

# DIGITAL BRIDGE INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

Your guide to activities in the DIGITAL knowledge ecosystem



Dear Readers,

Digital Bridge Institute is pleased to present the 12th edition of its Newsletter to its readers.

This week is unparalleled with activities in the Digital Bridge Institute. As a bridge builder in capacity building and human development in the evolving Information and Communication Technology space in Nigeria, we are privileged to participate in a number of events notably GSM @20 organised by DIGIVATION NETWORK and ATCON.

NHIS training is currently going on at the Digital Bridge Institute's campuses in Abuja, Lagos and Kano respectively. This is alongside our Advanced Digital Appreciation Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADAPTI) programmes, solely sponsored by the NCC, held across the country.

53rd Meeting of the Governing Board of DBI was held within the week with

**Photo News.**

We have also captured details of courtesy visits at Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and strategic partnerships with the Institute within the period. Please do not miss out on this edition.

While keeping you informed, we assure you of keeping you up to date with interesting and progress filled reports on the Institute. Remember, we are your reliable partner for skills development in ICT and telecoms.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us on [info@dbi.edu.ng](mailto:info@dbi.edu.ng). We will surely attend to you. On this note, on behalf of the entire management team and staff of DBI, led by our respected President/CEO, an erudite scholar, Engr. Prof. Mohammed Ajija (FNSE), you are all welcome on board. Thank you for staying with us.

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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 a whole has been challenged by dearth of trained and suitably qualified human resources. Acknowledging the need to continue to foster the rapid development and growth of the Nigeria Telecommunication marketplace as well as the potentially significant vulnerability as lack of human resources could, the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC) established DBI in May 2004

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## DBI PARTICIPATES IN THE COMMEMORATION OF GSM AT 20 ORGANISED BY DIGIVATION NETWORK, POWERED BY THE GSM.

As one of the strategic partner in the advancement of capacity building and knowledge development in Nigeria, The Management of Digital Bridge Institute led by its Chairman, Governing Board Rt. Honourable Otunba Bolanle Gbeleyi and the President/CEO of Digital Bridge Institute, Engr. Prof. Mohammed Ajiya were invited to the public presentation and commemoration of GSM @ 20 organized by DIGIVATION, ATCON and ALTON on 11th November 2021 at the NAF Center Abuja.

In his Goodwill message, the Chairman of DBI Board enjoined Nigerians to keep on tapping the benefits of emerging Digital Revolution in Nigeria. The Chairman stressed the fact that Digital Revolution has helped both private and public sectors of the economy like having virtual link meeting, teleconference, thereby reducing the and risk of transportation to attend meetings among others.

The events chronicled the impact and importance of GSM since its inception in Nigeria, also members of panels from different works of life discussed the best way to use the GSM for good and economic development, its impact on the cybersecurity, governance, youth empowerment, gender balance and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Niran Oyekale, a member of DBI Board was one of the discussants at the occasion.

The programme was well attended with the representative from NCC, NITDA and NIMC and other stakeholders in the industry.

DBI was one of the awardees at the occasion for its contribution to the growth of Digital Revolution in the country. During an interactive session, the DBI President/CEO Engr. Prof. Mohammed Ajiya highlighted the strategic roles of NCC in combatting cyber security through campaigns and customer orientation to protect the users of mobile phone and internet in Nigeria.



President DBI Prof. Mohammed Ajiya & Rt Hon O. B. Gbeleyi, Chairman Board, DBI.



Chairman, DBI Governing Board Rt. Honourable Otunba Bolanle Gbeleyi, Representative from the Public Sector, Organiser of the event, Bayero Agabi, and NCC representative at the public presentation by the DIGIVATION NETWORK AWARDS



## DBI PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO ABUJA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ACCI)

The Management of Digital Bridge Institute ably represented by the Head of Research Education and Training, Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke, pays visit to the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

During the visit at the ACCI, Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke appreciated the Director General Mrs. Victoria Akai and stated that, the purpose of the visit is to foster strategic Partnership' relationship management between the Institute and the ACCI. Mr Paulinus Ugwoke made use of the opportunity to appreciate and gave a background summary of DBI.

The Director General Mrs. Victoria Akai, in her remarks commended the Institute for maintaining its status as an (ITU) International Telecommunications Union's Centre of Excellence in Africa. She noted that Chamber of Commerce and Industry are always willing to partner with training institution because the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, member-funded organization solely representing the common interests of the business community and general public. She further stated that, the ACCI is divided into 4 centre; The Dispute Resolution Centre, The Policy Advocacy Centre, The Trade Centre, The Business Entrepreneurship Skills & Technology Centre. Stressing further, she assured that, the ACCI is willing to collaborate and find where to leverage on and also, work around the challenges. She connected the DBI team to the Director Business Entrepreneurship skills & Technology' Tinuke Temitope.

She noted that capacity Building for impactful changes is one of the measures to ensure sustainable development of the country.

The delegation was led by the Head, Research education and Training department Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke accompanied by Head Business Development and Clients Services department Mrs. Ngozi Nwoche, Mr Soji Fagbemi, of Business Development & Clients Services and Temidayo Babansulaimon, Public Affairs department.



3rd from left, Representative of the DBI President, Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke, Director General, ACCI, Mrs Victoria Akai, Head, BD&CS Mrs Ngozi Nwoche, Mr. Soji Fagbemi of BD&CS and Ms. Temidayo Babansulaimon of Public Affairs Unit.



## DIGITAL BRIDGE INSTITUTE TRAINS STAFF OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME (NHIS) ON IC3 DIGITAL LITERACY

Not fewer than 192 staff of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) were trained by Digital Bridge Institute on Internet Core Competency (IC3) Digital Literacy – Essentials in Excel Applications and Other Tools.

The 5-day training was held at the Abuja, Kano, and Lagos Learning Centres of the Institute from November 1 - 5 (Abuja and Kano) and November 8 - 12, 2021 (for Lagos Centre). In his remark at the Kano Venue of the training, the Head of DBI Kano, Malam Sani Tsoho Yakawada, noted that the Institute was established to address the lack of trained and suitably qualified human resources that was challenging the fast-growing Telecommunications and ICT sector in Nigeria. According to Mr. Yakawada, training is designed to upscale the capacities of staff in readiness for operations and processes automation and ultimately, to achieve an effective service delivery. While lauding the participants for their cooperation and performance during the programme, Mr. Yakawada further charge them to be worthy recipients of the training. In their part, the participants expressed their appreciation for the skills they acquired from the training, noting the serenity of the Institute's training facility, and the capacity of its faculty. According to Mr. Haruna Soba, a participant from the programme, "we have gained a lot from this programme, particularly the data visualization using Microsoft Office Excel". "The Instructors have tried commendably. They are patient and meticulous in their delivery and I want to thank them for what we learn from this training", said Mr. Aminu Shehu, another participant from the programme. The Digital Bridge Institute, Abuja trained Staff of the National Health Insurance Scheme on Internet and Core Computing Certification (IC3) at its Abuja Campus from the 8th - 12th November 2021. 85 staff of the Scheme benefited from the training. The programme is part of the strategic initiative of the management of the National Health Insurance Scheme led by Professor M.N Sambo. The programme is aimed at equipping staff of the Scheme with digital skills that would help improve their on the Job productivity and achievement of the mandates of the Scheme. From 1st - 5th November 2021, the same training was held for staff of the Scheme in Digital Bridge Institute's campuses in Lagos and Kano.





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