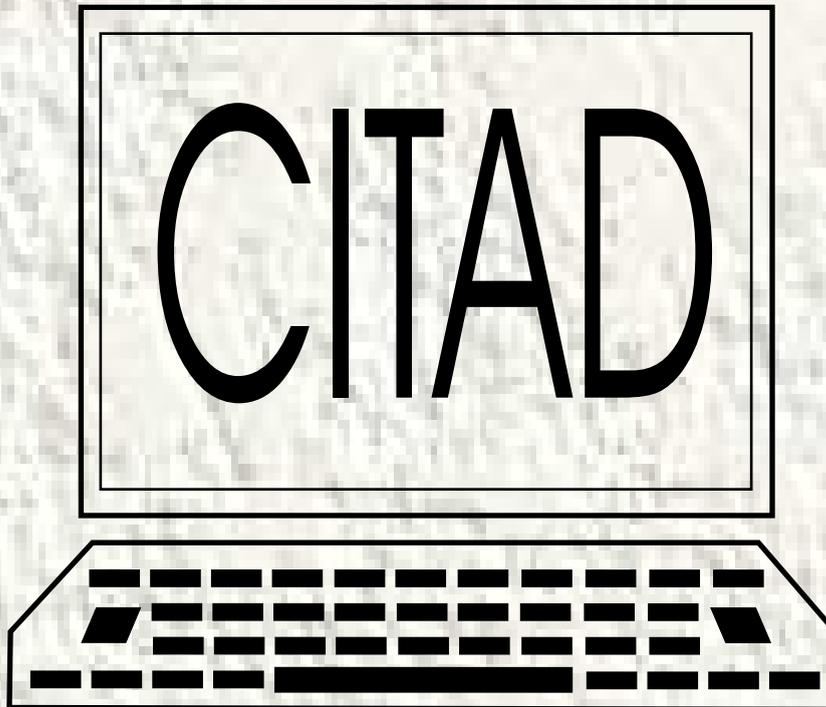

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Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

The year 2011 was an exciting and eventful one for CITAD. For one, it was an election year. This meant that the election-related programming of CITAD had to be expanded. It was also the year that we made push towards institutionalizing our entrepreneurship programme. The election engagements which became crowded at the beginning of the year made it difficult for us to hold our annual planning workshop as usual time we normally held it. Hence for the first quarter of the year we had to carry on adhoc basis until we were eventually able to hold the workshop in May allowing us to set up our programmes and targets for the year.

Among the key outcomes of the workshop was the review of our vision and mission statements. The new vision and mission statements are *A knowledge-based democratic society* and *Using ICTs to empower citizens for a just and knowledge based society that is anchored on sustainable and balanced development* respectively. In line with these newly articulated vision and mission statements, we resolved that all future governance programmes should incorporate ICT components. Another resolution was to expand our entrepreneurship programmes as well as launch our e-mentoring scheme.

Like in the previous years, it was a mixed bag of blessing and disappointments: we were able to achieve some of our targets, failed in some and out rightly abandoned others. With respect to impact it was however clear this had expanded. For example the National IT training for youth for which participants came from 17 states from the north meant that invariably ministries in charge of youth development in those states have come to know and appreciate the work that CITAD does. Similarly the both the Grooming Enterprise Leaders (GEL) programme and the governance accountability project in Bauchi state were very instrumental in promoting the visibility of the organization. In terms of volume of activities also, CITAD recorded increase. However in terms of institutional support we did very poorly.

Again we had to abandon our plan for a national ICT quiz competition even after organizing three successful state level one and were in discussion with three other states to start the competition there.

Like in the previous years, these modest achievements and successes were made possible by the commitment and dedication of our members, both volunteers and staff, as well as the support, cooperation and understanding we have received from different organizations within and outside the country. We thank them for this and look forward to an even a more elevated platform for cooperation, support and collaboration in the coming years.

1. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

i. National IT Training Programme

As part of its youth development agenda, the Federal Ministry of Youth Development in conjunction with the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) conducted a one-week IT-based Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Youth from 17 states and the Federal Capital Territory at the Kano University of Science and Technology (KUST), Wudil Kano State. The objectives of the training which held from 9th to 16th, January 2011 were among others, to train youth development officers on IT-based youth development programme and develop the entrepreneurship ability of the youth.

The training programme for the 190 participants consisted of the following Modules namely Windows 7, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Internet Utilization and Entrepreneurship. In addition as youth development problem, it also included sporting and cultural activities.

Although actual training commenced on Monday, 10th January, 2011, the formal opening ceremony for the programme was held on Tuesday, 11th January, 2011. The event held at the main auditorium of the University. The programme which was facilitated by the head of the Public Relation Unit of the University started with the introduction of Guests at the high table, followed by an opening prayer.

The Vice Chancellor of the University who was attending a meeting of the Association of African Vice Chancellors was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dr. M. T. Yakasai, along with all the Management team of the University. In his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation for the selection of the university to host the training. He said that although a relatively young university but has already made some impressive achievements particularly in the area of IT training. He revealed for example that in the last two national computer Science competitions the university came second and first respectively and now it was holding the National Trophy for the Best Student Software Designer. He assured the participants of a conducive atmosphere and good systems with which to train. He also revealed that this was not the first time the university was collaboration with CITAD. Many of the academic staff of the university, including the former and current Deputy Vice Chancellors were trained by CITAD under a special training programme entitled ICT for Academic Purposes.



State Representatives, KUST Staff During the opening Ceremony



Youth from 17 States at the opening Ceremony

The representative of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth Development, Mr. Peter A. Attabor then read the welcome speech of the Permanent Secretary, giving the background of the programme and its objectives. This was followed by Remarks on the nature of the Programme by the Executive Director of CITAD Hon. Minister, Ministry of Youth Development, Senator Akilabi Olanikanmi, who was represented by Dr. Isa Baba, a Director in the Ministry then read his speech, giving the rationale of the programme and what was expected out of the programme. He traced the idea of the IT training to an earlier joint effort between the Ministry, Microsoft Corporation and CITAD which resulted in a two-week training of trainers for youth development officers from the Ministry as well as the states of the federation. He said that at the end of the programme which held in May at the Digital Bridge Institute, Abuja, the Ministry, realized the importance of the programme, decided to step it down for all the states of the federation, giving birth to this particular programme. He disclosed that other ICT-based programme that the ministry was considering included an e-mentoring scheme which would match youth people with experienced mentors across the country using an ICT-platform for the youth mentees to acquire business knowledge, skills and networks on their way to becoming successful entrepreneurs.



Youth Participants during the IT Training

As part of the Programme arrangements were made to visit forum places however because of time constraint this reduced to only two places. The two places were selected for their education value. These were the Kano State ICT Park which the state government has invested in the building and setting up of a work class technology enclave that would generate thousands of jobs especially for youth and the Kano Museum which provides a tour course on the history of Kano and the culture of its people. The excursion which took place on Friday (instead of Saturday as planned in the programme) was escorted by the officers and men of the Road Safety Corps).



Youth at the Kano State ICT Park

At the Kano State ICT Park the participants were received by the officials of the Kano State Ministry of Science and Technology led by its Permanent Secretary as well as the Special Senior Assistant to the Kano State Governor on ICT, Malam Salisu Abdullahi. The Special Adviser, Malam Salisu Abdullahi then formally introduced members of the Kano ICT Park Project Team, including the ICT Park Consultant (who happened to be the Director of CITAD) and briefed the participants on the project, its objectives, significance and the state of the completion. He then entertained questions from the youth after which they were taken round the various section of the project. At the Kano State Museum the youth were taken to various parts of the museum where the guides explained different aspects of the history and culture of Kano State.

A Gala Night was held on Friday, 14th January 2011. Prior to the event, CITAD had asked members of each of the participating teams that were interested in making cultural presentation to indicate interest and if they needed some cultural costumes to also specify them so that these could be procured. Some of the states did and CITAD procured the costumes while other said that they were going to give impromptu performance and would not need any special costumes. The event held at the Main Auditorium from 9:00pm. It featured speeches and cultural dances from both Kano State based cultural Group (the Koroso dancers) as well by the states contingents. The event lasted 12 mid night. Following the Gala night certificates of participation were distributed to the participants in the morning.



