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Newsletter Q1 2025.



FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK

Dear Friends' and Partners,

As we step further into 2025, we at the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) are thrilled to update you on our impactful strides over the past three months. With a renewed commitment to digital growth, skills development and child online protection, we have kicked off the year with remarkable programs and engagements.

TOUR D'HORIZON

In the first quarter of 2025, the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) made significant strides in advancing digital safety, skills development, and internet governance in Nigeria.

- **COSPRA 2024 Highlights** – Addressed child online safety, data privacy, and international collaboration.
- **NKF DNS Research Support Grant** – Disbursed grants to two researchers advancing DNS security.
- **NKF NiRA-XT DNS Hackathon 2024** – Hosted nationwide competition to drive innovation in digital security, awarding prizes to three winning teams.
- **Safer Internet Day (SID) 2025 Campaign** – Launched a 30-day awareness campaign and hosted a webinar in collaboration with Child Online Africa, focusing on digital safety progress across Africa.
- **New Initiatives for 2025**
 - **Student Sensitization Drive** – Engaging 4,500+ students on digital literacy and online safety.
 - **Partnership & Intervention in Community and Skills Development (PI-CSD)** – Train 5,000+ youths in digital skills and entrepreneurship to enhance economic sustainability.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF NKF Q1 2025

NEW NKF INITIATIVES



- **Partnership & Intervention in Community and Skills Development (PI-CSD)**

Our community outreach will empower over 5,000 youths with hands-on skills in digital technology and entrepreneurship, fostering economic sustainability. The program will feature intensive training sessions in community development, empowerment initiatives, digital marketing and business strategy, preparing participants for real-world implementations.

- **Student Sensitization Drive**



Our community outreach will empower over 4,500 students with hands-on skills in digital technology and online safety, fostering their development in the Internet ecosystem. The program will feature intensive training sessions in basic child right education, literacy development, safety tools, and online protection strategy, preparing students for real-world implications.

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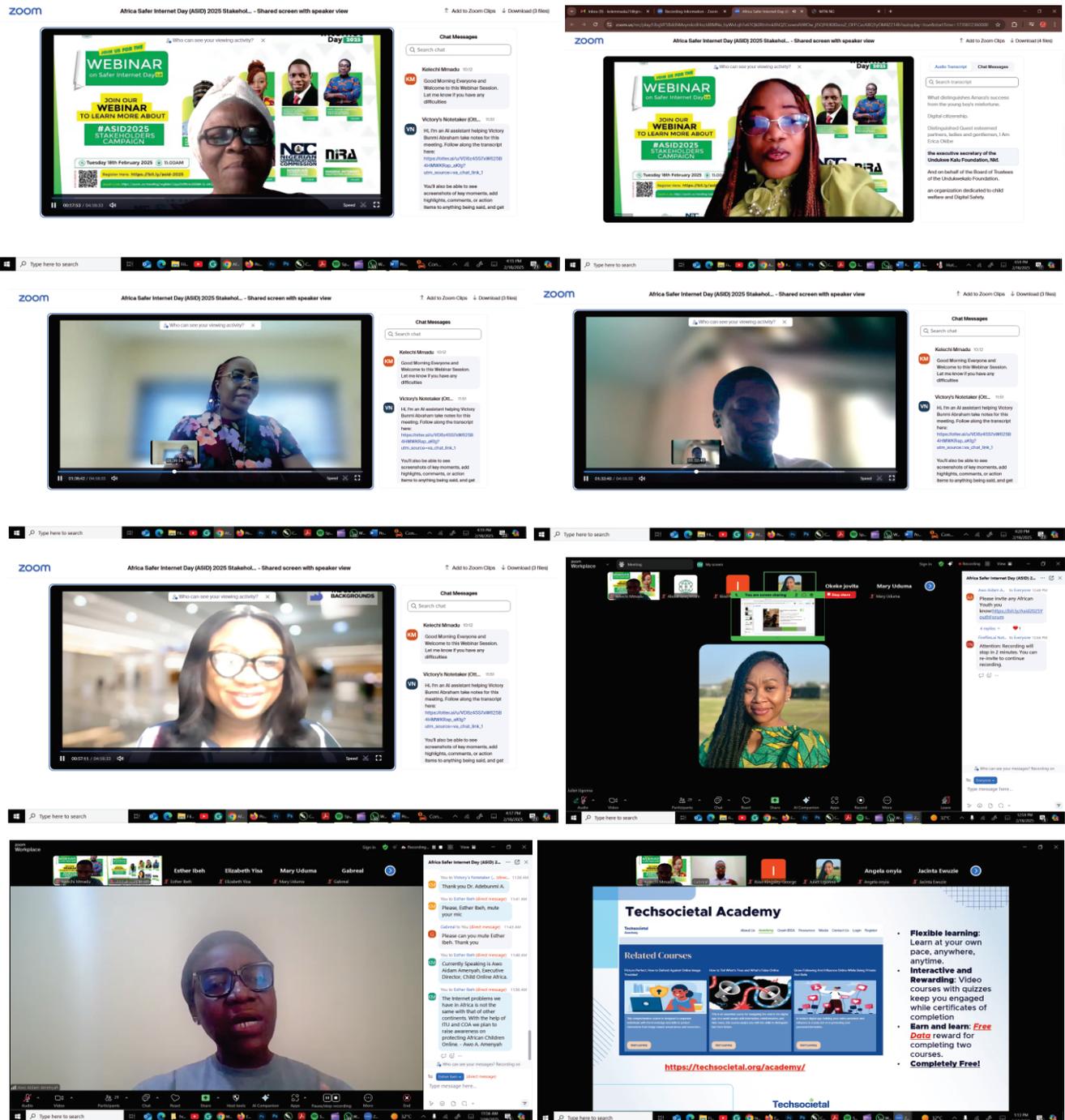
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• Webinars & Knowledge Sharing

