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Braving the Odds, Impacting the People

The year 2021 was in many respects similar to what was obtainable in the previous year (2020). The COVID-19 that started in 2020 continued in the year, with many of the restrictions imposed to curtail the spread of pandemic remained in place. This implies that for much of the year, most of our staff had continued to work remotely from home, making the best use of online platforms to connect to their work place. However, despite the prevailing situation in the year, we were able to carry out most of our core activities, such as workshops, seminars, among others, through the deployment of online platforms in communities where physical access was not possible. The year underscored the importance of digital inclusion as those connected continued to work, and their businesses continued to flourish online, while those unconnected, were constrained.

It was in this context that we launched our new project, "Connecting the Unconnected", which is both a capacity building engagement and an advocacy effort to ensure that we seeded a culture of community networks as a means to get communities to address their own digital exclusion by organizing to design, deploy and manage local telecommunication infrastructure. As the COVID restriction became relaxed, we slowly began to return to work, combining both the new normal of online working with face-to-face physical engagements.

We conducted the first school of community networks which held in Kaduna, bringing together representatives from the different partners we were working with to build their capacity in designing and managing community networks. We also run a robust advocacy, meeting virtually, all the relevant stakeholders in the telecommunication sector, underlining the importance and urgency for the country to develop and implement a national community networks policy as key to addressing the digital divide in the country.

In spite of COVID, we were also able to hold our two flagship programmes, the Muazzam Institute of Philosophy and Political Theory as well as the 2nd edition of the Kano Social Influencers Summit (KANSIS 21). Indeed, KANSIS21 turned out to be even more successful

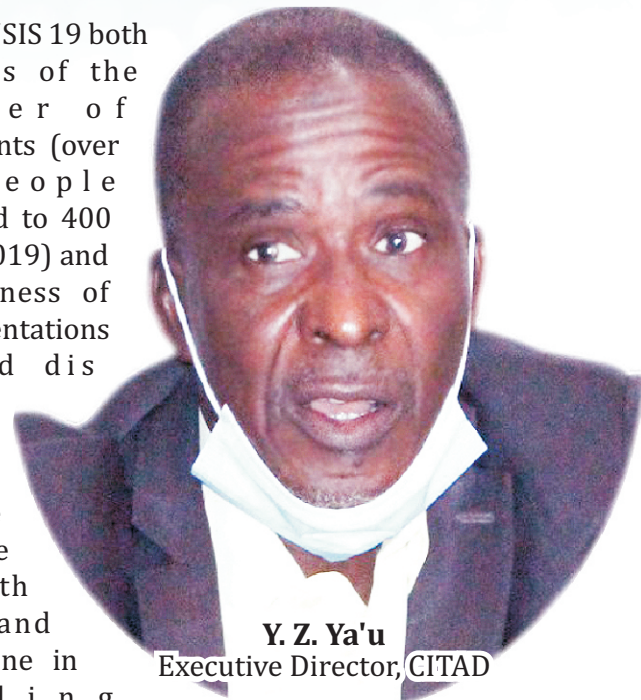
than KANSIS 19 both in terms of the number of participants (over 500 people compared to 400 plus in 2019) and the richness of the presentations and discussions.

In spite of the challenges of both COVID and the decline in funding opportunities, CITAD

was able to add a number of new programmes to its project portfolio. While the Social Accountability Project supported by MacArthur Foundation was renewed, we also got a new project on converting gender violence in Kano State. Our efforts at mainstreaming citizens' participation in budget processing in Bauchi was revived by a grant from USIA through its State to State Project. We also revived the Digital Livelihood Project in Kano State using a grant from the European Union through its British Council managed ACT intervention.

We continued our engagement with digital inclusion both from the point of view of skill development and advocacy. The Bauchi Feminist Internet School continued while we had to deliver a similar school in a different state, Yobe. However, for 2021, we added a new focus on the issue of promoting digital inclusion by paying attention to privacy and online safety and particularly worked with female journalists both as potential victims and role models that would provide confidence of other women to engage and make effective use of digital technology.

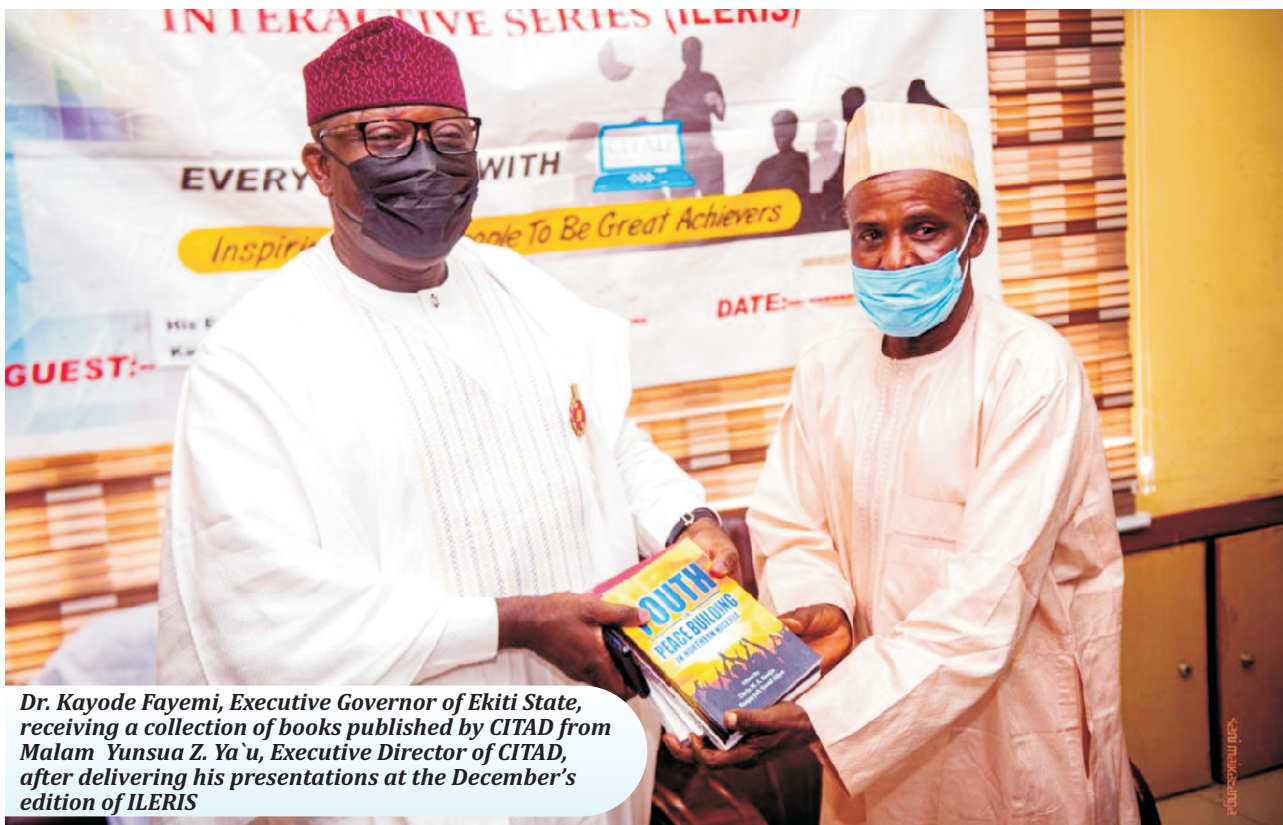
By and large, the year saw an expansion in both the reach and depth of the work of CITAD, and as well as the consolidated and reinforced of some existing initiatives. For example, the community centres in the rural areas of federal capital