Mr. Peter A. Attabor reading a welcome speech of the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Youth Development

II. Training at the Centre

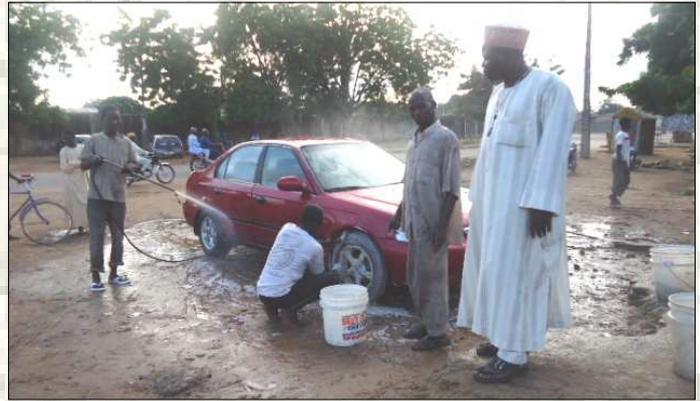
The training at the centre has remained its flagship. During the year a total of 81 people were trained for various programs as follows.

S/N	SET	NUMBER
1.	WEEKEND AFTERNOON , FEBRUARY/MARCH SESSION, 2011	17
2.	REGULAR AFTERNOON , FEBRUARY/MARCH SESSION, 2011	16
3.	REGULAR MORNING , MARCH/APRIL SESSION, 2011	20
4.	REGULAR MORNING , AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SESSION, 2011	13
5.	WEEKEND AFTERNOON , SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SESSION, 2011	15
6.	TOTAL	81

iii. TRAINING FOR CBOS

During the year CITAD introduced a special programme on request for members of CBOs. This training which lasts for month for each group covering four modules, namely Computer Appreciation Windows, Word and Internet Applications. Members of eight CBOs in Kano took advantage of the programme with total a combined number of 82 beneficiaries for the programme. The CBOs were: -

1. Danladi Nasidi Youth Development, Kumbotso Local Government
2. Gyadi-Gyadi Youth Development, Tarauni Local Government
3. Yakasai Youth Forum, Kano Municipal Local Government
4. Dorayi Karama Youth Development, Gwale Local Government
5. Kofar mata Youth Association,, Dala Local Government
6. K/Naisa Youth Forum, Gwale Local Government
7. Sheka Bustop Youth Association, Kumbotso Local Government
8. Al-Ihsan Dev Association, Tarauni Local



A GEL Participant in his Workshop at Azare



Another GEL Participant's workshop

iv. TRAINING FOR JOURNALISTS

The Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) in conjunction with the management of the Bauchi Television Authority (BATV) organized a four-day training workshop on ICT for Media Professionals. The workshop was held from 25th to 28th October at the Iya Abubakar Community Resource Centre, State Library, Bauchi, was aimed at enhancing the capacity of media professionals to utilise ICTs for their professional work. *The specific objectives of the programme are:*

1. *Expose the participants to various new ICT tools for media work that would enhance their professional competence*
2. *Enhance the skills of the participants in the use of ICTs*
3. *Introduce the participants to new media businesses using ICTs*

Participants, numbering 32 were drawn from the various departments and sections of the television station. The opening ceremony, which held on Tuesday, 25th October was chaired by the Bauchi State Head of Service, Mr. Abdon D. Jin, represented by Permanent Secretary, Alhaji Waziri Yahaya Jalam. The Guests of Honour were the Chief press Secretary to the Bauchi State Governor, Mr. Ishola Michael and heads of other media organizations in the state. The Managing Director of Bauchi Television Authority, Alhaji Ibrahim Idris Shal in his welcome remarks said that his management pays premium on staff capacity development and that was why it decided to partner with CITAD to roll out this training. He disclosed that other programmes have also been lined up to further update the skills of the workers. The Executive Director of CITAD, Y. Z. Ya'u provided briefing on the objectives and nature of the programme, stressing that this was meant to introduce participants to various new skills to enhance their professional development. The keynote address on the importance of ICT to media work was delivered by the Hon Commissioner of Information, Alhaji Umar Saleh.

Goodwill messages were also offered by several others, including the Chief press Secretary to the Bauchi State Governor. The chairman of the occasion said that his office was ready to work with the Bauchi Television to improve the skills of its staff.

The training programme consisted of five modules. Module 1 which was introduction to ICTs was facilitated by Ahmed A. Yakasai. This dealt with understanding of the concept of ICTs and its various dimensions and as well as some of the ways they impact on media practice. Module two was on social media and social networking and facilitated by Bashir Muzakkari who took the participants through the evolution of social media and social networking, noting the differences between the two and interactively demonstrated the various uses of both social media and social networking. Many of the participants have some familiarity with this aspect of the training. Module three was on Online Tools for Journalists and facilitated by Engr Kamaludden Umar. This covered topics such as Online document storage (from the storage of video clips and other documents), advanced search techniques for information sourcing and background research on covered topics, online document translation (to speed up news processing) and ICTs tools for interviews and surveys. The fifth module dealing with basic ICTs skills (covering advanced word processing and PowerPoint presentation) was facilitated by Isyaku Garba. Sufyan Jamil facilitated the last session on Editing Processes (dealing with video, voice and graphics). This turned out to be the most engaging module.



Cross Section of High Table at the Opening Ceremony of a Four-day training workshop on ICT for Media Professionals held at the Iya Abubakar Community Resource Centre, State Library, Bauchi State.

On the afternoon of the final day, a short closing ceremony was done during which certificates were distributed to participants. Barrister Haruna D. Mohammed, the BaTV Company Secretary who represented the Managing Director expressed appreciation of the management and staff of the corporation to CITAD for the kind of training they got. Also speaking in the same vein, Malam Ibrahim Sani, Director News said that this was an eye opener and hoped that CITAD would not get tired of request from the organization. The ED of CITAD in his own remarks thanked all the participants who showed a remarkable commitment to learning, and to the facilitators who shared their knowledge and skills with the participants. He also thanked the management of the Bauchi State Television for agreeing to partner with CITAD in this programme and disclosed that CITAD was ready to partner in other areas of ICT capacity building with the Bauchi Television as well as other sister media organizations in the state.

2. GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

i. Voter Registration Monitoring Programme

Towards the end of 2010 CITAD had partnered with Alliance for Credible Elections (ACE) in recruiting and training of observers to observe the 2011 voter registration exercise. CITAD had responsibility in three states namely Bauchi, Jigawa and Kano. The voter registration exercise began in mid January. The observers were trained in December last year. CITAD mobilized and trained observers in Kano, Jigawa and Bauchi States and observed the registration through January and early February. The reports of the observation from these states were consolidated into a national report and published by ACE.



Participants at the Voters Registration Observation Training

ii. SRIP Projects

The two projects, Mainstreaming Anticorruption Campaign in Public Consciousness in the Local Governments Level and Promoting Citizens Participation in Budget Making in Jigawa and Kano States respectively that the **Support to Reforming Institutions Programme (SRIP)** of the European Union (EU) supported CITAD came to a close during the early part of the year. The outstanding activities conducted in the year were:

- a. Final Evaluation Meeting in Malam Madori: on 30th January a project evaluation meeting was held for the Mainstreaming Anticorruption Campaign in Public Consciousness in the Local Governments Level in Malam Madori in Jigawa State.



Malam Isyaku Garba Facilitating a Section during CBO's Training on Anti Corruption



Malam M.M Yusuf Facilitating a Section at Citizens Participation in Budget Process (CBO's Training)

- b. Final Evaluation Meeting in Gaya: the Evaluation meeting for the Promoting Citizens Participation in Budget Making in Kano States was held also on 29th January in Gaya, Gaya Local Government.
- c. Phone in radio programme with representatives of the CBOs on Radio Jigawa: This was a one-hour.
- d. Placement of Communiqué in newspaper: the Communiqué drawn at the Gaya Evaluation meeting was translated into Hausa and placed as an advert in the Aminiyya (a Hausa Newspaper published by the Trust) on 18th February 2011.
- e. Formation of CBO coalition; In Jigawa State the partner CBOs constituted themselves into a Jigawa Civil Society Coalition Against Corruption to continue with the campaign against corruption. They agreed on a constitution and elected an interim leadership and join the Zero Corruption at the national level.



