Exercise and issuance of the NIN to all children and

adults of the state, an estimated 8 million residents, is aimed at helping the Kaduna State Government plan and strategize for its citizens.

“The exercise will help the government in policy formulations and executions. In turn, it will benefit the government in areas of education, health, subsidy reliefs, and infrastructural development,” he said.

As part of the groundwork and preparations for the enrolment exercise, NIMC trainers recently concluded a hands-on training for the ad-hoc staff who were engaged by the Kaduna state government. The training was conducted for a period of three weeks (Mar 13 – Mar 31, 2017).

Mr. Umar, explained that the ad-hoc staff numbering about 240 have been deployed to 50 locations selected to serve as the NIMC Enrolment Centres for the first phase of the project.

He said: “Enrolment systems have been deployed to Kaduna State for the commencement of the first phase of the enrolment exercise”.

Stating that the project is highly commendable because it has generated jobs opportunities for the ad-hoc staff that will carry out the enrolment exercise, he added that the project will be highly beneficial and impactful to the state upon completion.

BDCS Records Milestone in NIMC's Verification Service Commercialisation

The Business Development and Commercial Services (BDCS) Department has officially deployed the National Identification Number (NIN) Verification Service to banks, for commercial purposes.

This is in line with part of the National Identity Management Commission's mandate to provide a secured means to access the National Identity Database (NIDB) so that individuals can irrefutably assert their identity.

It will be recalled that the NIMC's NIN verification service formally made its debut on the 16th of October 2015 after the service platform was launched and demonstrated to former President Jonathan.

Following the launch, the BDCS commenced a pilot operational phase of the verification service platform with vari-

ous organizations including financial institutions. Interested banks who were part of this pilot phase tried the service and returned positive feedbacks to the Commission.

With the successful conclusion of the pilot phase on March 9th 2017, the Commission announced the official commencement of the full commercialisation of the verification service.

Similarly, the participating banks, including Access bank plc, Zenith bank plc, GTB Plc, Skye Bank and UBA plc were successfully switched from the pilot phase to full commercial services, and Guaranty Trust Bank Plc (GTB) indicated interest and acceptance to continue with the platform.

Making the announcement, the DGM BDCS said: “In the GTB acceptance letter dated March 21st 2017 and ad-

dressed to the DGM, BDCS, Mrs. Carolyn Folami, the bank agreed to all charges as well as the terms of reference as stipulated in NIMC's initial announcement. BDCS and indeed NIMC Management and Staff is very happy with this development.”

“Noteworthy is the fact that our collaboration with Delta State Scholarship Board has also resulted in revenue generation as they have paid for the sign-on and engagement fees, she added.

According to her, the BDCS team positively anticipates that in the near future more banks as well as other organizations will formally accept our commercialization offers and with time, we will be fulfilling our departmental mandate of generating regular revenue for the Commission.

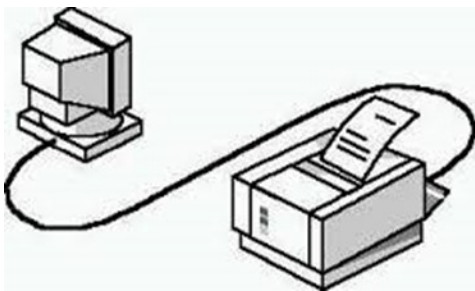
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NETWORK PRINTER AND ITS USAGE

A network printer is a type of printer accessed by one or all computers connected to the network. Basically, a network printer can connect to a computer over a wireless service or a network cable; it can also be connected to a computer on the network that shares the printer.

Local vs Network Printers: The Basics

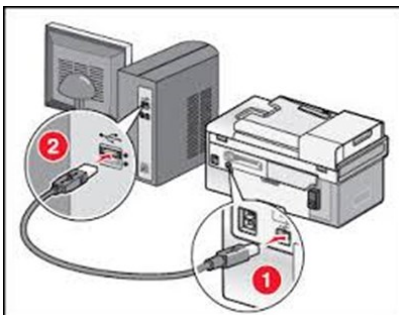
A local printer is one which is directly connected to a specific computer via USB cable. This printer is only accessible from that particular workstation and therefore, can only service one computer at a time.



A computer connected to a printer via USB Cable

A network printer, on the other hand, is part a network of computers that can access the same printer at the same time. The printer does not have to have a physical connection to the computer, and can also be connected wirelessly and assigned to a group in a domain.

There are certain businesses and work environments that are better served by the use of local printers, allowing specific employees direct access to a printer with no queue. In other instances though, network printers serve a better purpose because the printing needs of multiple employees can be more efficiently met with one printer.



A computer connected to a printer via USB Cable

Benefits and Drawbacks to Local Printers

As mentioned, local printers have the benefit of ensuring that employees with large printing needs have reliable access to a printer. Localized printers also im-

prove the efficiency of project workflow. When a local printer is used to print out pieces for a project, it is easy to immediately see if the printed materials are accurate. If there is a problem, it is identified quickly and can be corrected in a timely manner.