Y. Z. Ya'u
Executive Director, CITAD

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ILERIS play host to Dr. Kayode Fayemi Governor of Ekiti State, others



Dr. Kayode Fayemi, Executive Governor of Ekiti State, receiving a collection of books published by CITAD from Malam Yunsua Z. Ya'u, Executive Director of CITAD, after delivering his presentations at the December's edition of ILERIS

CITAD's Inspiring Leadership Reflection Interactive Series (ILERIS), one of the organisation's flagship programs conceived as a platform for impacting young Nigerians in the area of transformative leadership, played host to several distinguished professionals, legal luminary, and political leaders across the country.

Some of the leaders that featured in the program in the year 2021 are: Governor Kayode Fayemi, the Executive Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. Usman Bugaji, Director-General, Arewa House Research Centre, Kaduna, Barrister A. B. Mahmoud, Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Professor Ibrahim Bello Kano of Department of English, and European Languages, Bayero University, Kano, (BUK) featured in the August edition, while, Dr. Kassim Gidado, waziri of Jama'are, appeared in the Jama'are LGA edition of the event in the year.

Dr. Usman Bugaji, was a guest in the September edition of the program, while, Barrister A.B Mahmoud featured in the October, edition.

Dr. Kayode Fayemi, who is currently the

presiding chairman of Nigerian Governors' Forum (NGF), featured, as a guest speaker in the month of December, 2021 edition of the program initiated four years ago as a platform for a monthly interaction between young Nigerians with the invited guest.

The guests usually used the forum to share their life experience (s) with the participants with the hope that they will draw value and inspiration from the knowledge and experience gained. The knowledge gained is also expected to help them shape their lives for good, as well as to demand

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One of the participants directing a question to Dr. Fayemi, after delivering his presentations at the occasion

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Dr. Usman Bugaji, director-general, Arewa House Research Center, Kaduna, making presentations at ILERIS organized by CITAD in Kano

be inspired by his stories, we want to know why he entered into active politics.

“We are happy to note that today we have someone who started as activist and later transformed into a politician. We want to know what inspired him to become a politician. How he made the transformation?, to become what he has become”, he added.

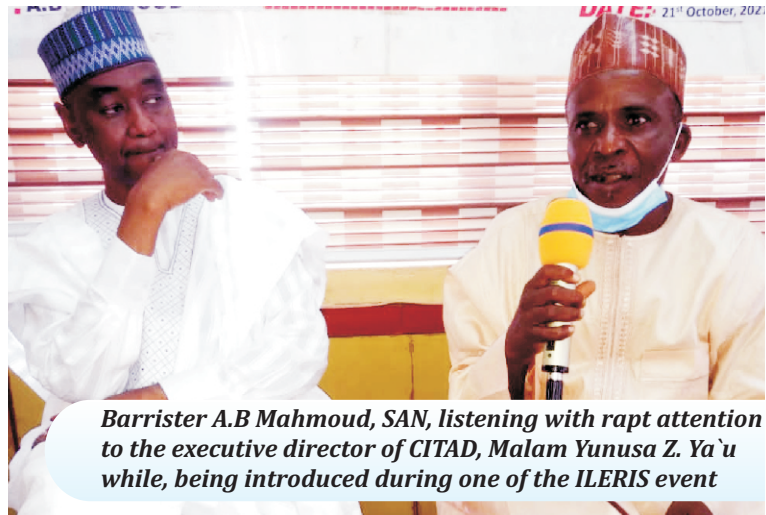
In his presentation, Governor, Dr. Kayode Fayemi gave a brief background of his upbringing, educational attainment, his successes and challenges while, he was the

for good governance and accountable leadership at all facets of the society.

Welcoming the guest and participants to the month event, Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u, Executive Director of CITAD disclosed that the monthly program was conceived as a venue for inspiring the young participants to be a progressive members of the society. Ya`u said “ The idea behind the program is that we want the participants to know how the people invited here, struggle to achieve success, and for them to also know that life is a struggle and that success does not just come overnight”.

“His Excellency, Governor Kayode Fayemi, has been a subject of discussions in the area of public governance of recent, we want to

President of Student Union Government (SUG) during his school days.



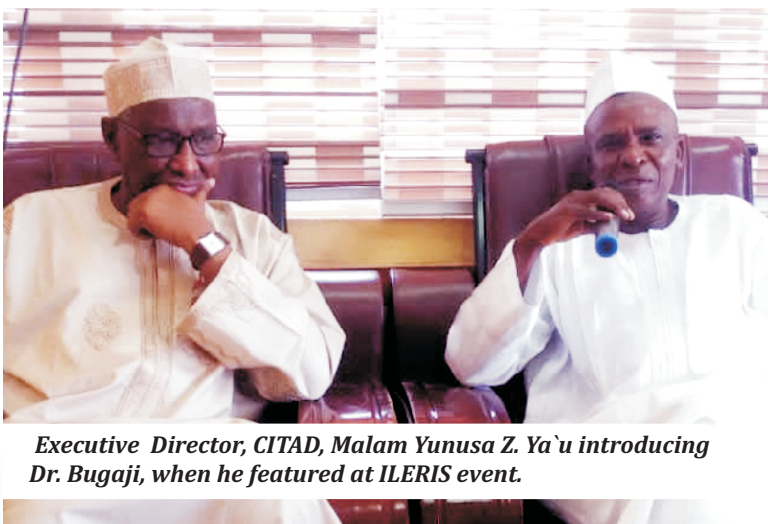
Barrister A.B Mahmoud, SAN, listening with rapt attention to the executive director of CITAD, Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u while, being introduced during one of the ILERIS event

He went further to provide insights about his involvement in Civil Society Organization, and what he described as his accidentally journey into politics.

