

TO: THE GOVERNORS FORUM

THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE (E-DON.ORG): INCORPORATING STATE UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA TO THE PROGRAM

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE I INTRODUCE TO YOU AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS FORUM OUR PROGRAM, THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE (E-DON). THE E-DON PROGRAM IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SET UP TO CREATE WAYS TO ENHANCE OUR ACADEMIC/EDUCATIONAL SECTOR PARTICULARLY AMONGST PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. THE PROGRAM USES VIRTUAL AND CYBER LINKAGES AMONGST THE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING BETWEEN DEVELOPED NATIONS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE INITIATIVE HAS BEGUN WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

- INTERESTED STATE UNIVERSITIES SHOULD INDICATE IN WRITING TO THE PROGRAM AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF INTEREST IN PARTNERING WITH THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE WHICH WILL BE COPIED TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION. (ADDRESSED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO MR. IDONUAGBE O. AKOGUN THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE 32 JOSEPH WAYAS STREET ABUJA FCT NIGERIA OR 810 WILDWOOD DRIVE SUITE 24 JEFFERSON CITY MO 65109 USA NOTE: ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE LETTERS/DOCUMENTS CAN ALSO BE SCANNED AND EMAILED TO SAVE TIME).
- A RELATIVE OVERVIEW OF WHAT PROGRAMS, COURSES AND OR SEMINARS THE STATE UNIVERSITY IS INTERESTED IN PURSUING. I.E. VIRTUAL CLASSROOM LECTURE EXCHANGES , STUDENT/FACULTY TRAINING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE TO COLLEGE GRANT COLLABORATIONS, STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS OR ALL OF THE ABOVE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR E-DON.ORG.
- IF NECESSARY WE CAN RECOMMEND AND ASSIST IF NEEDED VIDEO-CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT TO EACH STATE COLLEGE CAMPUS WE DO HAVE TECHNICAL PARTNERS WHO CAN COME ON BOARD TO HELP INSTALL THE STRUCTURES THAT ARE VERY NECESSARY FOR THE EXCHANGE PENDING WHAT ICT HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE ARE ALREADY PRESENT AT YOUR UNIVERSITY.
- A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY TO MEET THE VICE CHANCELLOR, DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR AND FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE SCHEDULED IN ORDER TO HAVE A MEET AND GREET TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM, BENEFITS AND FUTURE PLANS OF THE INITIATIVE WITH THE UNIVERSITY THIS WILL HELP ENHANCE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY AS IT RELATES TO THE FUTURE OF CLASSROOM EDUCATION ON ITS CAMPUS AS WELL AS ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE INSTITUTION'S GRADUATES.
- A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE THEN DRAWN AND SIGNED BETWEEN THE PROGRAM AND THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION, HIGHLIGHTING EACH PARTNER'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

COST IMPLICATION AND PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE THAT IS TO BE CHARGED TO ANY UNIVERSITY. EACH OFFICIAL LETTER WRITTEN TO THE PROGRAM WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO BEGIN A CORRESPONDENCE.
- **THERE ARE ANNUAL COSTS RELATING TO THE PROCESSING, SCHEDULING AND ORGANIZING OF PROGRAMS AS WELL AS LECTURES, SEMINARS, CERTIFICATION COURSES** WHICH WILL VARY PENDING ON TIME, LENGTH, CONTENT AS WELL AS EACH CORRESPONDING UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTION FOR EACH PROGRAM.
- **(IF NECESSARY!!)** THE PROGRAM CORRESPONDS WITH TECHNICAL PARTNERS BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN WHO CAN ASSIST IN EQUIPPING THE UNIVERSITY WITH ICT STRUCTURES (**ONLY IF THE UNIVERSITY REQUIRES**) NECESSARY TO FULLY UTILIZE THE LINKAGES OF THE PROGRAM. (VIDEO-CONFERENCING IS VERY RELATIVE TO THE LIVE EXCHANGE OF COURSES AND SUFFICIENT BANDWIDTH IS IMPORTANT TO SUSTAIN THE VISUAL AND AUDIO QUALITY DURING EACH EXCHANGE. THIS DEPENDS ON WHAT ALREADY IS PRESENT ON EACH CAMPUS IF THE UNIVERSITY CURRENTLY HAS SUFFICIENT BANDWIDTH AND VIDEO-CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT PRESENT IN CLASSROOM OR CLASSROOMS LABORATORY. THEN THESE COSTS WOULD BE MINIMAL.
- **PHYSICAL EXCHANGE AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.** THE INITIATIVE WORKS CLOSELY WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING TO BRING BOTH STUDENT AND FACULTY HANDS ON TRAINING PROGRAMS WHICH REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO BE PRESENT, THEY RANGE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS, SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTHCARE. PENDING ON THE TARGET NEED OF EACH UNIVERSITY. (THE PROGRAM WILL CORRESPOND WITH THE UNIVERSITY INFORMING THEM OF POTENTIAL PROGRAMS/CONFERENCE ABROAD THAT COULD BE OF INTEREST TO THEIR MANAGEMENT, STAFF, FACULTY AND STUDENTS AND OF WHAT COST.
- **REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY AT INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS AND CONFERENCES** ENCOURAGING SCHOOLS, STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO VISIT, WORK WITH AND COLLABORATE WITH YOUR UNIVERSITY. THUS INCREASING THE CAMPUS'S INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE.
- **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND UNIVERSITY TWIN SYSTEM:** A KEY BENEFIT IS THE FACT OF HAVING YOUR STUDENTS ACQUIRE PRESTIGIOUS CERTIFICATES FROM INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES AS THE SAME UNIVERSITIES WOULD ANTICIPATE CERTIFICATES FROM YOUR SCHOOL. THIS IS DONE BY CERTAIN PROGRAMS BEING DEVELOPED AND FACULTIES CAN REQUEST THESE PROGRAMS THAT WOULD BE STREAMED LIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY CLASSROOM AFTER THE SCHEDULED TIME OF THE PROGRAM WHICH CAN RANGE ANYWHERE FROM 2-3 TO 4 WEEKS WITH A QUESTION AND ANSWER AND TESTING PHASE. AFTER WHICH STUDENTS AND OR FACULTY WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION. I.E. OF SUCH PROGRAMS CAN BE IN AGRICULTURE "CROP PRODUCTION" OR IN HEALTHCARE A PROGRAM CAN BE SET UP FOR "HIV/AIDS RESEARCH PROGRAMS OR CANCER RESEARCH SEMINARS".

- GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS:** ANOTHER KEY BENEFIT PARTICULARLY TO THE UNIVERSITY IS THE AVENUE TO COLLABORATE WITH FOREIGN SCHOOLS ON RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS. ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UNITED STATES AGENCY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID), DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DFID FROM THE UK), MAC-ARTHUR FOUNDATION AND MANY OTHERS. THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP BRIDGE THE GAP AND ASSIST IN COLLABORATIVE MEASURES TO ENABLE SCHOOLS IN DEVELOPED NATIONS KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR UNIVERSITY AND HOW BEST TO ENGAGE IT IN GRANT PROJECTS AS IT RELATES TO AFRICA-HEALTHCARE, ICT, AGRICULTURE, PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND MANY MORE.

FINANCIAL COST FIGURES:

1*ANNUAL ORGANIZING CONSULTING AND PROCESSING (FOR E-DON.ORG) COST FOR FOREIGN COLLEGE AND PROGRAMS LINKAGES	\$140,000 (USD)
2. VIRTUAL CLASSROOM CERTIFICATES	(RANGE) \$15,000 -\$25,000 (USD)
3. PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAM (PENDING NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND PROGRAM TARGET) THIS COSTING VARIES.	(RANGE) \$5000 - \$40,000 (USD)
4. PARTNERSHIP IN JOINING/ACQUIRING UNIVERSITY GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	NO STIPULATED COST (PENDING ACTUAL PROGRAM OR GRANT)

THE ABOVE COSTING IS RENEWABLE EVERY 2-YEARS PENDING BOTH THE UNIVERSITY AND PROGRAM INTERACTION.

NOTE: IF ANY STATE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT ICT INFRASTRUCTURE PRESENT ON THEIR CAMPUS THE PROGRAM IS WILLING TO TAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE SCHOOL AND ASSIST IN PROCURING, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING ALL NECESSARY STRUCTURES FOR THE INITIATIVE TO TAKE ROOT INCLUDING BUILDING OF A MULTI-MEDIA ICT CENTRE FOR THIS PURPOSE. PENDING FUNDING FOR ALL THE AMENITIES AND RELATED COST TO THE PROJECT ARE CATERED FOR BY EITHER THE INSTITUTION OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION.

GENERAL BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM:

- IT CREATES AND SUSTAINS WAYS TO LINK NIGERIAN AND FOREIGN EXPERTS AND ACADEMICS IN DIASPORA WITH THE OUR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.
- IT OPENS AVENUES FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.
- INCREASE IN OUR NATION'S GLOBAL COLLEGE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT.
- INCREASE LOCAL AND FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN THE ACADEMIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.
- INCREASE OF SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID TO PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR STUDENTS.
- INCREASE IN THE OVERALL ACADEMIC POSITION, PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY, PROGRAMS, STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

POLITICAL BENEFITS TO STATE GOVERNMENTS:

- THE INITIATIVE WILL SHOWCASE THE STATE GOVERNMENT AS VISIONARIES IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR WHO ARE TARGETING THEIR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO NOT ONLY BE CREDIBLE FUTURE NATIONAL LEADERS BUT SUITED TO BE INTERNATIONAL LEADERS AS WELL.
- IT WILL RAISE THE STATE UNIVERSITY'S INTERNATIONAL RANKING.
- IT WILL SHOWCASE THE ADMINISTRATION AS A GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE IMPACTING THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH PARTICULARLY THOSE IN OUR TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.
- IT WILL DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY BRING FOREIGN ATTENTION, COLLABORATION AND INVESTMENT INTO THE STATE.
- THE PROGRAM IS SOCIALLY VIABLE, ACADEMICALLY RELEVANT AND EASILY FINANCIALLY JUSTIFIABLE AS A FULL PROGRAM UNDER EACH STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO ENDORSE AND FINANCE ANNUALLY TO THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

