

# DIGITAL BRIDGE INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

Your guide to activities in the DIGITAL knowledge ecosystem



Dear Readers,

Digital Bridge Institute is pleased to present to its readers the 10th edition of its Newsletter.

In this edition is a bunch of information carrying sensitive activities and programs within the confines of the institute.

Words are not enough to genuinely appreciate the Chief Executive Officer/President, Digital Bridge Institute, Prof. Muhammed Ajiya for his enormous contribution within and outside the newsletter production.

No doubt, that he has been the strength behind the continuous production of these newsletters.

Furthermore, thanks to the editorial team for their resilient undertakings in ensuring that this 10th edition is a reality.

This edition of the Digital Bridge Institute's Newsletter covers special activities, events, and programs of the institute within the weeks so that its aims and objectives are met.

The edition contains essential articles from Abuja office, Kano Campus, and Lagos Campus and sundry others.

Reiterating our determination on the newsletter unit mandate, we are committed to keeping staff, management, and the general public apprised of the happenings all around the institute.

For further information on our activities and bouquets of courses, do mail us at [info@dbi.edu.ng](mailto:info@dbi.edu.ng).

On behalf of the management and staff of DBI, led by our President/-CEO, Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, we wish you all a splendid reading adventure.

Sincerely

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## INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) was launched in the wake of the phenomenal Worldwide growth of the Telecommunication(Telcoms) and information communications technology (ICT) sectors, which was especially well noted in Nigeria . Led by the successful auction of Digital Mobile Licensing by Nigerian Communications Commission(NCC) the government regulator , and the subsequent roll out of mobile services , increased number of operators, and significant increased private capital investment , the sector as whole has been challenged by dearth of trained and suitably qualified human resources. Aknowledging the need to continue to foster the rapid development and growth of the Nigeria Telecommunication market-place as well as the potentially significant vulnerability as lack of human resources could , the Nigeria Communiactions Communications (NCC) established DBi in May 2004

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## DBI CELEBRATES RETIREES IN GRAND STYLE, SAYS RETIREMENT CAPS A CAREER AND OPENS DOORS TO LONG-ANTICIPATED DREAMS

Digital Bridge Institute has celebrated two of her incredible staff, Mr. Allwell Ogunedo, Head, Finance and Accounts and Alhaji Hassan Ado Faskari, Head of Administration respectively, as they get to the zenith of their career in the institute. The occasion was greeted with pomp and pageantry, colourful, ceremonial with splendour. In his welcome address, the President/CEO said "it is with mixed feelings that I stand to address you today. We are gathered here to celebrate men of principle and honour who have given a greater part of their productive year to this institute." He added, "for every beginning, there's an end, and every end can be the start of a new beginning. Your retirement should mark the commencement of a new chapter in your life, we hope to see you doing new and bigger things. The door of DBI will always be open for you because once a member of the DBI family always a member of the family. Your retirement should not be the end of the road, but the beginning of a new chapter." The President/CEO thanked them for being such wonderful members of staff here at the Digital Bridge Institute, he said everyone from the Abuja, Lagos, Kano, and Yola campuses of this great Institute wishes them the best retirement ever. He said, they will be greatly missed. In his remarks, the formal Administrator of the Digital Bridge Institute, expressed how much difficult it is to announce the retirement of both retirees, he said they have been an integral part of the institute for the last seventeen years, their contributions will always be valued and remembered, their hardwork, commitment and dedication are worthy to emulate. Stressing further, he said the retirees will be greatly missed, and their retirement is surely a mixed feelings but instead of greeting it with sadness, he urged and encouraged the staff to strive harder to live up and emulate their legacy.



