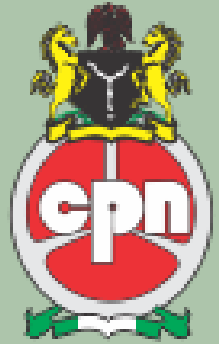




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CPN HOLDS 2022 IT PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY

The annual CPN Information Technology Professionals' Assembly, a yearly gathering of Information Technology practitioners in Nigeria and Diaspora with the



objective of discussing and strategizing on emerging issues in Information Technology and generates recommendations and decisions that imparts positively on the industry and the nation held at NAF Conference Centre, Kado, Abuja between Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th May, 2022.

This year's IT Professionals' Assembly which was the sixteenth edition had as its theme, Leveraging Information Technology for

National Security and Economic Stability.” The Keynote Address was delivered by the National Commissioner/CEO of National Data Protection Bureau (NDPB), Dr Vincent Olatunji.

The 2022 Hybrid IT Professionals’ Assembly was preceded by the induction of over five Hundred members into the profession where the Managing Director, Sidmach technologies Limited, Mr. Chjioke Eke delivered the Induction lecture on the topic, “The significance of Professionalism, IT Ethics & Codes of Professional Practice.

The highlight of the 2022 IT Professionals’ Assembly was the Innovative Products Presentation by some Start-Ups and Corporate organizations. For the first time in the sixteen years history of the IT Assembly, the Innovative Products Presentation, an initiative of the President and Chairman of

Council, Mr. Kole Jagun, was introduced to enable innovators of various IT inventions to expose their latest innovations to wider audience, and find the opportunities to collaborate. The 2022 Hybrid IT Professionals’ Assembly which had dignitaries from all walks of life in attendance, bears further testimony to the resolve of Council to keep playing its constitutional role of setting computing standards in the country. It was a very successful event, going by the reviews and the commendations received from virtually all quarters.

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THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 28TH IT ASSEMBLY OF THE COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS (REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA) 2022 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH & THURSDAY, 19TH OF MAY, 2022

Introduction

The Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria's) Information Technology Assembly is an annual gathering of Information Technology practitioners in Nigeria and the Diaspora. The Assembly focuses on discussing and strategizing on ways of solving emergent issues affecting the industry and recommend possible solutions to relevant stakeholders.

The theme for this year's Assembly is "Leveraging Information Technology for National Security and Economic Stability," and Dr. Vincent Olatunji, the National Commissioner and Chief Executive of the Nigeria Data Protection Bureau (NDPB), delivered the keynote address.

It has become crystal clear that there is a need to maintain national security and economic stability considering the current global threats. Nigeria faces enormous and daunting security challenges requiring that all stakeholders come to a round table to develop new strategies and solutions for peace and sustainable economic growth. Considering the role Information and Communication Technology (ICT) plays in our economy today, it will be unfair if, as professionals, we cannot contribute our

quota in the form of advice and recommendations of possible solutions to our security architecture for national safety.

The Assembly had participants from academia, government officials, captains of industry, and the user community attendance. The Assembly emphasizes its role in promoting ethical behavior and the professional conduct of its members. This emphasis was reiterated through a lecture by Managing Director of Sidmach technologies, Mr. Eke, at induction of over 500 new members inducted at the Assembly. The Assembly was concluded with an Annual General Meeting (AGM) with the following recommendations;

Recommendations

1. There is a need to advance and improve digital literacy and Information Technology awareness for all and sundry to improve the country's overall security architecture.
2. Nigeria has a large percentage of youth population trained in our institutions. We need to give them the proper training with the right curriculum to develop innovative digital solutions and discourage them from engaging in social vices like drugs, crime, and substance abuse.
3. On issues concerning license and

patent rights on imported technological equipment and infrastructures used by security agencies to fight crime, there is a need for local production of this equipment to save foreign exchange and grow the IT Industry.

4. There is a need for collaboration and synergy among the security agencies in deploying IT equipment and tools to combat crime and bring about economic stability in Nigeria.

5. The security agencies also need to strengthen their collaboration with the Education sector and promote research and development of indigenous digital solutions for fighting crimes in our society.

6. There is a need for collaboration among agencies of government. Specifically, the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy and the Federal Ministry of Education must work together to deepen research on indigenous digital solutions for National Security.

7. Governments at various levels should enable our brilliant and well-trained youth to develop indigenous solutions for our peculiar challenges. This approach will eventually discourage the mass exodus of Nigerian youth to foreign countries and convert the current brain drain to brain gain.

8. We need to strengthen local content in combating crime and bring about economic stability through effective collaboration with relevant bodies focusing on the security and safety of citizens.

9. The Assembly urged all stakeholders to support and collaborate with the Nigeria Data Protection Bureau in performing its mandate of developing policies relating to data privacy and proception.

