

# 2ND TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM DIALOGUE (TED) SERIES 2024 TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM DIALOGUE





## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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Nigeria, we hail thee, our own dear native land, Though tribe and tongue may differ, in brotherhood we stand Nigerians all, and proud to serve our sovereign Motherland.

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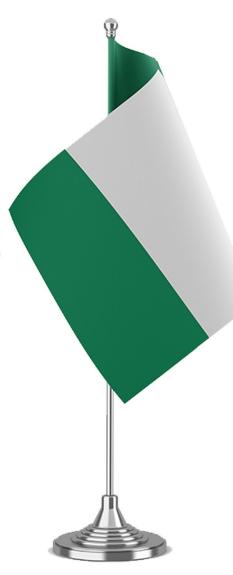
Our flag shall be a symbol that truth and justice reign, In peace or battle honoured, and this we count as gain, To hand on to our children a banner without stain.

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O God of all creation, grant this our one request:
Help us to build a nation where no one is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty all Nigerian may be blessed.

### **NATIONAL PLEDGE**

I pledge to Nigeria my Country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God



## Special Guest of Honour



## HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BOLA AHMED TINUBU (GCFR)

THE PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE ARMED FORCES, FEDERAL
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HONOURABLE MINISTER OF STATE
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# Chief Host



## **ANDREW AGBO ABU**

FOUNDER YOUNG INNOVATORS
OF NIGERIA (YIN)









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KEYNOTES / PANEL DISCUSSIONS / FIRESIDE CHATS / WORKSHOPS



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Mr. Theodore Longji Director of Ecosystem Innovation Support Network (ISN) and Board Member Young Innovators of Nigeria





# 2nd Edition of the Technology Ecosystem Dialogue (TED): Theme: Securing Nigeria's Revenue Streams: The Power of Technology.

TED is an annual flagship program of the Young Innovators of Nigeria.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Nigeria's economy, the largest in Africa, has witnessed a significant transformation in recent years, largely due to the growing influence of the technology sector. According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector has steadily contributed an average of 14% to Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) over the last five years. In 2020, during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the sector contributed 15.9% to GDP, further highlighting the importance of technological innovation in the country's economy. By 2023, this contribution had risen to 18.44%, underscoring technology's role in fostering economic growth and development.

Despite these gains, Nigeria continues to face significant challenges in terms of revenue generation, with revenue leakages posing a critical threat to the country's fiscal stability. Over the past five years, technological interventions, such as the deployment of automated revenue collection platforms, e-taxation systems, and blockchain technology for financial transparency, have helped Nigeria save an estimated NGN 700 billion from potential revenue losses.

These innovations have not only enhanced the country's revenue streams but have also increased accountability and improved transparency across various government agencies.

This years TED summit "Securing Nigeria's Revenue Streams: The Power of Technology" aims to bring together key stakeholders from government, industry, and civil society to explore innovative technological solutions that will address the persistent issue of revenue leakages, enhance public sector efficiency, and bolster Nigeria's fiscal stability.

#### **VISION:**

The summit envisions a Nigeria where revenue leakages are minimized through the power of cutting-edge technology, fostering greater fiscal stability, transparency, and accountability. It aims to build a framework for collaboration between state and non-state actors that will leverage innovative technologies to secure the nation's revenue streams and improve public finance management.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

The key objectives of the summit are as follows:

- 1. Assessing Current Revenue Challenges: Identify and analyze the primary causes of revenue leakages across Nigeria's critical revenue-generating agencies.
- 2. Exploring Technological Solutions: Showcase innovative technological solutions, such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, data analytics, and digital payment platforms, to enhance revenue collection and reduce leakages.
- **3. Strengthening Collaboration:** Facilitate dialogue and partnership between government agencies, private sector players, and civil society organizations to promote transparency and accountability in revenue management.
- 4. Sharing Best Practices: Highlight successful case studies from other countries and within Nigeria, where technology has been effectively deployed to secure government revenue.
- **5. Formulating Policy Recommendations:** Provide actionable policy recommendations that will support the institutionalization of technology-driven revenue management systems across Nigeria's revenue agencies.
- 6. Capacity Building: Enhance the capacity of government officials and relevant stakeholders in utilizing technological tools for improved revenue collection and public finance management.







