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THEME:

PROTECTING EVERY CHILD IN THE ERA OF AI : BUILDING A SAFE AND TRUSTED DIGITAL FUTURE

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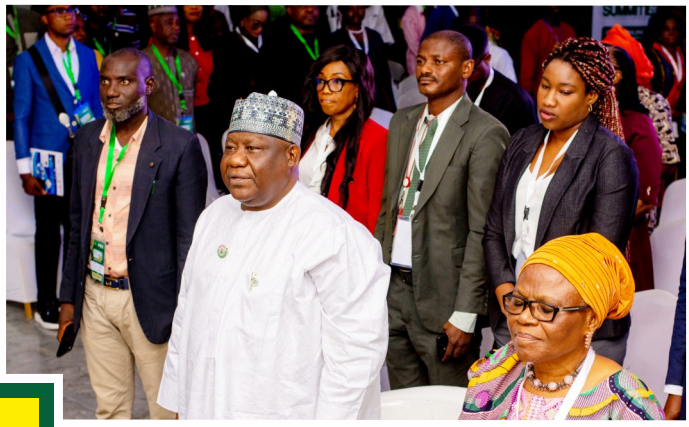
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY









The **2026 COSPRA Summit**, themed "Child Online Safety, Protection and Reporting of Abuse in Nigeria" with the sub-theme "Protecting Every Child in the AI Era: Building a Safe and Trusted Digital Future", featured sessions on: AI and child online safety, Privacy by design and children's data protection, Digital literacy for children and educators, Regional accountability and policy dialogue. The **2026 Child Online Safety, Protection and Reporting of Abuse (COSPRA) Summit,** organised by the **Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF)**, was successfully held under the theme "Child Online Safety, Protection and Reporting of Abuse in Nigeria", with the sub-theme "Protecting Every Child in the AI Era: Building a Safe and Trusted Digital Future."

The Summit brought together key stakeholders from government, the private sector, civil society, academia, technology, child protection, and international development communities to examine emerging risks and opportunities for protecting children in an increasingly AI-driven digital environment.

Discussions and technical sessions focussed on critical areas including AI and child online safety; privacy by design and children's data protection; digital literacy for children, parents and educators; regional accountability; platform responsibility; cross-border enforcement; and safety-by-design approaches. Representatives from key Nigerian institutions, including the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC), and the Nigeria Police Force, contributed to discussions on institutional responsibilities, reporting mechanisms, enforcement, data protection, and collaborative approaches to safeguarding children online. The Summit also provided a platform for broader policy dialogue, bringing international and regional perspectives on platform accountability, emerging technologies, cross-border cooperation, and the need for stronger and more coordinated child online protection frameworks.

A major outcome of the Summit was the development and adoption of the COSPRA 2026 Communiqué and the National Pledge on Child Online Safety, providing a shared framework for stakeholders to translate commitments into practical, measurable, and sustainable actions towards creating a safer and more trusted digital environment for every child in Nigeria. Overall, COSPRA 2026 successfully strengthened stakeholder engagement, elevated the national conversation on child online safety in the AI era, and reinforced the need for sustained collaboration among government, industry, civil society, parents, educators, and children themselves to advance meaningful child online protection in Nigeria.

WELCOME ADDRESS

ERICA OKIBE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NDUKWE KALU FOUNDATION (NKF)





WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NDUKWE KALU FOUNDATION (NKF) ERICA OKIBE, AT THE COSPRA 2026 SUMMIT.

Opening Remarks by the Executive Secretary, Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF), Madam Erica Okibe, welcomed participants to the 2026 Child Online Safety, Protection and Reporting of Abuse in Nigeria (COSPRA) Summit and highlighted the growing urgency of protecting children in the digital environment. In her opening remarks, the ES described child online safety as a national priority, noting that technology is rapidly transforming how children learn, communicate, create and interact. While recognising the opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies, she drew attention to the increasingly sophisticated risks they present to children, including the manipulation of children's images into abusive content, the collection and processing of children's personal data, and the use of technology by online predators to facilitate exploitation.