Local printers do come with downsides however, and a great deal of it has to do with costs, because multiple users means more dedicated printers and higher cost or purchase/maintenance. It can also decrease productivity in the event a user's printer goes down, because they cannot simply reroute a print project to another printer.

Benefits and Drawbacks to Network Printers

First and foremost, network printers offer flexibility and efficiency to all employees in the office. Network printers can operate with multiple platforms (Windows, Mac, Linux, etc.) and a variety of different printer types (laser, inkjet, thermal, etc.). This means that users throughout the office can access printers on the net-



A Wireless printer connected to a two computer

work regardless of the platform in use on their device.

Of course, one of the biggest benefits to network printers is the cost savings involved. Rather than buying a printer and supplies for each workstation, all costs are confined to the few network printers serving the entire office.

As a downside however, with multiple users capable of accessing the same printers, projects can be delayed when a printer already in use breaks down. Additionally, if the network goes down then printers become inaccessible.

Which suits your needs?

Determining whether or not your organization/business needs local or network printers is dependent upon your core business operations. For NIMC, cost is very important and looking at the outlined advantages, a network printer better suits our environment.

Troubleshooting Problems with a Network Printer

If you have issues printing from a network printer, try the following steps, before calling the NIMC Tech support desk;

1. Reboot the computer. If there's a print job stuck in the local print queue, this usually clears the problem. Log on again and try to print a test page from Microsoft Word.
2. If you're still having a problem printing, open a Web browser and try to access one or two different Web pages. If you can't access them, you probably have an Internet connection problem rather than a printer problem.
3. Try printing to the same networked printer from another computer. If you succeed in printing from another PC, the problem is local to the first machine and you should skip to step 10.
4. Make sure the printer is plugged in and check that the lights are on.
5. Check the paper trays and make sure there's paper.
6. Check for paper jams. If you find one, turn off the printer and slowly, carefully pull out the paper.
7. Many printers don't have any online/offline button. Make sure the display indicates that the printer is online you will confirm this by checking that network point (RJ45 port) at the back of the printer is blinking or showing green lights.
8. Many printers have a resume button that you have to press after a problem or interruption.
9. If you're still having trouble, turn the printer off and on again.
10. If the problem is only happening on one computer, try printing from another program.
11. If you have authorization, go to Start -> Settings -> Printers. Make sure that the network printer you're trying to print from is listed and set as the default. If you don't know the name of the network printer, you can often find a label on the printer itself. If you're still not sure, write down the name of the default printer so you can tell Tech support.
12. Double-click on the icon corresponding to the printer you're trying to print to. Delete any stalled print jobs. Also, make sure the printer itself isn't paused.
13. If you're still experiencing a problem, call Tech support.

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DG/CEO and NIMC management staff, with representatives of World Bank, FRSC, INEC, and other data collection agencies, during the Data Harmonisation Committee meeting on 6th April, 2017.



Executive members of Authority Newspaper with the DG/CEO during a courtesy call to the NIMC Headquarters recently.



DGM, Card Management Services, Mr. Peter Iwegbu cutting his Birthday Cake recently. He is flanked by some staff of his Department. This is wishing him many more years!



Ngozi Edobor and Kenneth Adegoke, both of the Corporate Communications Unit, with the Unit Head, colleagues and friends during their birthday celebration recently.



Mrs Abdullahi of Card Management Services flanked by some staff of her department during the naming ceremony of her baby, Aisha, on the 31st March, 2017.



Mr. Victor Agbaire of Card Management Services celebrated his birthday with Colleagues recently. We wish him Long Life and Prosperity!



Executive Gov. of Borno State Hon. Kashim Shettima received his National e-ID Card from the Borno State Coordinator Mr. Zaman Mshelpala recently.



The Jigawa State Coordinator Mr. Aminu Jakada, recently paid a courtesy call to the FRSC Sector Commander in Jigawa State.

The NIMC Information Security Team



Adeotan Lambe, Head, R/ISRM

A Brief Introduction of yourself ma? My name is Adeotan Lambe, Head, (R/ISRM)

What is your typical day like as an information security Manager? My typical day will involve signing of internal memo and attending unit meetings. I also check progress made a day before, and plan for the new day. I also resolve pending issues through emails or phone calls and delegate

activities.

What are the benefits of ISO 27001 certification to NIMC? ISO 27001 is the international standard which is recognised globally for managing risks to the security of information NIMC holds. Certification to ISO 27001 allows the Commission prove to our clients and other stakeholders that NIMC is properly managing the security of information in its possession. ISO 27001:2013 (the current version of ISO 27001) provides a set of standardised requirements for an Information Security Management System (ISMS). The standard adopts a process approach for establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining, and improving the ISMS.

