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TITLE & ABSTRACT

e-Government Journey in Nigeria: Achievements, Challenges, and Opportunities

Nigeria is a country in the Western part of Africa and has the largest population and the biggest economy on the continent. Despite having the biggest economy and population presently, Nigeria’s population and economy according to projections and forecast by major international development, and multilateral organizations including the UN, IMF, and World Bank, is expected to experience phenomenal growth in both the size of the economy and population. From the current 208 million to 263 million by 2030, and over 400 million by the year 2050, surpassing the United States to become the third most populous country in the world. Equally, the economy is expected to cross the trillion ($1) Dollar mark in just a decade (2030). This phenomenal growth will ultimately put a strain on the existing capacity of public services, which at present are poorly delivered, absent or non-existent in most places, mostly concentrated in major urban centers, with few channels of delivery, and also beyond the reach of the majority of Nigerians. Confronted with these scenarios, and with rising citizens expectations among other things, improving service delivery, transparency, and accountability in the management of the countries resources, the country instituted a series of reforms, and an ambitious plan beginning in 2005 to transform Governance using ICT in all aspect of public administration.

The seminar aims to present an overview of Nigeria’s e-Government development in the 21st century. Specifically, the seminar will focus on highlighting Nigeria’s e-Government vision and aspirations, strategy and highlights some notable achievements, with a focus in the area of ICT enabled public sector reforms. Furthermore, share identified challenges, and opportunities for further development of e-Government in an age of disruption and innovation.

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