Through our webinars, we engaged professionals and young digital users in critical conversations on universal access, digital rights and child online protection. Expert panelists shared insights on combating cyber threats, promoting ethical AI and ensuring digital accessibility for all.

1. Africa Safer Internet Day (ASID) 2025 Stakeholders Campaign



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The Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) successfully hosted a webinar as part of the African Safer Internet Day (ASID) 2025 Stakeholders Campaign on February 18, 2025. The event brought together key stakeholders to discuss Child Online Protection (COP) in Africa under the theme: "Digital Citizenship: Educating an African Fit for the 21st Century."

Key Takeaways

- **Educating African Youth:** With over 60% of Africa's population under 25, speakers emphasized the need for digital literacy, critical thinking, and ethical online engagement.
- **Challenges in Digital Safety:** Speakers addressed the digital divide, cyberbullying, online exploitation, and data privacy concerns as pressing issues affecting children online.
- **Collaborative Action:** Representatives from organizations such as Child Online Africa (COA), NiRA, ISOC Nigeria, NCC, and TechSocietal highlighted the importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships, policy advocacy, and educational programs to ensure safer digital spaces.
- **Government and Industry Role:** Calls were made for stronger cybersecurity policies, child-friendly digital infrastructure, and increased funding for online safety initiatives.
- **Community Engagement:** The webinar emphasized youth participation and parental involvement in promoting digital responsibility and online safety awareness.

NKF's Commitment

The NKF Chairperson, Mrs. Mary Uduma, and Executive Secretary, Erica Okibe, reaffirmed NKF's dedication to child online protection, policy advocacy and stakeholder collaboration. The Foundation is open to partnerships and sponsorships to expand its impact across Nigeria in 2025.

2. Upcoming Webinar: What is Right for Children and Their Data? Exploring Best Practices When Designing Online Services to Engage with and Protect Children



THE NDUKWE-KALU FOUNDATION | **COSPRA SUMMIT** | **WEBINAR I.O.**

WHAT IS RIGHT FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR DATA?

EXPLORING BEST PRACTICES WHEN DESIGNING ONLINE SERVICES TO ENGAGE WITH AND PROTECTION CHILDREN

Thursday, 27th March 2025 | 11:00AM | Register Here: <https://bit.ly/ncopps-cops-ng-2025>

SCAN TO REGISTER

ZOOM LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/98051322245?pwd=UgMu4VbyaviLCmSirdJnQpITQLI2m0.1>

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As digital platforms increasingly engage young users, the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) is set to host Webinar I, 2025 on April 29, 2025, at 11:00 AM (Zoom). Themed “What is Right for Children and Their Data?”, this high-level discussion will explore best practices for designing child-friendly online services, ethical data protection, and compliance with child rights laws.