According to him, he was the Director of CDD for the past ten years, where he joined other activists in the organisation to advocate for a better Nigeria through agitating for policies and identifying areas that needs attention in governance. “Leadership is influence and sacrifice” and all “services are dedicated to the common goal of a better nation”.

The governor charged Nigerians youths to be more active in national building and politics, noting that the

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Executive Director, CITAD, Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u introducing Dr. Bugaji, when he featured at ILERIS event.

ILERIS play host to Dr. Kayode Fayemi Governor of Ekiti State, others



Dr. Kasim Gidado making presentation during ILERIS program at CITAD `s office in Jama`are LGA, Bauchi State, in the year.

seeking was for the bill to give option to each of the political parties to choose the mode of primaries they want, as most of them do not have enough resources to conduct direct primaries.

The Ekiti State Governor used the opportunity which the platform offers to recount his various achievements, since he took over the affairs of the state, which according to him, includes, declaration of free education for all people in the state, payment of WAEC and NECO fees.

Also on the 26, December, of the year, CITAD among others organized the

country belongs to all, and they should not abscond from their responsibilities towards making it a better nation.

“I always remember the words of late Dr. Tajuddeen Abdurraheem, when he usually urged Nigerians to be more organized, and stop agonizing. It is from organizing that we could get a better Nigeria. This country belongs to us, not for criminal gangs, charlatans and those who seek to destroy peace”, Dr. Fayemi pleaded.

Responding to a question from the participants on the role of Nigerian governors on the proposed electoral bill and as regard their decision of opposing direct primaries, recommended by the Lawmakers, he explained that there was a misconception that the governors were opposed to direct primaries.

Noting that rather, what the governors were



A cross-session of participants listening to Dr. Bugaji `s presentations at ILERIS program

Inspiring Leadership Reflection Series (ILERIS), at Jama`are LGA of Bauchi State which featured Dr. Kasim Gidado.

The staging of the CITAD`s flagship program in

the LGA was the first of its kind and it was designed to be an experience-sharing program, in which accomplished leaders impact young Nigerians based on their life experiences.



Participants in a group photo with Barrister A.B Mahoumd, SAN, and CITAD `s executive director, Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u, after the ILERIS session in Kano.

Breaking News: CITAD develops CIGIYA Android Application for Tracking Lost Items

The Centre for information technology and development, has developed an Android Application called CIGIYA to help people search for lost items, and the locations where they could be found.

Engineer Kamaludeen Umar, CITAD, Technical Officer, made this disclosure, during a press conference held at the organisation's office in Kano, on the 18th of February, 2021, when the application was launched.

According to Mr. Kamaludeen, the application was designed to help people to easily trace their lost items by just going through and searching the lost items in the application via their phones. Giving insights about the operations of the application, Engineer Suhail, a CITAD's Software engineer, who participated in the development of the application, revealed that the transport unions, media and security agents are being engaged in the application of the solution to their operations, noting that they will be trained on how to upload items for the purpose of making it easy for the people to find lost items through their handset.

"The CIGIYA app, which is the first of its kind in the country, is a lost and found application that facilitates the searching of lost items by people and help transport associations, media houses and other relevant organizations to generate a database of lost items. The technology will enable individuals to use the application to search for possible found items and the location they were submitted.

"Most of the transports association having parks have a number of unclaimed lost items as a result of uncertainty of where the items are submitted. The announcement made in the media houses does not reach some people who lost their items as the announcement may happened when they are not on the tune and it is normally within short days.

" With the new CIGIYA app a permanent database of lost

items will be available online and people can search for it any time by item type, date range or car park or stations. The database will simply be generated by the representative of agreed parks, media house or unions", he explained.

Kamal further disclosed that the application can generate name of the item, unique ID, date it was lost, park or location where it was submitted and picture (actual picture may be replaced by sample picture or just the name in case of items with bare identification).

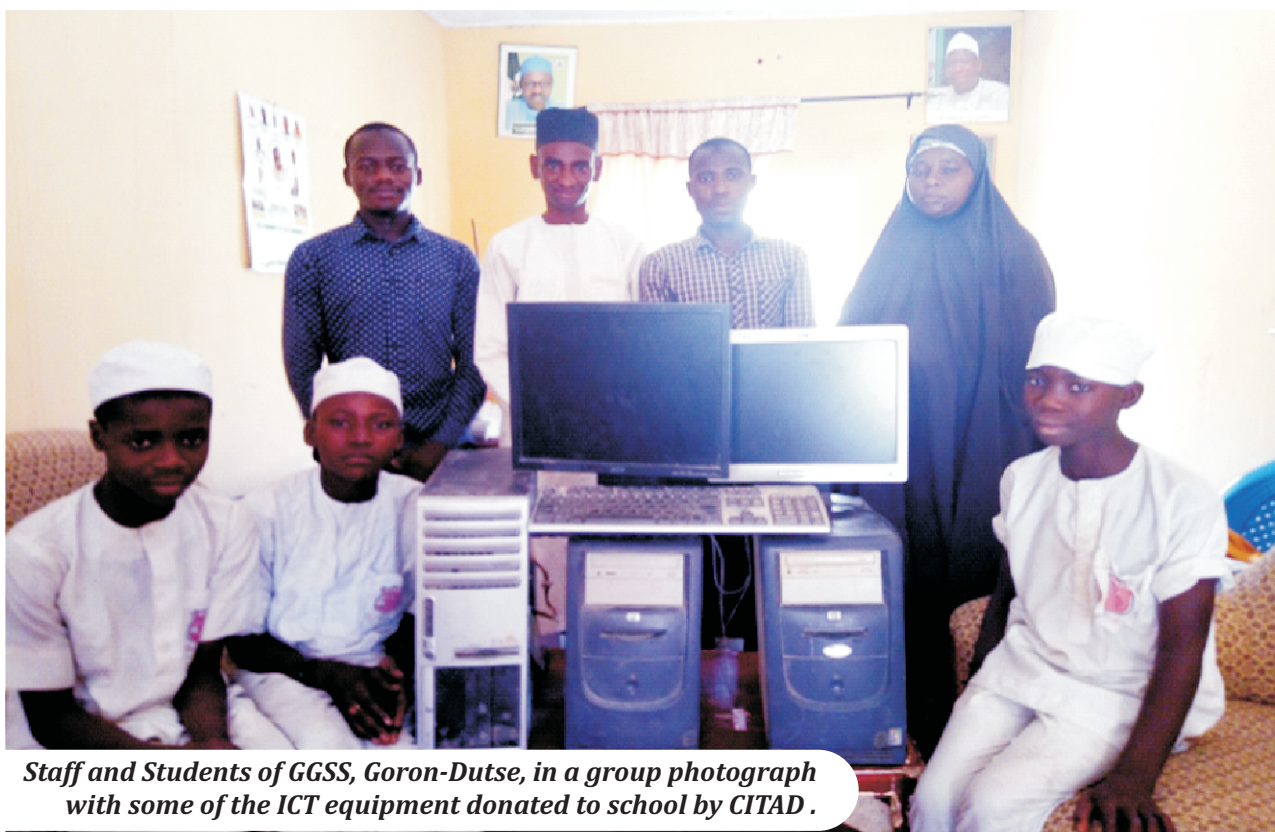
He added that CITAD has already consulted some transport unions which include Tricycle Operators Association of Kano State (TOAKAN) and Tsaya da Kafarka Taxi Association, Kano. It also has plans to collaborate with the media houses, security outfits and other relevant stakeholders, and the application was designed to have simple interface both for data entry and item searching.

