



**MEETING WITH NIGERIA INTERNET REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION (NIRA)**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
**Time:** 11.30 pm  
**Venue:** NIRA OFFICE

**Chaired by:** \_\_\_\_\_

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1.0	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>The President NIRA welcomed the representatives of the NGF for honoring her invitation.</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>On the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2013, a team from the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA) led by its president paid an official visit to NGFS with the overarching objective of entering a strategic partnership with the NGFS in order to deepen the organization's reach at the subnational level, as well as to request for an audience to make a formal presentation to the State Government at a meeting of the Forum in order to introduce the goals and mandate of the NIRA. The team also explained the opportunities/benefits embedded in collaborating with her organization in the cause of developing our internet governance ecosystem.</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <p>Some of the outcomes of the meeting include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NGF management agreed to collaborate with NIRA in their mandate to promote E-Governance in Nigeria at the state level.</li> <li>2. NGF agreed to be a member of NIRA, to be represented by its head of ICT.</li> <li>3. It was agreed that NGF in Conjunction with NIRA should draft a concept paper for organizing a seminar for all states directors of ICT as well as representatives of relevant MDAs.</li> </ol> <p><b>Meeting on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at NIRA Offices</b></p> <p>Following the decisions reached at the last meeting as stated above, the NGFS was invited by the President of NIRA for a follow up meeting at the NIRA office. The NFS was represented by the Head of ICT, Researcher and KM Advisor. The aim of the meeting was to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss the concept paper on the Nigeria Internet Governance Forum (a one day event) sent to the NGFS by NIRA, the contents of which had the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To stimulate research on internet development in Nigeria</li> <li>• To examine the present internet critical infrastructure of the</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

	<p>country viz-a-viz the current drive for "Cashless Economy" .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Trust, confidence and assurance on the internet</li> <li>• To examine how internet can influence security and diversity (be it culture, language, ideology, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>2. NIRA invited the Director General of the NGFS to be a member Forum's Panel of discussion and to present a goodwill message at the event</p> <p>3. Discussion on other upcoming internet governance events both national and international.</p> <p><b>Additional Suggestions by Representative of the NGF</b></p> <p>1. The timeline for response from the secretariat and other partners involved in the proposed forum should be stated to ensure on-time response.</p>	
3.0	<p><b>Key Outcomes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was agreed that the forum would be a good opportunity to further the cause for developed E-Governance.</li> <li>2. It was agreed that the NGFS will facilitate the participation of state officials as requested in the letter from NIRA.</li> <li>3. A Concept note should be forwarded to the NGF Secretariat for her input and a timeline of activities leading to the event will be drawn out by NIRA and sent to the NGFS</li> <li>4. NIRA will send a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to NGFS for consideration and input</li> <li>5. NGFS will suggest other areas of collaboration that will be of mutual benefit to both organizations</li> </ol>	
4.0	<p><b>Suggestions for next steps</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The NGFS should consider using the event as an avenue to introduce/train the participants on the CMS and the NGF website so that they can return to the various states as contributors for both sites. Also, the report on the analysis of websites should be presented to the participants with recommendations for improvement per state. This can be achieved by inviting them for two days of activity i.e. the first day will be used for the CMS training and website presentation then the second day they will attend the NIRA event.</li> <li>2. NGFS should enter into a strategic relationship with NIRA so as to fully participate as representatives of the states in various national and international outings in order to facilitate deepening internet penetration at the sub national level.</li> <li>3. NGFS should commence a periodic publication in collaboration with NIRA on e governance and knowledge economy in Nigeria.</li> </ol>	
5.0	<p><b>Closing</b> The meeting ended at 12.45pm</p>	

### Attendance

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### Acronyms

NIRA- NIGERIA INTERNET REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION

NGF- NIGERIA GOVERNORS FORUM

NGFS-NIGERIA GOVERNORS FORUM SECRETARIAT