BENEFITS TO THE STATE UNIVERSITIES:

- INCREASE IN THE INSTITUTION'S NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RANKING.
- INCREASE IN CYBER AND GLOBAL PRESENCE AT THE COLLEGE CAMPUS.
- ENCOURAGES STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS EXCHANGE.
- IT IS COST EFFECTIVE: REDUCING COSTS IN TRAVEL FEEDING AND ACCOMMODATION.
- IT IS SECURE: REDUCING THE RISK HAVING STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO TRAVEL TO COUNTRIES THAT SOME MAY NOT HAVE EVER BEEN BEFORE. SOME FOR WHICH COULD BE A CULTURE SHOCK. THIS PROGRAM BRINGS FOREIGN NATIONALS TOGETHER WITH OUR YOUTH AND FACULTY TO SHOWCASE OUR TRUE BRILLIANCE.
- INCREASE IN COLLABORATION WITH A VAST NUMBER OF OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN THE WOULD.

SEMINAR AND COURSE AREAS FOR VIRTUAL CLASSROOM INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

THE FOREIGN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP/ LINKAGES SHALL LECTURE ON VARIOUS COLLEGE SUBJECTS THAT WILL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- AGRICULTURE: NEW AND EXISTING FARM TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, CONCEPTS, TOPICS AND ALL INFORMATION NEW AND OBTAINABLE TO BOTH SIDE'S RELEVANT CLASSROOM AND REAL WORLD DISCUSSION.
- SCIENCES, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY: IT (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)
- THE SOCIAL SCIENCES: POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY AND OTHER MAJOR TOPICS AND SUBJECTS THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO THE PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES.
- BANKING AND FINANCE: STOCK MARKET RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- HEALTHCARE: HIV (PREVENTION/SEX EDUCATION) CPR CLASSES (LIFE SUPPORT PRACTICES)
- HISTORY, CULTURE AND TRADITIONS.
- GENERAL SOCIETAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES RANGING FROM POVERTY ERADICATION TO FOOD SECURITY, PEACE/CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND CLIMATIC CHANGE AND SO MUCH MORE

THIS DRAFT IS SET UP AS A BRIEF SUMMARY AND IS NOT BINDING, BUT ASSIST TO ITEMIZE THE STRUCTURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP/MOU WHICH CAN AND WILL BE MORE DETAILED TO TAILOR TO THE GOVERNOR'S FORUM AS WELL AS THE STATE INSTITUTION'S NEED.

OUR GOAL IS TO BRING AN INTERNATIONAL COMPONENT TO OUR STATES, THEIR INSTITUTION'S AND OUR COMMUNITY, INTRODUCING OUR CLASSROOMS, STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO THE WORLD IN A DIFFERENT WAY. ENHANCING THE INSTITUTION'S DEGREE VALUE NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY AS WELL AS SHOWCASES THE ADMINISTRATION'S LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA AND INDEED THE WORLD.

THE BENEFITS TO GOVERNORS FORUM:

- THIS INITIATIVE WILL CONTINUE TO SHOWCASE THE NGF AS A RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION THAT BRINGS ABOUT SUSTAINABLE AND BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS TO THE STATE GOVERNMENTS.
- IT IS AVENUE FOR NEEDED REVENUE TO THE NGF.
- THE PROGRAM CAN ASSIST THE NGF HELP ENHANCE THE IT'S CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TOP STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS I.E. IN PROGRAMS LIKE GOOD GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP, PEACE/CONFLICT RESOLUTION, ICT AND SO MUCH MORE
- IT JUSTIFIES FUNDING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NGF TO CARRY OUT FURTHER PROGRAM-PARTNERSHIPS, PARTICIPATE IN FEASIBILITY STUDIES TO STATE UNIVERSITIES WISHING TO BE PART OF WITH THE e-DON PROGRAM IN EACH STATE

- IT ALSO CONNECTS THE NGF TO NEW PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH PARTNERING INSTITUTIONS NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.
- IT WILL BE AN AVENUE FOR THE NGF TO PUBLICIZE HOW AND WHAT THEY DO DIRECTLY IMPACTING OUR YOUTH, THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR ENTIRE ACADEMIC SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.

