

Information and Entrepreneurs and Startups in Nigeria

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Executive Summary

Nigerian institutions are making big efforts in order to develop a better connectivity in the whole country. The Minister of National Planning Commission, Dr Shamsuddeen Usman, has said that Nigeria would require 2.9 trillion dollars investment in order to cover the lack of infrastructure in this western African country. According with this minister's statement, such investments must be focused on logistics and ICT sector. In the other hand, Nigeria is the most important African market on mobile phones and federal government is worried about the 100 per cent dominance of the mobile phone production and assembly market by foreign companies and 78 per cent of the market share of the mobile networks is being controlled by international firms. To reverse the foreign dominance, Nigerian government is currently working towards creating enabling environment for innovation, lower market-entry barriers and increase participation by Nigerian companies, while also encouraging the offshoot of new technology businesses.

In the other hand, the president of of the Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON), Mr. Chris Uwaje says that Nigeria can generate over 100 billion dollars if its huge potential was tapped.

Universities are also concerned about the importance of ICT currently and many of them have destinated their resources to improve the accessibility to internet.

News

Nigeria requires 2.9 trillion dollars to develop infrastructure, especially in the areas of power, transport and ICT sector

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: <http://leadership.ng>

Date: 07/30/2013

Title: Nigeria requires 2.9 trillion dollars in the next 30 years to develop infrastructure

The Minister of National Planning Commission, Dr Shamsuddeen Usman, has said that Nigeria would require 2.9 trillion dollars in the next 30 years to bridge its huge infrastructure gap. Usman said this yesterday in Abuja at a high profile policy dialogue on "Infrastructure and Structural Transformation in Nigeria" organised by the African Development Bank (AFDB). He said the country was well aware of its inadequacies in terms of infrastructure "which is why it has started to address some of them, especially in the areas of power, transport and ICT sector".

Jonathan and Ehud Barak For World Cyber-Security Conference

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: <http://leadership.ng>

Date: 07/26/2013

Title: Jonathan and Ehud Barak For World Cyber-Security Conference

The office of the First Lady of Nigeria, International Multilateral Partnerships Against Cyber Threat (IMPACT), Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and New Horizons Nigeria, will next week address Nigerians at the 2013 World Cyber Security conference with the theme "Cyber Insecurity – A Latent Threat To National Security and Economic Development".

The conference is schedule to hold on 30 July, 2013 at the State House Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa in Abuja.

The programme will be chaired by Mrs. Jonathan who will highlight her programme for Nigeria and Africa at large, with particular concern to Child Online Protection and Security.

ICT certifications will make youths competitive - Cisco

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: <http://myschool.com.ng>

Date: 07/24/2013

Title: ICT certifications will make youths competitive - Cisco

In order to be competitive globally, Nigerian youths have been urged to get requisite certifications in Information and Communications Technology to enhance their relevance in the business environments and reduce unemployment.

The Area Academy Manager, English West and Central Africa, Cisco Systems, Mr. Imoh Akpan, said this on Tuesday when he led other officials of the company on a courtesy visit to the PUNCH Place, headquarters of Punch Nigeria Limited in Ogun State.

Nigeria can generate over 100 billion dollars through software outsourcing

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: leadership.ng

Date: 07/23/2013

Title: Nigeria can generate over 100 billion dollars through software outsourcing

The President of the Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON), Mr. Chris Uwaje, says Nigeria can generate over \$100billion if the enormous potentials of software outsourcing are fully tapped and harnessed. Uwaje disclosed this at the inauguration of the Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Association of Information Technology Enabled Outsourcing Companies (NAITEOC) by the Acting Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Dr. Hashiru Sani, in Abuja. Uwaje who is also the newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that if properly harnessed, the Business Processing Outsourcing (BPO) has the capacity to create between five and 10 million jobs in Nigeria.

How to raise young entrepreneurs with ICT – Experts

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: punchng.com

Date: 07/23/2013

Title: How to raise young entrepreneurs with ICT – Experts

With the rising levels of unemployment and under-capacity utilisation in the country, one model that has been identified as critical in addressing the challenges is the application of Information and Communications Technology to the day-to-day life processes. These applications cut across direct use of ICTs by the citizenry and the opportunities and benefits ICTs provide to empower people. In as much as the current government is making efforts to build structures that will drive this motive, players in the private sector also have key roles to play to make this dream realisable.