#### SUMMIT DELIVERABLES: >>>

The summit is expected to deliver the following key outcomes:

- White Paper on Revenue Leakages and Technology Solutions: A comprehensive document that outlines the key challenges, proposed technological interventions, and recommendations for addressing revenue leakages.
- 2. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Framework: A blueprint for collaboration between the government, private sector, and international partners in deploying technology to secure Nigeria's revenue streams.
- 3. Policy Recommendations for Government Agencies: A set of policy recommendations designed to help Nigeria's revenue-generating agencies institutionalize technology-driven solutions.
- 4. Strategic Roadmap: A detailed strategic roadmap for the implementation of technology solutions in Nigeria's revenue agencies, focusing on digital infrastructure, capacity building, and institutional support.
- 5. Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs): Signed MoUs between key stakeholders outlining their commitment to deploying and scaling technological solutions for revenue enhancement.
- 6. Capacity Building Plan: A framework for continuous training and development of government personnel on the use of advanced technological tools in revenue management and public accountability.

#### Contributions of Technology to Nigeria's GDP in the Last 5 Years

Over the past five years, the technology sector in Nigeria has been a key driver of economic growth, contributing significantly to the country's GDP. Between 2019 and 2023, the sector's contribution rose from 13.85% to 18.44%. This growth can be attributed to the expansion of telecommunications, fintech innovations, e-commerce, and increased mobile internet penetration, which stood at over 80% by the end of 2023. These advancements have not only accelerated economic activities but have also provided platforms for financial inclusion, especially in underserved areas.

#### Revenue Saved Through Technological Innovations

Technological innovations have played a crucial role in curbing revenue leakages in Nigeria, especially through the digitization of processes in tax collection, customs operations, and other revenue-generating activities. The deployment of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS), the Treasury Single Account (TSA), and the automation of tax collection via the Federal Inland Revenue Service's (FIRS) e-taxation system have been game-changers in minimizing fraud, corruption, and inefficiencies. As a result, Nigeria has saved over NGN 700 billion in the last five years, which would have otherwise been lost due to leakages. These technologies have also improved the accuracy and efficiency of revenue collection and enhanced the government's ability to track and audit public finances.

#### Collaborative Strategies Between State and Non-State Actors

To further enhance government revenue and ensure accountability of public funds, a collaborative approach between state and non-state actors is critical. The following strategies will be discussed during the summit:









#### 1. Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)

By fostering partnerships between the government and private tech firms, Nigeria can leverage cutting-edge innovations such as Al-powered tax administration, blockchain for financial transparency, and digital payment systems for seamless revenue collection.

#### 2. Civil Society Engagement

Civil society organizations (CSOs) play a pivotal role in holding governments accountable. By integrating technology into public finance oversight, CSOs can help monitor revenue generation and allocation processes, ensuring that public funds are used transparently.

#### 3. Capacity Building

Government agencies must work closely with tech firms to build the necessary digital infrastructure and skills needed to harness the power of technology. Training programs and knowledge exchanges will enhance the capacity of public sector personnel in effectively deploying and managing tech-driven revenue solutions.

#### 4. Legislative and Policy Support

Collaboration with lawmakers to pass regulations and policies that encourage the adoption of technology in revenue management is essential. This includes creating a favorable regulatory environment for fintech innovations and ensuring that anti-corruption laws are integrated with technology to enhance transparency.

#### 5. International Cooperation

Partnering with international organizations, donor agencies, and foreign governments that have successfully deployed technology to manage revenue can provide valuable insights and financial support for implementing these solutions in Nigeria.

#### Conclusion: ▶ ▶ ▶

The "Securing Nigeria's Revenue Streams: The Power of Technology" summit will serve as a catalyst for transforming Nigeria's revenue generation landscape by harnessing the full potential of technology. By bringing together government officials, industry leaders, and technology experts, the summit aims to address critical challenges, explore innovative solutions, and build a robust framework for fiscal stability, accountability, and transparency. Ultimately, these efforts will ensure that Nigeria's public finances are better managed, and the country's long-term economic growth is sustained.