CONCLUSION

At the end of the 2022 hybrid Information Technology Assembly/Annual General Meeting, members of the profession present during the meeting were encouraged to promote the practice of the profession and report any unprofessional conduct within their vicinity. The council appreciated all attendees for their contribution to the success of the Assembly.

Mr. Kole Jagun, FNCS

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PICTURES FROM THE 2022 IT PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, MR. KOLE JAGUN, DELIVERING HIS SPEECH DURING THE INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



The President/Chairman of Council, the Vice President/Vice Chairman of Council, some Council members, the Registrar/Secretary to Council and Dignitaries and Invited Guest in a group photograph after the Assembly



PRESIDENTIAL ROLL CALL - Past Presidents/Chairmen of Council, From Left: Prof Charles Uwadia, Prof Vincent Asor, Mr. Ibrahim Z. B. Tizhe, Prof (Mrs.) Adenike Osofisan and the incumbent President/Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun during the Induction ceremony



Members of the 2021-2023 Council with some Elders of the profession in a photograph With the Induction Speaker, Mr. Chijioke Eke



The 28th Annual General Meeting



From Left: Compol Gwarwo, Representative from the ONSA, Dr. Olatunji and Prof Francesca Oladipo

PICTURES FROM THE 2022 IT PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY



From Left: Former Registrar, Mr. Sikiru Shehu and the incumbent Registrar/Secretary to Council, Mr. Muhammad Bello Aliyu at the Assembly



Mr. Stephen Oniya of Softcity making his presentation on The National Safety Intelligence System (Web, App and USSD) App during the Innovative Product presentation



Mr. Tiaba Victor Ayuba of Netaccess Communications presenting "Lutrics IoT (Smart Home/Farm technology)" at the Assembly



Mr. Victor Iwualla of Traincert Investment Services Limited presenting "The Checker"



Mr Kamaludeen Usman of Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) presenting the "CIGIYA mobile App



Mr Adewale Shobajo making the HiIT Plc Presentation at the Innovative Product presentation

PICTURES FROM THE 2022 IT PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY



Representative of the Honourable Minister of Education, Engineer Isa Abubakar, Director, ICT at the Federal Ministry of Education, Delivering the Honourable Minister's Goodwill Message



Representative of the Honourable Minister of Communications & Digital Economy, Professor Junaid delivering the Goodwill Message on behalf of the Honourable Minister



Dr. Mohammed Ajiya, President/CEO, Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) Delivering his Goodwill Message at the Assembly



Representative of the Executive Chairman of the Economic & Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mr. Abdulrasheed Bawa delivering his Goodwill Message



Prof Adesina Sodiya, President, Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), Delivering a Goodwill Message on behalf of the NCS



Mr Lawan Faruk, Representative of the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Delivering a Goodwill Message on Behalf of the NUC

PICTURES FROM THE 2022 IT PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY



A cross section of Inductees taking their Oath of Allegiance during their Induction ceremony



THE INDUCTION SPEAKER, MR. CHIJOKE EKE
DELIVERING THE INDUCTION LECTURE



A Cross Section of Inductees taking turn to Take pictures with Council Members after the Induction Ceremony

PICTURES FROM THE 2022 PRESIDENTIAL DINNER



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ABOUT CPN

Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria) [CPN] was established by Act No 49 of 1993. The Act was passed into law on 10th of June and gazetted on the 9th of August that year. It is a corporate entity that is charged with the regulation, control and supervision of the computing profession and practice in Nigeria in line with Section 1 (2) of the Act. CPN is under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Education.

The Act made it mandatory for all who are engage in the practice of computing in Nigeria to register with the Council. Specifically, the Act provides exclusively for the practice and provision of computer services only to registered members as stipulated under the Act.

The functions and responsibilities of CPN include, but are not limited to the following:-

1. To determine the standards of knowledge and skills to be attained by

persons seeking to become members of the computing profession and improve those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit.

2. To secure, in accordance with the provision of the Act, the establishment and maintenance of a register of persons seeking to be registered under the Act to practice the computing profession and the publication from time to time of the list of such persons.

By Act 49 of 1993, referred to above, it has become mandatory for all persons and organizations seeking to engage, or already engaged, in the sale and/or use of computing facilities, and in the provision of professional services in computing or related computing machinery in Nigeria, to be registered by the Council and licensed to carry out such activities. It is illegal to engage in computing and professional practice without satisfying the above condition -that is, registration and possession of a current valid license.

OUR VISION

As the apex regulatory body in the education and practice of IT in Nigeria, we seek to enhance industry standards in order to strategically position IT for significant contribution to national development.

OUR MISSION

To promote professionalism and quality computer education such that IT becomes a critical success factor in national development. The new council is committed to the attainment of excellence in regulating and standardizing the IT profession in Nigeria.

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