Group Photograph after a 1 Day Capacity Building Workshop for CBO's on Mainstreaming Citizens in Budget process held at Mambayya House, Kano



Group Photograph after a 1 Day Capacity Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Citizens in Budget process held at Takai LGA

iii. NDI Supported Voter Education Programme

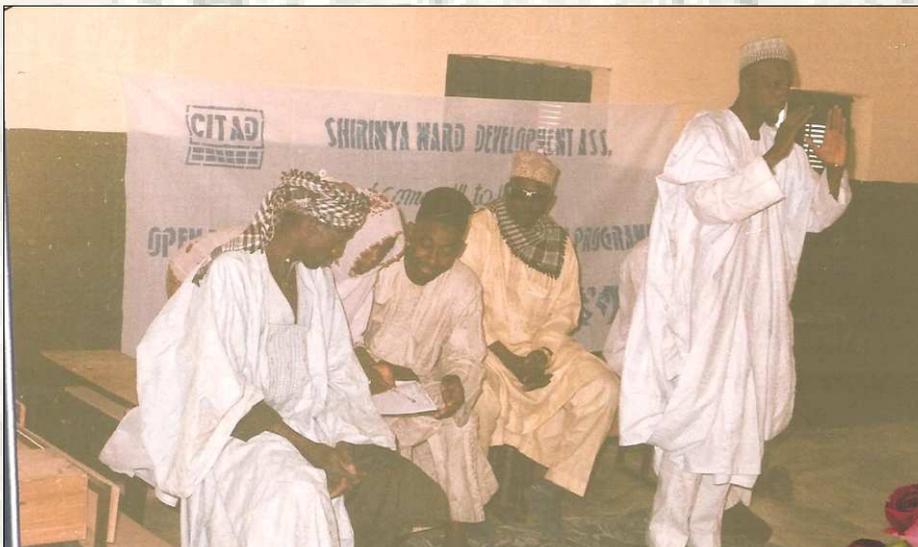
The voter education programme that CITAD was implementing in Bauchi, Jigawa and Kano States with support from the National Democratic Institute (NDI) from 2010 was completed during the early part of the year. The activities conducted during the period included:-

- i. Development and airing of Radio Jingles to sensitize people to register and Vote: three messages were developed and aired over a period of more than one month. Each of the messages reflected the issue at the time. For example for the period of the voter registration, the message was to get the people to go and register as voters. For the verification period the message was for them to check their names on the voters register during the display of the provisional voters' register for claims and objection. The third message was to get out and vote during the election. The messages were aired six times a day, three in Hausa and three times in Fulfulde.

ii. **Interactive Radio Discussion:** the interactive radio programme was meant to both educate and sensitize citizens on the election programme including getting them to register during the voter registration exercise, verify their names on the register and to vote peacefully and in accordance with the law. Each episode had a panel of three to four people, who lead discussion for about 30 minutes on the topic of the day, after which citizens were allowed to phone in and ask questions or make comments. We were able to get INEC to provide one regular panellist at high level for each of the episodes and also at some stage the Police (when the topic was on electoral violence). Overall 16 episodes were made, instead of the eight originally proposed. In some of the episodes, the discussions and listeners' comments and questions were both in Hausa and Fulfulde languages.

iii. **Capacity Building on Voter Education for CBOs:** this was held on 16th February 2011 to train representatives of the partner CBOs on how to conduct voter education forums in their communities. The workshop was facilitated by Dalhtu Yola, a Communication Consultant/Academic from ABU, General Manager of Radio Jigawa, Alhaji Mohammed Garba, Aliyu Hadi, Programme Officer of CITAD, Mal Bala Shitu, the Secretary of INEC, Jigawa State and Isa Garba of CITAD. 24 CBO representatives attended.

iv. **Open Forum Voter Education:** to complement the radio programme trained CBO representatives conducted open voter education forums targeting specific audiences among the hard to reach communities. Twenty-four of such forums were held across the three states targeting Fulani and farmer settlements as well as women in purdah. The CBOs used a variety of methods to get the people to attend, including partnering with Hospital Authorities, Islamiyya Schools for women, traditional rural and heads of communities. Each forum consisted of short presentation on the importance of voting in election to community development, demonstration on how to cast the vote, information about the election time table and then a period for question and answers.



Chairman, V-Chairman and Secretary of Shirinya Ward Development Association together with Imam of Shirinya at the Open Forum Voter Education



Group Photograph, Open Forum Voter Education at Malam Madori, Jigawa State

v. Final Project Evaluation meeting: the Final Evaluation Meeting held on 5th May 2011 at NUJ Hall, Dutse Jigawa State and was attended by representatives of the CBO partners from the three states, representatives of Jigawa State Broadcasting Corporation and members of the Media. Overall, 22 people participated at the meeting, whose objectives were to assess the implementation of the project identify lessons and gains of the project and strategize on how to sustain the gains of the project. The Executive Director of CITAD provided an overview of the implementation of the project while the General Manager of Radio Jigawa detailed the meeting on the implementation of the radio related activities of the project. There after each of the representatives also made report about the activities they implemented, drawing on lessons and gains they saw of the project. The media representatives also made input to the evaluation. At the end of the meeting several lessons and gains were identified and strategies proposed for the sustenance of these gains.

iv. CDD /CITAD Voter Education

In December 2010 the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) invited CITAD to partner in its UNDP supported Voter Education Programme. CITAD was to be implementing partner in Jigawa State. The programme involved the training of CBOs, media and staff of INEC and NOA on the changes made in the Electoral Act as well as convening a town hall meeting on the electoral changes that had been introduced for the 2011 general elections. The training was held on December 20th, 2010 at Kongo Conference Hotel, Zaria, Kaduna State. CITAD mobilized 25 participants. The town hall meeting held at the Conference Hall of Jigawa State Library Dutse on 29th March and was attended by over 250 participants. It was facilitated by Malam Ibrahim Muazzam of Bayero University Kano, Alhaji Mohammed Garba, General Manager of Jigawa State Broadcasting and the Executive Director of CITAD.

v. Pact Nigeria Supported Election Monitoring Programme

In March Pact Nigeria approved an election related grant for CITAD. The grant entitled *Building Confidence in the 2011 Election through Election Observation (Jigawa and Yobe States)* was meant to build capacity of training local election monitor and deploy them to monitor the general elections in Yobe and Jigawa States. The project commenced with two training programmes for 40 people each in the States. The training for Yobe held on 28th March, 2011 at the NUJ Centre, Damaturu while that of Jigawa held on at 30th March, 2011 Dutse. Both programmes were facilitated by Dalhatu Yola, Isyaku Garba and Isa Garba. Following the training, election observer kits and accreditation tags were produced (and others procured from INEC) and given to the observers. The observers were deployed to the field on 2nd and 9th April for the National Assembly election, and on 19 and 26th April for the Presidential and Gubernatorial /state assembly elections respectively. At the end of each election, the observers submitted their checklists and CITAD made a preliminary report after which it addressed press conference in both states on each election. These reports were later consolidated into a national report with contributions from other sister partners who had observed the elections in other states and joint press conference were addressed at Abuja.

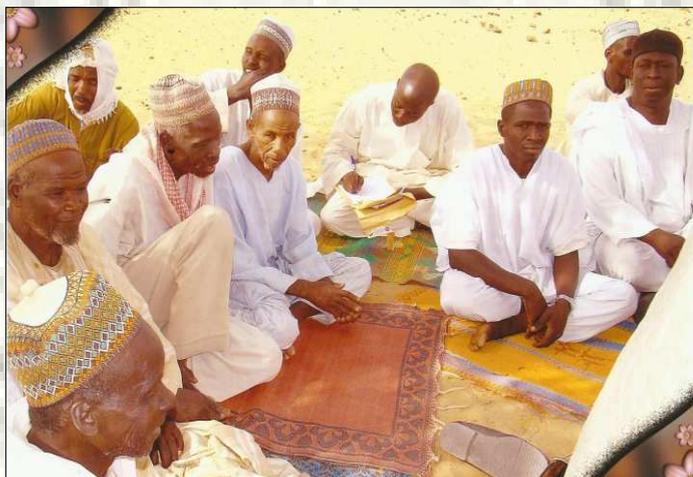
vi. TMG Supported Election Monitoring Programme

CITAD as member of the Transition Monitoring Group (TMG) was involved in the implementation of the three election observation projects of the TMG. These were the Swift Count, the Presidential Election Observation in Selected States and the Crowd Sourcing Platform for the Election Observation that TMG set up. With respect to the Traditional Observation for the presidential Election CITAD had responsibility for coordinating the project in Jigawa State where it mobilized and trained 878 observers. The training held as follows:

- Ringim: 14th April
- Kazuare: 13 April, 2011
- Hadejia: 13 April, 2011
- Dutse: 13 April, 2011
- Birnin Kudu: 14th April
- Birniwa : 14th April

In addition, CITAD also mobilized and facilitated the training of 250 observers in Bauchi State who were deployed to observe the election in the North Senatorial Zone of the State. In Kano State it contributed 150 to the mobilization of the observers.