President DBI Prof. Mohammed Ajiya I



Appreciating them for their hard work, The Chairperson of the events, Ms Tonia Ansa-Otodor thanked them profusely, for their sincere service to the institute, stressing that they can never be forgotten going by how they have been able to inspire all the staff of the institute to always stay passionate, she added, "Colleagues like you both, are irreplaceable, happy retirement! You all will be missed but never be forgotten". The Public Affairs Unit of the institute, disclosed to journalists in a congratulatory message recently in Abuja stated that Retirement caps a career and opens the door to long-anticipated plans and dreams. "There aren't many goals that take decades to achieve, but for this! Sure. Retirement celebrates perseverance and determination and anticipates new projects, new activities, new goals. "Enjoy your retirement, Now the fun begins! All the best to you, It's time to follow dreams long set aside and enjoy the rewards of work done well. Wishing you the best". While advising the retirees, the institute urged them to remain consistent and focused in whatsoever their hands find to do. "If you put in as much effort enjoying your retirement as you have worked with this institute! Success is sure. "You both are amidst the best people who have worked in this institute. Sincerely, it's with mixed feelings to see you both go, but what can we do? More especially that we are aware that you all are only moving to your next stages in life. "Just because you're retired doesn't mean you shouldn't stop by at the office to say hello at intervals. The institute's gate is open to you all at all times. "Congratulations on your retirement! Wishing you endless days with your friends and family. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication".



Mr Alhaji Hassan Faskar





## SSANU PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO DBI: SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH DBI

The leadership of the Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) led by the Head of Research Evaluation and training department Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke representing the DBI president/CEO. Accompanied by the head Business Development & Client Services Mrs. Ngozi Nwoche, Head of Procurement Mr. Yakubu Maitalata. Was honoured with a working visit by the National President of Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) Comrade Mohammed H Ibrahim on the 11th October 2021. The head of RET Mr. Paulinus welcomed the National President of SSANU, Comrade. Mohammed H Ibrahim and other members of the union present at the delegation. The National President, Mohammed Ibrahim, stated that, SSANU can be considered an intellectual body with every member of staff under an umbrella. He described their union as a large membership which is situated in about 87 universities across Nigeria. And every Member of the union is versatile. Stressing further, that they are indeed very familiar with DBI because they have seen, read about the institute in different part of the country. He also acknowledged that some of their members have been privileged to benefit in the DBI capacity building programme. On this note, he requested the union and DBI go beyond agitation on improving on the quality of membership with the institute and consider collaboration as it will help boost the image of the institute with most benefit to their union. Mr. Paulinus gave an overview of the DBI as a creation of the NCC, he said the DBI was established in May, 2004. He further explained that the government collaborated with experts in ICT telecommunication in the diaspora who at the time came on board to kick off the activities and established the institute. And in 2006 the NCC came up with Advanced Digital Appreciation for Tertiary Institution (ADAPTI), the major concept of the programme is to "Train the Trainers" as the world still struggles with the fourth industrial revolution in these processes. However, in 2020/2021 the members of the house of representative visited the institute and approved three more geographical locations for DBI campuses notably Enugu, Asaba, and Yola, to take care of the six geographical zones. He also stated that, DBI came up with a method to bridge the gap in the universities especially with the non-teaching staff because they are the larger part of the school. He said DBI is open for collaborations being the largest telecommunication and ICT institute and also one of the six centre of Excellence under ITU, the UN telecommunications and ICT arm. He spoke about DBI membership/Partnerships with virtually all the ICT companies in the world. He said there is no doubt that the collaboration will bring a rewarding benefit to both parties. In conclusion, the National president of SSANU Mr. Mohammed commended Mr. Paulinus for his address during the delegation and used the opportunity to announce the commissioning of their new secretariats and the training outlets for their staff in Abuja. However, one of the associate members Comm. Abdussobur Abdulsalam noted that the major area the union can easily key in through is by creating a platform. So, he suggested that the DBI create this platform for the Union of which people could be nominated for training through this platform. Mr. Paulinus gave the closing remarks, and the National President commended his efforts and appreciates the opportunity given. He further stated that the union is looking for ways to diversify and key into the trend.





## DBI PARTICIPATES IN THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF “1ST DATA EXPO & CONFERENCE 2021 NATIONAL DATA AWARENESS /TRAINING & EXHIBITION

As one of the strategic partner in the advancement of capacity building and knowledge development in Nigeria, the Digital Bridge Institute's CEO, Engr. Prof. Mohammed Ajiya was invited to the public presentation of "National Data Awareness/Training & Exhibition" launched on Wednesday, 5th October 2021 at the Communications & Digital Economy Complex (Auditorium) NCC Office Annex Mboru District Jabi, Abuja. In his welcome address, Dr. Ahmed Lamidi Badanga, the Managing Director, IOSAFE Nigeria Limited, noted that "The national data Awareness Conference is apt at this critical moment of our country's developmental process because the world is now information driven economy where data is not only the main currency but the 'new oil'. The rapidly growing universal truth in international business today is that all roads lead to data to drive breakthrough innovations." Stressing further, he noted, "Therefore our focus for initiating this data Conference and exhibition is not only to build capacity, but our vision is to see Nigeria become the hub for data where information can be processed faster and accurately, to enhance quick decisions and policy making in our day to day interactions that will allow precise economic predictions. The occasion was graced by the Hon. Minister of Communications & Digital Economy, ably represented by the DG of Nigcomsat Abimbola Alale, DBI President/CEO Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, Permanent Secretary FMCODE, DG/CEO NITDA and a host of others. The DBI President/CEO noted that, such innovative ideas as this will in no small measure improve the quality of education and research in Nigeria and the DBI is very proud to be associated with this novel initiative of the National Data Awareness/Training & Exhibition in Nigeria.