The ISO 27001 information security management system standard provides a framework for information security management best practice that helps organisations like NIMC amongst others, protect clients and employee information, Manage risks to information security effectively, achieve compliance and protect the NIMC brand image.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties? To

be honest, I have no challenge in the discharge of my duties. You see, there is never just one way to look at something – Instead of seeing challenges, I see opportunities to learn, change, and grow. I have adopted the strategy of seeing myself as a problem solver, as opposed to having one big obstacle I have to solve. Also, I listen to everyone, I learn from my mistakes, and I never stop solving problems. This has helped me turn tough challenges into great opportunities and also, to see where NIMC needs help, where it is excellent, and what steps I need to take to get to the next level.

For NIMC to win its place as a bride of the nation, what would you suggest, particularly in the area of information security?

We need to engage with all key stakeholders in the identity sector, ask questions; ask them what they would like with NIMC service, listen to them, develop an effective feedback mechanism and strive towards continuous improvement.

How do you unwind after a successful day at work?

I Switch off from work and spend quality time with my family. I make dinner and watch an episode or two, of a TV show.



A brief introduction your person? My name is Chinenye Chizea. I am the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).

What is your typical day like at work as the Information Security Officer of the Commission? I am responsible for Information Technology (IT) security and information assurance inclusive of the integrity, availability and confidentiality of the information (cybersecurity) across the commission's critical infrastructure. A typical day for me would involve;

1. Management of IT Security systems and applications
2. Direct ISRM staff and Security Operations Centre (SOC) to ensure business objectives and risk tolerances are met.
3. Ensure Security, Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Planning, as well as Information Technology (IT) and Business Process risk management.
4. Review authentication, identity and access management, perimeter, system, and Application Vulnerability Management

What is ISO Certification and what will NIMC derive from it? An ISO certification is an internationally recognized standard, and with this, NIMC does not need to say much as everyone would understand that we practice information security inside our commission. Everybody understands that this certificate implies that the Commission handles citizen's data in a secured way and that there is a procedure for our information security management system (ISMS) in NIMC. For NIMC, an ISO certification means we are security conscious and we follow security procedures.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties? We don't have Security Operations Centers (SOC), lack of staff trainings and people threats.

However, my greatest challenge besides the people threat, is the unknowns that I can't plan for or mitigate against. So many new security threats and vulnerabilities coming up and NIMC's existing security applications may not be able to mitigate against it.

For NIMC to win its place as the bride of the nation, what would you suggest particularly in the area of information security? I think NIMC should drive information security for the nation. Government agencies that handle data must be conscious that citizens data are private property and should be kept so.

If NIMC can champion information security for Nigeria starting with the government agencies, especially the ministries, conduct an information security gap analysis for them, try and develop policies and procedures they can follow for their everyday task, there will be a better understanding of information security in these organisations.

NIMC can start that up and before we know it, Nigeria can beat her chest and say yes; for e-commerce or e-governance etc., we are security conscious and we maintain high security standards.

How do you unwind after a stressful day at work? I go home and dance with my kids.

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A brief introduction your person.

My name is Chinyelu Anene Nwabufor, I am the Risk Manager

What is your typical day like as a Risk Manager?

It is sometimes really busy and sometimes not so busy. We go round to meet with our reps to identify risk in association with their processes and their daily activities. We also analyze, identify, evaluate, monitor and communicate where necessary.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties?

We don't have the necessary tools for identifying risk and there is no training for our risk officers.

For NIMC to win its place as the bride of the nation, what would you suggest particularly in the area of information security?

Training and tools should be provided for the staff in order to maintain information security.

How do you unwind after a stressful day at work?

I go home to my family and watch movies.

A brief introduction of your person? My name is Abumchukwu Anigbogu, I am the head of Physical Security.

What is your typical day like as a physical security manager? Basically, we do a lot of things that can be categorized into three, security management, access control and surveillance. All these involves planning the security of the commission, granting access to data center and making sure that intruders are not allowed to enter the data center. We also carryout surveillance of CCTV.

What benefits will NIMC derive from recent ISO 27001 certification? The benefit is enormous. The certification will make the Commission stand out and boost confidence of people that want to do business with the commission.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties? The most important which the country as a

whole is facing is the economic challenge. Aside from that, we have issues of training. For about two years now, we have not conducted any professional training which is very important in our field of work. Also, one of the requirements for the Global Vendor Certification Programme (GVCP) is that the physical security staff must attend trainings once every year. This training is meant to help the organization scale through the global vendor card audit, whereby an external auditor will visit and see the processes in which the National Identity Cards are printed and used.

For NIMC to win its place as a bride of the nation, what would you suggest particularly in the area of physical security? If the challenges earlier stated are mitigated, it will soar up the Commission. Staff should also know what they are supposed to do at any point in time and must endeavor not to be found wanting in any way.