She stressed that these emerging threats require a shift from general conversations about technology towards a stronger culture of prevention, protection, reporting and accountability. She identified these four areas as interconnected pillars of NKF's approach to child online safety. According to her, prevention requires equipping children, parents, teachers, institutions and communities with the knowledge and tools to recognise and avoid online risks. Protection involves safeguarding children's rights, privacy, dignity and wellbeing whenever they engage with digital platforms. Reporting requires accessible and safe mechanisms through which children and other users can report abuse, while accountability requires institutions and relevant stakeholders to take reports seriously, investigate appropriately and ensure meaningful action. The ES further emphasised that protecting children online goes beyond simply advising them to be cautious. She noted that children must have the confidence to speak about harmful experiences, while parents and teachers need the capacity to respond appropriately. She also called for technology platforms to embrace safety-by-design principles and for relevant institutions to develop the capacity to respond effectively to reports of online abuse. The Executive Secretary also provided context on the Foundation's mandate, explaining that the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation was established by the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) in 2013 in memory of its pioneer President, Engr. Ndukwe Kalu, who played a significant role in Nigeria's efforts to secure its country-code Top-Level Domain, .ng, in 2009. She explained that the Foundation continues this legacy through initiatives focussed on child online safety, youth digital capacity development, digital inclusion, and public awareness of Nigeria's Internet infrastructure and the .ng ecosystem. Within this broader mandate, she described COSPRA as an ongoing platform for advancing a safer, more inclusive and trusted digital environment for Nigerian children.

The ES encouraged participants to move beyond identifying challenges and focus on practical, collaborative solutions. She called for stronger cooperation among government institutions, technology companies, civil society organisations, educators, parents, children and other stakeholders, stressing that no single organisation or sector can address the complexities of child online safety alone. She expressed appreciation to the partners, speakers, government and regulatory institutions, development organisations, educators, advocates, technology companies, media representatives and other stakeholders who participated in the Summit. She noted that their collective engagement was essential to transforming the conversations at COSPRA 2026 into meaningful partnerships and action. The opening remarks therefore established the central objective of COSPRA 2026: to strengthen collective efforts towards a digital environment where every Nigerian child can learn, connect, explore and thrive safely, while ensuring that innovation and digital development are accompanied by protection, responsibility and accountability.

GOODWILL MESSAGES

MS. OBY THERESA ONUORA-OGUNO, REP. DIRECTOR/SECRETARY
FCT SECONDARY EDUCATION BOARD (SEB)



FCT Secondary Education Board Presentation on Artificial Intelligence in Education Representing the FCT Secondary Education Board, Ms. Oby Theresa Onuora-Oguno highlighted the Board's efforts to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital literacy, coding, robotics and computational thinking into secondary education.

She explained that the objective is to ensure that students become not only consumers of technology but also critical users and creators. She outlined key areas of the Board's approach, including teacher capacity building, curriculum integration, partnerships with EdTech organisations, improved infrastructure, AI literacy and the development of AI innovation programmes.

She stressed that teachers must be adequately trained to guide students in the responsible and effective use of AI. The presentation also highlighted the benefits of AI in education, including personalised learning, instant feedback, research, creativity and supporting teachers with lesson planning and administrative tasks. At the same time, the Board recognised challenges such as over-dependence on AI, misinformation, academic cheating and unequal access to digital tools.

To address these concerns, the Board is promoting clear guidelines on acceptable AI use, fact-checking and source verification, responsible prompting, data privacy and the redesign of assessments to encourage critical thinking, creativity, projects and practical learning rather than memorisation.

The Board also emphasised online safety and equitable access, including the need to use safe, education-focused AI tools, protect students' personal data and prevent exposure to inappropriate content. It is further exploring AI innovation clubs and partnerships that can enable students to develop solutions to local challenges.

The presentation concluded with a commitment by the FCT Secondary Education Board to work with schools, parents, technology partners and other stakeholders to ensure that AI serves as a tool for empowerment while protecting students' creativity, character, privacy and well-being.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

MR. ADESOLA AKINSANYA, PRESIDENT
NIGERIAN INTERNET REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION (NiRA)



Goodwill Message by the President, **Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA)**, Mr. Adesola Akinsanya, in his goodwill message at the **2026 Child Online Safety, Protection and Reporting of Abuse in Nigeria (COSPRA) Summit**, commended the **Ndukwe Kalu Foundation (NKF)** for convening stakeholders to address the growing challenges of child safety in the digital environment.