Key Discussion Areas

- **Child-Safe Digital Design** – Strategies for building secure and engaging online spaces for children.
- **Legal & Ethical Considerations** – Global regulations such as the NDPA 2023 and industry compliance.
- **Balancing Engagement & Privacy** – Ensuring meaningful digital interactions without data exploitation.
- **Collaboration for Child Protection** – The role of policymakers, tech companies, educators, and parents.
- **Parental Empowerment** – Tools to help families navigate online risks and ensure child safety.

Featured Speakers

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Mary Uduma, Coordinator, West Africa Internet Governance Forum (WAIGF)

1. Lead Speaker: Gbenga Sesan, Executive Director, Paradigm Initiative (PIN)
2. Chris Uwaje, Child Literacy & Education Expert
3. Muhammed Rudman, MD/CEO, Internet Exchange Point (IXP) of Nigeria
4. Experts from: Nigeria Data Protection Commission
5. Experts from: Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Development

This 1 hour 45-minute webinar will feature expert insights, Q&A sessions, and actionable recommendations to improve child data protection and digital well-being.

Save the Date! Join the conversation on creating a safer online experience for African children.

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/4bYATah>

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/Rncycf58Tz2_bVDGNeOxRA

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DNS HACKATHON COMPETITION



We successfully hosted our Maiden NKF NiRA-XT DNS Hackathon 2024 Competition, attracting tech enthusiasts nationwide to develop innovative solutions in DNS-based Content Filtering and Parental Control Application. The competition saw brilliant innovations in domain security, phishing detection and AI-driven cybersecurity tools, reinforcing our commitment to fostering technological innovation.

EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS

NKF proudly participated in key national and international dialogues on digital inclusion. Our team contributed to panel discussions, policy forums, and workshops, strengthening our advocacy for a safer and more inclusive digital space. These engagements have positioned NKF as a key voice in digital rights and online safety advocacy.

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- **Summary of the COSPRA Summit 2024 (Held in November 2024)**

The 2024 Child Online Safety, Protection, and Reporting of Abuse (COSPRA) Summit took place on November 26, 2024, drawing over 290 participants including students, teachers, government agencies and key stakeholders. The summit focused on Child Rights, Data Privacy, and International Collaboration, addressing critical issues surrounding the safety and digital well-being of children.