How do you unwind after a stressful day? Well, I go back home to my family and relax with them.



A brief introduction your person? My name is Oyinlade Elegbede, I am a senior officer in Information Security Unit.

What is your typical day like as an Information Security Officer? Every day at work, we are basically chasing down certification or we are monitoring to make sure that we are compliant with set standards. We check on vulnerabilities (weaknesses), try to close them and make sure that our assets and asset control are up to date. We also try to ensure that the wrong people don't have access to our data. To achieve this, we basically make sure that the NIMC Backend is secured enough for the database to be safe.

What benefits will NIMC derive from ISO certification? NIMC would be recognized as a security conscious organisation. It means that we are compliant to a body that other big institution like Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and the rest are compliant

to, which is basically saying we are able to do what those people are doing.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties? I think my biggest challenge would be cooperation from other departments, everybody is busy doing their own work and it is very hard to get them to be involved in updating their asset controls, attending and trainings, etc.

For NIMC to win its place as the bride of the nation, what would you suggest particularly in the area of information security? We need to invest in state of the art tools. We all know that Nigerians are more concerned with seeing physical evidence of the National Identity Management System which is the National Identity Card, so I think production of more cards would make NIMC win its place as bride of the nation.

How do you unwind after a stressful day at work? I go home and watch movies.

The NIMC Information Security Team

A Brief Introduction of Your Person?

My name is Muhammad Mammam, I am the Business Continuity Senior Officer for information security.



What is your typical day like as a Senior Information Officer? It is quite tedious. I check status of all the access systems, monitor the network, tools, and code changing like Trip wire. Trip

wire is the tools used basically to scan and monitor the networks

What benefits will NIMC derive from ISO certification? ISO, basically is certification based on international standards which means we have what it takes to be able to do what we are meant to do. We have what it takes to hold the national identity database in the highest standard, it means that we are compliant. It's also helps to train staff according to standardization that help improve information security protocols.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties in the Commission? Lack of funds, and with that there is limitation to what we can achieve in information security. So basi-

cally, there is no funds to pay for licenses which is really critical to what we do here in NIMC.

For NIMC to win its place as a bride of the nation, what would you suggest particularly in the area of information security? I would say it's a grassroots problem that would have to start from the foundation. So basically the staff that are in those department concerned will have to get the necessary certification and training to be able to carry out the necessary task.

How do you unwind after a stressful day at work? I join some staff members to have a drink. The Commission doesn't really hold any retreats or any after work staff curricular activities for bonding. So I think everyone just go out on their own.

A brief introduction of your person My name is Aderemi Akanji, I am an information security officer in the Unit.



What is your typical day like as an information officer/manager? As an information security officer, what I do daily is try to keep the NIMC information safe by ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of systems. When we come in every

morning, we ensure that all our systems are available, and also ensure that there are no intrusion while we were away. We use the intrusion detection to see if somebody tried to hack into NIMC the NIMC database. We also check for vulnerabilities.

What benefit will NIMC derive from ISO certification? Well, ISO Certification, helps to build confidence in our customers and stakeholders. It makes Nigerians know that their data with NIMC is safe and our partners too are confident dealing with us.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties? The licenses of our information security tools

must be renewed as at when due as this will enable NIMC get vulnerability alerts faster.

For NIMC to win its place as a bride of the nation, what would you suggest, particularly in the area of information security? I will suggest that management takes information security as priority because of the cost, and also because of what could happen if we are hacked. We say information security is costly because when there is a breach of information system, it is even more costly than maintaining the information security management when there is a breach.

How do you unwind after a stressful day at work? I sleep.

A brief introduction of your person?



I am Aisha Abubakar Sahabo, senior officer risk management unit.

What is your typical day like as an information officer? Identification, assessment and prioritization of risk and the ap-

plication of resources to minimize, monitor and control the probability of unfortunate events or incidence.

What benefits will NIMC derive from the ISO certification? It is an international standard that provides framework to ensure fulfillment of contractual responsibility.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties? Lack of trainings for the team, lack of compliance, accountability and regulation from some departments after identifying their risk.

For NIMC to win its place as a bride of the nation, what would you suggest particularly in area of information security? Shed more light on the relevance of information security to staff and arrange for trainings so as to ensure effectiveness in the work environment.

How do you unwind after a stressful day at work? I listen to Wazobia FM, watch Channels TV, sleep and sometimes checkup on extended family members and friends.

A brief introduction of your person? My name is Chukwuma Chinyere, I am a Risk Management officer.

What is your typical day like as an information officer? My typical day at work involves understanding, analyzing and addressing risk to enable the organisation achieve its project objectives.

What benefits will NIMC derive from the ISO certification? It demonstrates commitment to information security manage-

ment to third parties and stakeholders, it increases confidence in National Identity Management Commission as it shows we are committed to protect the data entrusted to us.