## **SUB-THEMES & ACTIVITIES:**

- Digital Transformation in Revenue Collection.
- leveraging Technology to Combat Oil Theft and Boost Government

  Revenue in Nigeria (Tokenization of Nigeria Natural Resources.
- Unlocking Funding for Carbon Reduction Initiatives.
- Nigeria Role of Technology in Energy transition and ensuring Maritime & energy security.
- Data Protection, data analytics & Cybersecurity in Revenue Systems and revenue leakages.
- E-Government Solutions for Revenue Efficiency.
- Public-Private Partnerships in Revenue Technology.
- Special workshops for Ministry of Petroleum Resources : stakeholders engagement in Oil and Gas investment Promotion.
- National Innovation Challenge and fireside chat.









## DISCUSSION FOCUSES



- 1. The Impact of Digital Transformation on National Revenue Systems.
- 2. Harnessing Big Data and Analytics to Combat Revenue Leakages
  Building Effective Partnerships.
- 3. Blockchain Technology: Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in Revenue Management.
- 4. Unlocking Investment & Funding for Carbon Reduction Initiatives.
- 5. Strengthening Cybersecurity to Protect Revenue Streams.
- 6. Innovative E-Government Solutions for Streamlined Revenue Collection.
- 7. Fostering Public-Private Partnerships for Technological Advancements in Revenue Generation.
- 8. The Role of Policy and Regulation in Supporting Technology-Driven Revenue Systems.
- 9. Harnessing the power of Tech in building systems to encourage proper revenue management and fiscal growth.
- 10. Investment Opportunities in upstream, midstream and downstream in oil and gas and combating maritime insecurity.











#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### **Opening Session**

- -8:00 am -9:00 am: Arrival and Registration
- 9:00 am 10:00 am: Networking
- 10:15 am: Commencement of program
- National Anthem
- Welcome Address by Founder Young Innovators of Nigeria Mr. Andrew Agbo Abu FIMC MNCS MCPN
- Goodwill Messages
- ~ Kashifu Inuwa Abdulahi Director General/CEO NITDA
- ~ Dr. Vincent Olatunji National Commissioner/CEO NDPC
- ~ Dr. Armstrong Takang Chief Executive Officer MOFI
- ~ President NCS, NIRA, and other heads of Agencies, Departments, and Orgs.
- Guest of Honor: Dr. Bosun Tijani Honorable Minister for Innovations, Communications, and Digital Economy Unveiling of the Compendium of Activities of Young Innovators of Nigeria by Special Guest of Honour: HE. President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Group Photographs
- 11:30 PM 12:20 PM: Plenary Session:
- Plenary Session 1
- Sub-Theme: Digital Transformation in Revenue Collection
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Stanley Jacob, President of the Fintech Association of Nigeria
- Panelists:
- ~ Babajide Alaka Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, Precise Financial Systems
- ~ Mr. Mubarak Bagudu Special Adviser to the Chairman, FIRS
- ~ Mrs. Kate Pam Simlek CEO of The Stalwart Group
- ~ Mr. Joshua Chibueze Chief Marketing Officer PiggyVest
- ~ Mr. Johnson Tamuno Preye Bareye Director ICT OAGF
- Moderator: Mr. Fola Olatunji David Founder Kickoff Africa/ Board Member YIN









- B. National Innovation Hackathon (competition)
- Moderator: Engr Chidiebere Ugwuegbulam (MIEEE, MCPN, MCITP) Chairman, Nigeria Computer Society, Imo State,
- Venue: Cosmopolitan University
- 12:20 pm 1:00 pm: PM: Plenary Session 2
- **Sub-Theme:** E-Government Solutions for Revenue Efficiency

