



COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS (REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA)

2020 VIRTUAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) ASSEMBLY HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY, 2020

COMMUNIQUE

PREAMBLE

The annual CPN Information Technology Professionals' Assembly is a yearly gathering of Information Technology practitioners in Nigeria and Diaspora with the objective of discussing and strategizing on emergent issues in Information Technology in order to come out with recommendations and decisions that will impact positively on the industry and the nation.

The theme for this years' Assembly was "**Adoption Of 5G in Nigeria: The Technological and Regulatory Challenges**". The theme was carefully selected to address all the misgivings, misinterpretations and misconceptions surrounding the issue of adoption and deployment of 5G network in Nigeria. The Keynote was delivered by **Engr. Deus Uche Osuji**, General Manager, Network Services at MTN Nigeria.

Recommendations

1. The deployment of 5G in Nigeria is capable of fast tracking our economic growth and migrating us fully into a digital economy.
2. Deployment of 5G in Nigeria has numerous advantages which include faster internet connection, smoother user experience and huge deployment of Information Technology to drive growth and development of industries.
3. CPN is now recommending the adoption of 5G network to Government at all levels because Nigeria will derive huge socio-economic benefits from commercial deployment of the fifth generation (5G) networks. The new networks will come with great potentials that will boost the entire spectrum of Nigeria's socio economic ecosystem.
4. Adoption of 5G network in Nigeria will bring about transformation in the country in the area of smart city, smart transportation, efficiency in medicine as well as a lot of automation in respect of our appliances and devices with respect to Internet of Things (IoT).

5. The country will also benefit immensely from the adoption of the network in terms of faster speed, high latency and high capacity that will transform consumer and business experiences because the difference between all other existing generations of technologies such as 2G, 3G and 4G lies in speed and data capacity
6. Provision of good and adequate supply of power will enable the citizenry to enjoy the benefits of 5G network and derive huge socio-economic benefits from commercial deployment of the fifth generation (5G) networks. Therefore, there is need for the Federal Government to intensify its efforts in addressing the power challenges in the country.
7. The Federal Government is hereby enjoined to ensure that the cost of 5G compatible devices is affordable to Nigerian so that the citizens can benefit from the new technology
8. The Federal Government of Nigeria should declare Information Technology and Telecommunications as a critical national infrastructure to facilitate the success of the national broadband strategy
9. Governments at various levels should also intensify their efforts to embrace Information Technology with its attendant potentials of facilitating governance and eradicating corruption in the country
10. The complete adoption of Information Technology as well as migration of Government operations from manual to digital will make the country to conform with the benchmark of Government operations in the 21st century

CONCLUSION

At the end of the 2020 Virtual Information Technology Assembly/Annual General Meeting, members of the profession present during the meeting showered accolades and encomium on the President/Chairman-in-Council and all members of CPN Council for holding a successful assembly despite the challenges posed by the Corona Virus pandemic.

The Council has delivered on its mandate to convoke a world-class **Virtual IT Professionals' Assembly** worthy of emulation by other **Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)**.

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