What are the current challenges you face in the discharge of your duties? The current challenges faced in the discharge of work duties are lack of compliance from some departments in which threat has been identified.

For NIMC to win its place as a bride of the nation, what would you suggest partic-

ularly in area of information security?

There be should an ongoing education and training in skills required to manage risk issues in the commission.

How do you unwind after a stressful day at work? I go home to my family.



NIMC Mr. White



Can we meet you sir? My name is Zubairu Abdullahi

What is your job role? I am a staff of physical security unit in NIMC

You are popularly known and addressed as Mr. White in NIMC, why is this? This is because of the way I dress. I don't have any other colour of clothes that I wear except white, and so people who see me every day on white believe that Mr. White is the simple and most suitable name for me. That is why I am called Mr. White.

What informs this dress code of yours? Actually, in my belief which is Islam, Prophet Mohammed (SAW)

preaches and practices purity, and white is a symbol of purity, that is one of the major reason I like and wear white. Since I know that there are different other beliefs and ideologies, I did more research on colour and I discovered we have only two colors, white and others. In my research, I also discovered that the creation of the world on its own has to do with white because after God created heaven and earth, he discovered that people, animals and all his creation cannot live without white which was why he said "let there be light" and that colour of light is white.

Let's look at it from another perspective. All Prophets of God, from Prophet Mohammed (SAW), to Prophet Isah (ASA), Prophet Ibrahim (ASA) and the rest of them, they all wore white, which symbolizes purity, transparency, accountability, etc. So whenever we think of white, we think of peace, harmony, clarity and cleanliness. In human life today, no matter how poor or rich a person is, when he

dies, he is sent back on mother earth with white, that is to show that white is very unique in everybody's life, which is my reason for dressing in white.

How long have you maintained this dress code of yours? I actually started dressing this way since 2010, which is over 7 years.

Do you do this outside NIMC? As I said, I do not have any other colour of clothing except white. I only wear a different colour when I need to attend a very special occasion. This occasion must be very important to me, before I can wear what they call 'aso-ebi'. Then taking it to NIMC, on days like

the 'May day', that NIMC has specific uniform, I wear the Union uniforms and when I get home, its either I drop it or I dash it to someone.

Any challenges or noticeable reactions from people as a result of this dress code? Well, People used to run away from me, because they looked at it from another dimension but along the line, some people asked me why I dress the way I do, and after my explanation, most people now understand.

However, those who do not have access to ask me still look at me in a different way, which is why I am very happy that NIMC came up with this interview platform, so that a lot of people can really know what informs my dress code.

Has there been any positive comment from people who want to emulate you? There are so many of them. Someone asked me here in NIMC, how he can be maintaining the white if he decides to dress like me. He has the intention of wearing but he cannot maintain it, so I explained to him what he can do. He needs to buy at least four pairs at first, because white is not a colour you can repeat daily. One has to wash them regularly and be clean.

To your job now, what challenges do you face and what is your advice to the management? In fact, I have been in NIMC since 2002 and it has been really tough. The NIMC salary structure has been nothing to write home about, but there is nothing we can do about it because it is not a one-man business, it is a government establishment, so I want NIMC to improve so that the Federal Government can view us differently and increase our pay.

If we look at our buildings in NIMC, the Church, the Mosque, the offices are all painted in white that means NIMC has the symbol of transparency and accountability. I urge the management to really work on staff salary as this will motivate the staff to do their work better.

Any word of advice to staff? The staff should also strive to be transparent, accountable in all that they do. As far as we are doing our work diligently in a transparent way, inside and outside NIMC our name would continue to go places.

In Our Hearts...

In the next few editions of our Newsletter, we shall be dedicating space to remember our dear colleagues who departed this world while in service. The Commission remembers them today and always!



Late Eucheria Ngozi Ikpa was until her death an Operations Officer in Abuja. she died on the 22-1-2009.



Late Otu Eno Utip. Died 4-2-2009. Until her death was a Clerical Officer in Akwa Ibom.



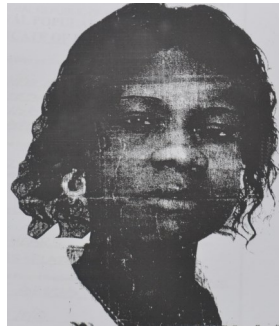
Late Jaja Samuel Ezekiel. Until his death was serving as a Clerical Assistant in Rivers State. Died, 9-3-2009



Late Miss. Anna Bassey was a Senior Officer in Cross River State. She died on the 22-5-2009



Late Ishaku Peter Balat died on the 6-6-2009. He was an officer in Kaduna State.