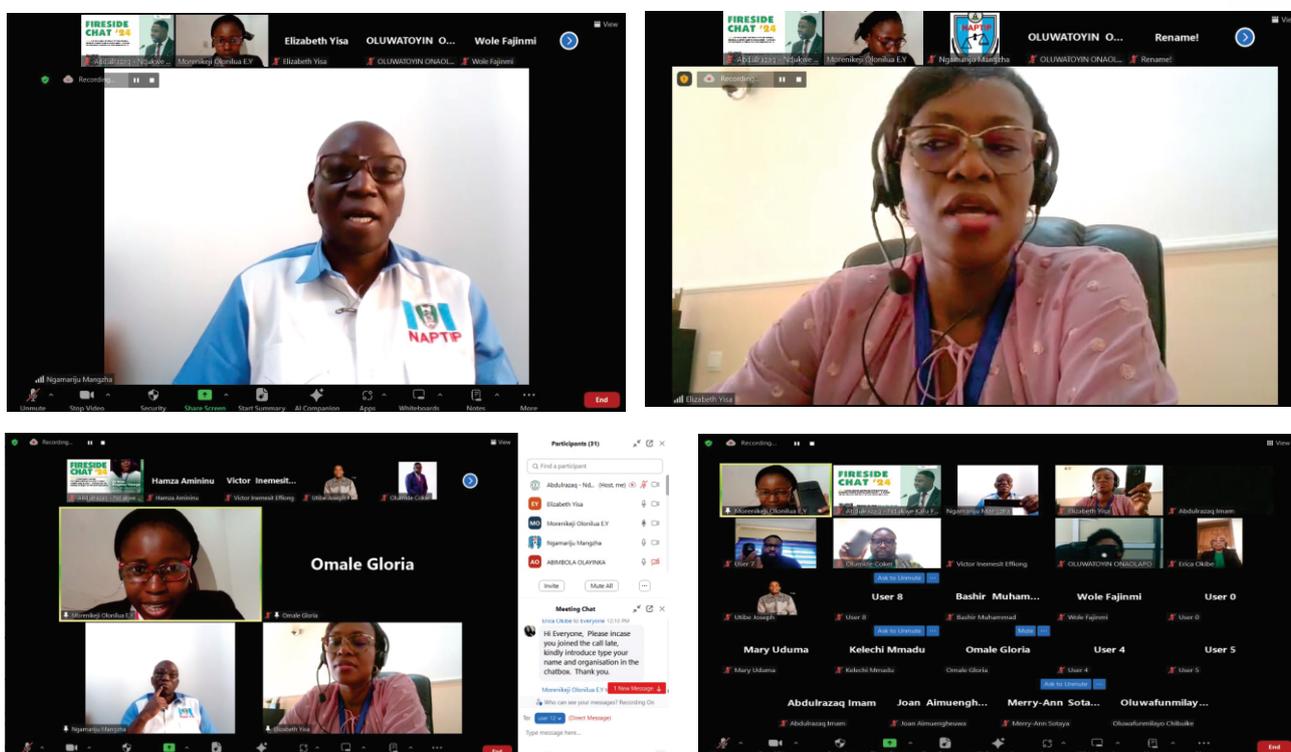


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Key Highlights:

- **Pre-Summit Webinars:** Three sessions were held to assess the progress of recommendations from COSPRA 2023, covering Digital Literacy, Safety & Privacy, and Multi-Stakeholder Responsibilities.
- **Panel Discussions:** Experts engaged in three sessions on:
 - **Rights and Welfare of the Child Online** - The discussion highlighted challenges such as cyberbullying, exploitation, and harmful content exposure, emphasized the need for child-centered policies, digital literacy, and stricter enforcement of protective regulations, and recommended government intervention, industry responsibility, and cross-sector partnerships for a safer online environment.

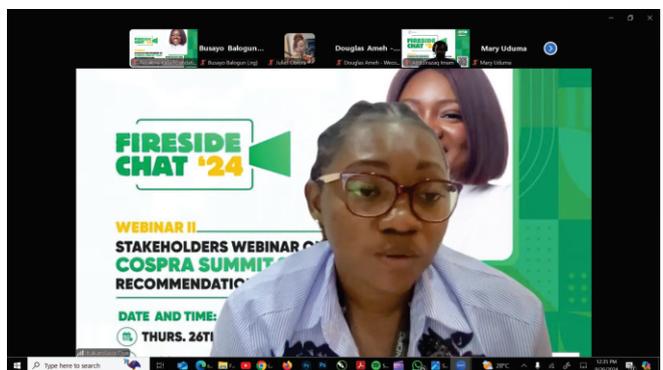
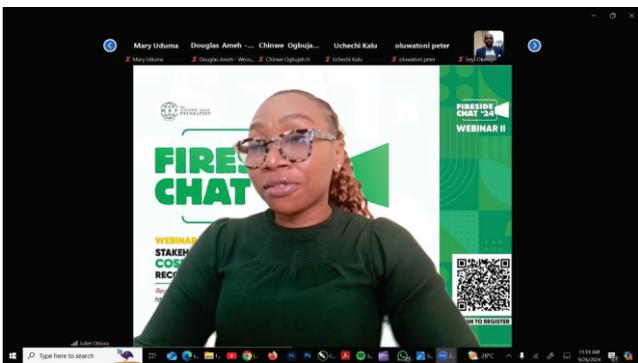


- **Privacy and Data Protection** - The discussion addressed children's data privacy concerns, including personal information collection and processing, called for stricter data protection laws, ethical AI implementation, and improved parental controls, highlighted issues like unauthorized data collection, surveillance, and targeted advertising, and recommended stronger law enforcement, ethical data use, and stakeholder education on responsible data handling.

