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A recap of the Agency's activities in the month of

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Nigeria at GITEX, Africa Morocco

At GITEX Africa 2026 NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi and Salaries Commission Chairman Ekpo Nta Owo are leading Nigeria's high-level delegation to advance the nation's digital economy.

As a premier continental tech hub, the event allows Nigeria to showcase its thriving ecosystem and align with President Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda. Inuwa is leveraging this platform to foster global alliances, support startups, and highlight NITDA's regulatory initiatives. This strategic participation reinforces Nigeria's commitment to digital transformation, positioning the country as a leader in innovation while securing impactful partnerships to accelerate national development and economic growth.

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NITDA DG Calls for Stronger Cyber Resilience and Talent Development at GITEX Africa 2026

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi has emphasized the urgent need for enhanced cyber resilience as AI reshapes global security threats. Advocating for a proactive, holistic approach, he noted that since 95% of breaches involve human error, digital literacy serves as the primary defense.

Nigeria aims to achieve 95% digital literacy by 2030, investing in talent to turn citizens into innovation drivers. Ultimately, Inuwa is calling for a unified continental strategy and sustained investment to transform Africa into a global hub and net exporter of cybersecurity expertise and digital skills.

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NITDA DG Advocates Regional Cloud Infrastructure to Drive Africa's Digital Future

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi is advocating for a unified African regional cloud infrastructure to prevent digital fragmentation and ensure data sovereignty. He emphasizes that while governments must provide enabling regulatory frameworks, the private sector's agility is essential to leading this transformation.

By positioning data center providers as critical enablers, Inuwa highlighted the need for scalable, interconnected infrastructure across the continent. This coordinated approach aims to strengthen digital resilience, attract global investment, and empower Africa to export digital services, securing its status as a formidable and competitive player in the global digital economy.

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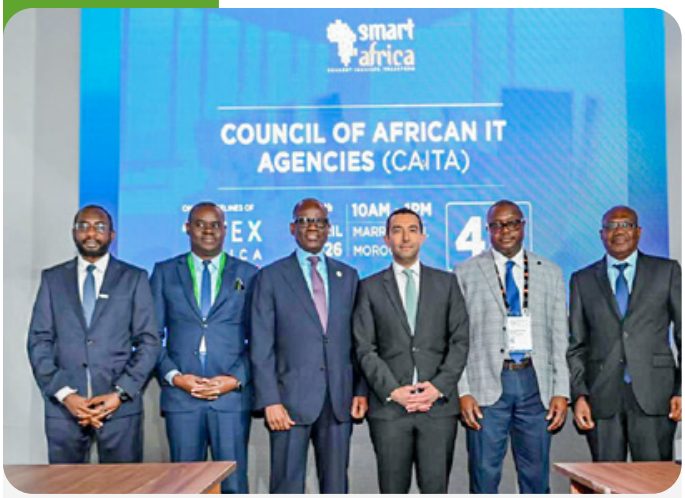

Nigeria Strengthens Regional Digital Collaboration with African ICT Leaders at GITEX Africa 2026

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi joined fellow leaders at the Conference of African ICT Authorities (CAITA) to advance a unified, resilient digital ecosystem. Recognizing digital transformation as the engine of economic growth, the high-level meeting focused on harmonizing strategies and strengthening policy coordination across the continent.

This regional synergy aims to unlock innovation and drive inclusive development by promoting knowledge exchange among digital authorities. Through these reinforced partnerships, African ICT leaders are positioning the continent as a globally competitive technology hub, committed to building a more integrated and resilient digital agenda for all.

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DG NITDA Advances Youth Development Through Digital Innovation, Global Collaboration

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi hosted UN Assistant Secretary-General Felipe Paullier to advance youth development through digital transformation. The meeting focused on empowering young people with essential tools and skills to thrive in the digital economy.

Highlighting youth as the core of Nigeria's digital agenda, Inuwa showcased NITDA's initiatives in startup incubation, capacity building, and digital literacy. This strategic partnership reflects a shared commitment with the United Nations to foster digital inclusion and innovation. Ultimately, the collaboration aims to build a resilient, skilled generation capable of driving sustainable economic participation and national development.

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NITDA, NCAOOSCE Forge Alliance to Equip Almajiri, Out-of-School Children with Digital Skills

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa hosted Dr. Muhammad Sani Idris of NCAOOSCE to discuss transforming Nigeria's Almajiri system through technology. Addressing challenges like street begging and exploitation, Inuwa proposed integrating the "Digital Literacy for All" initiative into the Commission's structures.

The strategy involves deploying NYSC members as literacy champions and establishing digital learning hubs within Almajiri centers. By providing skills ranging from basic to advanced proficiency, the partnership aims to empower out-of-school children. A joint committee will now drive the implementation, leveraging digital education to foster inclusive growth and accelerate national development.

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NITDA, NNPCL-RTI Division Partner to Drive Local Innovation and Research Excellence

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi hosted NNPC Limited's Research, Technology and Innovation (RTI) division to explore strategic collaborations. The RTI team detailed objectives focused on decarbonization, local product development, and integrating emerging technologies to reduce import reliance.

Aligning these goals with NITDA's eight strategic pillars, Inuwa emphasized fostering research ecosystems and nurturing innovation. He expressed readiness to co-develop locally relevant energy solutions and build innovation pipelines. Both organizations committed to a concrete partnership for knowledge exchange, aiming to move concepts from research to commercial impact while advancing Nigeria's digital transformation within the energy sector.