Make ICT Compulsory

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: myschool.com.ng

Date: 07/20/2013

Title: Make ICT Compulsory

A school owner, Mr Olatunbosun James Lawal has urged the Federal Government to make Computer knowledge compulsory at all levels of education given its importance in today's world. Lawal, who is also the principal of his school, Greater Tomorrow International College (GTIC), Arigidi-Akoko, said doing so would help Nigeria catch up with current development. Speaking while launching new computers for the school's computer laboratory, Lawal said they are relevant tools in education of young ones..

Foreign dominance of phone market worries Nigerian Federal Government

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: ventureburn.com

Date: 06/05/2013

Title: Foreign dominance of phone market worries Nigerian Federal Government

The Federal Government is worried about the 100 per cent dominance of the mobile phone production and assembly market by foreign companies. As if that is not enough, 78 per cent of the market share of the mobile networks is being controlled by international firms. The development, which was confirmed in a recent review of the sector by the Ministry of Communications Technology, informed the putting together of a stronger local content guideline by the Federal Government.

Telecoms Investment inflows hit 32 billions dollars

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: <http://leadership.ng>

Date: 07/17/2013

Title: Telecoms Investment inflows hit 32 billions dollars

The profile of Nigeria's telecommunications sector has continued to be on the ascendancy with total investments attracted by the telecommunications service providers since the inception of the liberalisation of the sector 12 years ago has reached \$32 billion as at the end of June 2013 just as the total mobile subscription in Nigeria is put at 119 million lines. Leading mobile operators namely MTN Nigeria, Globacom, Etisalat Nigeria and Airtel Nigeria have largely driven the investments inflows which have brought in nearly \$7 billion in the past three years. As at the end of 2011, total investments in Nigeria's telecom sector was \$25 billion.

FG inaugurates 19-man Broadband Council

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: itrealms.com.ng

Date: 07/17/2013

Title: FG inaugurates 19-man Broadband Council

The Federal Government has inaugurated a 19-man Broadband Council to see to the implementation of the recommendations of the Presidential Committee on Broadband, which recently submitted its report. Conducting the inauguration in her officer of the President Goodluck Jonathan, the Minister of Communication Technology, Mrs Omobola Johnson, Tuesday, July 16, said the Broadband Council is chaired by herself, while members will work on implementation modalities for the newly developed and approved Nigerian National Broadband plan for the period 2013 - 2018. The inauguration of the Broadband council, Mrs. Johnson told ITRealms, represents an important and significant milestone in the implementation roadmap of the national broadband plan.

Johnson says eCommerce, catalyst for economic growth

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: itrealms.com.ng

Date: 07/17/2013

Title: Johnson says eCommerce, catalyst for economic growth

The Minister of Communication Technology, Mrs Omobola Johnson has described the electronic commerce (eCommerce) as catalyst for economic growth. Making this disclosure at the first annual eCommerce conference hosted by Jumia in Lagos, she said that the sector has the capacity to significantly extend the reach of wholesale and retail trade in the country leading to accelerated economic growth and job creation. Dwelling on "eCommerce and ICT in Nigeria: Engine for Job Creation and Economic Growth," she informed the audience that eCommerce represents many sectors and players coming together for economic gain.

Obafemi Awolowo University inaugurates 600 million nairas ICT centre

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: vanguardngr.com

Date: 07/10/2013

Title: Obafemi Awolowo University ignaurates 600 million nairas ICT centre.

The Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, on Tuesday launched a centre of excellence in software engineering built and equipped at a cost of N600 million. Read more details at [Obafemi Awolowo University inaugurates N600m ICT centre.](#)

Leadership CEO-Confidential meets Omowunmi Hassan, Ogbemudia James And Others -

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: <http://leadership.ng>

Date: 07/14/2013

Title: Leadership CEO-Confidential meets Omowunmi Hassan, Ogbemudia James And Others -

By 3:30a.m., I am always out of bed. I have my devotion, pray and go back to bed if I have to. By 6:30am, I am fully awake and I prepare the kids for school, and my husband for work since he is a medical doctor. Then I either take a long walk within the estate or do my usual skipping. Aside being a CEO, I also work as a researcher. I do quite a number of researches and by the virtue of my research works and interests which is based on policy analysis. This permits me to also speak often at workshops or seminars on ICT policy in Nigeria. I am privileged to have a medical doctor as my husband, who insists on breakfast. So I try not to skip it if time permits. Lunch is very much dependent on when I decide to eat. Due to the nature of my work, I am usually at meetings that last basically the whole day and most times, lunch is provided.