CIGIYA App, will be a very effective solution for facilitating and enhancing searching for lost items as well as reducing the occupied space by the lost items in the transport parks, unions offices and media houses, he added.

Engineer Suhail also added that the app is available for download on Google play store, when people searches for it



CITAD donates ICT equipment to public schools in Kano State



Staff and Students of GGSS, Goron-Dutse, in a group photograph with some of the ICT equipment donated to school by CITAD .

In line with one of its corporate goals which is the promotion of ICT education in the country, the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) donated a set of refurbished computers to some secondary schools in Kano State, Northwest Nigeria.

The computers were presented to the management of the three secondary schools at a brief ceremony held in the state on the 29th April 2021.

During the occasion the representative of CITAD disclosed that the gesture was geared at supporting the students of the schools to have access to ICT equipment during their computer classes.

The schools that benefitted from the gesture are: Government Junior Secondary School Ladanai which received three system units, three monitors, and three keyboards, Government Girls Junior Secondary School Yakasai D/Z received three system units, two monitors, and three keyboards, while, Government Junior Secondary School Tukuntawa received three system units, two

monitors and three keyboard

Also, as part of its effort to promote computer literacy and general ICT awareness among students of Secondary schools, the CITAD in the year conducted Career talk in the following secondary schools in Kano state Government Secondary School, Goron-Dutse, School of Arabic Study Kano, Government Girls Secondary School, Sani Mainage, and Government Girls Secondary School, Shekara.

The career talks were designed to expose students of the benefitting schools to ICT knowledge, and culture, and to help raise awareness about the use of ICTs in development. Also, CITAD in the year, under its project, 'Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection Against Gender-Based Violence (SCRPAGBV)' which was executed with the support of the Ford Foundation, made another set of donations to some selected public secondary schools in Kano State.

The donations were made towards achieving a safe society for women and girls, free from gender violence and discrimination to bridge the gender gap in girl-child education, and allowing

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CITAD donates ICT equipment to public schools in Kano State

for the attainment of gender parity in educational accomplishments' objective of the SCRPAGBV project.

The two schools that benefitted from the donation made on the 20th of December, are Government Girls' Secondary School Janbulo, and Government Girls' Secondary School Aisami, and they are to serve as a center for the cluster of schools participating in the project.

The method used in selecting the benefitting schools was that an advert was sent out to the Kano Senior Secondary Schools Management Board for all schools within the state to show interest. Twenty-two (22) schools sent in their applications within the time frame of the advert. The project team reviewed and selected 6 secondary schools out of the applicants. The selection was done based on the information provided by the applicants in respect to the requirements stated in the advert.

The project team, however, visited the schools for assessment and sent in their evaluation to KSSSMB for review which resulted in the final selection of the two schools that met the requirements.

The donation was performed at a brief ceremony witnessed by dignitaries such as The Deputy Director (Schools) of KSSSMB, representatives of the Director KSSSMB, Ministry of Education representatives, Area Heads of the school location, School Base Management Committee (SBMC Members), Government Representative, CBOs and Gender Champions alongside the staff, PTA chair and students of the respective schools. The event was also covered by media houses including television, newspaper, and radio stations.

The goals of the ICT Centre were to inspire young girls and guide them on how they could protect themselves against potential violence whilst training them on ICT skills and knowledge. Each of the new ICT Centers is

equipped with 13 desktop computers, 13 Chairs, 13 Computer Tables, 13 UPS, 1 projector, 1 printer, a whiteboard, and projector screen, and is powered by a solar set, with a backup inverter to ensure stable and reliable power supply.

CITAD will also provide mentors to these public secondary schools, that will be used to teach the students all about gender-based violence and entrepreneurship skills for livelihood. In her remarks, the project officer and Gender technical officer of CITAD, Zainab Aminu said the program was geared towards reporting any gender-based violence that happened in the learning environment, and also assist the students to have the basic knowledge of ICT.

Zainab Aminu stressed that Gender-Based Violence remains a threat in our society due to our failure to break the social norms against women and girls, noting that with these ICT Centers, students can easily report any related violence. Zainab Aminu urged the benefitting Schools to make maximum utilization of the equipment to achieve the set Objectives.

The representative of Kano State Senior Secondary Schools Management Board Malam Tasiu Dahiru commended CITAD for the gesture. He urged the staff and students of the benefitting schools to ensure judicious use of the Computers while encouraging them to protect the properties as it is an initiative that is worthy of sustaining.



One of the CITAD staff making presentation of some of the ICT equipment donated to one of the benefitting schools in Kano.

CITAD's Annual Inter-Secondary Schools' ICT Quiz

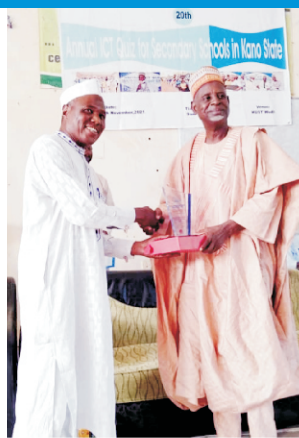
Also in order to promote computer literacy and ICT awareness among students of secondary schools in Kano State, CITAD in the year under review, organized the 20th edition of the Annual Inter-Secondary Schools' ICT Quiz.

The annual ICT competition which started in 2001 was conceived by the Centre as an avenue for deepening the knowledge, and the use of computers among students of secondary schools across the state.

Over thirty-one (31) public secondary schools drawn from Kano State participated in the event, held at the Kano University of Science and Technology, KUST, Wudil, Kano.

At the end of the contest among the schools, Dawakin Tofa, Science College came first, while, Government Secondary Commercial School, Airport Road, took the second position, and Government Science College Tudun Wada, came third.