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NITDA Urges Nigerian Youth to Pioneer Homegrown AI Solutions

NITDA has called on young Nigerians to transform the nation from a technology consumer into a global innovation hub by harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) for localized solutions. Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi emphasized that Nigeria's youth—comprising over 60% of the population—is its greatest competitive advantage.

Through the "DL4ALL" initiative, NITDA aims for 95% digital literacy by 2030, moving beyond basic awareness to deep technical capability. By prioritizing AI in agriculture, healthcare, and education, the agency seeks to bridge domestic gaps. This strategy ensures responsible innovation rooted in ethics and data protection, positioning Nigeria as a competitive global digital leader.

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NITDA, Borno Deepen Partnership to Accelerate Digital Economy, Innovation Growth

NITDA and the Borno State ICT Development Agency organized a strategic stakeholder engagement in Maiduguri to accelerate regional digital growth. Themed "Creating Opportunities, Breaking Boundaries," the program brought together government, academia, and entrepreneurs to build a vibrant tech ecosystem in the North-East.

Representing Director General Kashifu Inuwa, Babajide Ajayi highlighted digitalization as essential for economic diversification and modern governance. The initiative emphasizes that equipping citizens with digital competencies is key to improving employability and enabling entrepreneurs to create scalable, local solutions. This collaboration underscores Nigeria's commitment to fostering inclusive technological evolution and sustainable national development.

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NITDA DG Attends Inaugural Cybersecurity Advisory Council Meeting

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa participated in the inaugural Ministerial Advisory Council for Cybersecurity Coordination in Abuja, hosted by the Honorable Minister of Communications, Innovation & Digital Economy, Dr. Bosun Tijani. The DG called for urgent synergy between the government and private sector to combat the dual threat of "attacks on AI" and "attacks by AI."

He warned that hijacked AI agents and sophisticated deepfakes are making security increasingly complex, noting that "no one will be protected in isolation." To counter attackers targeting interconnected systems like banks and government agencies, the DG pledged NITDA's full support for the council. This multi-stakeholder body is designed to harmonize Nigeria's cybersecurity response, ensuring that information sharing and national resilience become the standard defense across the digital ecosystem.

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NITDA Inaugurates Multi-Stakeholder Coordinating Group (MSCG) to Drive Digital Governance Commitment

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa has inaugurated a Multi-Stakeholder Coordinating Group to advance President Tinubu's digital governance agenda. Building on Nigeria's Open Government Partnership awards, the group focuses on co-creating legal frameworks like the Digital Economy Bill.

Inuwa highlighted NITDA's role in fiscal transparency, saving the government ₦319 billion through its IT Clearance process. To combat the 56% failure rate of past IT projects, the agency now mandates certified designs and strict quality assurance. The initiative prioritizes inclusive, secure, and accountable service delivery for all Nigerians, including underserved communities.

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NITDA Launches Data-Driven Digital Economy Measurement System to Accelerate Nigeria's $1 Trillion Ambition

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi has highlighted that comprehensive data and digital infrastructure are the essential building blocks for achieving President Bola Tinubu's goal of a $1 trillion economy.

During the inaugural meeting of the Technical Steering Committee for a landmark National Research Study, Inuwa pointed out that while the financial sector has led the way in digitalization, other sectors must follow to sustain modern growth.

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From NYSC to Startups: NITDA Launches Innovation Space to Power Youth-Led Digital Economy

NITDA has launched an Innovation Space at its headquarters to foster collaboration among Corps Members and IT students. Aligned with the "Renewed Hope Agenda," the hub aims to turn digital skills into scalable startups.

Key highlights from the launch include:

1. Smart ID & COPA App: New tools for secure identity and NYSC activity management.
2. Skill Development: Over 700 annual Corps Members will receive mentorship and training.
3. AI Integration: Participants have already developed AI agents for agency-wide transformation.

The initiative, supported by the NYSC, seeks to scale nationwide to drive job creation and digital inclusion.

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Powering Nigeria's Digital Future Through Youth Engagement

NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi engaged University of Abuja students to spotlight President Tinubu's **Renewed Hope Agenda**, framing digital transformation as the engine for national growth. He emphasized that Nigeria's youth, rather than natural resources, are its most valuable asset, urging students to embrace AI and entrepreneurship to navigate a shifting job market.

By detailing strategic frameworks, global certifications, and talent-building programs, Inuwa reinforced NITDA's commitment to achieving 95% digital literacy by 2030. The session concluded with an interactive dialogue and tool giveaways, encouraging students to take ownership of Nigeria's inclusive digital future.

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At the GIST Nigeria workshop in Abuja, NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, representing the Minister of Communications, announced that Nigeria has moved from developing its national AI strategy to the implementation phase.

The government's focus is now on establishing structured regulatory frameworks and ethical guidelines to ensure safe AI deployment. To support this, Nigeria is prioritizing data classification to create reliable datasets for AI training while integrating cloud technologies to enhance the scalability and efficiency of public institutions. This shift underscores a commitment to human-centric, secure, and ethical digital growth.

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Bridging Law and Technology: NITDA, NJI Partner for a Digital Judiciary

NITDA and the National Judicial Institute (NJI) have formed a joint committee to modernize Nigeria's justice sector through digital transformation and capacity building. During a visit by NJI Administrator Justice Babatunde Adejumo, NITDA Director General Kashifu Inuwa emphasized that technologies like AI will empower, not replace, judicial functions.

The partnership includes extending Cisco-partnered digital training to NJI staff and utilizing NITDA's digital transformation playbook. Additionally, a co-creation model using NYSC members will be employed to develop custom judicial solutions, ensuring the sector remains efficient and globally competitive.