With respect to the building of the Crowd Sourcing Platform, CITAD contributed both in the development of the platform as well as in the design of the training manual and the actual training of observers to use the platform.



Mal. Sagir Ado of (CITAD) at the Courtesy Visit to the Traditional Rulers of Sumaila during the Mainstreaming Citizens participate in Budget process



Mal. Ali Jarma at the Voter Education organized by CITAD

vii. Pact Supported Procurement Monitoring in Bauchi State

In July CITAD got a grant to carry out a project entitled *Promoting Transparent and Accountable Public Expenditure management through Effective Implementation of the Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility acts in Bauchi State*. The objectives of the project were to contribute to the promotion of transparent and accountable public expenditure management/system in Bauchi State through the effective implementation of the Fiscal Responsibility and Public Procurement Laws as well as enabled independent monitoring of implementation processes by mobilized CSOs and the citizens. The project commenced in August and a number of activities were conducted under it as follows:-

a. **Training of CBOs on Budget Literacy, Advocacy and Community Mobilization:** 20 representatives of CBOs including women associations, youth groups, people with disabilities and others were given training on budget literacy and how to carry out community mobilization and conduct advocacy on specific community development issues. The CBOs came from different local governments of the States.

b. **Training of CBOs on Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility Laws:** 20 CBO representatives were given training on the contents of both the Public Procurement and Fiscal responsibility Laws. Participants were taken through the laws and differences between the federal and state laws were pointed out. Over 80% of the participants were only knowing of the laws for the first time at the training. The CBOs were the same that had earlier attended the training on Budget Literacy Advocacy and Community Mobilization

c. **Training for Media on Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility Laws:** 15 journalists from both print and electronic media were trained on the contents of the public procurement and fiscal responsibility laws. The idea was to enhance the understanding of the journalists about the laws so that they become part of the independent monitoring mechanism for the implementation of the laws while at the same time providing space and time for public enlightenment on the laws and public procurement processes as well as in connecting the public with the processes. At the end of the training the journalists agreed to established a working committee on Public Procurement transparency in the state

d. **Community Forums:** Trained CBOs conducted community forums which served to sensitize the community on the need for them to engage with the budget process through advocacy and other civil engagement processes. 12 of these forums were held in different communities across the state

e. **Baseline Input Generation Meetings:** Second round of community forums were conducted by the CBOs. At these forums the focus was for the participants to identify three key development issues that they could want see reflected in the 2012 budgets of both the state and their respective local governments. Fourteen of such forums plus a special one (focusing on people with disability) were conducted by the partner CBOs across the state.

f. **Training of 20 CBO representatives on the use of new media for reporting:** The trained CBO representatives and some members of the Journalists working group on transparency were given training on ICT and use of social media for networking and information sharing as well as communicating results of monitoring activities. The participants were taken through IT literacy, advanced internet search techniques online documents storage and retrieval, use of handset for sending information to web server, setting up and using online survey questionnaires and generation of analysis, twitter and facebook. At the end of the training members who did not have email and facebook accounts were assisted into registering their accounts and a facebook group was also created for the use of the members for discussion and sharing of ideas and information.



Group Photograph after a 1 Day Capacity Building Workshop on Anti Corruption Campaign, Held at Bababa Hotel, Hadejia, Jigawa State



Cross section of participants Training of CBOs on Budget Literacy, Advocacy and Community Mobilization



Cross Section of Participants at the Opening Ceremony of a four-day training workshop on ICT for Media Professionals, held at the Iya Abubakar Community Resource Centre, State Library, Bauchi, Bauchi State



Group Picture of Participants/Organisers of ICT's & Social Media for Information Sharing

g. Partnership Building Dialogue: To promote better understanding between government officials and civil society organizations, a partnership building dialogue meeting was held on 27th, October, 2011 at Prof Iya Abubakar Community Resource Centre, State Library, Bauchi. This meeting brought together government officials for focal ministries and agencies, representatives of CBOs and journalists. The meeting deliberated on both the need to push for the proper implementation of the public procurement law and to work together as stakeholders in the development of the state

h. Advocacy visits: To press for the implementation of the laws in the state, CITAD and its partners organised under the banner of the Bauchi Coalition for Improvement of Public Expenditure Management (BACIPEM) conducted a series of advocacy visits to various state ministries, agencies and other stakeholders. Ministries visited included Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Education, Women Affairs while agencies visited were Directorate of Due Process, Debt Management Office, the Bauchi Youth and Women Development and Rehabilitation Directorate. Other organizations visited were the Nigeria Union of Journalists, the Bauchi State Television, Bauchi State Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The Emir of Dass and the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor were also visited.

3. RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

i. ICT Survey Report for Jigawa State

As part of our advocacy for ICT Policy development the Jigawa State Government invited CITAD to assist in the ICT policy development for the state. In line with this the State Government through the Office of the Secretary to Government Commissioned State to undertake a comprehensive survey of ICT equipment, facilities and personnel in the state. The report was to provide baseline data for use during the policy development stage. During the year CITAD produced and submitted the report, entitled the Jigawa State ICT Situation 2011.

ii. ICT in Education Policy for Jigawa State

Noting the slowness with which the development of the ICT Policy for Jigawa State was proceeding, the State Commissioner of Education, Science and Technology invited CITAD to draft an ICT in Education Policy for the State. This involved a baseline survey of education institutions in the state to collect statistics relating to ICTs, interactive discussions in various schools and institutions of higher learning in the state as well as both staff and managements of various education agencies under the ministry to harvest their views on ICTs in education and review meeting on the statistics for the stakeholders to validate the data collected. These served as input to the policy development process. A first draft was submitted to the ministry in October after which a series of stakeholders' consultations were held to discuss the draft policy. This generated a better version of the draft which was submitted to another round of validation meetings. The final copy was submitted in December to the ministry. This was subsequently approved by the Ministry and tabled at the State Executive Council Meeting which has since approved the Policy and directed the ministry to commence the implementation of the policy.

4. GEL Programme in North West

In June the Pan African University (PAC), Lagos advertised for partners to implement the Grooming Enterprise Leaders (GEL) that was being supported by the African Development Bank through the Bank of Industry. The aim of the project was to build the capacity of 1000 entrepreneurs to be able to access entrepreneurship facility from the Bank of Industry. CITAD applied and was one of the 34 partners selected and undertook the TOT training in August held in Lagos. After the TOT, CITAD was among the 24 partners selected for implementation of the project which commenced in August. The activities undertaken in the project included:-



Alh. Sagir MD Intersystem Computer Institute Addressing the Participants

a. Regional Consultative Meeting Of Partners: held between 9th-11th, August, 2011 at Kaduna Business School, Kaduna, the objective of the meeting which was attended by all three partners in the region was to develop a common plan of work and budget for the region. The three partners held a series of meetings over a two-day period during which draft proposals on the work plan and budget were discussed and final versions agreed upon.

b. Information Sharing Meeting in Kano: Held on Saturday, 13th August, 2011 at Conference Centre, Mambayya House, Kano participants were small scale businesses and entrepreneurs drawn mainly from members of the NN, Kano, enterprises registered with the Kano State Ministry of Trade and Commerce and the Film Industry in Kano. The objective of the meeting was to sensitize the participants to the GEL Program and solicit for their participation. About 47 people became fully aware of the GEL Programme and understood its processes, requirements and timelines for the project. Commitment was secured from many of the institutional partners to further brief their members and distribute the application forms to those that were not opportuned to attend the meeting.



Mal. Isah Garba of (CITAD Azare) Addressing the participants at the Information Sharing Meeting organized by CITAD in Dutse, Jigawa State



Group Photograph of Participants of Information Sharing Meeting organized by CITAD in Dutse, Jigawa State

c. Information Sharing Meeting in Dutse, Jigawa State: Held on Tuesday, 16th August, 2011 at Committee Room, NUJ Conference Centre, Dutse, participants were small scale businesses and entrepreneurs drawn mainly from members of the Jigawa Chambers of Commerce, various trade associations and other small scale entrepreneurs in the state. About 34 people became fully aware of the GEL Programme and understood its processes, requirements and timelines. Commitments were secured from many of the institutional partners to further brief their members and distribute the application forms to those that were not opportune to attend the meeting.

d. Compilation of Applicants List: over a period lasting between 9th to 18th August, 2011 completed application forms were received from the applicants. These applications were scrutinized and 60 most promising were selected and entered into the required format which was forwarded to GEL Secretariat.

e. Final section of 20 participants: All the 60 shortlisted applicants were of promise. For this reason the GEL Secretariat returned the list to CITAD to interview the applicants and select the best 20. This was done and eventually 20 were selected to benefit from the training for the first phase of the programme.

f. Training: the selected 50 entrepreneurs underwent a four-week training at the Kaduna Business School, Kaduna from 4th October to 19th November. The 20 selected participants from Kano centre joined 30 others from Kaduna and Zaria making up 50 participants from the North West Zone.

g. Debriefing Section: Following the training a debriefing meeting was held with the participants from CITAD on 17th December at CITAD. The purpose of the meeting was to get the participants' assessment of the training and to plan the next steps with them.