CITAD's Annual Inter-Secondary Schools ICT Quiz in Picture





Students and staff of one of the benefitting schools feeling some of the computers in the donated centers, in Kano

CITAD donates ICT Centers for under safe learning space, digital livelihood program

The Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) in the year also donated equipped ICT Centres to Government Girls Secondary Schools Janbulo and GGSS Aisami, in Kano state, to be used to fight gender based violence in the state.

The ICT Centres which were donated on Monday, 20th of December, 2021, are expected to assist the schools scale-up the report of gender based violence which are taking multi forms, such as sexual harassment in schools, sexual abuse, rape, sexual gratification for marks in schools and larger communities.

Each of the Centres were equipped with tools of receiving information secretly, as a way of driving the reporting system, while the identity of the victims and their relatives are protected.

Speaking during the donation on behalf of CITAD, Engineer. Kamaludddeen Umar, who is CITAD `s Technical Officer said that Gender based violence has become a major problem in the society, noting that although the issue was against individual, its consequences are collective to the whole society. He added that the consequences are many, one of which was making the schools unsafe for the girl children.

According to him, schools are not the only place or places where gender violence are occurring adding that it was also occurring in homes.

Mr. Umar added that the donated ICT centres are meant to create safe environment that can make learning safe and enjoyable for the girls such that they will aspire to aim high on the education ladder.

The representative of the Executive Director stressed that the ICT centers would go a long way initiating a mindset change on the girls so that they can think of independent means of livelihood for themselves rather than just looking up for marriage only.

He noted that the initiative was a step in the right direction "In providing an opportunity for the victims of gender based violence to report cases in a way that the privacy of the victims will not be compromised".

He further said that "The initiative was part of a larger project entitled Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection Against Gender Based Violence in Kano, Nigeria that CITAD was implementing with support from Ford Foundation".

The new ICT centre was equipped with desktop

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Members of the CITAD's Community Networks Advisory Committee in a meeting held at Dakwa Community Center, Abuja .

2021 Community Network Activities in Focus:

In the year in focus, CITAD's Community Networks Advisory Committee held several meetings aimed at promoting the culture of networking in the society.

Most of the meetings held virtually runs from the month of January to December, in the year, but, one of the meetings held physically took place at the Stonehenge Hotel in Kaduna, on the 7th of August.

Another of such meeting with the theme: 'Community Network Connectivity' designed to be a training program was held at Dakwa

Community Centre FCT Abuja on Wednesday 28th April 2021, with 13 attendees, several community based associations, namely: 'Allah ye ba kodedwa Association' 'Tungan ashere', 'Aye Bwaka Gwari Association', and 'Zaboda women Association Pasepa', in attendance.

Engineer Suhail, CITAD's Technical officer, who presided over the event disclosed that the purpose of the training was to create awareness and to demonstrate the benefits of the community networks to the people as well as how to start or build their own community networks.

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CITAD organizes third edition of Bauchi Feminist Internet School

important of each principle.

In the second day of the school, the first presentation entitled ' Digital Rights Advocacy', also delivered, Harira A. Wakili, focused on the digital tools which women can use while active on the internet, and also Dr. Sana'a Abdullahi Mu'az, made contribution on the other rights that are applicable.

To round up the topic, a practical session on 'Speed Geeking' facilitated by CITAD technical was carried out by the participants shared into working groups, and the participants also embarked on devices for making mobile phone

safe, and basic safety tools.

In the second paper of the day entitled 'Understanding Gender Violence Online delivered by Dr. Sana'a Abdullahi Mu'az, the presentation focused on gender violence, as it concern online (Social Networks).

During the presentation participant made their views on the topic known, as well as made contributions on issues fueling incidences of gender violence online, and in conclusion, observations were made on the need to include other gender based issues for discussion in the next edition of the school.

CITAD scales up anti-GBV campaign on 'Arewa Radio'

Following the escalation in the reported cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in the Northwest State of Nigeria, in the recent times, CITAD in the year, scaled up the advocacy campaign it embarked on 'Arewa Radio', one of the influential local radio stations in the state.

The campaign which was mounted with the support of Ford Foundation was designed to provide solution to the GBV menace that is having detrimental effects on the social, psychological and economic development of the affected segment of the population of the state.

The mounted campaign featured Dr. Kawu Sule, of the Department of Sociology, Bayero University, Kano, in a radio program entitled 'Rigar Mutunci', aired on Arewa Radio.

The radio program discusses issues fueling the rising cases of violence against women and girls, as well as highlights strategies that could be adopted by communities, and particularly, by families, institutions, workplaces, and by faith based organizations in checking the tide.

In one of the radio programs, Dr. Kawu noted that in most times, victims of sexual abuse do not discuss it with other people, including their parents, a development that usually encourages the abusers to believe that it was normal thing to do.

Mr. Kawu submitted that the victims of GBV need to develop the courage of speaking up, saying "whether you are a child, a woman, a man or a boy, as long as another human being abused you



Dr. Kawu, and the Moderator of the anti-GBV campaign aired on 'Arewa Radio', in Kano

sexually or in any other forms, is better for you to speak up."

He noted that any form of violence in a child's formative years has far-reaching consequences on the child's physical, mental, sexual, and emotional well-being, adding that sexual harassment within the school environment can interfere with students' educational opportunities, especially among girls.

The guest lecturer cautioned that GBV normally devastate survivors, and their families, in addition to also have significant social and economic costs on them.

He noted that before Child Sexual Abuse was a taboo in Kano society, and Nigeria, at large, pointing that the reluctance by families to discuss it or seek help was one of the reason why the case was now on the increase, as well as escalating in the media reports, and highlighting incidences of child rape cases in various parts of the State.

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Summary of activities executed by CITAD's Abuja Office

CITAD cap up it activities with a one-day internal capacity building workshop for its Abuja staffs on Gender Based Violence (GBV) & psychosocial support (PSS). The training was designed to enhance the capacity of the staffs to provide first hand support to children, women and males affected by gender based violence, through pscho-socio counseling for those who fall victims and survive it.

An Internal capacity building program was also organized for the staffs of the Abuja office on computer networking, as well as Computer Networking for residents of some selected rural

communities in the FCT. The benefitting communities are Tungan Ashere, Leleyi Gwari, and Dakwa. Over 60 numbered participants were trained in the two ICT centre used for the program.

Finally, CITAD) on the 2nd to 4th of November 2021 organized three -days' workshop entitled 'Learn and Teach Others (LATO)' for teachers of Junior Secondary School, Wuse Zone 2, Abuja. The training was designed primarily to equip the participants with the basic knowledge of Computer Appreciation (i.e. MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint).