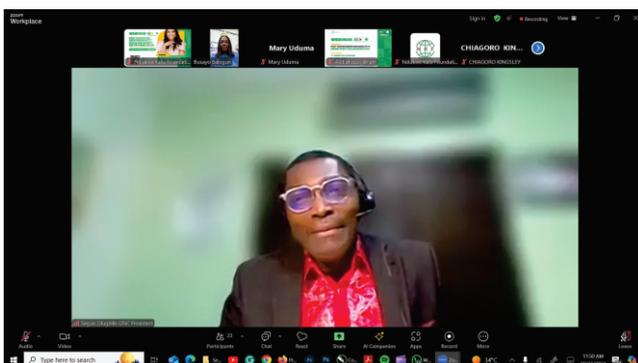
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- **International Collaboration and Regulation** - The discussion emphasized cross-border cooperation to establish universal child online safety standards, highlighted the need for locally developed African solutions to address cultural and contextual challenges, identified issues like enforcement difficulties and capacity gaps, and recommended harmonizing global regulations, strengthening regional collaboration, and sharing best practices.



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- **Teachers Engagement Training:** 40 teachers from 20 schools (private and public) were trained to equip them with tools for protecting students online.



Major Recommendations:

1. Strengthening policy frameworks for child online protection
2. Expanding capacity-building initiatives for teachers and parents
3. Enhancing collaborations between national and international stakeholders
4. Promoting data privacy awareness among children and young internet users

The COSPRA Summit 2024 reinforced NKF's commitment to creating a safer digital space for Nigerian children and will continue expanding its impact through partnerships and advocacy in 2025.

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- **Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) Courtesy Visit to NCC**



The Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) presented an overview of its 2024 programs and 2025 roadmap during a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC). The presentation highlighted key initiatives such as the Child Online Safety, Protection, and Reporting of Abuse (COSPRO) Summit, ICT Knowledge and Entrepreneurship for Youth (ICT-KEY), and DNS Research and Development.

Key achievements in 2024 included hosting the COSPRO Summit with 290+ participants, training 40 teachers from 20 schools, sponsoring IT training for over 900 students, and funding research grants and DNS Hackathon winners. The 2025 roadmap aims to scale up these efforts, with a targeted impact increase in ICT training, partnerships, research grants and DNS initiatives.

NKF also sought NCC's continued subvention support, collaboration in activities and assistance in strengthening digital safety frameworks for children. The visit reinforced NKF's commitment to promoting digital literacy, online safety and an inclusive Internet ecosystem in Nigeria.

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- **Strengthening Collaboration: NKF Meets with NAPTIP on ICT Training Initiatives**



On March 13, 2025, the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) team, represented by Abdurazaq Imam (Programs Officer) and Kelechi Mmadu (Visual Graphic Designer), held a strategic meeting with Muhammed Muhammed (Head of ICT) and Oyegun Osamuyinwen (Liaising Officer) from the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP).

The discussions centered on NAPTIP's annual ICT-targeted training programs, particularly those designed to support victims of online abuse and cyber-related crimes. Mr. Oyegun highlighted NAPTIP's efforts in providing online training and community support for affected individuals.

NKF expressed keen interest in partnering on these initiatives, with Mr. Abdurazaq emphasizing the Foundation's commitment to enhancing capacity-building efforts. He requested NAPTIP's annual training roadmap and budget framework for a detailed review, paving the way for a potential Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

- **NKF Partners with FCT-Secondary Education Board on Student Sensitization Drive**

On March 13, 2025, the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF) team met with the Director of PRS, Alhaji Jiya Madami, at the FCT-Secondary Education Board (SEB) to discuss the Student Sensitization Drive initiative.

The Director commended NKF for its well-structured approach and strong collaboration with the Board, emphasizing the program's potential to create a meaningful impact on students.

The Student Sensitization Drive is a pioneering initiative by NKF that aims to sponsor five schools within COSPRA institutions in Abuja, providing training to at least 100 students in each school.

Attendees included NKF Program Officer Abdurazaq Imam, Visual Graphic Designer Kelechi Mmadu, and SEB representatives Mohammed M. Jiya and James.

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- **Strengthening Community Connectivity: Training Curriculum Review Session**



The Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) successfully hosted a one-day Training Curriculum Review Session for the School of Community-Centered Connectivity Initiative on March 20, 2025, at Stonehedge Hotel, Abuja. The session, supported by the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) through the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), brought together key stakeholders to assess and enhance the curriculum's effectiveness.

