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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY

theme:

**HARNESSING DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGIES FOR SOCIAL
& ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

**THURSDAY
8TH APRIL,
2021**



NICON LUXURY HOTEL, ABUJA
Plot 903, Tafawa Balewa Way,
Garki Area II, Beside International
Conference Centre, Abuja

National Anthem

Arise O Compatriots
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom
Peace and Unity.

O God of creation
Direct our noble cause
Guide thou our leaders right
Help our youths the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a National where peace
And Justice shall reign

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



PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR

President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria



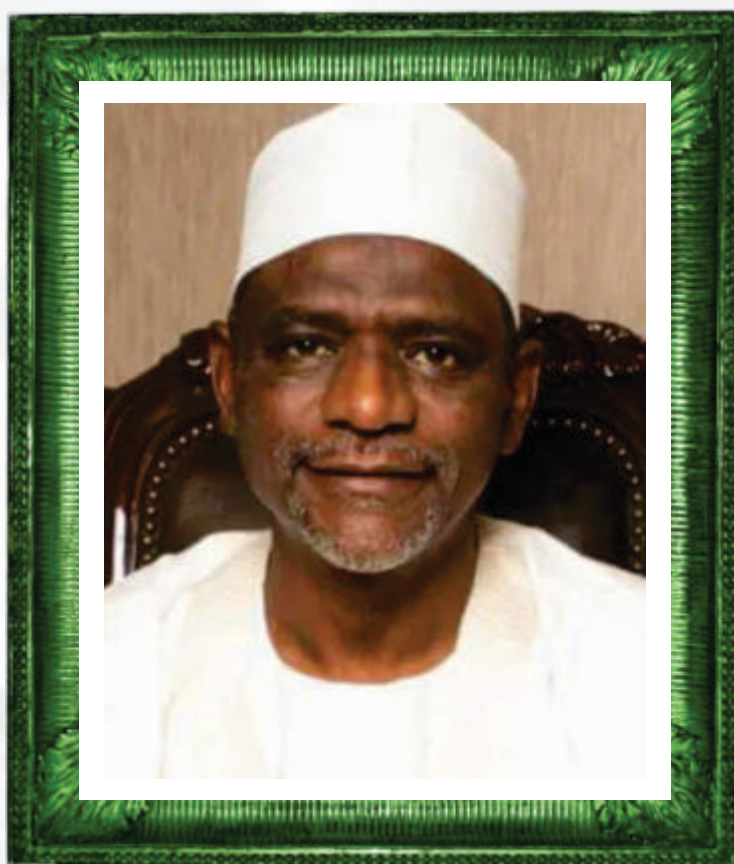
PROF. YEMI OSINBAJO, GCON

Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



MR. MUSTAPHA BOSS

Secretary to the Government of the Federation



MALLAM ADAMU ADAMU

Honorable Minister for Education



HON. CHUKWUEMEKA NWAJIUBA

Minister of State, Education



PROF CHARLES UWADIA fncs

President/Chairman of Council



MR. MUHAMMAD BELLO ALIYU

Registrar/Secretary to Council



DR (MRS.) IFUEKO OMOIGUI OKAURU

Managing Partner, Compliance Professionals Plc,
Former Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIIRS)

Keynote Speaker

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Programme of Event

THURSDAY 8TH APRIL, 2021

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| 10:00am – 10:05am | National Anthem |
| 10:05am – 10:15am | Recognition of Dignitaries |
| 10:15am – 10:30am | Welcome Address by the President/Chairman of Council |
| 10:30am – 11:00am | Goodwill Messages |
| 11:00am – 11:05am | Introduction of the Keynote Speaker |
| 11:05 – 11:50am | Keynote Address: Harnessing Digital Technologies For Social And Economic Recovery - Dr (Mrs.) Ifueko Omoigui Okauru Managing Partner, Compliance Professionals Plc |
| 11:50am – 12:20pm | Contributions by Discussants |
| 12:20pm – 12:40pm | Questions & Answers |
| 12:40pm – 12:50pm | Vote of Thanks by the Vice President/Vice Chairman of Council, Mr. Kole Jagun |
| 12:50pm – 12:55pm | National Anthem |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | Lunch |

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS (REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA), PROFESSOR CHARLES O. UWADIA, FNCS, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS' ASSEMBLY HELD AT NICON LUXURY HOTEL, ABUJA, ON THURSDAY 8TH APRIL, 2021

The Vice-President/Vice-Chairman of Council, **Mr. Kole Jagun**

The President of Nigeria Computer Society, **Prof. Adesina Sodiya**

Provost, College of Fellows, Prof. Adenike Osofisan

Past Presidents/Chairmen-in-Council,

Members of Council

The Registrar/Secretary to Council, **Mr. Muhammad Bello Aliyu**

Fellows and Elders of the profession

My Professional Colleagues

Gentlemen of the Press

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to **the 2021 Information Technology (IT) Professionals' Assembly**. I especially give gratitude to God for sparing our lives to be part of this year's Assembly which has as its theme, "**Harnessing Digital Technology for Social and Economic Recovery**". **In the last fifteen months, the world had been gripped by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Digital technology has proved beyond measure, its applicability in achieving efficiency in all sectors during the COVID-19 pandemic, playing an indispensable role in sustaining social and economic activities. Challenges and risks also emerged in the course of embracing various digital innovations.

Drawing from global, regional, and national experiences, the **2021 IT Professionals' Assembly** will highlight the opportunities and challenges of building more innovations that can drive the economy of our nation. We envisage that in the foreseeable years to come, Nigeria would have joined the rank of nations that have fully harnessed the potential of technological innovations to grow their national economies and uplift the standard and quality of life of their people.

Distinguished colleagues, the impact of Information Technology on our national life in the past year has been incredible and phenomenal. It is for this reason that the **2021 IT Professionals' Assembly** would be considering how digital technology could be further harnessed for our much needed social and economic recovery against the threat of the ravaging pandemic.

To discuss this theme thoroughly, the Keynote Speaker and the Discussants have been carefully chosen based their competence and experience in both the public and private sectors of the economy. I am confident that at the end of this year's Assembly, far reaching recommendations will be made that will further enrich government's drive toward transform our nation to a truly digital economy.

There is no doubt that our profession - Information Technology has become a critical sector to the development of our nation in current global situation. In fact, no meaningful development can take place without the Information Technology sector. This challenges us to be alive to our responsibilities as professionals and strive to be abreast of the dynamics and realities of today's world. Our profession has evolved over the years, and should take the centre stage of national development; it should not only exist as a potential, but rather as an integral part of national development in line with global practices. It behooves on us, therefore, as professionals, to stand up and be counted. We must take our pride of place wherever we find ourselves, so that our dear nation, Nigeria can attain greatness, using the instrumentality of Information Technology (IT).

I wish to thank our parent Ministry, the Ministry of Education and especially the Minister, Mallam Adamu Adamu for his immense support which has enabled us

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to achieve a good number of our programmes. We wish to assure you of our resolve to continue to contribute our quota to the development of the Ministry and the realization of its objectives.

Once again, I welcome you to this year's Assembly and wish you all happy deliberations.

You are all welcome.

Professor Charles O. Uwadia, FNCS
President/Chairman of Council

2019-2021 LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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