

**THE 2007 ngNOG NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ICT'S
AND EDUCATION
23RD – 24TH NOVEMBER 2007**

The 2007 ngNOG Conference- the 6th in the series of National Conference on ICTs and Education- was hosted by the Bayero University Kano (BUK) on November 23-24. It was attended by a cross-section of participants from the private sector and policy makers and donor organizations. The role of ICT policy in research and learning provided a strong underlying theme that was itself derived from the maiden ngNOG workshop track on “Strategic Planning and Network Computing Policies”.

Stimulating and diverse perspectives on the issues were provided in the opening plenary by:

- Dr. Bashir Galadanci - Special Adviser on ICT, Kano State Government.
- Dr. Boubakar Barry - Head of the Research & Education Networking Unit (RENU) of the Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Dr. Kole Shettima – Director, Africa Office, and Co-Chair, Higher Education Initiative, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Prof. Kamilu Fagge – HOD, Political Science, Bayero University Kano
- Dr. Ado Dan-Isa – Bayero University Kano
- Mr. Sunday Folayan – MD, GDES/SKANNET
- Information Connectivity Solutions (ICSL), Lagos
- Prof. Olumide Sunday Adewale- Federal University of Technology, Akure;
and
- Mr. Omo Oaiya – Director, Datasphir

Panel discussions were held on;

- ICT Policy
- Collaboration Frameworks
- Strategic Planning, and
- Appropriate Energy

The Conference concluded that while much had been achieved, there is urgent need to:

- Improve the ICT planning process within HEI's and develop ICT strategic plans as part of the overall institutional strategic plans with appropriate feedback mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation.
- Develop coherent policies to govern the appropriate use and management of our emerging research and education networks with immediate focus on general computing and network services, security, capacity building, procurement and licensing.
- Tackle the perennial power problem and maximize network uptime by long term investment in renewable energy. Development of technical capacity in renewable energy, local standards and guidelines were identified as immediate areas of activity.
- Leverage the platform of collaboration that Nigeria ICT Forum presents in forming consortia for resolution of common issues like the provision of affordable bandwidth, capacity building and software development; and
- Build on output from the ngNOG workshops to define standards and toolkits that would be shared by the community to enhance the planning and policy process in their respective organizations.