



Africa Information & Communication Technologies Alliance - AfICTA

presents

AfICTA Policy Advocacy Series 001 Webinar

AfICTA is a not-for-profit alliance of ICT Associations, National Corporations, Companies, Organisations that facilitates multi-stakeholder dialogue with the view to foster accelerated ICT enabled development in Africa.

Nigeria ranks 118 on the Global Innovation Index GII global Ranking 2021 showing how poor innovation is in Nigeria with South Africa (61), Tunisia (71) and Kenya (85) topping the charts in the region. One of the major issues that plagues the IP Protection Industry is the retention of IP rights and this stems from systemic unavailability of local sources of funding which encourages innovators especially in the IT sector to retain businesses within the Nation's GDP. Venture Capitalist often tagged as visionaries in the corporate world, don't give out money for the sake of it but rather buy the rights to the IP of businesses which in the grand scheme of things would prove unsustainable because it affects the Nation's GDP as a chunk of the revenue is succeeded to business that are not indigenous to the Country.

The aim of the Webinar is to have important discussions on policies that develop as sustainable framework for capital funding at least on an equal footing for innovative businesses in the digital ecosystem with the sole purpose of ensuring IP retention in Nigeria especially in the different sectors growing exponentially such as the AgroTech, Fintech, EduTech and MedTech.

AfICTA Nigeria organizes the first edition of its webinar series "**Policy Advocacy Series - PAS**". This is a series of webinars that brings actors from all stakeholder groups in the Nigerian ICT Ecosystem to discuss and proffer policy solutions that engenders and spurs digital economic growth. Subsequent webinars would strive to ensure accountability on recommendations to the Federal Government.

Theme and objective

The theme of the webinar is "**Right Policies for IP Creation and Retention in Nigeria**" and it would focus on Nigeria with speakers from around the country to contribute their wealth of knowledge to the attendants, in congruence with the realization of AfICTA's [vision](#) of a digital Africa and is geared towards the realization of and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Developing a Framework for National Policy on IP Rights Retention.
- Addressing dependency on Foreign Venture Capitalist.
- Improving Investment from local agencies in indigenous innovative organisations.

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- Encouraging IP retention through investment from local structures
- Addressing the challenges of IP regulation enforcement in Nigeria.
- Local Content Development and IP Rights retention.

Expected Outcomes

Recommendations for the Federal Government to be proactive with new and emerging digital policies that aim at encouraging more innovation and invention through strategic funding for Innovative businesses to prevent total dependence on foreign investment for growth.

When?

November 18, 2021 @ 10:00 - 12:00 pm (UTC)

Where?

On AfICTA Zoom Platform

Participate?

Register to participate and you'll receive a link to participate.

Moderator: Inye Kemabonta, Nigerian Coordinator, AfICTA

Guest Speakers:

Folabi Esan, Partner, Adlevo Capital Managers

Pius Okigbo, Jr., Chairman, Chapter Working Group for Nigerian Content Consultative Forum in ICT.

Nneka Ukay, Executive Secretary, Innovation Support Network.

Emmanuel Bassey, Executive Secretary, Africa ICT Foundation.

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