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CPN PRESENTS POSITION PAPER ON THE PROPOSED NIGERIA START UP BILL 2021

CPN has submitted a Position Paper to the Senate on the proposed Nigeria Start-Up Bill 2021. In its position paper, Council lauded the idea behind the bill, but identified some sections of the proposed Bill that seem to undermine the statutory power of CPN.

In its recommendation, CPN requested for its inclusion in the composition of the National Council for Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship as the only agency of Federal government with the statutory powers to control and supervise the Tech-enabled and Tech-driven start ups.

CPN also demanded the removal of the sections giving powers to NITDA to categorize, register and license Start Ups because it will amount to performing CPN's functions.

Also, CPN said it would organize and meet with CBN

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and SEC to collaborate on the registration of Start Ups since activities of startup are currently being monitored by the
two agencies of government. Asking the Agencies to request for CPN license from any Tech-enabled and Tech-driven start ups in their Regulatory sandboxes.

Lastly, CPN said it would be within its place to organize and meet regularly with Start Ups in different hubs all over the country. They constitute a formidable force in the IT ecosystem that must be reckoned with.

CPN OFFERS START–UPS AND CORPORATE MEMBERS TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS ON THEIR DEVELOPED INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS/SOLUTIONS DURING THE 2022 IT PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY

Start-Ups and Corporate members have been given the opportunity to make presentations to the participants on their developed innovative products/solutions at no cost during this forthcoming **2022 IT Professionals' Assembly** holding from Wednesday 18th-Thursday 19th May, 2022 at the NAF Centre, Kado, Abuja with the theme, "**Leveraging IT for National Security and Economic Stability**."

Interested Corporate members and Start-Ups should send the following to awe.a@cpn.gov.ng on or before Wednesday 6th April, 2022:

a) Your company details

b) A brief introduction on the developed innovative products/solutions

This offer is on first come, first serve basis as there are only limited slots are available.

NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY HOLDS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMIT IN NASARAWA STATE

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) held the maiden Artificial Intelligence Summit in Lafia, Nassarawa State from Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th March, 2022.

At the Summit, the President of Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), Professor Adesina Sodiya called on Nigerian to leverage on Artificial intelligence for the economic growth of the country. According to Prof. Sodiya, "Artificial intelligence is been implemented across the globe to enhance the process and activities of both the public and private organization, countries and business are now leveraging on the technology. Integrating AI in Government would trigger numerous activities such as better policy formulation, efficient decision making, enhancing quality of service and increase work output in promoting good government", he added

In his goodwill message at the Summit, the President and Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun said that the AI Summit is an agenda whose time has come. He said the convocation of the Summit would do Nigeria good as it will profoundly reshape the social and economic landscape of our nation, even as it is capable of sparking innovations and foster creative solutions in fields such as agriculture, medicine, transportation, finance, education, etc. He said it was therefore wisdom that individuals, corporate organisations and governments must embrace AI opportunities for competitive advantage and rapid national development. Recent research has estimated Artificial Intelligence to provide several

trillions of dollars of global economic growth and Nigeria cannot afford to miss out of the great potentials of AI as a game changer.

Speaking at the summit, Minister of Communication and Information, Prof. Isa Pantami said the Federal Government would partner with Nigeria Computer Society on Artificial intelligence for National Development. Prof Pantami, represented by the Director, National Center for Artificial intelligence and robotics, Engr. Ya'u Garba commended the NCS for initiating the AI 2022 summit. He said the platform has created an enabling environment to discuss and promote AI for adoption in public and private organization to ensure a rapid national development using emerging technology for the benefit of the nation.

The Nasarawa state Governor, Abdullahi Sule represented by his Deputy, Dr. Emmanuel Akabe said AI is an accelerator for innovation and economy growth not only in Nigeria but the entire globe.

According to the Governor, "AI is design to develop digital system and technology to encourage human capacity in solving problems and decision making. The system is geared towards reshaping the social and economy landscape of the nation and would serve as a catalyst for innovation as well as foster creation in the area of Agriculture, Medicines, education, revenue generation among others".

The theme for the 2022 Artificial intelligence Summit is "Artificial intelligence for National Development".