GEL Programme in North East

Although CITAD had applied only for the Kano Office the selection committee invited CITAD Bauchi office (and also Jigawa Office as) to joining the 34 prospective partners invited for the training of trainers in Lagos. At the end of the training CITAD-Bauchi was selected among the 24 partner organizations, with responsibility to partner with the Technology Incubation Centre of the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology in Maiduguri to coordinate the GEL Programme in the North East zone of the country. CITAD mobilized participants by holding information sharing meetings in Damaturu, Yobe State, Azare and Bauchi in Bauchi State and Gombe in Gombe State at the end of which 50 participants were selected for the training.

The GEL Training held from 24th October to 17th November at Emerald Hotel, Gombe. It was facilitated by several resource persons including the Executive Director of CITAD

5. ICTs and Youth Programme

In September, a youth group, the Centre for Youth Empowerment and Human Development (CEYHUD) paid a courtesy visit on CITAD. During the visit, the group, led by its president, Nura Ahmad expressed interest in partnering with CITAD in enlightening youths about the uses of ICTs. Responding, the Executive Director of CITAD agreed with their suggestion and invited them to prepare a proposal to that effect. They subsequently did that and submitted a proposal to conduct a one-day workshop on ICTs and Youths. Following a series of meetings between the two organizations the workshop held on 8th October at the Murtala Mohammed Library. Attended by over 50 youths, the workshop was facilitated by three resource persons including Khadija Ismail, Programmes Assistant (Youth and Gender).

6. ICT Equipment for NTA Dutse

Although CITAD has suspended its Computer Refurbishing Scheme due to technical problems it nevertheless assisted NTA Dutse under the Soft Option Scheme of the Ownership Building Programme of CITAD to get computers and printers for its studios and offices

7. Procurement Monitoring

In addition to the major procurement monitoring activity in Bauchi State CITAD has during the year continued to monitor public procurement activities in some federal establishments. These included the Federal College of Education (Technical) Bichi, Hadejia Jamaare River Basin Development Authority, Kano the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), College of Transport Technology, Zaria, Kaduna State, etc



1st CBO's Training on Procurement Monitoring in Bauchi



2nd CBO's PPL and FRL Trining in Bauchi



Executive Director of CITAD Addressing the Participants at the 1st CBO's Training on Procurement Monitoring in Bauchi



Career Talk at GD Special School, Hadejia

8. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

i. Career Talks in Schools

During the year the organization conducted career talks on the computer profession to students of secondary schools in the following schools:

- Career Talk at G.J.S.S Tamburawar Yan Daudu, in Warawa Local Government, Kano State on Tuesday 7th June 2011.
- Career Talk at G.D. (Special) S. Hadejia Jigawa State
- Government Girls Secondary School Mariri, Kumbotso Local Government Area, Kano State.
- Government Junior Secondary School Yartofa, Warawa Local Government Area, Kano State.
- Government Girls Secondary School Madobi, Local Government Area, Kano State.
- Government Secondary School Madobi, Local Government Area, Kano State.



Group Photograph Career Talk GJSS Yan Daudu



Ado Shehu of CITAD at the Voter Education Supported by (NDI)

ii. ICT Quizzes

During the year CITAD planned for more ambitious quiz programme involving a series of state level competition and national round. To make it the competition truly national, CITAD put up an advert in Daily Trust (Thursday 9th June 2011) inviting participation in the programme. It also developed plans for the mobilization of prizes and sponsorship. One of the organizations that CITAD approached was the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) which instead of supporting CITAD decided to organize the national competition by itself. This made CITAD to step down and conducted only state levels competition in three states namely Bauchi, Jigawa and Kano.

Bauchi Quiz

The Bauchi 2nd Annual ICT Quiz was successfully conducted on Wednesday 28th, September 2011 at Government Girls Secondary School Azare, Bauchi. The ICT competition witnessed the attendance of Dr. Shehu Mahdi, Magajin Garin Katagun who chaired the occasion and Alhaji Salisu Muhammad, Director Statistics, Information and communication Technology (ICT) who represented the Honourable commissioner Ministry of Education Bauchi State and many other Senior Secondary Schools representatives.

Thirteen senior secondary Schools from all part of Bauchi State participated in the quiz and battled to emerge as winners of the prestigious ICT competition.

Dr. Shehu Mahdi, the Chairman of the occasion expressed his satisfaction for the organisers of the quiz and thanked them for their effort towards promoting ICT knowledge in the nation. Magajin Garin Katagun viewed the ICT competition as one of the greatest innovations that focus on promoting ICT knowledge which has now become compulsory upon this generation. Dr. Mahdi viewed this generation as *Western Generation* that can not do without computers and therefore urged them to use the experience gain from the quiz as a stepping stone for future knowledge acquisition.



Participated (School) at the Bauchi 2nd Annual ICT Quiz



Cross Session of Participated (School) at the Bauchi 2nd Annual ICT Quiz

On his part Alhaji Salisu Muhammad, the Director of Statistics and ICT lamented that ICT was the future and the students should be grateful to Allah Almighty because they are born in an age of computer where every aspect of human life could be obtained. He further urged students to make positive use of the ICT. The Director also said the Ministry intended to sponsor the ICT quiz but due to hot political situation in the state the sponsorship has to be postponed. "But I am hoping in the near future the Ministry sponsor of the ICT competition in Bauchi State" The Director stated.

In his welcome remark, Mallam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai who represented CITAD, said ICT was viewed as the backbone of human society and he urged students to cultivate reading habits and put into practice whatever knowledge they obtain especially with regard to ICT as this was the only way they could compete with the ICT changing trend brought in our society.

The competition was considered more exciting than the previous edition because it hosted thirteen senior secondary schools while the previous edition had only nine senior secondary schools. The participating schools this year were: *Wabi Academy, Bauchi, Government Day Senior Secondary School, Azare; Government Day Technical College, Jama are; Government Arabic College, Jama are, Government Secondary School Itas, General Hassan Usman Katsina Unity College, Bauchi; Government Technical College, Gadau, Government Girls College, Toro; Government Day Senior Secondary School A/B Bauchi, GCDSSA and GCDSS B/H GG*

Four interesting rounds were held at the end of which five schools emerged as finalists. To determine the winners another round was conducted and at the end GCDSS Bauchi prevailed with Ten Points making it the first school in the history of the ICT competition to answer all its question in each round of the quiz, General Hassan Usman Katsina Unity College, Bauchi won the second position with a total number of Eight Points, having lost Two Points at the end of the Fifth Round, Government Arabic College Jamaare took the Third Position.

As usual there were eight prizes lined up for the winning schools, their teachers and the contestants. These prizes as well as the winners were as follows: First Place, Website Hosting for the school and free training for two teachers of the school who are expected to be maintaining and managing the website. This prize was donated by CITAD and won by GCDSS Bauchi and was presented to the School by Alhaji Salisu Muhammad, Director Statistic and ICT. A refurbished Desktop and Sound System (Speakers) were presented as the second prize to General Hassan Usman Katsina Unity College, Bauchi by Alhaji Salisu Muhammad. This prize was donated by Hajiya Sa'adatu Mahdi, the National Coordinator Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA). The Third Place Prize, a Refurbish Desktop also donated by Hajiya Sa'adatu Mahdi went to Government Arabic College Jama'are. This prize was presented to the school by Mallam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai, the quiz master.

Another prize was a Television Set as the prize of the Best Performing Student, donated by Kitabu Transportation, Azare. Hajara Abubakar of Government Girls Secondary Schools Bauchi won this prize which was presented to her by Mallam Ahmad A. Yakasai. Next was the prize for the Overall Performing Student, a Brand New Printer donated by Alhaji Shehu A. Wadaji, former aspirant for the position of Federal House of Representatives under P.D.P. This prize went to Sulaiman A. Adamu of Government Arabic College, Jama'are.

In addition, a Radio Stereo Set donated by CITAD as the prize of the Teacher of the Best Performing School went to Mr. Emmanuel Ofor of General Hassan Usman Katsina Unity College, Bauchi and presented to him by Alhaji Salisu Muhammad.

