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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 marketplace 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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From the Editor

Dear readers,

This 23rd edition of DBI newsletter featured activities such as the DBI participation at the Workshop on Blockchain Technology organised by the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) and the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR). Also, coming from other campuses for you our esteem readers was visitation of the Chairman, Governing Board of Digital Bridge Institute to Kano, Yola and Enugu campuses of DBI.

Moreso, I would like to implore you to stay in touch with us as we are fully prepared in making each edition of this newsletter highly impactful, informative and educative.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us on 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 Ajiya, you are all welcome on board.

Meanwhile, as the Holy Month of Ramadan is rounding up we therefore wish our muslim brothers and sisters **HAPPY EID-EL FITR CELEBRATION** in advance. May the Almighty accept our prayers as act of worship.

Once again, thank you for staying with us.

Sincerely,
Mr. Akin Ogunlade,
Managing Editor.

DBI, OTHERS GRACE WORKSHOP ON BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

The Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), on Wednesday, 20th April, 2022 in Abuja, participated at a workshop on Blockchain Technology organised by the Nigerian Communication Commission and the Presidency Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR). The workshop was tagged: Preceding the conference on: "Distributed Ledger Technologies (Block Chain) Ecosystem, Decentralization and Adoption Methods as Growth Plan for the Telecom Sector - Development of Bold Blockchain Strategy for Nigeria." The first speaker in the workshop session Dr. Abdulkareem Oloyode from the University of Ilorin gave an overview of distributed Ledger Technology (Blockchain) Ecosystem. He stated that blockchain technology could be used to reduce costs, speed up transactions and improve data security for financial institutions, health care providers, businesses and more. Dr Oloyode concluded that, although blockchain technology hasn't yet been widely adopted, it has the potential to dramatically change the way we do business by offering a trusted, cryptographic system for exchanging information. Director General, BPSR, Dr. Dasuki Arabi, who was the second speaker in the conference, discussed the public requirement for efficiency in the service delivery with respect to emerging technology to provide the public sector perspective of emerging technology tools that are needed to improve service delivery. He stressed further that, Emerging Technology are already having a positive impact around the world. He added that, government at various levels (local, state, federal) are realizing the benefits of this technology. But many of these applications remain in the test phase with increased interest and investments in emerging technologies. The significance in the public sector will only increase in the coming years. In his words - quality service delivery is the 'Reason' for public service. Public servants must recognize that they have customers. They should also note that " service is what they offer themselves for and service is what the people are entitled to expect from them" The conference was graced by different Telecommunications organizations , Public and Private organizations. The President/CEO of DBI, Prof. Muhammad Ajiya was accompanied by a board member, Dr Niran Oyekale, Head, Public Affairs Unit Mr. Akin Ogunlade and Temidayo Babansulaimon.



L-R Prof Mohammed Ajiya PDBI, Mr. Dasuki Arabi, DG Bureau of Public Service Reforms, Barr. Amaka Ukwueze, and Vivian Okonkwo, University of Nigeria Nsukka at the occasion.



Behind: Dr. Niran Oyekale, DBI Board Member responding to a question at the event



President/CEO during the interview with the Nta International



Dr. Niran Oyekale

DEFENCE SPACE ADMINISTRATION SEEKS PARTNERSHIP/COLLABORATION WITH DBI

On Thursday 28th April 2022,

The head of delegation of the Defence Space Administration (DSA), Commodore A.R Akinwale accompanied by four principal officers and nine directors of DSA paid a courtesy visit to Digital Bridge Institute, DBI, and sought for collaboration. The President of the DBI, Prof. Mohammed Ajiya ably represented by the Head, Corporate Services Ms Viola Askia-Usoro welcomed Commodore Akinwale to DBI

Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro in her welcome remarks stated that DBI is open to collaborations and gave a brief history of DBI and the purpose of its creation.

She noted that DBI is the training arm of the Nigerian Communications Commission mainly for up skilling human capital development in the field of telecommunications and ICT.