ROLE EXPECTATIONS FROM THE FORUM REGARDING SUPPORT/PARTNERSHIP WITH E-DON PROGRAM:

- ASSISTANCE IN INTRODUCING THE PROGRAM TO THE COMMITTEE OF STATE GOVERNORS.
- HIGHLIGHTING ITS NEED, SUSTAINABILITY AND BENEFITS TO GOVERNORS AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO EACH STATE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION.
- ENCOURAGING THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PROGRAM IN THIS REGARD FROM EACH STATE GOVERNMENT AND OR DONOR AGENCY.
- MEDIA AWARENESS AND OTHER RELATED NEWS OUTLETS: IT WOULD BE A GREAT PUBLIC RELATIONS AVENUE FOR THE NGF TO UTILIZE THE PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION VIA THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE E-DON.

REQUEST ROLE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE NGF SECTARIAT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE E-DON PROGRAM:

- SETTING UP OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NGF SECTARIAT AND THE E-DON PROGRAM.
- OFFICIALS (POSSIBLY 1-3) WHO CAN AT GIVEN TIMES WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO SCHOOLS IN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM FOR MEETINGS AND UPDATES.
- INVITING EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS TO AN ALL INCLUSIVE MEETING ON THE E-DON INITIATIVE. THEY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING 1) THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.
- COLLABORATION ON CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR STAFF OF STATE GOVERNMENTS AND THE SECTARIAT.

ROLE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE e-DON PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NGF WILL INCLUDE BUT WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- WE WILL BRING ON BOARD INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING FROM PRIMARILY EUROPE AND THE NORTH AMERICA WITH EXPANSION TO SOUTH AMERICA AND ASIA.
- BEING AN ADJUNCT PROGRAM WITH THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION (NUC) THE e-DON PROGRAM WILL WORK ON MAKING SURE EVERY LINKAGE AND CONNECTIVITY IS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NUC STANDARDS.
- WE WILL OVER SEE THE CONSISTENT AND STANDARD OF THE PROGRAM IN EACH STATE AS WELL AS FOLLOW UP WITH THEIR CORRESPONDING SCHOOLS ABROAD MAKING SURE EVERY SESSION IS ADHERED TO PUNCTUALLY.
- WE WILL ENCOURAGE GRANTS AND PARTNERHSIPS WITH BOTH THE NGF AND THE STATES INSTITUTIONS FROM FOREIGN SCHOOLS WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO PARTNER WITH NIGERIA AND HER STATES ON A VAIRETY OF GRANT PROGRAMS THAT RANGE FROM AGRICULTURE TO HEALTHCARE AND SO ON.

THANK YOU.

COORDINATOR OF PROGRAM

THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE (E-DON) PROGRAM

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OFFICIAL QUOTATION

Client:
The E-Don Initiative Program

Version No.1A
Date: 20th February 2013
Lead No.001

PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICE TO STATE UNIVERSITIES				
S/N	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE (N)	QTY	TOTAL (N)
A)	ONCE-OFF (NON RECURRENT CHARGES)			
1.	Microwave Radio Installation and setup per site	251,358.00	36	9,048,888.00
2.	120 Feet Mast per site with earthing	837,858.00	36	30,162,888.00
3.	Project management	15,000,000.00	1	15,000,000.00
	Sub-Total (Once-Off Charges)			54,211,776.00
	RECURRENT CHARGES (ANNUAL)			
1.	Fiber Internet bandwidth of 4Mbps duplex per annum with Support	11,662,972.00	36	419,866,992.00
2.		0.00		0.00
3.		0.00		0.00
4.		0.00		0.00
	Sub-Total (Recurrent Charges)			419,866,992.00
	SUB TOTAL			474,078,768.00
	5% VAT			23,703,938.40
	GRAND TOTAL		Naira	497,782,706.40
TERMS AND CONDITIONS				
1. THIS QUOTATION IS VALID UNTIL: 20th March 2013 2. DELIVERY PERIOD FROM ORDER ACTIVATION DATE IS: [IN LINE WITH PROJECT PHASE AGREEMENT] 3. REQUIRED ADVANCE PAYMENT TO ACTIVATE ORDER IS: 50% and balance on activation of service 4. SERVICE IS DELIVERED SUBJECT TO A GALAXY BACKBONE SERVICE CONTRACT 5. REMITTANCE ADVICE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL STATUTORY DEDUCTIONS LESS THE INVOICE VALUE				
_____ BUSINESS MANAGER			_____ AUTHORISED BY	

Welcome

to a brand new day in a world that strives to help its children come together, understand, learn, and work with one-another utilizing live video interaction. Our program's target and scope aims to bring together youth's of all nations and background. Now we can foresee societies, cultures and Nations aiding their youth to interact with the rest of the world, opening up their minds to a fresh form of education across the Atlantic. This is the vision of the Electronic Education Initiative Program (e-DON).