What Ratio Of Nigerian Students Use Computer?

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: <http://leadership.ng>

Date: 07/11/2013

Title: What Ratio Of Nigerian Students Use Computer?

In a fast growing world, especially in technological advancements, the use of computer has come to stay as its use has made everything in life much more easy, thereby turning the world into a global village. If the ratio of computer literates among secondary and university students is anything to go by, then a lot still needs to be done. KUNI TYESSI spoke with some students who were selected to participate in a computer competition by Microsoft Office. They talked about their fears and aspirations, gave advice to young people like them concerning the appreciation of knowing how to use a computer and other sundry issues.

Bureau of Tertiary Institutions Seeks Collaboration with Covenant University

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: covenantuniversity.edu.ng

Date: 07/10/2013

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The Ogun State Bureau of Tertiary Institutions has made a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University, with a call on the University to support the Bureau's activities in the State. The call was paid on Tuesday July 2, 2013 by the leadership of the Bureau, led by Mr. W.O. Kuye. Stating the reasons for the visit to Covenant University, Mr. Kuye said due to the enormous assignment and programmes ahead of the Bureau, there was the need to relate with competent partners to drive home its goals and Covenant University happens to be one of such desirable partners. According to the team leader, "We need your support and want you to partner with us, because we have a number of projects ahead of us. One of them is on the internationalization of education and application of technology to education, with the higher education sub-sector in focus."

B ICT: A'ibom Targets 150 Graduates

Sector: ICT and Software

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I.T As Wealth Creation Takes Centre Stage At I.T Assembly

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: myschool.com.ng

Date: 07/03/2013

Title: [I.T As Wealth Creation Takes Centre Stage At I.T Assembly](#)

Participants at the just concluded 2013 Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria, (CPN) Information Technology Assembly held in Abuja were worried saying that except IT for wealth is given priority attention, the fight against poverty and unemployment will remain unabated in the country. Accordingly, the forum noted that unless Nigerian youths were empowered with IT skills and knowledge, they may be left out in the global job market.

MainOne Seeks Total Uptake Of ICT In Nigerian Education

Sector: ICT and Software

Source: myschool.com.ng

Date: 07/03/2013

Title: [MainOne Seeks Total Uptake Of ICT In Nigerian Education](#)

Front line Nigeria cable Company, Main One, last week said that unless there was a holistic adoption of ICT into the Nigerian secondary and tertiary institutions, it may be difficult to produce 21st century graduates that are ruling world economies now. Chief Executive Officer of the company, Ms Funke Opeke who made the assertion, hinted that ICT presents great opportunities for redirecting objectives of educational development from knowledge to economic empowerment. He just concluded 2013 Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria, (CPN) Information Technology Assembly held in Abuja were worried saying that except IT for wealth is given priority attention, the fight against poverty and unemployment will remain unabated in the country. Accordingly, the forum noted that unless Nigerian youths were empowered with IT skills and knowledge, they may be left out in the global job market.

List of the above mentioned companies and institutions

Federal Government of Nigeria

Website: <http://www.nigeria.gov.ng>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FMINigeria>

Ministry of Communication Technology

Website: <http://commtech.gov.ng/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ngrcommtech>

Ministry of National Planning Commission

Website: <http://www.npc.gov.ng/>

Twitter:

State of Akwa Ibom

Website: <http://www.aksgonline.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AkwalbomOnline>

Ipson

Website: <http://www.ispon.org/>

Twitter:

Mtn Nigeria

Website: <http://www.mtnonline.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MTNNG>

Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN)

Website: <http://www.cpn.gov.ng/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/a_n_onymouss

Main One Nigeria

Website: <http://www.mainonecable.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Mainonecable>

Covenant University

Website: <http://covenantuniversity.edu.ng/>

Twitter:

Hightech Centre for Nigerian Women and Youth

Website: <http://www.hightechwomen.org.ng/>

Twitter:

Obafemi Awolowo University

Website: <http://www.oauife.edu.ng/>

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List of influencers on Twitter

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