Late Mercy Attah was a Computer Operator in Abuja. She died on the 3-8-2009



Late Mrs. Obarinde Adenike Caroline was a Clerical Officer in Oyo State. She died on the 17-8-2009



Late Mr. Dalhatu Ibrahim. Until his dad was an Executive Officer in Kano State. He died; 25-8-2009



Late Mrs. Baka Christy died 9-10-2009



Late Adeyemi Mary clerical officer 2 Osun State. She passed on the 30-12-2009



Late Mrs. Edward Judith Freeman. A NIMC Staff in Jos. She died in 10-01-2011



Late Mallam Kime Bukar NIMC Yobe Died, 15-01-2011



Late Abdullahi Hatsatu was a staff in the FCT Office. He died 13-08-2011



Late Aja Ndukwe worked at NIMC Abia Office before her death on 14-02-2011



Late Aminu Amos Dangle was an Officer Taraba State. He Died on the 01-08-2011



Late Ayodeji David Akinlawo, NIMC officer Ekiti State before his demise on 12-06-2011



Late Ekwere Frank Idare. Died 21-04-2011. Worked in NIMC Office, Uyo.

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Late Mrs. Bekes Ebi. 31-07-2011.
Worked in NIMC Office, Abuja.



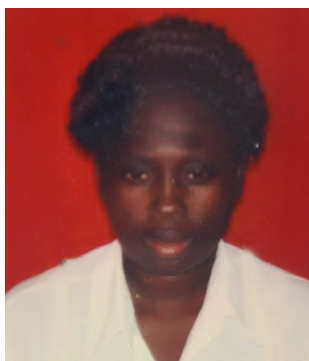
Late Lawal Abdullahi. Died 25-06-2011.
Worked in NIMC Office, Sokoto.



Late Mr. David John. Died, 17-11-2011. Worked in NIMC Office, Taraba.



Late Mr. Samson Oisi. Died, 27-05-2011. Worked in NIMC Office, Benue.



Late Wuraola Ademakinwa. Died 28-05-2011. Worked in NIMC Office, Abuja



Late Mrs. Kanu Charity. Died 21-10-2011. Worked in NIMC Office, Abia



Late Mrs. Musa Abigail. Died, 22-9-2011. Worked in NIMC Office, Taraba.



Late Ogbobi Rosemary Lami.



Late Yakubu Suleman. Died, 28-01-2011. Worked in NIMC Office, Abuja.



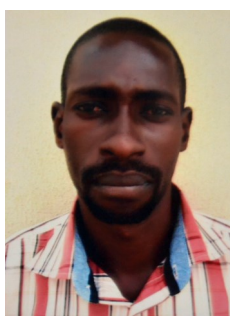
Late Abiodun Oluseyi was until his demise a Computer Operator in the HQ. He died on 16-4-2012



Late Abubakar Aliyu was a Field Operations officer in Abuja. Died on 11-8-2012



Late Chiadu Josephine died on the 8-3-2012. She was a Field Operations Officer, Imo.



Late Ibrahim Haruna was a Computer Operator before his demise on 23-1-2012



Late Mangai Victor. Until his death was an Enrolment Officer in Plateau State. He died on 5-5-2012



Late Mbaezue Helen was a IDD Staff in the HQ, Abuja. She died on Abuja 3-7-2012.

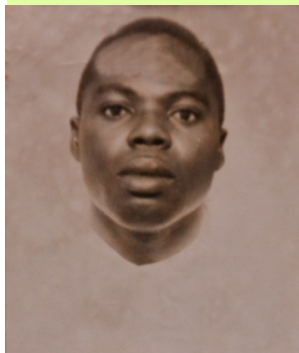


Late Mohammed Jibrin was an IT Staff in the HQ, Abuja. He died on the 11-2-2012

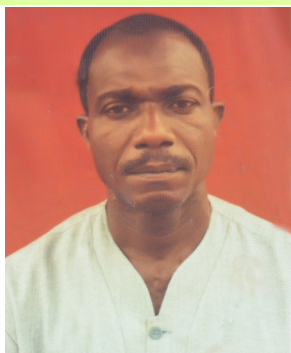


Late Mr Adebisi Peter died on the 1-4-2012. He was a Field Operations Officer in Edo.

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Late Mr. Josephat Adoga Adi was an Operations Officer in Cross River State. He died on the 19-07-2012.



Late Mr. Ozowhor Maxson was a Field Operations Officer in Bayelsa State. He died on 12-4-2012.



Late Mr. Tiameyi Babatunde was a Field Operations Officer in Oyo State. He died 2-11-2012.



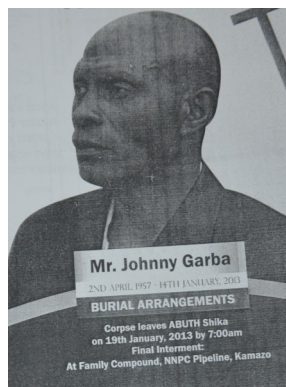
Mrs Ogbolu Arepamone was a Computer Operator in HQ, Abuja. She died on the 21-1-2012



Late Mr. Obaba Moses Sunday was until his death the Director Corporate Services. He died on the 10-10-2013



Late Agirgba Terwase. Died 27-11-2013.