PICTURE NEWS

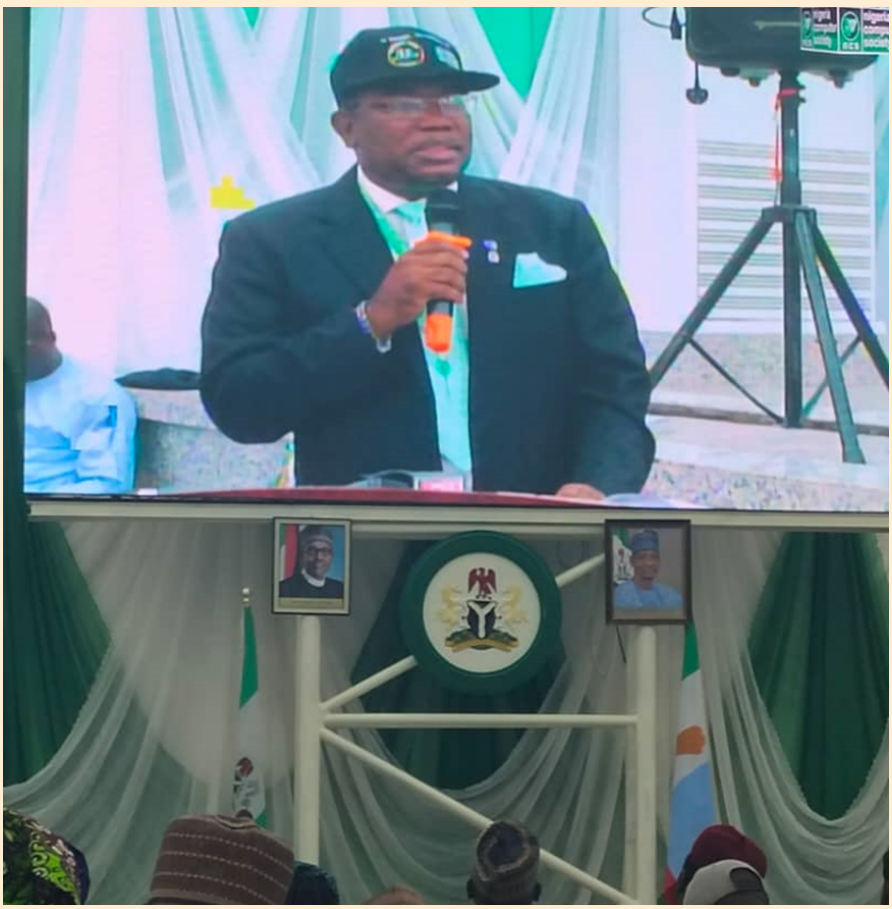
A Cross section of dignitaries during Mr. Muhammad Bello Aliyu's Courtesy Call on the Registrar/CEO, Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TCRN) in Abuja

The TRCN Registrar/CE, Prof Josiah Olusegun Ajiboye welcoming his CPN counterpart, Mr. Muhammad Bello Aliyu during the courtesy visit by the latter.

From Left: Council Members Mr. Nurudeen Aderinto and Dr. Muhammad Sirajo Aliyu at the Courtesy Visit on the TRCN Registrar/CEO in Abuja

PICTURE NEWS

A cross section of participants at the NCS organized Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit in Lafia, Nasarawa State



THE PRESIDENT/ CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, MR. KOLE JAGUN, FNCS DELIVERING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE OPENING OF THE AI SUMMIT HELD IN NASARAWA STATE

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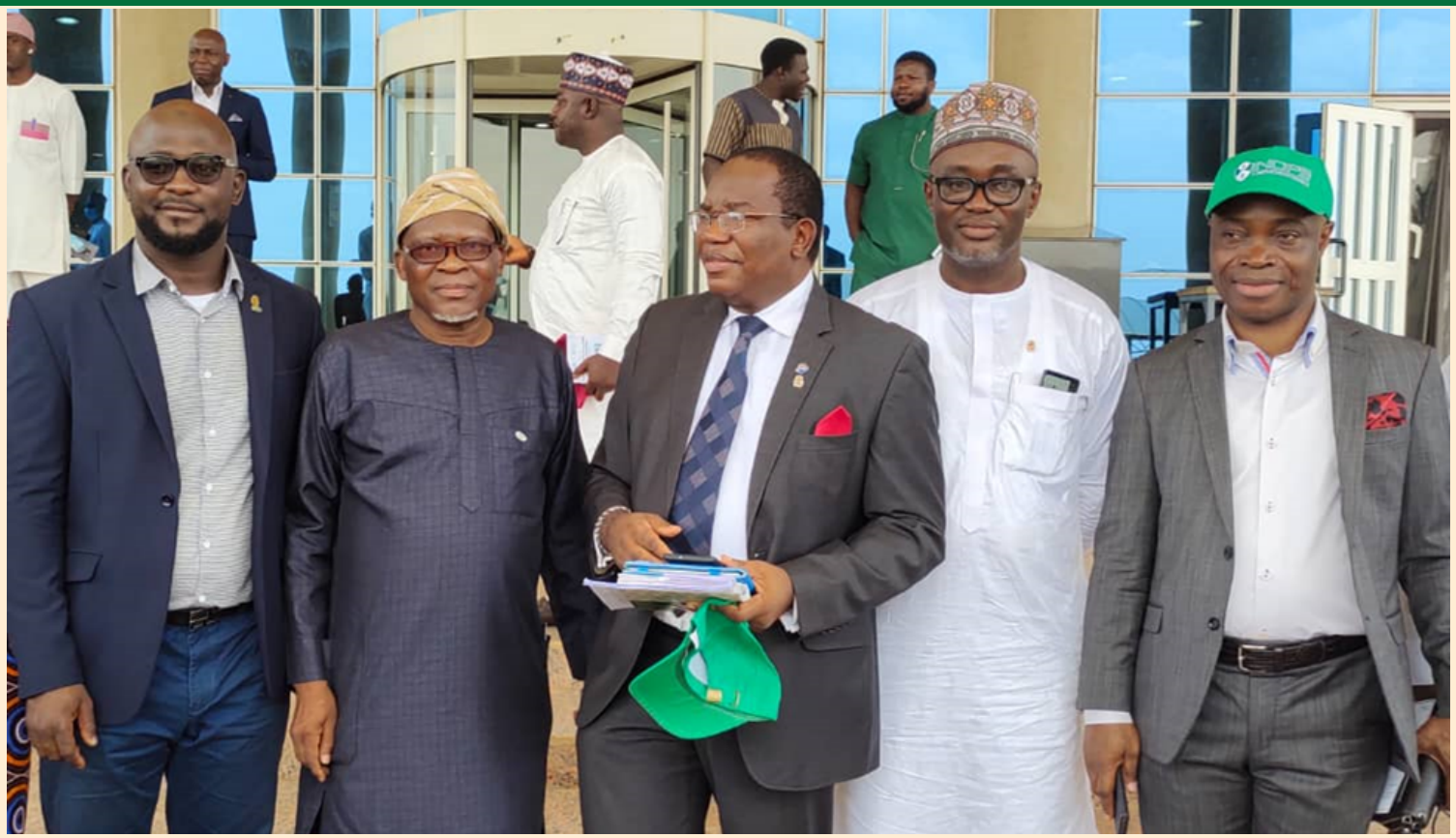