He emphasised that protecting children online requires a coordinated, multi-stakeholder approach, involving government, regulators, technology companies, civil society organisations, educators, parents and Internet infrastructure providers. Mr. Akinsanya highlighted the importance of Nigeria's .ng domain as a key component of the country's digital identity, noting that a secure and resilient Internet infrastructure is fundamental to building trust in the digital environment.

He also referenced the importance of security measures such as DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) in strengthening the security of the Domain Name System. He stressed, however, that technological safeguards alone are not sufficient to protect children. Beyond filters and firewalls, children must be empowered with digital literacy and the knowledge to recognise manipulation, understand online risks and report abuse.

The NiRA President further noted that the rapid development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents both opportunities and emerging risks for children. He called for safety, privacy, accountability and responsible innovation to remain central to the development and deployment of digital technologies. He encouraged stakeholders to move beyond dialogue towards sustained action, capacity building, stronger reporting mechanisms and collaborative solutions that will create a safer, more secured, trusted and inclusive digital environment for Nigerian children.

Mr. Akinsanya reaffirmed NiRA's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote a safe and secured Nigerian Internet ecosystem and wished the COSPRA 2026 Summit a successful and impactful outcome.

GOODWILL MESSAGES



Goodwill Message – NDPC

Representing the **Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC), Ms. Belinda Meribole** emphasised the importance of protecting children's personal data and privacy in an increasingly digital and AI-driven environment.

She highlighted the need for greater data privacy awareness, responsible use of technology and stronger safeguards to protect children from misuse of their personal information and other emerging online risks.

She also stressed the importance of collaboration among parents, schools, government institutions, technology companies and other stakeholders in promoting a safe, secured and privacy-conscious digital environment for children.



Goodwill Message – NAPTIP

Representing NAPTIP, Mr. Hakeem Lawal (Director of ICT & Coordinator of the Cybercrime Response Team at NAPTIP) emphasised the growing use of digital platforms in the exploitation and trafficking of children and other vulnerable persons.

He called for stronger digital awareness, vigilance, effective reporting mechanisms and collaboration among government agencies, schools, parents, technology companies and civil society to prevent online exploitation.

He further stressed the importance of equipping children with the knowledge to recognise online risks, protect their personal information and report suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities.



Goodwill Message – Global Anti-Scam Alliance (GASA)

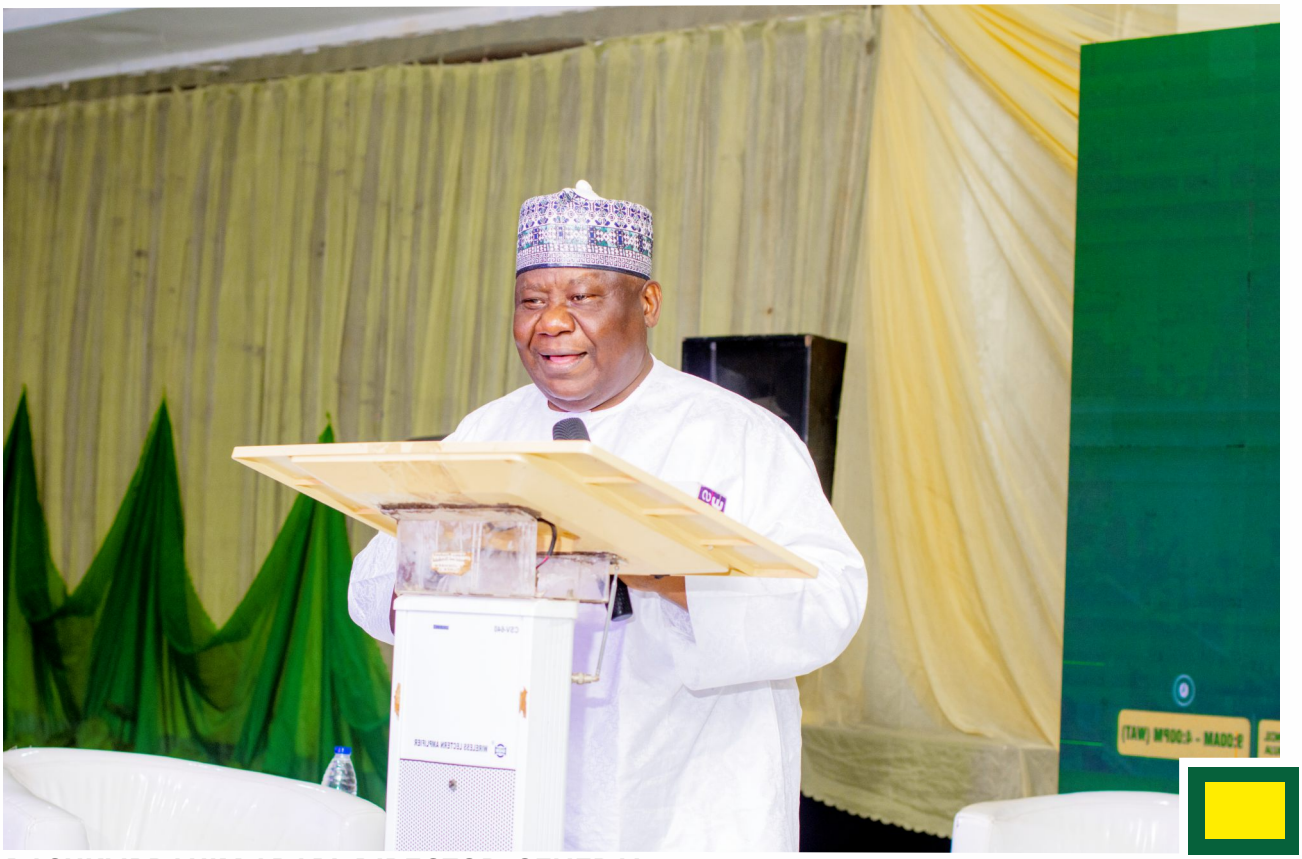
The Executive Director, Global Anti-Scam Alliance (GASA), Ms. Patricia Eromosele emphasised the need for stronger collaboration and awareness to protect children and young people from emerging online threats, scams and digital exploitation.