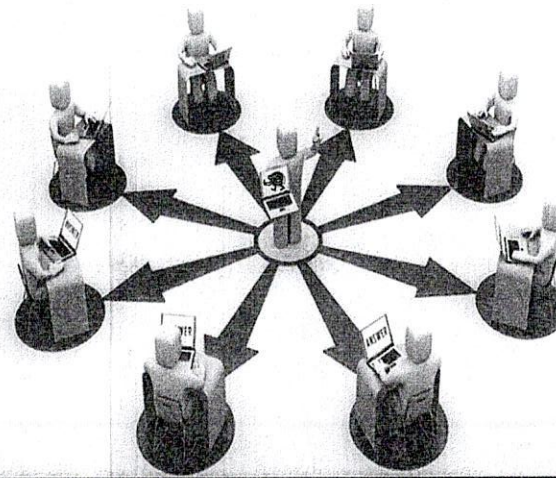


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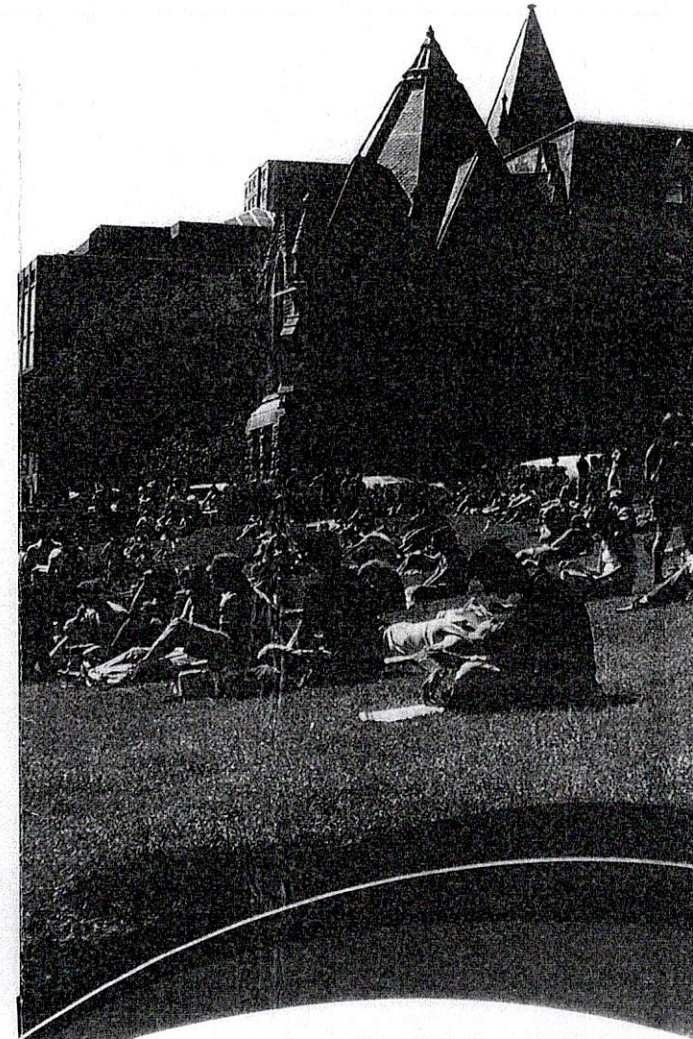
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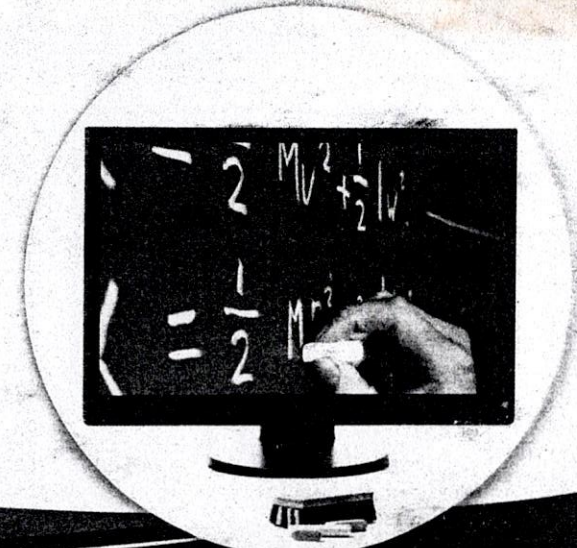


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Mission

To open platforms across our world in which virtual options are optimized to help bridge the gap in our Nation's understanding of each other's cultures and to also foster a lasting bond through educating our youth via cyber and virtual means.

Our mission and goals will be achieved, and with your help, the future of our world can rest in the hands of our youth, who will now be more responsive to the challenges of the new millennium. Thanks to programs like this, and wonderful people like you, we can create a better life for the youth of today and tomorrow.



Objectives of the e-DON INITIATIVE

- To bring pride and new visions to our global youth.
- To open doors to enable channels of exchange from Western university classrooms to their peers in developing nations overseas.
- Unlike any other program or system, we aspire to inspire the youth of our world to have one more reason to love their academic system.
- We propose to create a medium in which all college students can not only learn from their fellow students abroad but also interact with them.