President DBI with NCC ECV Representative



## 5G: DBI PRESIDENT CHARGES HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO EMBRACE ICT/DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Says the future is Digital As the Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved the launch of 5G in the country, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, has called on Human Resource Managers/Chief Executives Officers in Government Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs), as well their counterparts in the private sector of the economy, to urgently embrace Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and the digital revolution. Prof. Ajiya, made the call during a Breakfast Day meeting with Human Resources Managers and Training Executives, organized by the Digital Bridge Institute recently at the headquarters of the institute in Utako District, Abuja. The DBI President stressed the urgent need for Nigerians to key in, into the digital world, declaring that the future is digital, adding that with the emergence of COVID-19, a new normal, and new way of doing things has also emerged through ICT and Digital Communications. He pointed out that the DBI, created and fully owned by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), was established since 2004 to build the capacity in telecommunications, ICT and the new technology. Prof. Ajiya added that as an institution placed to train people and raise capacity, it was necessary to meet with the Human Resource Managers and Training Executives across all the sectors of the economy in order to "share what we thought the future should be, what the immediate needs will be and probably learn from you and we hope also that you take this to your organizations." The DBI CEO stated that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved the launch of 5G in the country, adding, "the 5G that we are talking about, the policy which has been approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) recently had already been launched in several countries. With the 5G, we are going to get so many things connected together and the future is data. So, we thought as an institution placed to train people, to raise capacity we should share what we thought the future should be. "The Digital Bridge Institute is a creation of Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), so the institute has been in existence since year 2004 and it's hundred per cent owned by the NCC. The main purpose of establishing this institute is to build the capacity in telecommunications, ICT and the new technology." Speaking on the importance of the meeting and ICT, Prof. Ajiya said: "We call it Human Resource Day because we invited heads of Human Resource to come and share with us and we share with them what we do and take you into what the future will be. We are now at the verge of what we call the Digital Revolution, some call it Industrial Revolution. We are all aware that with the emergence of COVID-19, we now have what we call the new normal, working from home or from anywhere, and not necessarily in the office. "This is showing to us a bit of what the future holds. The future really is digital. In few years to come, the way we work now will not be the way we are going to be working, there will be overtaken by the new way of doing things. The way of doing things hinges around technology, the information technology. For you to utilize information technology, for you to use it, you must be conversant with the tools that you will use in processing and using the information technology. These tools are nothing but the computer and when I say computer, it does not necessarily mean these desktop or laptop. Our phones are also computer, and, in many cases, they are even more powerful. So, the future, whether we like it or not is going to be digital, it is coming, and we must embrace it." Also speaking, the Chairman, Board of DBI, Hon. Olusegun Gbeleyi, a former Speaker, Ogun State House of Assembly, thanked the Human Resources managers for believing in DBI to be trainer for heir various institutions. Hon. Gbeleyi assured them of DBI readiness to help them improve on their ICT knowledge with its world class facilities and arrays of professional tutors, adding, "I want to reassure you that we are ready to take you to the next level. We want to partner with you and ensure that we provide adequate and efficient training in digital and telecom studies to meet the global standard of e-economy. The former speaker said: "Everything now is being driven digitally, the COVID-19 has opened our eyes when for the first time globally executive council, cabinet meetings of nations are being held virtually. This was not happening before and so many other things can be achieved by these devices and we want to encourage that every department understand this and allow the process of your work be done by digital process."