FROM LEFT: MEMBER OF COUNCIL, MR MOHAMMED BAYO ONIMODE, MR TOKUNBO SMITH, THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, MR KOLE JAGUN, THE REGISTRAR, MR. MUHAMMAD BELLO ALIYU, AND ANOTHER CPN MEMBER AT THE LAUNCH OF NIGERIA DATA PROTECTION BUREAU'S OFFICIAL LOGO/WEBSITE AND CORE VALUES IN ABUJA

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXECUTIVE REGISTRATION PROGRAMME (ERP)

S/NO	DATE	VENUE	REGION
1	12th - 14th April, 2022	PDTF Hall, ICT Centre, Rivers State, University, Nkpolu, PH	PORT HARCOURT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration Opens for June 2022 Diet of the Computer Professional Examination

Registration has commenced for the June 2022 Diet of the Computer Professional Examination.

The Computer Professional Examination is designed to nurture the potentials of our youths in Information Technology in order to imbue them with the knowledge, skills and capabilities to contribute to the development of the profession and the nation in general. Also, their successful completion of the examination will make them to be well-trained and strategically positioned for global competitiveness in Information Technology. The examination is the benchmark for admission into professional practice in the Information Technology Industry in the country. It is conceived and designed with the candidate's career prospects in mind. The structure and nature of the examination allow every interested candidate an opportunity to earn a professional qualification that is accepted and recognized in the industry.

The examination holds twice in a year, it holds in June for the June diet of the examination while another one holds in October for the October diet of the examination.

Process Flow for Registration For the CPE

1. Log in to the CPN examination portal www.exams.cpnre.ng
2. Use your own unique email address to register for the examination
3. Fill the registration form, upload necessary information required and select the examination you want to write in the flow chart
4. Make payment with your ATM card.
5. An examination number will be generated as soon as payment is received and the examination registration confirmation slip will be sent to your email address. The slip contains your examination number, photograph and the list of courses which you are going to write in the examination.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Forum for IT Directors in MDAs and Corporate Members of CPN with the theme, Applying Emerging Technology to Digital Transformation Success, on Thursday 21st April, 2022, Hybrid
2. The 2022 IT professionals' Assembly with the theme, "Leveraging IT for National Security and Economic Stability" will on Wednesday 18th – Thursday 19th May 2022 at The NAF CONFERENCE CENTRE, Abuja
3. MCPD CALENDER FOR YEAR 2022

- The Effect Of Pervasive Computing On Socio-Economy & Artificial Intelligence, 18TH – 19TH May, 2022, Virtual
- Information Security Management System, 22nd – 23rd June, 2022, Virtual
- Global Norms And Cybersecurity Policies, Strategies, And Standards, 27th – 28th July, 2022, Virtual
- Data Encryption And Data Management, 23rd – 24th March, 2022
- Cyberspace, Cybersecurity & Computer Emergency Response Teams, 24th -25th August, 2022
- Fundamentals Of Cyber Security, 21st – 22nd September, 2022
- Cyber Crimes: Trends And Threats, October, 2022
- Digital Economy In Nigeria: Challenges And Opportunities, 16th -17th November, 2022
- Cyber-Security Challenges Towards A Successful Digital Economy In Nigeria: A Review, 7th – 8th December, 2022

COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS
(REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA)
[Established by Act No. 49 of 1993]

presents

2022 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY

THEME: LEVERAGING IT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC STABILITY

Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th
May 2022

NAF Conference
Center, Abuja.

SAVE THE DATE

REGISTRATION FEES:

Virtual	= N 25,000.00
Physical	= N 65,000.00

Quick Call: 08033588145, 07035437642

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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