Seminar and Course Areas

(are not limited to)

- Health care
- Agriculture
- Science and Technology
- Social and Political Sciences
- History
- Culture and Traditions

Benefits of the program

(will include, but are not limited to)

- Open avenues for student and faculty exchange programs.
- Increase our nation's global college youth engagement.
- Increase local and foreign participation in our world's institutions of higher learning.
- Increase of Scholarships, Grants and Financial Aid to participating universities and their students.
- Increase in the overall academic public image of our nation's students and their universities.
- Global understanding of our world's cultures and traditions.
- Opening doors of opportunity for educational fairness and giving rise to true youth academic empowerment.
- Encouraging peace and harmony among different youths from different backgrounds.
- Assisting our children regardless of their gender, race/ethnicity, background, or culture and traditions.

The e-DON Initiative

PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNORS FORUM ABUJA

I would like to begin by first of all appreciating the entire Management and staff of the Governors Forum particularly its Director General Mr A.D Okauru for giving me and the Electronic Education Initiative (e-DON) this opportunity to be before you today. I bring greetings from our brothers and sisters in Diaspora (of which I too am a part of) particularly in North America the United States. I will go right into the business of why I am here which is to officially present our program the Electronic education Initiative (e-DON) and seek your support and collaboration as we propose to introduce this initiative to our state institutions of learning. As we all move to find avenues to enhance our nation's education system while at the same time working to create sustainable linkages with our Diaspora all over the world, it is necessary to find new and viable ways to do just that, particularly in today's ICT driven society.

Ladies and Gentlemen I am here to affirm to you what all Nigerians both in the Diaspora and at home feel, which is **"IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE! IT IS TIME FOR A POSITIVE CHANGE IN OUR SOCIETY AND WE ALL CAN MAKE THAT CHANGE HAPPEN, TOGETHER"** Today I present to you the Electronic Education Initiative Program otherwise known as e-DON. The e-DON Initiative is a cross cultural cross Atlantic project set up to create and sustain linkages between our institutions of learning in the developed nations and developing countries. The program is aimed at enhancing our nation's institutions of learning by means of knowledge transfer, in this age of multi-media advancement our country and her states cannot lack behind others in the way we provide quality education to our future leaders. The world we live in is gradually becoming a global village with the introduction of the internet, information and communication between two ethnicities is but a click away. Now Nigerians abroad can conveniently communicate with their families not just by regular mail and phone but now can video-conference and communicate in real time with their loved ones. This being said one thing our diaspora all over the world have championed is the ability for each of them to do their individual best to bring about positive change to our country in any and every way. I am here today to introduce to you one of the ways we can and will

impact the Nigerian Society, our youth and our institutions of learning that is by way of the Electronic Education Program.

Now Global experts, academics and professionals from nations all around the world can partner with their peers here in Nigeria by way of live video interaction to give up to date and broader information on several academic and non-academic subject matters that range from Agriculture, Healthcare/Medicine to Computer Information Systems as well as Engineering and even Cultural seminars and workshops that can be shared between schools both at home and abroad.

The e-DON Initiative is partnering with several government and private organizations nationally and internationally in order to give the best variety of programs to our schools both at the national level and now at the state level. Universities from the United States and the United Kingdom have indicated in writing their willingness to work with the Initiative as many of them view its potential as viable, sustainable and not to mention cost effective as well as it being secure. The Nigerian Ambassador to the United States Amb Ade Adefuye wrote to Nigeria's Minister of Education in support of this initiative.

OUR REQUEST:

What this program proposes with the support and collaboration of the Governors Forum and the States is to set up an "Electronic Education Media Center" in each of our State Universities possibly beginning with pilot centers one in a University in each of our geo-political zones. This centre will be used as the school campus international classroom centre where students and faculty will go during Live video-conferences over internet. The centre will be equipped with State of the art ICT structures to enable students and faculty have international LIVE in-classroom video-conferencing exchanges, as well as internet use and other multi-media needs. The Program does not necessarily aim to introduce multi-media technology to our state institutions of learning as some of them may already have some level of ICT infrastructure on their campuses thanks to both government and private intervention in some of the schools. What the program aims to do is to enhance our education system by way of using the structures to have programs that will work for us. With the e-DON Initiative's array of international schools and affiliates now we don't have to take all our youth to the world for them to have a global perspective on different subject matter we can

now bring the world to them. This in turn will enhance our country's future by way of internationalizing our campuses giving our graduates a global view on several subjects. This program also allows each state's Diaspora indigene to find ways to give back to his community as we know or can imagine it is not always cost effective for our Diaspora to leave their adopted homes to come back to their community to participate in certain lectures, seminars or programs the risk involved in just travelling alone and leaving their loved ones behind are at times a deterrent in getting a lot of our people to come home. That being said there is an alternative I am happy to inform the forum that the Nigerians in Diaspora Organization – Americas has officially partnered with the e-DON Program endorsing the initiative's objectives as not just cost effective but sustainable and functional if properly implemented which of course it is and will continue to be properly implemented. The Organization that houses Nigerian experts, academics and professionals have written their members informing them of the program getting them ready to be of use when we call. We are requesting interested States who are interested in this Initiative can make this known through the NGF and we are more than willing to visit each interested state and their institutions. Support for travel and accommodation would be highly appreciated.