She highlighted the importance of digital literacy, vigilance, responsible technology use and effective reporting mechanisms, particularly as emerging technologies and AI create new avenues for online manipulation and abuse.

She reaffirmed the importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration in building a safer, more trusted digital environment where children can benefit from technology while being protected from online harm.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

DR. DASUKI IBRAHIM ARABI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL
BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS (BPSR)



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BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS (BPSR)

The Director-General of the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR), Dr. Dasuki I. Arabi, emphasised the need for Nigeria to shift from reactive approaches to proactive strategies in addressing emerging digital threats to children. Delivering his Godwill Meassage at the COSPRA 2026 Summit in Abuja, Dr. Arabi noted that children no longer merely visit the internet but increasingly live and interact within the digital environment. He stressed that ensuring child online safety cannot be the responsibility of parents or any single institution alone, but requires coordinated action involving government, industry, civil society, educators, parents and technology providers.

He explained that BPSR had made Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies a central pillar of public service modernisation, in alignment with the National E-Government Master Plan. According to him, while AI presents significant opportunities for learning, innovation and development, it also creates new avenues for exploitation, cyberbullying and privacy violations, often at unprecedented speed and scale. Referencing data from the United States, Dr. Arabi noted that 58% of children aged 12 to 18 use ChatGPT, compared with 30 per cent of parents, with some children reportedly concealing their use of the technology from their parents.

He said the increasing adoption of AI by young people raises important questions about governance, institutional preparedness and the ability of government to anticipate emerging risks. Dr. Arabi therefore called for a shift from isolated interventions to a coordinated, preventive and child-centred approach to online safety. He stressed the importance of establishing clear reporting pathways, responsive institutions and effective referral mechanisms that ensure that reports of online abuse receive appropriate and timely attention.

He further emphasised the need to embed digital safety within the core of public policies and institutional frameworks. According to him, parents must have confidence that reports of abuse will receive a response, children must be equipped with safe and accessible channels for reporting concerns, and technology providers must recognise that innovation comes with a corresponding responsibility to protect users. His remarks reinforced a central message of COSPRA 2026: that protecting children in the AI era requires institutions to anticipate emerging threats, strengthen coordination and build systems capable of responding effectively to online harm before it escalates.

SPECIAL ADDRESS

MRS. IBUKUN ODUSOTE
CHAIRPERSON, NiRA BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Special Address by the Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA).