She noted that DBI stands out because it has campuses in the six (6) geopolitical zones of the country with standard infrastructure. DBI is the only Centre of Excellence of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and also the second Centre of Excellence in West Africa. She further explained that, on behalf of NCC, DBI offers training to tertiary Institutions in Nigeria, Secondary Schools and all those schools coordinated by NBTE, CCE and also NUC. Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro stated that, NCC solely sponsors this programme and a lot of institutions have benefitted from it. The DSA's, Capt. I.M Godei introduced the Head of the delegation, Commodore AR Akinwale and gave a brief history of their agency. He stated that they paid DBI a visit to strengthen the cordial relationship and collaboration between DSA and DBI and to utilise DBI's resource for their capacity building and training. The Commodore affirmed that, he has been briefed and read about DBI capacity building in the area of human development in ICT, Telecoms and training, he said they were happy by what they saw during the facilities tour of DBI. He went further that DSA needs training capacity development for their staff and operations. Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro concluded the meeting by appreciating everyone and also agreed that both Institutes can achieve a lot together and assured that the DBI has what it takes to take care of their needs

She said the DBI is looking forward to a laudable collaboration with the DSA

Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro informed them of the well equipped laboratory donated by Huwaei Technology which are capable of being used for research and other related matters in the ICT industry. The members of the delegation asked various questions relating to their needs and aspirations, and the DBI in-house experts gave a well articulated answers to the satisfaction of the visitors. The DBI's management team in attendance at the meeting were, Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro, Head of Corporate Services, Institute Secretary Ms. Tonia Ansa-Otudor, Head, Learning and Development Mrs Ngozi Nwoche, Head, Finance department, Mrs Peace Okere, Mr. Soji Fagbemi of BD&CS, Head IT, Mr. Nwanze Okonkwo and Head, Public Affairs Unit Mr Akin Ogunlade.



Commodore AR Akinwale and Ms Viola Askia-Usoro during the presentation of gifts to the head of delegation from Defence Space Administration



Group photograph:from left (Front Row) Commodore IM Godei, Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro, Commodore AR Akinwale, Col. PY Haruna, Commodore Babalola, Mrs Ngozi Nwoche and Ms. Tonia Ansa-Otudor during the events.

DBI PARTNERS SHEIKS & BISHOP LTD ON ICT SKILLS ACQUISITION

The Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) will partner with Sheiks and Bishop Ltd, to provide a cutting edge access to skills development and enhancement of Nigerians in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The partnership was disclosed when the President/CEO of the DBI Engr. Prof. Mohammed Ajiya paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman/CEO of Sheiks and Bishop Ltd, Sir, Chikwe Udensi. Prof. Ajiya was represented by the Institute Secretary, Ms Tonia Ansa-Otudo, who led the DBI delegation to a meeting held at the office of the Chairman of Sheiks & Bishop. Receiving the DBI delegation, Sir. Udensi, welcomed them and commended the leadership of the Institute for rendering invaluable service to the nation through capacity building. He noted that capacity building for impactful change is one of the measures to ensure sustainable development of the country. Speaking further, the Chairman noted that he was amazed and gobsmacked to see the huge infrastructure at DBI Enugu Campus, adding that this necessitated their decision to seek partnership and collaboration with the DBI in order to utilise the Campus for the up skilling of human endeavour and knowledge. In her remarks, the Head of delegation and representative of DBI President, Ms. Tonia Ansa-Otodor gave a brief overview of DBI. She pointed out that the DBI, as a training Institute established by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) is focussed on capacity building and manpower development for both government and private organizations, especially in the evolving areas of ICT, Telecoms and general skills development for self-sustenance. She stated that through the multi campus access of the DBI in all the geopolitical zones with residential facilities, (Abuja, Lagos, Kano, Asaba, Enugu and Yola), DBI has been able to provide cutting edge access to skills development and enhancement in Nigeria. She applauded the Chairman for a quality presentation made by one of his staff and their state-of-the-art facilities provided in such environment. The DBI's delegation was led by the Institute Secretary, Ms. Tonia Ansa-Otodor, accompanied by Head of Research, Innovation and Consultancy, Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke, Mr. Nwanze Okonkwo, Head of IT; Mrs Tomiwa Fayemi of Outsource Unit and Mr. Akin Ogunlade, the Head of Public Affairs Unit.



DBI delegations and the Chairman of Sheiks & Bishop Ltd from left: Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke, Ms Tonia Ansa-Otodor, Chairman/CEO Sir. Chikwe Udensi, Mrs. Tomiwa Fayemi and Mr. Nwanze Okonkwo during the visits.



DBI's delegation during the deliberation at the meeting.



Chairman/CEO Sheiks & Bishop Sir, Chikwe Udensi During the meeting with the DBI.

FORMER HEAD, STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT (DBI) GRADUATES WITH DISTINCTION.