Key Outcomes & Recommendations

- **Curriculum Enhancement** – Content should be properly categorized to define areas of intervention.
- **Inclusivity & Representation** – Gender balance should be prioritized in participant selection.
- **Extended Training Duration** – The program could be expanded from two weeks to three or four weeks to improve learning outcomes.
- **Sustainability & Policy Alignment** – Efforts must ensure long-term program viability and compliance with national policies.
- **Stronger Partnerships** – Collaboration with universities, polytechnics, global tech brands, and industry leaders will enhance certification credibility.
- **Digitization & Accessibility** – The online training mechanism should be fully digitized to enable flexible learning.

The event featured contributions from representatives of ActionAid, USPF, TechSocietal, ISOC Nigeria, NiTDA, NiRA, the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF), and the Ministry of Communications, Innovation & Digital Economy, among others. Discussions focused on aligning the curriculum with global best practices, mentorship support, and optimizing training delivery methods.

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- **NITDA: Stakeholders Engagement on the Review and Validation of the Draft National e-Commerce Policy and Strategy (NEPS) Focus Areas To Align and Accomodate the Digital Trade Provision under AfCTA**



The meeting held on the 25th and 26th of March, 2025 with a welcome address by Engr. Salisu Kaka (PhD) who welcomed all participants present online and physical, laying emphasis on the journey so far and delighted on where they have got to. He went on to present an abridged version and further explain that the document was reviewed by GIZ, and other experts around the trade industry. He said the policy document had eight (8) protocol propagate. The event attracted key stakeholders from various multistakeholder groups and he added that the essence of the policy document is to create a one document fits all, and went on to admonish every one at the event to look into the document and provide valuable reviews that might help the final process. He finally welcomed and thanked every one for attending.

In addition, other key participants who shared valuable inputs were Ambassador Olusegun Olugbile, who introduced the National e-Commerce and policy document showcasing the areas of focus, Engr. Yau Garba Isa presented the NEP 1.0: The Policy and Implementation Strategy, AfCTA Digital Trade and its Implication on e-Commerce in Nigeria. The second day of the event included the recaps of the previous day by Mr. Abdullahi Usman FMITI, NEPS 2.0 Overview by Prof. Abiodun Bankole and final validation of the policy document by NACEDE members. The closing remark was given by Dr. Michael Arowosegbe.

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Looking Ahead: 2025 Program Calendar

As we move forward, NKF remains dedicated to creating more opportunities for digital empowerment. Our upcoming programs include:

- **Expanded Student Sensitization Campaigns** – We aim to reach more schools, integrating advanced topics such as AI ethics, cybercrime awareness and emerging tech trends to equip students for the future of work.
- **IT Training Scholarships** – Our upcoming workshops will focus on practical training in cybersecurity, blockchain technology, UI/UX design and cloud computing, preparing young talents for the digital economy.
- **Policy Engagements & Advocacy** – Strengthening collaborations for child online protection at IGF 2025 and beyond. NKF will actively contribute to policy discussions, advocating for stronger online safety regulations and improved digital accessibility.
- **DNS Hackathon 2025 Competition** – Encouraging innovation and problem-solving in the digital space. We plan to introduce more challenge-based competitions in areas such as fintech security, AI-driven solutions and sustainable digital development.
- **Community Development & Digital Inclusion Programs** – Expanding our impact by launching digital literacy programs in underserved communities, ensuring that everyone has access to the opportunities provided by the digital revolution.

A Resolution to Impact More Lives!

This year, we reaffirm our mission to drive positive digital transformation. We invite you—our partners, stakeholders, and supporters—to join us on this journey. Let's make 2025 a year of greater impact together!

We invite you to peruse this newsletter for a detailed look at our activities and achievements. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and should you wish to contribute or learn more about our work, please visit our website on www.nkf.org.ng and do not hesitate to get in touch on [+234-\(0\)705 618 7554](tel:+234-07056187554) or [+234 \(0\)807 147 0048](tel:+234-08071470048) or email info@nkf.org.ng.

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With sincere thanks,

For Ndukwe Kalu Foundation.

Mrs. Nma Mary Uduma,

Chairperson, Ndukwe Kalu Foundation

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