The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA), Mrs. Ibukun Odusote, in her special address at the 2026 Child Online Safety, Protection and Reporting of Abuse in Nigeria (COSPRA) Summit, reaffirmed the importance of collective responsibility in creating a safer digital environment for children. Her message underscored the need for stronger collaboration among government institutions, technology stakeholders, civil society organisations, parents, educators and other relevant actors in addressing the growing risks faced by children online.

She emphasised that as Internet use continues to expand among young people, greater attention must be given to online safety awareness, digital literacy, responsible Internet use and effective protection mechanisms. She stressed the importance of equipping children and young people with the knowledge and skills required to identify online risks and make safer choices in the digital environment. Mrs. Odusote also highlighted the need for continued advocacy and awareness initiatives that address emerging forms of online abuse and provide children, parents and other stakeholders with practical guidance on prevention, protection and reporting.

The message further reinforced the importance of strengthening policies, regulatory frameworks and stakeholder cooperation to keep pace with changes in technology and emerging threats, particularly in the era of Artificial Intelligence. She commended the Ndukwe Kalu Foundation for sustaining the COSPRA platform as a multi-stakeholder forum for dialogue, awareness and action on child online safety. She reaffirmed the importance of continued collaboration towards building a digital environment where children can benefit from technology while being protected from abuse, exploitation and other online harms.

The goodwill message reinforced the broader objective of COSPRA 2026: to move beyond awareness towards practical, collaborative and sustainable measures for protecting children and promoting a safe, trusted and inclusive digital future.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE HON. MINISTER OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (HONOURABLE MINISTER, DR. KINGSLEY TOCHUKWU UDEH, SAN) REPRESENTED BY ENGR. DR. PATRICKS OGHUMA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ HEAD, ENGINEERING & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES SERVICES TEAM (SITOPEO-5), FMIST



Keynote Address by the Hon. Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology represented by Engr. Dr. Patricks Oghuma, Deputy Director / Head, Engineering and Emerging Technologies Services Team (SITOPEO - 5), FMIST

The Federal Government, through the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, called for stronger measures to protect children in the digital environment and address emerging online threats associated with the rapid development of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Delivering a keynote address on behalf of the Minister, Dr. Kingsley T. Udeh, SAN, the Deputy Director, Engr. Dr. Patricks Oghuma, stressed that child online safety must be treated as a national priority.

He noted that while the Internet has transformed education, communication, business and social interaction, providing children with access to global learning resources and opportunities to develop digital skills, it has also

He highlighted the growing use of smartphones, tablets, social media and online gaming platforms among children, noting that many young users may not have adequate awareness of the risks associated with these platforms. He therefore emphasised the importance of creating an environment where children feel safe to speak up when they experience abuse or harmful encounters online.

The Ministry called for a coordinated approach involving parents, schools, government institutions, technology companies and security agencies to strengthen child protection mechanisms. Parents and educators were encouraged to promote responsible Internet use, educate children on the importance of protecting sensitive personal information, maintain open communication and make appropriate use of parental controls and other safety tools.

Dr. Oghuma also reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to advancing digital literacy, cybersecurity awareness, the ethical use of emerging technologies and research into indigenous solutions for child protection. He stressed that technological advancement should be accompanied by measures that safeguard users, particularly children.

The Ministry's message reinforced the need for collective action to ensure that children can benefit from the opportunities presented by digital technologies while being adequately protected from emerging online threats.

SESSION I [EXPOSITORY SESSION]





Summary of the Expository Session: AI and Child Online Safety.
The expository session, facilitated by **Douglas Ameh**, explored the opportunities and risks associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI) in relation to child online safety.

The session highlighted how AI is transforming children's learning, communication, and digital experiences while also creating new risks, including cyberbullying, online grooming, exposure to harmful content, data privacy violations, and the misuse of children's images to create manipulated or abusive content.

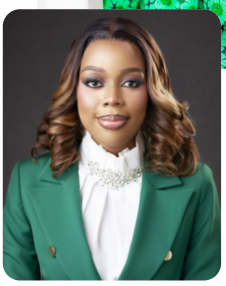
Through visual presentations, pictures, videos, and practical examples, participants gained insights into how AI technologies work, how they can be misused against children, and the importance of recognising potential online threats.

The session emphasised responsible AI use, digital literacy, privacy protection, and the need for children, parents, teachers, technology companies, and relevant institutions to work together to create a safer digital environment.

The session concluded by reinforcing the importance of educating children on responsible digital behaviour, promoting parental guidance and supervision, and strengthening awareness of online safety and reporting mechanisms to protect children in the evolving AI era.