Late Garba Johnny. Died 14 - 01-2013



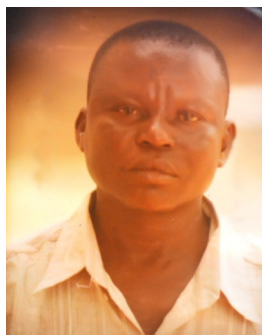
Late Haruna Jafaru. Died, 22-09-2013



Late Ijadele Oludunjoye Samuel was a NIMC Officer in Ogun State. He died 26-02-2013



Late Kattah Bassey Catherine was a NIMC Officer in Abuja. She died on the 19-11-2013



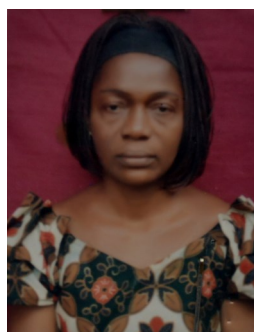
Late Masho Sule died on the 2-06-2013. He was a staff in Taraba State.



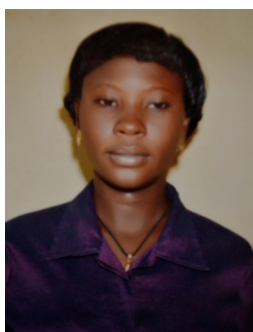
Late Mrs. Catherine Idibia died on the 28-02-2013. She was a HQ Staff.



Late Nwakyie Cyprian Field was in the Operations Department in Anambra State. He died on 9-9-2012.



Late Okeke Chima Benedette Died on 16-03-201. She a staff in Anambra



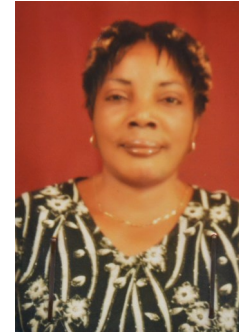
Late Olaboyede Mary Abimbola was an Enrolment Officer in Abuja. She died 07-12-2013.



Late Mrs. Omadudu Emuobowesa Agnes died on 15-03-2013. She was a staff in Lagos State.



Late Shelpidi Mary died on 2-2-2013



Late Udofia Etim Mary. Died, 10-11-2013.

To be Continued...

From the NIMC State Offices

AKSG Donates 21 Power Generating sets to Akwa Ibom State Offices



The Akwa Ibom State office of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has taken delivery of 21 power generating set donated by the Akwa Ibom State Government to enhance enrolment and issuance of the National Identification Number (NIN) to residents of the State.

The South-South State Coordinator and Regional Manager of NIMC, Barr. Frank Unuigboje, who received the generators on behalf of the Commission expressed delight for the gesture shown by the State Government towards the success of the National Identity Management System (NIMC) project in the State.

Describing the gesture as unprecedented, the coordinator thanked Gov. Udom Emmanuel and the Bureau of Political, Legislative Affairs and Water Resources for their commitment to citizens' oriented programmes.

He emphasised that the National Identification Number is as important to a citizen as water is to life, noting that the International Passports or Driver's License may not be the best forms of identification as they are based on purpose or interest that may not apply to every citizen.

Affirming that the age for registration into the National Identity Database (NIDB) is now age 0, he clarified that people at very tender ages may not be issued the National

Identity Card yet, pending when they fully develop biometric features for adequate capturing.

He restated his team's commitment to the State Government-NIMC partnership and promised to serve the State optimally, adding that the National ID Card remains the basic and best instrument of identification both within and outside the country, he said.

On his part, the Special Adviser, Bureau of Political, Legislative Affairs and Water Resources, Rt. Hon. (Barr.) Ekong Sampson who made the donation on behalf of the State Government said the gesture was an indication of State Government com-

mitment to ensuring the enrolment of all persons in the State for the National Identification Number and National Identity Card.

He said the generators were to ensure that power supply does not hinder enrolment in State. He explained that the 1.3 kVA generator were to ensure that enrolment in the Local Government Areas (LGA) Centers picks up quickly, while the giant size generator is meant to complement power supply at the NIMC Head office in Uyo.

Barr. Sampson said the challenge of ensuring that every Akwa Ibomite is captured in the exercise is critical and remained a priority to His Excellency, the Governor Udom Emmanuel, adding that his Bureau is determined to drive this vision towards attaining the State Government goal of having every Akwa Ibomite enrolled into the NIDB.

The Special Adviser urged all citizens to take advantage of the enhanced opportunity and get enrolled for the NIN and National Identity Card, reiterating that living without identity is equal to living blind. The support, he added, underscores the importance the Governor Udom Emmanuel led Government in the State attaches to the programme.