#### Topics:

- Streamlining Government Services
- Leveraging statistical analytics for enhanced tax compliance and revenue forecasting.
- Guest Speaker: Mallam Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi DG/CEO National Information Technology Development
  Agency (NITDA)
- Lead Speaker: Dame. Ajuma Ataguba, FIMC, CMC Managing Director at Founder Institute Abuja
- Panelists:
- ~ Mr. Jude Feranmi Adejuwon Practice Lead HEI Innovations Co-Creation Hub Kenya
- ~ Dr. Mohammad Sirajo Aliyu FNCS, President of Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)
- ~ Mr. Adesola Akinsanya President Nigeria Internet Regulatory Association (NIRA)
- Moderator: Ms. Juliana Alu Director of Digital literacy & capacity building Young Innovators of Nigeria
- Total time 60min
- 1:00 pm 1:40 pm: Lunch Break
- 2:30 PM 3:20 PM: Plenary Session 3
- Sub Theme: Public-Private Partnerships in Strengthening Revenue Management
- Discussants:
- Lead Discussant: Dr. Armstrong Takang CEO of Ministry of Finance Incorporated
- ~ Prof. Karl Adams, Vice Chancellor Cosmopolitan University.
- ~ Mr. Fola Olatunji David Founding Partner Kickoff Africa
- ~ Ms. Luci James Abagi CEO Public and Private Development Centre (PPDC)
- ~ Barr. Olusegun Omotola Director General Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)









- Moderator: Mr. Theodore Longji Director of Ecosystem Innovation Support Network (ISN) and Board Member Young Innovators of Nigeria
- 2:20pm- 3:10 Pm: Plenary Session 4:
- Sub Theme: Data Protection, data analytics & Cybersecurity in Revenue Systems and revenue leakages
- Chairman: Dr. Vincent Olatunji CEO National Data Protection Commission
- Discussants:
- Lead Discussant: Dr. Rislan Kanya Co Founder Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain Technology Centre Baze
  University Abuja.
- ~ Dr. Amina Sambo Magaji Ag. Director Digital Literacy & Capacity Building NITDA
- ~ Engr. Bisoye Coker Odusote CEO/DG NIMC
- ~ Babatunde Bamigboye Head, Legal Enforcement and Regulations NDPC
- ~ Mr. Ayowande Adalemo Director Founders Institute Lagos.
- Moderator: Mrs. Chinenye Chizea Technical Lead & Security Achitet ID4D Nigeria
- 3:10 PM 4:00 PM: Closing Remarks
- ~ Summary of key points and announcements for Day 2
- ~ Presentation of Gifts to hackathons
- ~ Presentation of communique









#### TECHNOLOGY ECOSYST D I A L O G U

### ▶▶▶ GOODWILL MESSAGES



#### **CONGRATULATIONS ON YIN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) is delighted to extend our warmest congratulations to Young Innovators of Nigeria (YIN) on the celebration of your 10th anniversary.

For the past decade, YIN has been a beacon of innovation and empowerment for young Nigerians. Your tireless efforts in nurturing a vibrant ecosystem of young innovators, entrepreneurs, and change makers have significantly contributed to the growth and development of our youth. As YIN marks this significant milestone, we are honoured to join you in celebrating your achievements and reflecting on the journey that has brought you to this point. Your commitment to fostering creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, and technological advancement is truly inspiring.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with YIN as we work together to shape a brighter future for Nigeria through technology and innovation.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

Sincerely,

Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi CCIE
Director General/ CEO
National Information Technology Development
Agency (NITDA)













It is with great pleasure that I extend heartfelt congratulations to the Young Innovators of Nigeria (YIN) on the occasion of their 10th anniversary. This remarkable milestone stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and visionary leadership that YIN, under the guidance of its founder, Mr. Andrew Abu, has demonstrated in nurturing young minds, fostering innovation, and propelling Nigeria's technology ecosystem forward.

Over the past decade, YIN has played an indispensable role in empowering the next generation of Nigerian innovators, providing a platform where ideas flourish and talent is cultivated. As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we also recognize the profound impact that these young innovators have had on our nation's socio-economic development, driving transformation through technology and creativity.

I am particularly thrilled about the launch of the groundbreaking book "The Tech Republic", which promises to inspire and illuminate the path forward for our digital economy. This work, co-authored by respected thought leaders, including Mr. Andrew Abu, serves as a timely reminder of the power of technology to shape the future of Nigeria.