SESSION II [PANEL SESSION I]





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Panel Session I: Privacy by Design — Safeguarding Children's Data in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Summary of the Session The panel session examined the growing importance of protecting children's personal information in an increasingly AI-driven digital environment. Discussions focussed on how children's digital footprints are created through online activities, mobile applications, social media platforms, and AI-powered tools, often without children fully understanding how their information is collected, stored, processed, or shared.

The session highlighted the need for responsible data collection, age-appropriate consent, effective data governance, and the adoption of Privacy by Design principles in the development of digital platforms and AI technologies. Panellists also explored how privacy-enhancing technologies and appropriate regulatory safeguards can help prevent the misuse of children's personal information.

Furthermore, the discussion emphasised the importance of balancing children's privacy rights with the need to report, investigate, and respond to online abuse. It called for stronger collaboration among government regulators, law enforcement agencies, technology companies, parents, educators, and civil society organisations to ensure that children's safety and privacy remain central to digital innovation.

The session reinforced the need to embed child protection and data privacy into the design of digital products and services, rather than treating them as afterthoughts.

SESSION III [PANEL SESSION II]



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NIWIIT, ABUJA CHAPTER

Panel Session II: Digital Literacy for the AI Generation: Equipping Children, Parents, and Educators.

Summary of the Session Panel Session II examined the importance of digital literacy in equipping children, parents, and educators with the knowledge and skills required to navigate an increasingly AI-driven digital environment safely and responsibly.

The discussion highlighted how artificial intelligence is transforming education, communication, and access to information while introducing risks such as cyberbullying, online grooming, misinformation, exposure to inappropriate content, and digital exploitation.

The session emphasised the need to empower children with critical thinking skills, responsible digital habits, and the ability to identify and report online threats. It also underscored the vital roles of parents and teachers in guiding children's online activities, promoting responsible use of AI tools, and creating supportive environments where children can discuss their digital experiences without fear.

Furthermore, the discussion highlighted the importance of integrating digital literacy and online safety education into school curricula, strengthening parental awareness, and encouraging collaboration among educational institutions, government agencies, technology companies, and civil society organisations.

The session concluded by reinforcing that child online protection is a shared responsibility and that equipping children, parents, and educators with relevant digital skills is essential to building a safer, more inclusive, and trusted digital future for every child.

SESSION IV [PANEL SESSION III]





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PARADIGM INITIATIVE

Panel Session III: Beyond Borders: Building Regional Accountability for the African Child Online

Summary of the Session Panel Session III explored the need for stronger regional and cross-border collaboration to protect children in Africa's increasingly interconnected digital environment.

The discussion highlighted how online threats, including child sexual exploitation and abuse, cyberbullying, and the circulation of harmful content, often extend beyond national boundaries, making coordinated responses essential.

The session examined the responsibilities of technology companies and digital platforms in protecting children, promoting transparency, adopting safety-by-design principles, and ensuring effective mechanisms for reporting and responding to online abuse. It also emphasised the importance of cooperation among governments, law enforcement agencies, regulators, civil society organisations, and international partners in strengthening investigations, information sharing, and enforcement across jurisdictions.

Furthermore, the discussion underscored the need for harmonised child online protection policies, stronger regional accountability frameworks, and increased investment in awareness, prevention, and victim support systems across African countries.

The session concluded by emphasising that protecting children online requires collective action beyond national borders. It called for sustained regional partnerships, responsible technology governance, and coordinated enforcement to build a safer, more accountable, and trusted digital environment for every African child.

CONCLUSION



SUMMARY OF COSPRA 2026 SUMMIT SESSIONS
Theme: Protecting Every Child in the AI Era: Building a Safe and Trusted Digital Future.

1. **Expository Session: AI and Child Online Safety — Opportunities, Risks, and Responsible Innovation Facilitated by Douglas Ameh,** the expository session examined the opportunities and risks associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI) in children's digital experiences. It highlighted how AI can support learning, creativity, and educational development while also being misused for cyberbullying, online grooming, misinformation, harmful content generation, and digital exploitation. Through visual presentations, videos, and practical examples, the session raised awareness of potential online threats and promoted responsible AI use, digital literacy, privacy protection, and effective reporting mechanisms. It emphasised the shared responsibility of parents, teachers, technology providers, and relevant institutions in creating a safer digital environment for children.