(Centre) SA, Bureau of PLAWR, Rt. Hon. (Barr.) Ekong Sampson, NIMC South-South Coordinator, Barr. Frank Unuigboje, amongst others at the Event

Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis

The recent outbreak of Cerebro-spinal meningitis in some states across the country has once again, plunged Nigerians into another episode of panic, barely 3 years after the West African Ebola virus epidemic (2013–2016). Like Ebola, Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis is a disease mainly of viral origin which affects the central nervous system. It can be caused by Bacteria, Fungus and non-infectious agents like chemicals, drugs and cancers.

Unlike previous cases caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* Type A, the most common serotype isolated in the latest epidemic is *Neisseria meningitidis* 'serotype C' (Nm-C), the current outbreak of the disease is caused by a bacteria known as *Neisseria Meningitidis*. It is however important to state that Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis outbreak isn't new in Africa especially in areas mapped as 'African meningitis belt'; a region in sub-Saharan Africa where the incidence of meningitis is very high. Already over 813 cases of deaths and 8057 suspected cases have been reported since the outbreak in 16 States including FCT.

The common serotype in previous outbreaks has been the *Neisseria Meningitidis* Serotype-A with readily available vaccine, however the Type C which all up till now was very rare and the vaccine not commercially available makes it a big challenge in curtailing the disease promptly. The good news is that Meningitis is both preventable and treatable.

Mode of Transmission

- Transmission is mainly through aerosol from person-to-person e.g., Saliva, sweat, etc.
- Infected people or carriers spread the bacteria by coughing or sneezing while in close contact with others, who then breathe in the bacteria.



- Transmission can also occur through exchange of nasopharyngeal or oral secretion while in close contact or during kissing.

Risk Factors for the Spread of Meningitis

- Unhygienic life-style
- Overcrowding and poor ventilation
- Close and prolonged contact with infected person
- Not been vaccinated
- Sharing utensils, cups and toothbrush

Note: One in every 10 people carry the bacteria in their nostril and throat without showing any sign and symptoms.

Sign and Symptoms

Symptoms of meningitis resembles that of a flu, it is however more severe.

The major symptoms include sudden onset of fever, headache, and stiff neck

Others are: poor appetite, nausea and vomiting, sleepiness, fatigue, seizures, lassitude, confusion, skin rash, sensitivity to light and coma may occur in severe cases.

In addition to the fever for newborn, they might be irritability, cry excessively, feed poorly, and develop abnormal body posture and bulging of the soft part on the baby's head (fontanelle).

Treatment

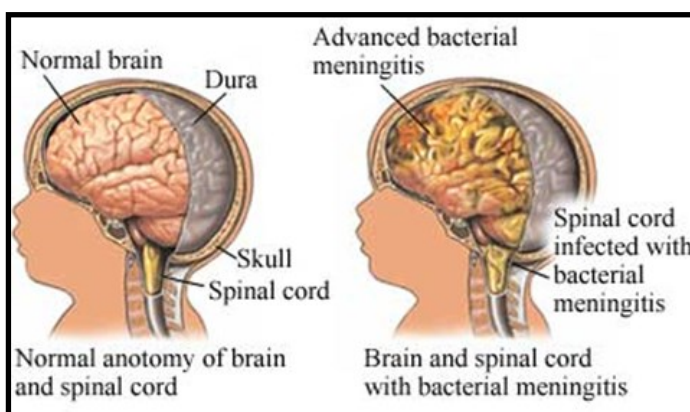
- Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis (CSM) is treatable with readily available medications
- If you suspect CSM, report to the clinic for immediate proper diagnosis and prompt treatment.

Preventive Tips

- Improved personal hygiene including proper and regular washing of hands using soap under a running tap.
- Avoid touching staircase railing as much as possible when going up or down a staircase.
- Avoid staying in an overcrowded place.
- Ensure proper ventilation in your

houses and work-place.

- Cough and sneeze into elbow joint/sleeves, handkerchiefs or tissues.
- Avoid prolonged contact with known cases.
- Properly dispose respiratory and throat secretions
- Reduce hand shaking, kissing, and sharing of utensils.
- Avoid mouth-mouth resuscitation
- Prompt vaccination with meningococcal vaccines
- Hand sanitization in the absence of



soap and running water

NOTE: Like Bisi Alimi rightly said, Palm Oil, Anointing Oil, Bitter Kola and Salt water are not alternatives to treatment and prevention of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis



A man sits on the balcony having drinks with his wife, and he says, "I love you!"

She asks, "Is that you or the beer talking?"

He replies, "It's me... talking to the beer."

How do you recognize Akpos in School?

He is the one who erases the notes from the book when the teacher erases the board."

Teacher: Class choose between money and brain?

Akpos: I'd go for the money!

Teacher: I'd go for brain!

Akpos: Well everybody goes for what he doesn't have!