I salute YIN for its enduring commitment to youth empowerment and its role in championing technological advancement. As we look toward the future, I am confident that the next decade will bring even greater achievements as YIN continues to be a catalyst for innovation and progress.

Congratulations once again, and best wishes for a successful anniversary celebration and book launch.

Warm regards,

Charles Emembolu
Founder, TechQuest.
Chairman, Innovation Support Network (ISN) Board













### DEAR YOUNG INNOVATORS OF NIGERIA,

On behalf of the Digital Bridge Institute team (DBI), I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Young Innovators of Nigeria (YIN) as you celebrate a remarkable 10 years of impact in the technology ecosystem. Your unwavering commitment to nurturing innovation, fostering educational entrepreneurship, and empowering the youth has been a vital force in shaping Nigeria's tech landscape.

At the Digital Bridge Institute, we believe in the power of technology as a catalyst for growth and development, and it's heartwarming to witness organizations like YIN spreading this transformation. We commend your leadership, dedication, and resilience, which have brought significant advancements in the tech industry and beyond. As you move into the next decade, we are confident that YIN will continue to be a driving force for change, and we look forward to collaborating with you to build a more digitally inclusive and innovative Nigeria. Congratulations once again and here's to many more years of success.

Warm regards,

David Daser
President/CEO,
Digital Bridge Institute













## GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIA INTERNET REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION (NIRA)

Dear distinguished guests, speakers and participants,

It is with great honor and excitement that I extend my warmest regards to everyone attending this important conference, organized by the Young Innovators Nigeria, with the theme "Securing Nigeria's Revenue Streams: The Power of Technology." This theme is not only timely but also crucial, as it aligns with the Federal Government's bold vision of building \$1 trillion economy for Nigeria. At the .ng Registry, we have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that digital transformation and technological advancement can have on revenue generation, business growth and national development. The digital economy holds immense potential and as we strengthen our technological infrastructure, we move closer to realizing Nigeria's economic goals.

The .ng domain, as Nigeria's national digital identity, plays a pivotal role in enabling businesses, innovators and government institutions to harness the full power of the internet. By leveraging technology to secure and expand our revenue streams, we are ensuring a more prosperous and resilient future for Nigeria.

I commend the Young Innovators Nigeria for their commitment to promoting dialogue, collaboration and innovation through this conference. Together, we can unbolt new revenue streams that will propel Nigeria forward on the path of economic prosperity. I wish all participants a productive and insightful conference and look forward to the innovative ideas and solutions that will emerge from this gathering.

Thank you.

Mr. Adesola Akinsanya President, NiRA















#### YIN: CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The National Talent Export Programme (NATEP) heartily congratulates the Founder and leadership of the Young Innovators of Nigeria (YIN), on achieving this significant milestone of professional excellence running into a decade! As we all know this is no small feat to accomplish especially working with and managing youths. You not only did it, you excelled at it and for this, I say well done!

Your vision at YIN of empowering the Youth for Socio-Economic Development aligns with the vision of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda and was a key motivation of Mr. President's for the creation of NATEP. Your resolve in training and grooming youths into industry titans has been reflected in your activities at YIN. Events such as the Annual Django Girls Training and the Ignition Week Program and Hackathons, only lend credence to your commitment to youth development.

We look forward to a vibrant partnership that would see our Nigerian youths highly empowered with globally competitive skills and set Nigeria as the African and even global destination for quality and credible talent. On this auspicious occasion please accept my heartiest congratulations once again from I, and the entire team and management of NATEP.

We wish you many more years of excellence at YIN.

Dr. FEMI ADELUYI
National coordinator, NATEP











## GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM COSMOPOLITAN UNIVERSITY TO THE YOUNG INNOVATORS OF NIGERIA GROUP ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of Cosmopolitan University, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the "Young Innovators of Nigeria Group" on their 10th anniversary. This significant milestone is a testament to their unwavering dedication, visionary leadership, and impactful contributions to the advancement of innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship in Nigeria. For the past decade, the Young Innovators of Nigeria Group has championed the cause of empowering the youth, fostering creative thinking, and driving technological advancements. Through your programs, initiatives, and partnerships, you have played a pivotal role in shaping the future of innovation in Nigeria, providing countless young minds with the tools, resources, and inspiration to realize their potential.

