



NDPB
NIGERIA DATA PROTECTION BUREAU



KEY MILESTONES OF THE
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In the last year, we have taken necessary institutional measures to lay the foundation of our bulwark for a sustainable digital economy. These measures are presented in this document:



1. Official Launch of the Core Values, Digital Platform, and Insignia

This was done for the seamless and effective implementation of the NDPR. The event was held on the 5th of April 2022.

2. Awareness Campaign

We have been carrying out strategic awareness campaign across the country. We recalibrated the “Adopt-A-School” Awareness Programme which is now called “Catch – them-Young”. We were able to reach over 3000 students and pupils in about 70 schools with the message of data privacy during the National Privacy Week 2023.

3. Stakeholder Engagement

The Bureau has engaged with over 50 Ministries, Departments, and Agencies for the Accelerated Integration of Public Sector Data Controllers into a Data Privacy and Protection Framework. The Public Institutions include but are not limited to the following:

- The National Assembly
- Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation
- Federal Ministry of Health,
- Central Bank of Nigeria
- Nigeria Police Force
- Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
- National Lottery Regulatory Commission
- Voice of Nigeria
- Federal Competition Consumer and Protection Commission
- National Television Authority

As a result of these engagements, we now have 100% increase in the rate of integration of the public sector into Data Privacy and Protection Framework.

4a. Capacity Building and National Certification on Data Privacy and Protection

Our target is to create a pool of 250,000 globally competitive data privacy and protection experts. We have organized 15 capacity-building programs for members of staff of the Bureau.

Including but not limited to the following:

- i. Huawei Training on Government Cloud Implementation and Data Protection Implementation Regulation.
- ii. Infoprive Training on Data Protection and Data Privacy
- iii. Mastercard Training on Data Protection and Cyber-Security.



4b. Capacity Building for Members of the Federal Public Service

To encourage data protection practices within Federal Government Organizations we have trained officials of the following organizations:

- a) ICT and Cybersecurity Committee of the Senate
- b) ICT and Cybersecurity Committee of the House of Representatives
- c) Federal Ministry of Justice
- d) Nigeria Television Authority
- e) Voice of Nigeria
- f) Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Imo State
- g) Office of the Accountant General of the Federation
- h) Designated Data Protection Officers from over 100 Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

4c. Ongoing Plan for Capacity Building Programme

- a) Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation
- b) Bureau of Public Procurement
- c) Federal Ministry of Health
- d) Nigeria Institute of Transport Technology, Zaria



5. Reinforcement of NDPR Implementation Framework

This was achieved through the following instruments:

a) Federal Government Circular through the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation directing Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to comply with the NDPR.

Circular no: SGF/OP/I/S.3/XII/186 7/11/22

b) Service-wide Guidelines on Personal Information Technology Devices by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation which makes compliance with NDPR obligatory in public service.

Circular no: OHCSF/ICTD/152/I/ dated 16/11/22.

c) Resolution of the 10th Meeting of the National Council on Communications and Digital Economy (NCCDE) which enjoins data controllers and data processors at Federal, State, and Local levels to comply with the NDPR. 9/12/22

d) Memorandum of Understanding with Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and Huawei.

e) Development of a Code of Conduct for Data Protection Compliance Organizations.



6. Drafting of The Nigeria Data Protection Bill 2022

After a rigorous drafting and evaluation exercise, the Nigeria Data Protection Bill was approved by the Federal Executive Council on the 25th of January 2023. It will be transmitted to the National Assembly as an Executive Bill. The Legislature has reiterated its preparedness to pass the Bill into law as soon as possible.

7. Strategic Initiatives and Outcomes:

a) Development of NDPB Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan (NDPB-SRAP 2023-2028).

Our resolve from day one is to follow a road map that is *Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound* (SMART). Thus, we have put in place 5 guiding pillars, namely:

- i. Governance,
- ii. Ecosystem and Technology,
- iii. Capacity Development,
- iv. Cooperation and Collaboration,
- v. Funding and Sustainability.

Each of these pillars have time-bound goals, activities, and outcomes which are carefully crafted to guide the Bureau in the discharge of its mandate.

b) Full automation of the following processes:

- i. Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) Compliance Audit Returns Filing.
- ii. NDPR Complaint Process
- iii. Data Protection Compliance Organizations (DPCOs) Registration and Licensing

c) National Data Protection Adequacy Programme.

This has been designed to create a gradual pathway for organizations in implementing adequate technical and organizational measures of data privacy protection.

Outcome - 400% increase in the enrolment of Data Protection Officers (DPOs) from data controllers and processors across Nigeria.

d) Licensing of Additional 48 Data Protection Compliance Organizations (DPCOs).

With this number, we now have 138 DPCOs. This has boosted the wealth and job creation in the ecosystem. The cumulative revenue of the sector is estimated at 5.5 billion naira and over 9, 500 jobs have been created so far. Similarly, the rate of NDPR Compliance Audit Returns filing increased from 1229 in 2021 to 1,777 in 2022.

e) Investigations.

We are investigating over 110 data controllers and data processors for various degrees of data privacy and protection breaches.

Specifically, the following sets of organizations are being investigated:

- i. Over 100 Digital Lending Companies,
- ii. 4 Commercial Banks,
- iii. 1 Telecommunication Company,
- iv. 1 Gaming and Lottery Company,
- v. 1 Consulting Firm.

8. Next Steps

In this calendar year, the Bureau will accord priority to the following:

- Awareness
- Capacity Building
- Passage of the Nigeria Data Protection Bill
- Development of Sectorial Guidelines
- Collaborations
- Launch of the NDPB Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan, and
- Enforcement of Regulatory, Frameworks and Guidelines.