The prize for the Teacher of the First Runner Up school, a Wall Clock donated by CITAD went to Mallam Lawan Babaji of General Hassan Usman Katsina Unity College, Bauchi and that of the Teacher of the Second Runner Up School, a Wall Clock also donated by CITAD went to Mallam Aminu Muhammad of Government Arabic College, Jama'are

At the end of the occasion, Mallam Abubakar Magaji of Government Arabic College Jama'are called on Bauchi State Government to support the ICT Competition by offering donations and being present whenever the quiz is taking place. He expressed satisfaction over the effort CITAD has been making over the years in advocating ICT knowledge.

The quiz master, Ahmad Yakasai in his vote of thanks commended all the schools that participate in the quiz and congratulates the three winning schools that are expected to represent Bauchi State at National ICT quiz. Ahmad urged the schools to work hard so that they could win the National ICT scheduled to take place at Digital Bridge Institute, Kano Campus. Yakasai expressed gratitude on behalf of CITAD to Dr. Shehu Mahdi, Wanban Katagum, Alhaji Salisu Muhammad, Ministry of Education, Kitabu Transportation Limited, Hajiya Sa'adatu Mahdi, Alhaji Shehu A. Wadaji, Representatives of Schools, Teachers, Students and every one who contributed to the success of the occasion.



Cross section of Participants at the Bauchi 2nd Annual ICT Quiz



Second Runner up School Receiving Desktop Computer



Best Female Participant Receiving Her TV Set

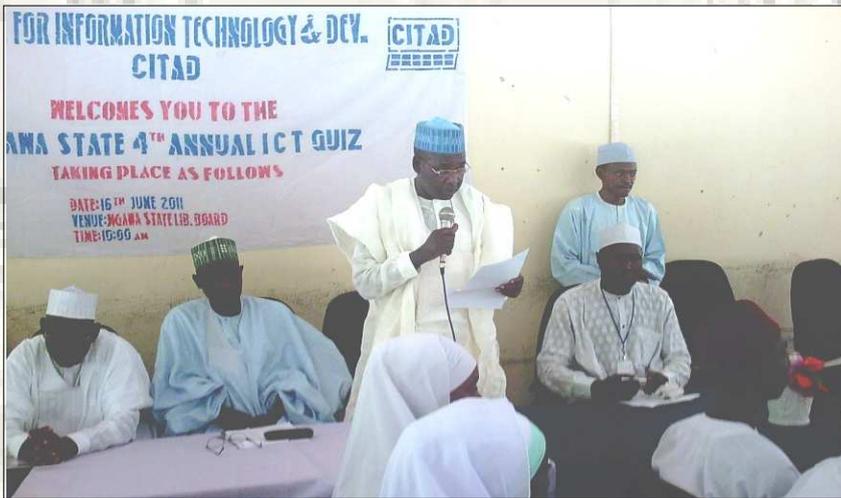


Jigawa Quiz

The Centre for Information Technology and Development, CITAD conducted its Fourth Jigawa State ICT Quiz for Secondary Schools on Thursday, 16th June 2011 at State Library in Dutse. The event witnessed the attendance of high ranking officers of the state civil service and prominent individuals. In attendance were Malam Hussaini Ayuba, Deputy Director, Ministry of Education, Alh. Idris Isah, a representative of the General Manager, Nigerian Television Authority, NTA, Dutse, Ibrahim Dabo, Ministry of Information, and Alh. Ismatu Babangida, of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology among other distinguished personalities.

The ICT competition hosted nine Senior Secondary Schools and Eighteen contestants struggle to emerge winners of the fourth ICT quiz.

In his opening remark the Chairman of the occasion, Alh. Hussaini Ayuba, Deputy Director, Ministry of Education and Science Technology, commended CITAD for its tireless effort in the promotion of ICT knowledge in Jigawa State, as this was the fourth ICT Quiz CITAD conducted in the State. Alh. Ayuba emphasized the significant of ICT in modern society and urged the contestants as well as the others to put more effort towards acquiring ICT knowledge.



Alh. Hussan Ayuba (DD MOES & T) Jigawa Making a Remarks at the 4th Jigawa Annual ICT Quiz



Cross Section Participants During the 4th Jigawa Annual ICT Quiz

In addition, he expressed the readiness of the Jigawa State government to engaged and support any program that facilitates ICT knowledge. According to the Deputy Director, some social problems our society faces can be solved with acquisition of ICT knowledge. He cited example with unemployment a problem that could be reduced if computer knowledge is provided.

Earlier, Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai, the Quiz Master in his welcome remarks on behalf of CITAD, read the ICT Quiz proceedings to the contestants and declared the Quiz open at 12:45 noon.

The competition with nine senior secondary schools in contest was described by spectators as very exciting. The nine schools that participated in the quiz were: Government College Birnin Kudu, Science Senior Secondary School Lautai, Government Senior Secondary School, Hadejia Fantai, Government Senior Secondary School, Roni, Government Girls Senior Secondary School Kazaure, Government Senior Secondary School, Kazaure, Government Girls Unity Senior Secondary School, Gwaram, Dutse Model International Senior Secondary School and Government Science Technical College Hadejia.

The competition held three interesting rounds. In the final round of the quiz, six finalists competed to emerge as winners of the prestigious ICT quiz but it was Dutse International Secondary School that prevailed with Eight Points ahead of Government Science Technical College Hadejia which had Six Points and ended up winning second place, while Government Senior Secondary School, Kazaure came third with Four Points.

As it is the tradition of the ICT competition, eight prizes were line up for the participating schools and their teachers: These prizes as well as the winners were as follows: First place, a Brand New Computer, donated by the Ministry of Education Science and Technology was taken by Dutse Model International Secondary School, and presented to the School by the Chairman of the occasion, Alh. Babangida Ismatu, Second place, also a Brand New Computer, donated by the Office of the Secretary to the Jigawa State, and won by Government Science Technical College Hadejia which was presented to the School by Alh. Idris Isah, a representative of the General Manager, Nigerian Television Authority, NTA, Dutse, and the Third place prize a three in one printer, donated by the Jigawa State Ministry of Ministry of Information went to the Government Senior Secondary School Kazaure. The prize was presented to the school by Ibrahim Dabo, Ministry of Information, Jigawa State.

A Television Set as the prize for the Best Performing Student donated by Alh. Kiri M. Shaaibu, Executive Secretary, Jigawa State Contributory Pension Scheme, won by Yusuf Nuhu of Government College Birnin Kudu while Halima M. Lawan of Dutse Model International Secondary School won the prize for the Best Female Performing Students, a stereo Radio Set, donated by CITAD.

In addition the prize for the Teacher of the Best Performing School a scanner donated by Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) Jigawa Branch went Mr. Aniedu Ndaruke of the Dutse Model International Secondary School. The prize of the Teacher of the First and Second Runner up Schools, a Wall Clock each donated by CITAD went to Malam Haruna Idris of Government Science Technical College Hadejia and Malam Sha' aibu Umar of Government Secondary School Kazaure.

The three winning schools will now represent Jigawa State in the National ICT Quiz that will hold in August later this year at the Digital Bridge, Institute , Kano. The Jigawa State Quiz was the first in a series of state-level competitions to select state representatives for the national competition.



Organizers Team and Some Participants preparing for the event at the 4th Jigawa Annual ICT Quiz



Kano Quiz

After holding preliminary ICT competitions in Jigawa and Bauchi states, the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) Kano conducted Kano 9th Annual ICT Quiz as part of the preliminary series to select three secondary schools that will represent the state at the National ICT Quiz.

The occasion took place at the Multi Purpose Hall, Digital Bridge Institute, Kano Campus witnessed the presence of several dignitaries including Hajiya Ladidi Sani Fagge who represented the Director General, Kano State Senior Secondary School Management Board (KSSSSMB), Alhaji Ibrahim Muhammad Ibrahim who represented Alhaji Sagir Muhammad, the Managing Director of Intersystem, Malam Sadiq Imam Abdullahi of Ministry of Science and Technology, Kano, Malam Mahadi Garba Doka who represented the Provost of Federal College of Education (Technical) Bichi, Alhaji Adamu Aliyu Wari and Malam Usman A. Usman representative of Engineer Femi Afolabi, the Chief Executive Officer, Only Computers Limited, Kano.