As an institution committed to academic excellence and the development of future leaders, we at Cosmopolitan University are proud to witness the incredible strides you have made in nurturing a culture of innovation across the country. Your dedication to building a generation of forward-thinking, solution-driven youth aligns with our mission of empowering the next generation to contribute meaningfully to society.

As you celebrate this remarkable milestone, we applaud your organization's visionary leadership and the countless individuals who have worked tirelessly to bring your mission to life. We are confident that the Young Innovators of Nigeria Group will continue to play a vital role in Nigeria's future, inspiring even more young people to dream bigger, innovate, and make a positive impacton the world.

Congratulations once again on your 10th anniversary. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors and look forward to seeing the many more achievements.

Warm regards,

MANAGEMENT













#### GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM DR. MUHAMMAD SIRAJO ALIYU, PRESIDENT, NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY AND 2ND EDITION OF THE TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM DIALOGUE

I am honored to extend my warmest congratulations to the Young Innovators of Nigeria and the Network of Incubators and Innovators in Nigeria (NINE) on their 10th anniversary and the 2nd Edition of the Technology Ecosystem Dialogue. This pioneering program embodies the spirit of creativity, ingenuity, and progress that defines our next generation of leaders. As the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) continues to advocate for an inclusive, globally competitive, and prosperous IT knowledge-based nation, this initiative serves as a shining example of youth-led innovation. It's more than just a platform for technological advancement; it's a catalyst for social impact, economic growth, and community development.

To the young innovators, I say: your curiosity, passion, and determination are the driving forces behind transformative change. Embrace this opportunity to explore, learn, and collaborate with peers and mentors. Your ideas have the potential to revolutionise industries, improve lives, and shape the future. As you navigate the challenges and triumphs of this program, remember that innovation is a journey, not a destination. Embrace failure as a stepping stone to success and celebrate each other's achievements along the way.

I express my deepest gratitude to the organisers and partners for your tireless efforts in empowering our youth. Your commitment to fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship is inspiring and vital. Your boundless potential and innovative spirit are truly inspiring, and I have no doubt that this summit will foster meaningful connections, spark new ideas, and drive positive change. Together, let's unlock the creative potential of our youth and harness technology to build a brighter, more equitable future for all.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this milestone anniversary and successful summit. I wish you continued success in shaping Nigeria's technological future. Best wishes for a productive, inspiring, and transformative experience.

Sincerely,

Dr. Muhammad Sirajo Aliyu FNCS

President

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)









## GOODWILL MESSAGE ON YOUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND AWARDS OF YOUNG INNOVATORS OF NIGERIA (YIN)

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! A decade of fostering innovation and supporting technological advancement in Nigeria is truly commendable. Your efforts to create a vibrant ecosystem for young innovators have made a significant impact on both the community and the nation.

At Founder Institute Abuja, we are dedicated to nurturing the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators. Since 2020, we've successfully launched 7 cohorts, supporting 76 alumni and 13 startups, helping pre-seed founders gain traction and secure funding through a robust network of mentors and a structured business-building process. Our mission aligns closely with YIN's, and together, we can accelerate Nigeria's tech landscape, driving meaningful economic growth and social change.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with YIN and contributing to the transformative work you are doing. The launch of "The Tech Republic" is particularly exciting, and I have no doubt it will serve as a vital resource for many in our community.

Also, I wish you much success with the upcoming Technology Ecosystem Dialogue Summit. The themes you are exploring are vital for the future of Nigeria, and I have no doubt that the discussions will lead to meaningful insights and advancements.

Wishing you a successful and memorable anniversary celebration filled with inspiration and meaningful connections. Yours sincerely

Ajuma Ataguba

Managing Director, Founder Institute











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