COST IMPLICATION:

The practicability and cost of this program to each state Government, the e-DON Initiative and the State university/institutions of learning will vary on several factors namely:

- Current state of ICT Structures at the Schools.
- What level or size of a Multi Media centre and its coverage each state would want/earmark for its institution.
- Location of each School: Location is important as there is a need for the Multi-Media centre to be in proximity to a fiber-network which is needed to give proper, functional and clear (image and audio) video interaction quality.
- Other factors of concern can and would be ironed out between the program and the institutions during feasibility studies of the campuses to ascertain a comprehensive cost implication of the project.

As it relates to overall cost we are requesting collaborations amongst all parties the States, the Governors Forum, the e-DON Initiative and the institutions be drawn up where financial and other factors can be shared between the Governors Forum and the Management of the Program. Allowing all parties identify what each brings to the table to actualize this program's success. The e-DON Initiative has an abundance of resource persons as well as institutions around the world primarily in the United States and the United Kingdom who are ready to come on board to give our students and faculty class the best of foreign knowledge transfer as they can. Also institutions abroad are equally anticipating hearing back from our faculty and student class.

This being said funding is our major challenge as some experts and academics abroad may want some stipend for their time others may do it for free but outside this, what we need are the Classrooms and ICT Structures. It is our request if our proposal is considered that funding is made available to the program through the either state governments or through intervention funding from donor agencies working with the NGF on education. Other costs include primarily technical partners who will bring the structures to the schools as well as consultancy costs and seminar costs which are incorporated as stated in our proposal. The NGF will receive 30% of the consultancy cost per institution per state as facilitators.

Organizations such as Galaxy Backbone PLC have assured of the practicability and viability of this program and when issues that cause worry rise we can overcome most of them an example being **Power** there are several options that we have identified that can and will help curb the problem **1) Being the use of Inverters to help sustain power during the sessions. 2) Back-UP Generators this is lesser of a choice as this would entail the consistent purchase of diesel or petrol to power the structures, never the less it is an option. 3) Solar powered Battery cells though expensive it is easy to maintain and with the abundance of sunshine this is also viable alternative.**

Galaxy Backbone have worked and are working with the Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission as well as other Government agencies to bring about positive changes to our workplace through the ease of use of Information and Communication Technology. After meetings with their IT Project

and Business Manager the Organization I believe is more than capable to bring this project alive to each and every state institution when we are called upon.

The Electronic Education Initiative was adopted in 2010 and has since made giant strides in achieving the goals it set out to achieve but just like everything else in life the project has had one or two obstacles one of which is simply Change. Change is something that any community finds hard to adapt even if its change for the better. Another obstacle has been funding though we have positive collaborations with both the public and private sector the project is in its infancy stage and needs all the support it can get. I would like to take this opportunity to mention and thank just a few organizations we are currently collaborating with.

To mention a few:

- The National Commission for Colleges of Education
- The Petroleum Technology Development Fund
- The National Universities Commission
- The MTN Foundation
- The National Board for Technical Education
- The Institute for International Education
- The National Commission for Mass Education and Adult Literacy
- United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO
- And of course the Nigerians in Diaspora Organization.
- BAYERO UNIVERSITY KANO. (KANO NIGERIA)
- UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT. (RIVERS STATE NIGERIA)
- AUCHI POLYTECHNIC EDO STATE. (NIGERIA)
- THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS. (ABUJA)
- UNITED STATES EMBASSY ABUJA/LAGOS. (NIGERIA)
- EDUCATION USA. (NIGERIA OFFICE)
- THE BRITISH COUNCIL
- CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (UK)
- RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
- U OF M. FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ROLLA (USA)
- LINCOLN UNIVERSITY IN JEFFERSON CITY. (USA)
- THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLUMBIA. (USA)

OBJECTIVES OF THE ELECTRONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM (E-DON)

- TO BUILD GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TOWARDS EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND ENHANCEMENT.
- TO EXPLORE AVENUES OF GROWTH AND SUSTAIN LINKAGES WITH OUR PROFESSIONALS AND EXPERTS IN DIASPORA.
- TO CREATE AN AVENUE TO SHOWCASE OUR INDEGENEOUS ACHIVEMENT TO THE GLOBAL AUDIENCE.
- CREATE A PLATFORM FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC DISCUSS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECT MATTERS.
- TO OPEN CHANNELS OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR PEERS IN NIGERIA.
- TO SET UP INFRASTRUCTURE TO FOSTER CO-OPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING, AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS WITH NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- It will create and sustain ways to link Nigerian experts and academics in diaspora with our nation's institutions of learning.
- It is cost effective reducing the cost and need for travel.
- It is secure: The program eliminates the potential security challenge associated with travel for visiting professors. This is not say the program is against physical exchange but it is an alternative in cases where immediate travel for visiting coming or going are not readily viable.
- It will open avenues for student and faculty exchange programs.
- Increase in our nation's global college youth engagement.
- Increase local and foreign participation in our academic system.
- **Increase in foreign scholarships, grants and financial aid to participating State Universities, their institutions and their students in Nigeria.**
- Increase in the overall academic standard, public image of our state universities, colleges of education, polytechnics other institutions of learning, as well as other programs, our students and faculty. There by allowing our nation's graduates to also travel abroad and have their degree be of higher value and repute.