Cross Section Participants the 9th Kano Annual ICT Quiz

Other distinguished personalities that witnessed the occasion were Malam Ahmad Baita and Malam Murtala Muhammad representatives of the Vice Chancellor, Kano University of Science and Technology (KUST) Wudil, Malama Rabi Isma, Special Adviser to Kano State Governor on Civil Society Organizations, Malam Auwal Abdullahi Tudun Wada and Malam Muhammad Bashir Yahaya representatives of Directorate of Youth Development, Kano, Mr. James Audu, Mr. Adeola Allen and Malam Umar Abdullahi of Hands on Institute of Information Technology (HIIT), Kano among others.

The ICT competition hosted twenty three senior secondary schools from all parts of Kano State and forty six contestants wrestled to emerge victorious of the 9th ICT competition in Kano. The competition was divided into two exciting sessions; morning and afternoon.

In the welcome address at the opening ceremony, the Executive Director of CITAD, Y.Z Yau who was represented by Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai the significant of ICT is thoroughly unveiled especially in the area of educational institution. He stated that without ICT skills learning will not be effective and that already institution of learning themselves are migrating many of their processes including student-teacher interaction online, meaning those who have no online skills will be left out. In addition the paper called on the state government to pay attention to the provision of ICT facilities. He also announced the introduction of new innovations of rewarding the winning school with a school website instead of the traditional laptop, and proving personal prizes for the finalists.

In his remarks Alhaji Adamu Aliyu Wari, the Chairman of the occasion (Morning Session) urged the students participating in the quiz to put more efforts towards acquiring ICT knowledge as the entire world was now reduced into a smaller global village. Alhaji Aliyu called on the government and the elite to always contribute in the area of ICT education by providing ICT gadgets to institutions of learning.

Development, Kano revealed that the ICT Quiz as one of the most interesting innovations for students to acquire ICT knowledge. Malam Auwal commended the organizers for hosting the Kano 9th Annual ICT competition and promised that his Directorate will support the ICT Quiz in the future

Mr. Ademola Allen of Hands on Institute of Information Technology (HiiT) Kano commended CITAD for a job well done and offered a free scholarship for Certificate in Information Technology (CIT) for the two students of the winning school. Mr. Allen added that HiiT offered 70% discount for the two students of first-runner up school and 50% discount for the students of the second runner up school respectively.

The students on the other hand were urged to double their efforts towards learning by the Deputy Director of the Ministry of Science and Technology. The Deputy Director, Malam Sadiq Imam Abubakar said that the students were living in a modern complex society where competition is everywhere, in a situation where by students do not have proper education, life could be miserable. Malam Sadiq therefore stressed the need for the students to acquire knowledge especially ICT based.

After the delivery of speeches, the Chairman of the Kano 9th Annual Quiz Alhaji Adamu Aliyu Wari declared competition opened at about 11.52pm. The competition hosted twenty three senior secondary. Below is the list of the schools:

Government Technical College Kano, Government Girls College Dala, Government Senior Secondary School Dala, Government Girls Senior Secondary School Shekara, Government Girls Arabic Senior Secondary School Tudun Wada, Government Senior Secondary School Sabuwar Kofa, Government Girls Senior Secondary School Sani Mai Negge, Government Girls College Gwale, Dawakin Tofa Science College, Day Science College, Government Girls College Gezawa, Government Senior Secondary School Tarauni, Girls Science Technical College, Aminu Kano Commercial College Goron Dutse, Government Senior Secondary School Kawaji, Government Girls Arabic Secondary School Kawaji, Government Senior Secondary School Stadium, Government Girls Senior Secondary School Yar Gaya, Government Girls Unity College Kachako, Government Girls College (WTC) Kano, Government Girls Senior Secondary School Giginyu, Kano Foundation Girls Secondary School Bebeji, and Government Senior Secondary School Dawakin Tofa.

In another paper presented at the occasion by Malam Ahmad Baita Garko, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Kano State University and Science and Technology, industrialization used to be seen as a factor measuring country's economic strength but nowadays ICT Vis gradually replacing it. A good example, according to the paper, is the ICT giants among the developing nations are the Asian countries of India, Malaysia, China, Indonesia, and Singapore among others. The paper viewed ATM Machine in the Banking sector, the e-learning, e-registration and e-library in the academic arena as few of the changes brought by the wind of ICT in Nigeria. Malam Baita expressed appreciation for the organizers of the quiz and said that KUST is ready to partner with CITAD in making Nigerian ICT complaints

The students were also urged to redouble their efforts in acquiring ICT knowledge. This was contained in a speech delivered by Malama Rabi Isma, the Special Adviser to Kano State Governor on Civil Societies. Malama Rabi stated that ICT was in every profession and every aspect of human endeavor and therefore stressed the need for the students to acquire ICT knowledge in order to be able to face the challenges ahead of them.

Malam Auwalu Abdullahi Tudun Wada who represented the Director General, Ministry of Youth-

In the final round of the quiz, Day Science College Kano set a new record winning all the points in all the rounds, earning twelve points and becoming the winner of the 2011 Kano 9th Annual Quiz

Government Technical College Kano, with 10 points, won the second place position while Foundation Girls Senior Secondary School, won the third place position with 6 points.

Rewarding the winning schools, contestants, and their teachers has since been the tradition of the quiz organizers. CITAD had therefore lined up prizes for the winning schools, contestants and teachers. Presentation of the prizes immediately began after the conclusion of the quiz, thus;



First position, a website donated by CITAD won by Day Science Kano, and presented to the school by Mal. Auwal Abdullahi Tudun Wada of Directorate of Youth Development



Second position, laptop donated by Engineer Femi Afalobi, CEO/MD Only Computers Limited, Kano won by Government Technical College, Kano and presented to the school by Malam Mahadi Garba Doka of Federal College of Education (Technical) Bichi



Third position, printer donated by Alh. Sagir Muhammad, CEO/MD Intersystem, Kano, won by Foundation Girls Senior Secondary School, Bebeji and presented to the school by Hajiya Ladidi Sani Fagge who represented the Director General, Kano Senior

Other prizes consisted of Refurbished Desktop as the prize for the Best Performing Student donated by CITAD, Hamza Lawan Abdullahi of Day Science Kano won the prize which was presented to him by Muhammad Bashir Yahaya of the Directorate of Youth Development, Kano. Amina Muhammad Isa of Foundation Girls Senior Secondary School, won the prize for the Best Female Participating Student, a color Television Set, donated by CITAD, which was presented to her by Mallam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai of CITAD.

Additionally, the prize for the Teacher of the winning school, a scanner donated by CITAD went to Malam Abdulfatah Muhammad of Day Science Kano. Malam Ado Bala Bichi of Government Technical College, Kano and Mrs. Mrs. Asibi Yahaya of Foundation Girls Senior Secondary School, Bebeji, Kano won i-Pod each donated by CITAD as the prize of the teacher of the first and second runner up schools respectively.

The finalists Hamza Lawan Abdullahi and Abdulwahid Garba Rabi'u (Day Science, Kano), Aminu Alhassan Lawan and Umar Habib Shu'aibu (Government Technical College, Kano) Amina Muhammad Isa and Asma'u Umar (Foundation Girls Senior Secondary School, Kano) received each personal gift of clothing materials donated by CITAD.



Second winning school receiving Laptop



Third winning school receiving Printer

After the presentations and distributions of these prizes and gifts, Malam Auwal Abdullahi Tudun Wada stressed at the end of the occasion the need for students to work hard and acquire ICT knowledge. Malam Auwal restated that Directorate for Youth Development will assist in organizing the future ICT quiz.

In the closing remarks by Malam Ahmad A. Yakasai, the quiz master urged the participating students to work harder in order to be able to become winners of the ICT quiz in the near future.

Malam Ahmad expressed gratitude to Digital Bridge Institute, Kano State Senior Secondary School Management Board, Ministry of Science and Technology, Special Adviser on Civil Society Organizations to Kano State Governor, Only Computers Limited, Intersystem, Mediwat, Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Federal College of Education (Technical) Bichi, HiiT, Kano, Directorate of Youth Development, Kano, teachers and students of the participating schools, the media, the quiz team and everyone that contributed to the success of the 9th Annual ICT quiz in Kano.

iii. Global Entrepreneurship Week

The Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) as part of its promotion of entrepreneurship has celebrated this year's **Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW)**, from the 14-20, November, 2011. The celebration consisted of a series of activities all aimed at drawing attention of entrepreneurs and their needs. These activities are detailed below:

When CITAD decided to celebrate the week it wrote to the Commissioner I ministry of Commerces, Industry and Tourism Kano requesting for dudient with him on a courtesy visit. This was granted and on Tuesday 15th November 2011, CITAD visited the Commissioner at the Ministry. On the team of CITAD were Malam Ahmed Yakasai, Training Coordinator, Sagir Ado Abubakar, GEL Project Coordinator, Isyaku Garba, Programmes Coordinator, Ado Shehu and Ibrahim Nuhu, training Officer. The Commissioner, Dr. Danburan Abubakar Nuhu and other top officers of the ministry with him including the Permanent Secretary, the Director of Planning, Research and Statistics, Alhaji Abubakar Jibril Madigawa, Director (Tourisms), Alhaji Tijjani Aliyu Abdu , Director of Cooperatives, Alhaji Musa Sulaiman and key official of the Ministry.

