



## **eNGO Workshop NIGERIA: Digital Identity of NGOs in Nigeria**

With the advent of new technology, there is a need to empower NGOs with the latest tools to help them scale up for better outcome. There is no second view on why and how Information Communication Technology (ICT) tools, platforms and devices led by web platform can bring positive transformation in processes, mechanism and delivery capacities of NGOs in contemporary times.

With increase in scope of NGOs in Africa to intervene and undertake social and developmental responsibilities, there emerges a challenge for NGOs to escalate and develop their institutional capacities for good result. The expectation of citizens must match with their capacity to deliver on time, with efficiency and transparency. This is largely the need for NGOs in African regions and communities.

Located in West Africa, Nigeria's economy is the second largest in Africa, and the 37th largest in the world. Nigeria is considered to be an emerging market. According to the World Population Prospects the population of Nigeria is about 174 million (174,507,539). According to some confirmed sources of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) there are currently over 45,000 NGOs in Nigeria and majority of them do not have a proper webpage or ICT empowerment.

In African countries, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), representing the development sector, have emerged as the most important pillar of inclusive growth and development across communities. The NGOs are increasingly seen as pro-active and front face of citizen service deliveries and community empowerment, especially in countryside. On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Digital Empowerment Foundation is going to organize an eNGO Workshop in Nigeria. The Chief Guest will be Mr. Amitabh Singhal, Board Member of Public Interest Registry. Programos Foundation will locally partner the event. 105 NGOs are participating in the workshop. Facebook campaign is helping in outreach of activities of various stakeholders.

On 9th November 2013, the Digital Empowerment Foundation and the Public Interest Registry in Collaboration with their African counterpart, the Brains and Vision Youth Group conducted a workshop on "The use of information and communication technologies (ICTs), web tools and the promotion of NGO domain", in Middelburg South Africa. It followed after two successful workshops on the same

theme, held in Kisumu city on 24th of October 2013 and in Mombasa on 24th April 2013. Both workshops were held in Kenya.

The collective efforts of PIR and DEF, since 2010, have brought good results in the eNGO Network and Challenge programme. The vision of the eNGO Challenge is to see that all grassroots organisations are ICT enabled and in turn transform into changing agents of societies and communities they serve. At a wider policy and programme level it is desired that governments and authorities realize the necessity to empower NGOs and other community based organisations with technology skills to serve national development goals and objectives by supplementing and complimenting the role of governments.

**Details of Workshop:**

Date: March 11th 2104

Venue: University of Lagos Guest Houses Conference Center

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