THE BENEFITS TO GOVERNORS FORUM:

- THIS INITIATIVE WILL CONTINUE TO SHOWCASE THE NGF AS A RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION THAT BRINGS ABOUT SUSTAINABLE AND BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS TO THEIR STATES, THEIR YOUTH AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.
- IT OPENS AVENUES FOR GRANTS AND COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN THE NGF AND INTERNATIONAL DONOR AGENCIES INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AND ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.
- THE PROGRAM CAN ASSIST THE NGF HELP ENHANCE ITS CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TOP STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS I.E. IN PROGRAMS LIKE GOOD GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP, PEACE/CONFLICT RESOLUTION, ICT AND SO MUCH MORE
- IT JUSTIFIES FUNDING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NGF TO CARRY OUT FURTHER FEASIBILITY STUDIES TO UNIVERSITIES WISHING TO WORK WITH THE PROGRAM IN EACH STATE. AS WELL AS PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS TO CONNECT WITH PARTNERING INSTITUTIONS NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.
- IT WILL BE AN AVENUE FOR THE NGF TO SHOWCASE HOW AND WHAT THEY DO TO DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR YOUTH, THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR FUTURE AND OUR ENTIRE ACADEMIC SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.

ROLE EXPECTATIONS FROM THE FORUM REGARDING SUPPORT/PARTNERSHIP WITH E-DON PROGRAM:

- ASSISTANCE IN INTRODUCING THE PROGRAM TO OUR STATE AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.
- FUNDING: MOST OF OUR STATE UNIVERSITIES MAY NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT IF AT ALL ANY FUNDS TO BEGIN THIS PROGRAM BUT YOU WILL AGREE THE REAL COST OF NOT MOVING OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM FORWARD WOULD BE A REAL LOSS TO OUR STATES, OUR NATION AND OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE.
- HIGHLIGHTING ITS NEED, SUSTAINABILITY AND BENEFITS TO STATE GOVERNMENTS AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO EACH STATE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION.
- ENCOURAGING FUNDING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROGRAM IN THIS REGARD FROM EACH STATE GOVERNMENT. (OF WHICH THE FORUM WILL OVER SEE)

It was publicized in Nigerian news media that our nation is the highest exporter of African students to the United States and could very well possibly be the case in other western countries. I do not believe this is in anyway something to be proud of as a giant of Africa, Nations all around our continent and the world should be struggling to send their children to our schools and not the other way around. I mirror the thoughts of the Executive Secretary of the NCCE Professor Muhammad Junaid who rightly feels that it is not just a matter of the quantity but also the quality of our institutions and our graduates that we are releasing

into our national workforce that will make a true impact in the future of our country. I can only be thankful to have close correspondence with individuals who see the vision of channeling the wealth of our nation's human capital and turning it into a treasure Prof Faborade the Secretary General of the Committee of Vice Chancellors and the Ms Magdalene Maidoh of the the National Commission of UNESCO have been more than a blessing to the program. I cannot go without mentioning Prof Julius Okojie of the National Universities Commission, Dr Mahmud Kazaure of the NBTE and Prof Muhammad Junaid of the NCCE and so many others. Allow me to add, the e-DON program will showcase Nigeria State Governments, their Universities as well as your Diaspora around the world as innovators as we showcase how the greatest country on the continent (Nigeria) positively utilizes ICT with our own human capital both at home and abroad to impact society.

In time programs like this will find avenues to not only sustain linkages with our diaspora but also create means for their eventual return home for as they consistently and actively communicate and collaborate with their state institutions virtually and or physically in time this can entice their gradual and hopefully permanent relocation home. Where they can collectively partner with others to help and sustain in making their State and Nigeria the greatest country in Africa and indeed the world. Soon students from for example Kaduna State University will graduate with certificates from schools from across the world i.e. Cambridge University and Lincoln University thereby strengthening marketability upon graduation while at the same time empowering the state and country's labor force. With the help of UNESCO, the Institute for International Education and the National Universities Commission the e-DON Program is ready to face the challenges of our society's academic downturn with the aim to turn it around for the better.

I want to thank the DG and the Management of the Governors Forum for your time as I look forward to working with you on this project. I know with your support Nigerians in Diaspora and Nigerians at home can expect great and wonderful things to come not just from our country as a whole but from our indigenous states this New Year. Which we believe will be a year of new beginnings, New Hopes and New direction.

I am more than happy to take any questions now and will be available to the Governors Forum its members and officials at any time. As I began this presentation I would also like to end it by saying Ladies and gentlemen **"IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE! IT IS TIME FOR A POSITIVE CHANGE IN OUR SOCIETY AND WE ALL CAN MAKE THAT CHANGE TOGETHER"** Thank you and once again wishing us all a very happy and blessed rest of Year.

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