## DIGITAL BRIDGE INSTITUTE SET TO COLLABORATE WITH KATSINA STATE ON CAPACITY BUILDING

The Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) set to partner with Katsina State Ministry of Health on staff capacity building. This came following a courtesy call made on the Honorable Commissioner, Katsina State Ministry of Health, Engr. Yakubu Nuhu Danja by a delegation of the Kano Learning Centre of Digital Bridge Institute in his office at the Katsina State Secretariat. The delegation led by the Head of DBI Kano Campus, Malam Sani Tsoho Yakawada disclosed that the plan is part of the Institute's bid to see to the development of the Nation's workforce through capacity building in Information and Communication Technology, ICT. "The Institute recognizes the mission of your administration and wishes to partner with you in a mutual relationship that will enable us to work together with the objective of strengthening the state's capacity digital technology", said the Head of Campus. The Head of DBI Kano Campus, who was represented by Head of Multimedia Technology Department, Mr. Yusuf Aliyu Haidar, further disclosed that DBI, as the de facto training Institute for Nation's MDAs has recorded significant achievement so far in the training of the Staff of Secondary Schools and Tertiary Institution across the country as well as Staff of Government and Private Organizations and individuals in the ICT sector. "The Institute's programmes rely on a hands-on practically inclined curriculum to develop technologists groomed with the technical skills needed to take up technical positions in any ICT companies/firms". Mr. Yakawada added. In his part, the Honorable Commissioner, Engr. Yakubu Nuhu Danja thanked the delegation for the visit and extended the Ministry's goodwill message to the Institute. The Hon. Commissioner who was later represented by the Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Dr. Kabir Mustapja stated that digital skill and its application in our official and personal endeavors cannot be overemphasized. "Information Technology (IT) is the backbone of globalization, bringing the whole world together into what we now have as a global village. And for us to be global compliant, there are certain things we need to do", Engr. Danja disclosed. "The application of IT, especially the simple computers commonly used in our offices, I am sure in the next 20 years, I hope we will be able to get there in the next 20 years, our offices will operate paperless. So, if our offices are going to operate paperless, then the basics of us getting that done is to have the knowledge of ICT" Engr. Danja stated. "Even in the medical practice there is what we call Telemedicine. So, the doctors also need IT skill to be able to perform this telemedicine. Also, of recent, we are moving into electronic record systems in our hospitals. For us to be able to do that seamlessly, we definitely need to have our personnel to be ICT trained. I think digital technology is the way to go and we cannot do it without getting the requisite training in these aspects. And this are basically the services the DBI is providing". The Honorable Commissioner further disclosed. "So, let me on behalf of the ministry, thank you most sincerely for your consideration and interest in our state, and we look forward to a good working relationship with you in the future. The Ministry will look towards working with you to ensure that we get a very formidable workforce that can stand the test of time". The Honorable commissioner added. The Head of the DBI Kano Campus was accompanied by the DBI Kano Librarian, Mr. Shamsu Sunusi Muhammad, Head of DBI Kano Business Development and Clients Services Abuzarri Aliyu Esq., Head of DBI Kano Software Engineering Department, Mr. Mohammed-Awwal Ibrahim and Engr. Abubakar Abdulsalam of Academic Programmes Department.



**Hon. Commisioner, Katsina State Ministry of Health, Engr. Yakubu Danja (Middle) with Barr. Abuzarri Aliyu (L) and Mr. Yusuf Aliyu Haidar (R) of Digital Bridge Institute.**



**The Permanent Secretary, Dr. Kabir Mustapja (middle) representing the Hon. Commisioner, Katsina State flanked by the Directors from the ministry addressing the delegation from DBI**



**The Permanent Secretary, Dr. Kabir Mustapja (middle) representing the Hon. Commisioner, Katsina State flanked by the Directors from the ministry and the delegation from DBI**



**Hon. Commisioner, Katsina State Ministry of Health, Engr. Yakubu Danja (Middle) with the delegation from the Institute**





## DBI LAGOS CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



- The DBI HLC with GOC 81 Div of the Nigerian Army and Reps if other Security Agencies at the Flag off Ceremony of Operation Still Water on the 4th of October 2021 at the Digital Bridge Institute Lagos - Operational Head quarters of OSW
- DBI Trains Staff of the Nigerian Communications Commission NCC on Spectrum Management: Planning and Monitoring at DBI Lagos Learning Centre
- DBI Trains Staff of the Nigerian Communications Commission NCC on Broadband Access and Network Planning at DBI Lagos Learning Centre



*Happy Birthday to Mrs Chiamaka Eluke*







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