Malam Muhd. Secretary to the Honourable Commissioner offered the opening prayer and introduced CITAD team to the Commissioner. Malam Isyaku Garba of CITAD thanked the Hon. Commissioner and his team for honoring our request. He said that the aim of the visit was part of activities CITAD organized to celebrate the Global Entrepreneurship Week which was starting from 14th to 20th November, 2011. Global Entrepreneurship Week is global effort to address problems of entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship. He briefed the Commissioner on some of the activities CITAD had lined up as part of the celebration. These included career talks in schools, public lecture, radio discussion and other media

He also informed the audience about some of the other activities of CITAD such as the current training programme for entrepreneurs under the Growing Enterprise Leaders (GEL) supported by the Bank of Industry and coordinated by the Pan African University (PAU) as well as other training programmes at the centre. He called on the government to support entrepreneurship initiatives and invited the Commissioner and his team to the public lecture that would talk place the following day.

Dr. Abubakar Danburan started by thanking Almighty Allah and his Prophet, he then welcomed CITAD team. He expressed happiness with the activities of CITAD, especially for the support it gives to entrepreneurs in particular and in its contribution to the economy of the state. He was particularly happy of two things, the convergence of ICT and Entrepreneurship both of which are promoted by CITAD.

As part of its promotion of this year's Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) celebration, CITAD conducted career talk, Tuesday, 14th November 2011 at Government Junior Secondary School Yartofa (morning), Warawa Local Government, Kano State and Government Girls Secondary School Abdullahi Mariri (afternoon), Kano State. The lectures which took place at the schools' premises witnessed the attendance of 93 students of the school and nine teaching staff respectively.

A public lecture was held with the theme **Promoting Entrepreneurship in Kano. Lecture held on Wednesday, 16th November at the Main Auditorium, School of Technology, Kano State Polytechnic, Matan Fada, Kano** between the hours of 9.00-13.00. Guests at the lecture included: Alhaji Abubakar S. Jibril, Director, Planning, Research and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce, representing the Hon Commissioner of Commerce, Hajiya Rabi Mansur Yola of the Ministry of Commerce,

Audience, numbering over 70 including entrepreneurs from various enterprises, students and other interested members of the public. The programme for the lecture is reproduced below. It started with the introduction of the Guests and speakers by the MC and followed by a welcome address by Sagir Ado Abubakar, the GEL Coordinator of CITAD, who briefed the audience about the significance of the week as well as the lecture. Malam Sagir Ado who represented the Executive Director, CITAD, said the objectives of Global Entrepreneurship Week were to help in inspiring entrepreneurial activities and motivate entrepreneurs to launch new idea.



Mal. Isah Garba of (CITAD Azare) Making a contribution during a meeting with CBO's at CITAD Kano Conference Hall

Two key presentations were made. The first was by Alhaji Sagir Mohammed, Managing Director, Intersystem Computer Services Limited who spoke on the topic: The Making of an Entrepreneur: A Living Example. He gave a history of how he started his business, Intersystem Computers Ltd, the motivation that led him to start the business and processes as well as problems that he had to grapple with. He discussed all the practical decisions that he was faced and how he overcame some of the odious problems leading to the emergence of Intersystem Computers Ltd today as one of the leading ICT Company in the state with clients in various parts of the country. Participants had opportunity to ask him questions both personal and general.

The second presentation was by Mukhtar S. Bawuro, North West Zone of Bank of Industry (BOI) on Assessing bank business support facilities. He discussed the requirements, processes and procedure for accessing the bank's business loan. He also gave mentioned the types of businesses that the bank supports. He also talk about the Managed Funds or Product Offering under which fund can be obtained from Bank of Industries in the following areas; Nigerian Automotive Council Fund, (NAC), Rice Processing Fund, Cotton Textile and Garmenting Fund, Sugar Fund, BOI/Dangote Fund, CBN Intervention Fund on SME, Power and Aviation, Nigerian Small Growing Business Loan, Scheme (Entertainment Fund), SME Development Fund on behalf of 9 State Government, Business Development Fund for women (BUDFOW) managed for and on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Youth Development, and finally Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency Fund (SMEDAN). He concluded by urging the participants to use this fund offers in developing their businesses. Following the presentation an interactive session ensued during which participants asked various questions relating to the presentation as well as to the operation of the bank.

The vote of thanks was offered by Malam Ahmed Abdullahi Yakasai, who thanked the participants for turning up to listen to the lecture, the management of the institution for allowing us the use their facility of the institution and all the guests who attended. He also thanked the presenters without who the lecture would have not been possible.

5. Road Shows

Two roads shows were conducted. The first held on June 24th starting from Zaria Road terminated at the Naibawa Motor Kano in Kumbotso local government where members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) had gathered for the lectures at delivered at the end of the show. The lecture where on the role of ICTs in the transport sector. The second road show held on 1st July took place at Maiduguri Road ending up at Mariri Motor Park also in Kumbotso Local Government. The show also ended with a series of lectures delivered for the members of the NURTW. The objective of the road show was to sensitize people and especially members of the NURTW on ICTs.

6. Use of New media for social activism

One of the outcomes of the Arab Spring was the explosion in interest and use of social media in the country. CITAD was quick in recognizing the value of this in terms of its activities and set up training programmes for its staff, associates and partners in the use of social media. It also deployed them for various activities as follows:

- i. A twitter account which originally was used to share the results of the observation of the 2011 general elections but has since then become a tool for sharing information with the wider public in general.
- ii. Bauchi Procurement Monitors Facebook group: for discussion, sharing of ideas and reporting of procurement monitoring in Bauchi state. Members are partners in the Bauchi Coalition for Improvement of

-a coalition set up to monitor public procurement in Bauchi State.

iii. Friends of CITAD: a facebook group for general advocacy groups but also useful in terms of generating debates and public discussions on national issues and mobilising public opinion around these issues.

iv. CITAD Staff: a facebook group for official communication among staff

v. CITAD Alumni a facebook group for entrepreneurship opportunities and extension of the Job Information Services (JOSIS) of CITAD.

7. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

i. Move to new office in Kano

In May CITAD moved its Kano office from its founding place to a much bigger place behind the trade fair complex. This is an 8-room office complex with three training rooms a board room and a small library.

ii. Staff Movements

During the year Umar Faruq Usman who was on study leave in India formally left the organization. Also later in the year, Uwaisu Adam (Training Assistant) went back to ABU to pursue a postgraduate degree. Rukkaya Shehu of Azare office also went on to further her education at College of Education Azare. Also the Programmes officer (Jigawa), Aliyu Hadi joined the Customs and Exercise Services.



Ibrahim Aboki
Programme Officer, Bauchi Office.



Khadija Isma'il
Project Assistant (Gender) Kano Office



Ibrahim Nuhu
Programme Assistant (Youth) Kano Office

Zainab Aminu joined the Azare office as a volunteer while Ibrahim Mohammed Aboki was employed as Programme Officer for the newly established Bauchi Office. Khadija Isma'il Idris joined the Kano Office as Project Assistant (Gender) while Ibrahim Nuhu came onboard as Programme Assistant (Youth) at Kano.

ii. Yearly Planning Meeting

The yearly annual meeting/strategy workshop held from 26th to 27th May at the former conference room of the former office of the organization. The workshop was attended by over 24 people include staff, volunteers and associates of the organization as well as Board members and some representatives of partner organizations. The workshop took reports from the secretariat, reviewed the activities of the organization and set up new priorities, programmes and targets for the next year. It also reviewed the mission and vision statements of the organization and reviewed agreed to new methodology in which also governance programming should involve ICT component in order to relate them to the core mandate and competence of the organization.

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In August, Alliance for Credible Elections (ACE) a partner of CITAD donated a new Toyota Hilux Van for the organization. This has greatly enhanced the movement of the organization and contributed to greater effectiveness and coordination in the work of the organization.

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