2. **Panel Session I: Privacy by Design — Safeguarding Children's Data in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**. This session explored the importance of protecting children's personal information in an increasingly AI-driven digital environment. Discussions focussed on children's digital footprints, data collection practices, age-appropriate consent, data governance, privacy-enhancing technologies, and the responsible development of AI-powered platforms. The panel also examined the relationship between data privacy and the reporting of online abuse, emphasising the need for effective safeguards that protect children's rights while enabling appropriate responses to abuse. It called for stronger regulatory oversight and collaboration among government institutions, technology companies, parents, educators, and civil society organisations to ensure that children's privacy and safety are considered from the design stage of digital products and services.

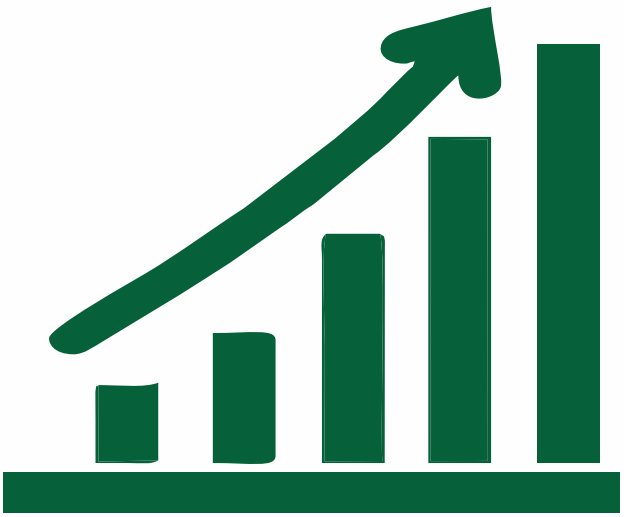
3. **Panel Session II: Digital Literacy for the AI Generation — Equipping Children, Parents, and Educators**. The session examined the importance of equipping children, parents, and educators with the knowledge and practical skills needed to navigate the digital environment safely and responsibly. Discussions highlighted the benefits of AI in education and communication, alongside risks such as cyberbullying, online grooming, misinformation, exposure to inappropriate content, and digital exploitation. The panel emphasised critical thinking, responsible digital behaviour, parental guidance, and the role of teachers in promoting online safety. It also highlighted the need to integrate digital literacy into educational programmes and strengthen collaboration among schools, families, government institutions, technology companies, and civil society organisations. The session reinforced that digital literacy is essential to empowering children to make informed decisions, recognise online threats, and seek help when necessary.

4. **Panel Session III: Beyond Borders — Building Regional Accountability for the African Child Online.** This session explored the need for stronger regional and cross-border cooperation to address online threats affecting children across Africa. Discussions focussed on platform responsibility, network accountability, cross-border enforcement, transparency, and safety-by-design in the age of AI. The panel highlighted the challenges of investigating and responding to online child sexual exploitation and abuse when perpetrators, victims, digital platforms, and evidence may be located in different jurisdictions. It emphasised the importance of cooperation among governments, law enforcement agencies, regulators, technology companies, civil society organisations, and international partners. The session called for stronger regional accountability frameworks, improved information sharing, responsible platform governance, and coordinated enforcement to ensure that children across Africa benefit from a safer and more trusted digital environment.

Conclusion
The COSPRA 2026 Summit sessions collectively highlighted the growing impact of artificial intelligence on child online safety and the urgent need for coordinated action to address emerging digital risks. From responsible AI innovation and children's data privacy to digital literacy and regional accountability, the discussions underscored the importance of prevention, education, effective reporting, and institutional collaboration. The summit reaffirmed that protecting children online is a shared responsibility requiring sustained commitment from government agencies, regulators, technology companies, development partners, educators, parents, civil society organisations, and children themselves. Through stronger partnerships, responsible technology practices, and improved awareness, Nigeria and its regional partners can advance a safer, more inclusive, and trusted digital future for every child.

COSPRA SUMMIT 2026

STATISTICS ATTENDANCE





35 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ABUJA





145 STUDENTS
ACROSS 35 SEC. SCHS. IN ABUJA





53 TEACHERS
ACROSS 35 SEC. SCHS. IN ABUJA





87 VIPs & 42 MDAs


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