Participants listening to a paper presentation during a Training Workshop on the Usage of Spectrum in Community Network

CITAD enhances staff capacity on usage of Spectrum in Community Network

CITAD in the year, organized a one-day training workshop for its staff, and employees of other partners it is working with on Community Network Project across the country.

The training which was held in the month of September in Kano, was facilitated by experts on the basics of the community network, and had in attendance participants from the three project locations of Bauchi, Kaduna, and the FCT.

Over nine(9) presentations with special emphasis on the meaning of “Spectrum” and, “Emerging Trends in Spectrum Access”, were delivered. The Participants were sufficiently instructed on the simplest meaning of spectrum as well as, “The complete range of electromagnetic radiation which ranges from extremely low frequency to the highest frequency”.

Presentation was also made on “Who allocates spectrum?. The main purpose of the allocation of spectrum was said to be aimed at harmonization and coordination, and management of the spectrum within the telecom industry. Spectrum allocation influences the economy of scale.

It was also explained that the recognized regulatory body that allocates spectrum was “International Telecommunications Union

(ITU)”. It allocates the bands to all mobile operators being the apex (regulatory body). This dated back to the early 19th century when (radiotelegraphy broadcast from one country. The discrepancies in equipment and technical expertise, were also explained by Abdulkadir of NCC, Abuja, Executive Director of CITAD Yunusa Z. Ya`u in his remarks called for the continuation of the training session at another date because of it’s tremendous benefit. Other areas covered by the presenter were - Applying Spectrum Allocation, Methods of Allocating Spectrum, Dynamic Spectrum Access, and the Emerging Trends in Spectrum Access.

On the other hand, CITAD in the year also organised the first phase of the Nigerian School of Community Networks (NSCN) which was held on the 6th to 10th of December in Kaduna. The program was coordinated by CITAD’s staff, and eight other external Tutors took the trainees through eight courses.

It run on two sessions i.e, morning and afternoon with a break at the interval. A total of 21 trainees attended the week-long training, three nominees from each community of the seven areas. The three trainees were deliberately chosen so as to serve as backup for each community in terms of institutional memory.

CITAD's 2021 Media Engagements:

On the 7th of December, CITAD held a press conference to draw the attention of the Nigerian Government to the growing lack of access to Internet Connectivity by Nigerians.

In the press conference which took place in Kaduna, the executive director of the Centre, Malam Yunusa Zakari Ya`u, highlighted that over 100 million Nigerians lack access to Internet connectivity in 114 communities across the country, and an appeal was made to the Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Professor

Pantami to set up a national policy for the development of Community Networks.

The center also called on the NCC to develop guidelines and regulations for the operation of community networks in the country and to allow communities to access and use TV White Space (TVWS) for the purposes of setting up community networks.

During the conference, an appeal was also made to the management of the Galaxy Backbone PLC

to provide communities with access to its backbone for the purpose of being use as their community networks getaways, and the USPF to support the upgrading of the many community digital centers in the country to serve as the



Executive Director, CITAD, Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u addressing a press conference on the inadequate access to Internet Connectivity in Nigeria, held in Kaduna

nucleus of community networks for communities that desirous and passionate to set up such in their communities.

“NITDA to work with communities at the grassroots level to drive digital literacy which is critical for the effective utilization of digital technology and which is the foundation upon which the digital transformation agenda of the country will rest,” it further called.

Similarly, the Centre tasked the private sector operators in the sector to as, their corporate social responsibility support communities building community networks, and called on all other stakeholders, including political office holders to support communities to go digital as a critical contribution to community development.

The Executive Director explained that the 16th edition of the global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) commenced two days ago at Katowice, Poland, with the general theme of “United Internet”.



One of the stakeholders that attended the Press Conference making contributions.

CITAD holds orientation session on Digital Livelihood Program for Young Women and Girls in Kano



Participants that attended the one day orientation program on Digital Livelihood For Young Women and Girls in Kano, in a group picture at the end of the program

One of the major programs held in the year by CITAD was an orientation session for some selected participants for the Digital Livelihood Program for Young Women and Girls in Kano which took place on the 30th of November, at Mambayya House, in Kano, with the support of EU/ACT British Council.

The program had in attendance 50 participants from different communities within and outside Kano state. Declaring the event open, Malam Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai, who represented, CITAD `s Executive Director, at the ceremony, noted that the orientation program was to enable the applicants for the scheme to understand what was expected of them to make the program a success.

Yakasai highlighted that the issue of women's participation in ICT and digital entrepreneurship in Northern Nigeria has continued to be a thing of serious concern, adding that there is the need to give due recognition to the progress made under the new project.

He said that 50 persons were selected out of the

596 applicants that indicated an interest in the program, which was a clear indication that the women and girls in the region are now striving to create means of livelihood for themselves.

Yakasai added that the selected participants would be empowered with necessary skills and mentorship that will help promote their businesses off and online so that they can become relevant in digital entrepreneurship, and urged the participants to take the program seriously by being punctual.

He also cautioned them against any form of irregularities or inconsistency in attending the training, as well as for them to avoid inclusion of uninvited applicants, and to be off during the duration of the program.

In his remarks, Malam Ibrahim Nuhu, who is the Program Officer of the project, commended EU/ACT British council for collaborating with CITAD to support the program, noting that the program would go a long way in helping the participants to build a means of sustainable livelihood for themselves.

Mr. Nuhu highlighted the concept of the project,

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CITAD virtual meeting on Women Internet Governance Forum (WIGF)

CITAD, in conjunction with the Local Multi-Stakeholder Committee of the Nigeria Internet Governance Forum (WIGF), organized a day virtual meeting, aimed at promoting women's digital inclusion, and ensuring women's involvement in the internet policy making at every level in the country.

The program which was organized in preparation for the third Women Internet Governance Forum (WIGF), was held on September 29, 2021, ahead of the Nigeria Internet Governance Forum meeting which was scheduled for the 30th of September, with over 60 participants from different parts of the country, in attendance.