Former Head, Strategy and Development of the Institute Mr. Clinton Oyelakin Martins recently completed his studies at the Conestoga College, Kitchener Ontario Canada where he graduated with Distinction in the Human Resources Management Programme. Clinton continues to reflect the DBI spirit of excellence and commitment in his endeavours and has attested to the Institute providing a nurturing ground to develop over the years. This is a reminder that we can achieve a lot as an Institute and as individuals if we show dedication and focus. Congratulations.



DBI BOARD CHAIRMAN VISITS KANO, YOLA AND ENUGU LEARNING CENTRE

The DBI Kano Learning Centre received the Board Chairman of the Institute, Right Honourable (Otinba) Olusegun Bolanle Gbeleyi on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. The Chairman was at the Centre on a familiarization visit to acquaint himself with the business opportunities available at the campus. He was led on a tour of the facilities by the Head of DBI Kano Centre, Mr. Yakubu Maitalata in company of Sub Unit Heads of Learning and Development - Hajja Fandi Bakura; Research Innovation and Consultancy - Abuzarri Aliyu Esq; Finance and Accounts - Mr. Muhammad Tajudeen Yusuf; Corporate services - represented by Mr. Mohammed-Awwal Ibrahim. He used the occasion of the visit to hold an interactive meeting with the staff of the campus. The Board Chairman admonished the staff to be steadfast in discharging their official duties and engaging in activities that will improve staff performance and the Institute's efficiency which will in turn to better result delivery so as to move the institute to greater heights. According to the Board Chair, one of the objectives of his visit was to enquire first-hand the performance of the Centre and how this will translate to more revenue generation for the Institute. Rt. Honourable Gbeleyi reminded the staff that the Institute was established by the Nigerian Communication Commission to contribute to the creation of an ICT knowledge-based society through human capacity building and therefore called on the staff to widen its outreach to the States and Federal MDAs and Private organizations within Kano state and the North -west region of the country. The Board and Management of the Institute envisioned it to be Nigeria's foremost Centre of Excellence for ICT innovation and capacity building. A proper organisational structure has been put in place to this effect and the Board is here to steer the Institute in this direction while the management is here to ensure staff are trained, re-tooled and positioned towards achieving this vision and that is why NCC is represented on the Institute's Board is to see to this objective. He further noted that the Institute is keenly determined to maintain this status quo in the Nation's digital economy circle. In his address, Rt. Honourable Gbeleyi enjoined: All staff to seize the bull by the horn and work together as a team, and be proactive particularly with marketing, especially those in Learning and Development, that have the responsibility of business development and marketing of the Institute's products and services. The Board Chairman implored staff to do self-appraisal: "Individually you can do a self - appraisal on yourselves - how does your coming to work every working day of the week benefit you and generate revenue for the Institute?" The alternate source of revenue that is complementing our major source is facility rental but DBI has not been using it; the facilities are under-utilized. If they were optimally utilized they would be generating revenue for the Institute. He assured staff the Institute is working towards the optimal utilization of the facilities through partnership with investors who have submitted proposal. He added that he was at the centre to look at the facility in preparation for the partnership and to also meet with the staff; to encourage them; inspire them towards working together as a team. He enjoined staff to take the advantage of the partnership to further sell DBI. There should be a remarkable difference in the Institute's result and income when the partnership is up and running, since it expected to further expose the Institute and allow for more traffic into the Institute. He once again assured staff that the more money the Institute realizes, the better for staff through bonuses. The Board has put in place a policy to reward staff who work extra hard. He encouraged staff to make contributions whenever there is anything that they think the Board should pay particular attention to. On the capability and capacity of the Board, the Chairman informed the staff that the DBI Board is made of a former Speaker, a Professor who also serves as the Technical Adviser to the Honourable Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, a representative of the telecom service providers represented by MTN, a representative of the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) represented by Ericsson and representatives of the EVC and Board Chair of the NCC respectively. The entire Board members are there to use their exposure to attract businesses for DBI. In his remark, Mr Yakubu Maitalata, the Head of DBI Kano Centre expressed his appreciation to the Board Chairman for making out time despite his tight schedules to visit the campus. The Head of Kano Centre further appreciated the Board Chairman for considering it pertinent to interact with staff. He prayed that God should continue to sustain the Chairman and grant him more wisdom and strength to steer the Board of the Institute to greater heights. The Board Chair, departed the Kano campus for a similar visit to the Institute's Centre in Yola, Adamawa State and Enugu Campus, Enugu State respectively the following day.



Governing Board Chairman, Hon. Olusegun Bolanle Gbeleyi and Kano Head of Campus Mr. Yakubu Maitalata during the visit.

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