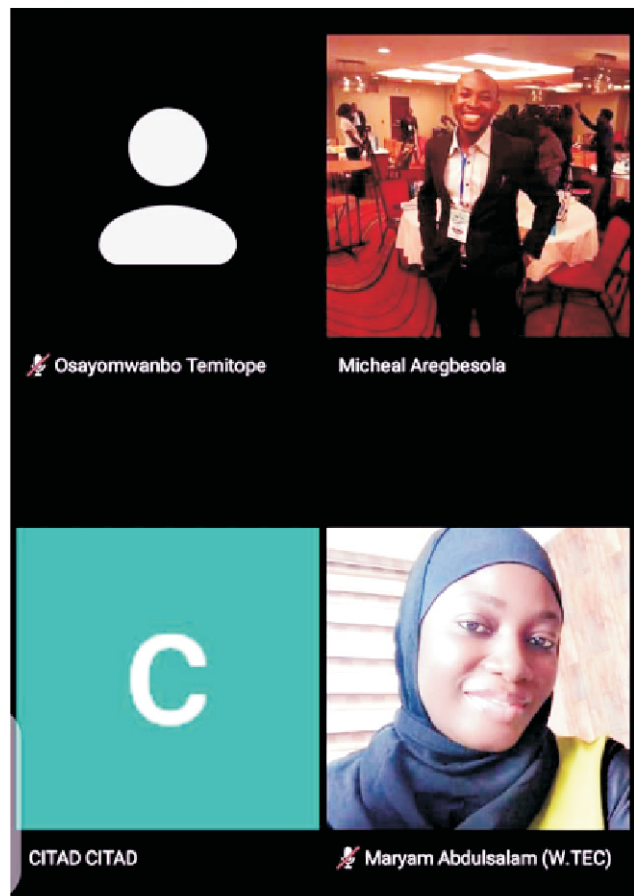
The virtual event started at exactly 11 am, with a welcome remark delivered by Mrs. Mary Udum, Chairperson, West African Internet Governance Forum, who commended CITAD for providing the opportunity for women to discuss issues affecting them relating to access and use of the internet in the country.

She said it was imperative for all hands to be on deck to ensure the digital inclusion of women, noting what she described as the tireless work of CITAD in promoting the digital inclusion of women in the country, and observed that the theme of the Forum: Women, Patriarchy and Digital Inequality: "A Look at Global Efforts to Bridge the Gender Digital Divide" was apt and timely and would allow participants to draw lessons from the experience of countries that had made significant progress in addressing the digital marginalization of women.

The WAIGF chairperson went further to say women's inclusion at the global level was gradually increasing as preferences are now being given to women, especially at UNIGF, African Union, which are ways of bridging the gender digital divide.

She also stressed that at the African level efforts are being put to ensure gender balance in all organizations, while, once more commending CITAD for consistently advocating for women's inclusion in the digital world.

In his welcome address, Malam Yunusa Z. Ya'u, Executive Director, CITAD, the convener of the event, expressed dissatisfaction that the discussions about and around the internet



usually features very low women voices, a development, attributable to factors, such as; culture and religion.

Mr. Ya'u noted that it was time for the voice of women in Nigeria and Africa to be heard loud and clear on matters of the internet, adding that women should be the majority users of the internet, noting that without users, there cannot be talk about the internet.

He went further to state that for many years CITAD has been advocating for the digital inclusion of women. Buttressing his points, Mr. Ya'u said although there are no statistics, various samples have shown that women were being left far behind.

Speaking about the importance of the internet and connectivity and why citizens should demand it, Malam Yunusa said the internet is a major tool that allows citizens to access education, as well as helps in the actualization of the freedom of information, and an avenue to demand good governance.

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He added that because of lack of connectivity, most of the people are being digitally excluded and their 'identity also excluded' which was subjecting them to many challenges in the society such as having problems when traveling, difficulty in accessing higher education, and in accessing financial service.

The executive director said that there is the need for Digital Justice to be promoted, to include all the digitally excluded, the majority of who are women, calling on the participants to join hands in advocating for effective policies that would enable women to access the internet which will give them the right and platforms to participate on policy making in the country.

The first panel of the event was moderated by Dr. Amina Salihu of MacArthur Foundation, who discussed the Challenges of Mainstreaming Women in the Digital World, Chioma Agwuegbo of TechherNG, Abuja, who spoke on the Challenges to Women Participation in the Digital Economy/Mainstreaming Women in the Digital Economy, Hamza Ibrahim of Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) discussed on 'Do Women Suffer Misinformation on the Net?', while, Miss Zainab Aminu, Gender Technical Officer, CITAD presented a paper on 'Combating Online Gender Violence as Key to Enhancing Women Participation in the Digital World'.

The first presenter, Miss Agwuegbo of TechherNG stated in her presentation that girls should be allowed to study whatever field they want, by that she argued that the girls will be able to reach their full potentials. Giving an example with out-of-school children in Nigeria, Ms. Chioma said, in 2018 there were 10 million out-of-school children in Nigeria of which 60% were girls.

Lamenting about the negative consequences of the patriarchal system in the underdeveloped countries, the speaker stated that the system dictates what and who women become in the society, as such it is denying many women access to technology which is the only liberator of women's backwardness and leading to the silencing of their voices.

Closing her presentation, Mrs. Agwuegbo suggested that there is a need for increased collaboration between the public and private

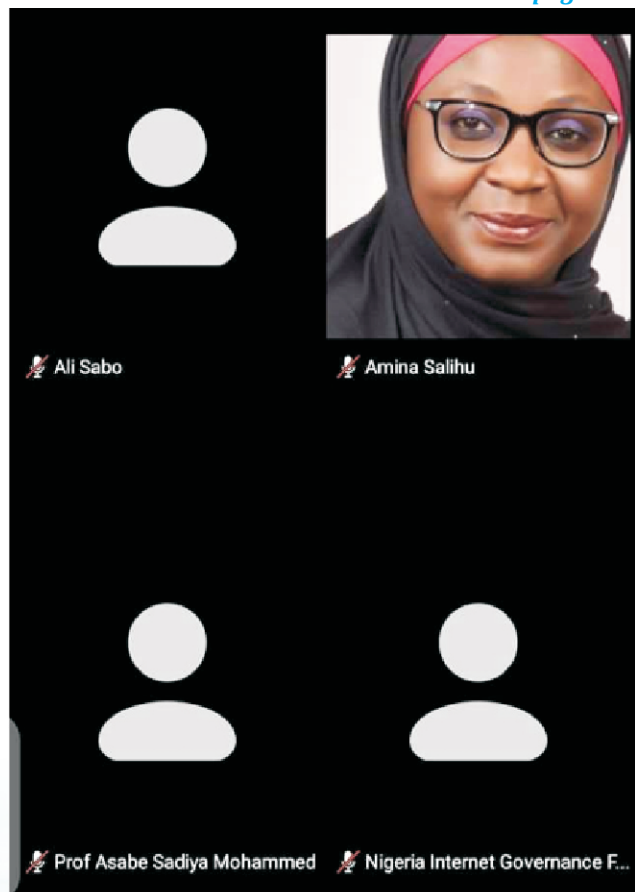
sector to ensure more involvement of women in the ICT sector, encourage women to take careers in technology-based areas, resourcing of materials that will allow women to occupy the digital space. She concluded the presentation by asking the participants "when we advocate for women to pursue their dreams, do we really have a society that will allow them to do that?"

In her presentation, the Gender Technical Officer of CITAD, Miss Zainab Aminu stated that Gender-Based violence refers to harmful acts directed at individuals based on their gender which is rooted in gender inequality, the abuse of power, and harmful norms.

She also stated that Gender-based violence (GBV) was a serious violation of human rights and a life-threatening issue, adding that it is estimated that one in three women will experience sexual or physical violence in their lifetime.

Providing insight on forms of Gender-Based Violence, she mentioned that Gender-based violence can include sexual, physical, mental, and economic harm inflicted in public or in private. It also includes threats of violence,

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coercion, and manipulation, adding that this can take many forms such as intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child marriage, female genital mutilation, while, the consequences of gender-based violence according to her are devastating and can have life-long repercussions for survivors; it can even lead to death.

Miss Zainab further stated that research conducted by CITAD on the impacts of gender-based cyber violence on victims discovered that gender-based violence, provokes reputational damage, mental illness, physical and medical issues, disruptions to a victim's living situation, invasions of privacy, silencing or withdrawal from the online environment, and damage to personal relationships.

While making a comparison on the impact of gender-based violence online between women and men, Miss Aminu stated that cyber violence appears to differ according to the victim's gender, where she gave an example of a research conducted by the Pew Research Centre which revealed that 38% of harassed women found their most recent experience with online harassment extremely or very upsetting, compared to only 17% of harassed men.

She added that compared to male users, who tend to be more concerned about damage to their reputation, females are more likely to fear physical harm. This corresponds to the nature of online abuse these groups experience. Where men and boys are more likely to be victims of defamation and libel, women are more likely to be subjected to derogatory remarks or sexual images and threats, such as non-consensual pornography.

Discussing the impacts to women and girls when they experience violence online, Miss Aminu mentioned that the greatest impact women experience is self-censorship; women start censoring themselves online which is what the abusers want.

Discussing some ways to reduce the GBV in society, the presenter mentioned that public awareness was the key to solving this problem and providing severe laws and punishment that would deter others from committing the same crime

The third speaker, Hamza Ibrahim of the Countering Misinformation Group of the Centre

for Democracy and Development took the participants on how women suffer misinformation on the net.

Hamza made it clear that women do suffer misinformation on the net. He gave an example of how perpetrators or purveyors of misinformation spread the news of President Buhari's marriage with Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Sadiya Umar Faruk which had inflicted damages to both the First Lady, Aisha Buhari, and Minister Sadiya Umar Faruk. He further stated that women all over the world were being targeted either online or offline, but the most injurious ones happen on the net.

Closing his presentation, Malam Hamza said that more efforts especially around sensitization and awareness creation need to be intensified.

The second panel featured Miss Toyosi Akerele Ogunsiji, Founder Rise Networks/The Rise Labs, whose discussion focused on 'Fostering Creativity and Innovation for Mainstreaming Women Participation in the Digital Economy, and Dr. Sana Abdullahi Mu'az of the Department of Computer Science, Bayero University, Kano, discussed the topic on 'How Do We Get More Women in the Digital Profession for Better Representation of Women in the Digital Economy.

Making her presentation, Dr. Sana Mu'az started by confessing that the diffusion of ICT has brought change to all aspects of human lives, noting that the digital economy has grown much faster than the rest of the economy and that the rapid development of digital technologies has created challenges for inclusive growth which led to under-representation of women. On how digital competencies shape the careers of women, She argued that women represent about 50% of university students in most developed countries but that the case was different in the underdeveloped countries and for younger children.

The second speaker, Miss Toyosi lamented that, in Data Science, the highest paid job in the world you can only find one female out of four employers which she attributed to the fact that since from the beginning, even from home, women are encouraged or sent to read Home Economics in schools while their male's counterparts are encouraged or sent to read

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CITAD donates ICT Centers for under safe learning space, digital livelihood program

computers, projector, printer, and is powered by a solar set, with a backup inverter to ensure stable and reliable power supply.

CITAD will also provide mentors to these public secondary schools, which will teach the students all about gender based violence and entrepreneurship skills for livelihood.

On her remark, the project officer and Gender technical officer of CITAD, Zainab Aminu said the program was geared towards the reporting any gender based violence that happened in learning environment. And it will also assist the students to know the basic knowledge of ICT.

Zainab Aminu stressed that, Gender-Based Violence remains a threat in our society due to our failure to break the social norms against women and girls, and it is good to note that with these ICT Centres, students can easily report any related violence.

Zainab Aminu urged the benefiting Schools to make maximum utilization of the equipment to achieve the set Objectives.

Earlier the representative of Kano state senior secondary schools management board Malam Tasiu Dahiru commended CITAD for the gesture. He urged the staff and students of the benefiting

schools to ensure judicious utilization of the Computers.

In address, the Principal of GGSS Jambulo Saliha Abdullahi Karaye, thanked the CITAD for siting the ICT Centre in the school. She assured that the facility would be secured and utilized effectively by the students in the school.

On her part, Government Girls Secondary School, Aisam Principal Hajiya Ramatu Muhammad Yahaya said with the gesture, the students can now digitally communicate and manage information while teaching and learning via ICT.

She added that the ICT Centre would boost entrepreneurship skills which will contribute to the overall ICT development in Kano state and Nigeria.

Dignitaries at the event includes the teachers of the Schools, Parent Teachers Association (PTA), School Base Management Committee (SBMC Members), Government Representative, and Personnel of the senior secondary Schools management board, traditional leaders and other Stakeholders.

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technology-based courses.

In this case, Ms. Akerele said the stereotype we created among our children was among the major factors that are discouraging women from joining the ICT courses, she cited an example with how parents bought things for their children, where she said, parents normally buy toys to their female children and airplane to their male child.

When speaking about the achievements made by women in technology and science, the presenter said the first individual to win the noble prize twice in the world is a female and the three people that wrote the mathematical formula that sent the Americans to the moon are women but the technology is biased towards women.

Moving forward, the presenter said, in order to ensure more involvement of women in the Information Technology sector, government,

individuals, and private companies (most especially the giant tech companies) must: Create equal opportunities for both men and women, Focus on research and development, Have a system that rewards female teachers in the area of technology, Create strong collaboration between the entertainment industry, technology sector, and policy makers, Have more stem programs that focus on girls and boys in order to co-create and collaborate, and More efforts to support people (women) who are already working in the area.

The dominant observations made by participants during the meeting were that women are being under represented in the tech jobs, the issue of negative stereotype of females in the society, that women are the major victims of terrorism and other forms of violence, that Technology is biased against women.



Staff of CITAD, and Palace aides surrounding His Royal Highness, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar, Emir of Karaye, in a group picture taken when a delegation of the CITAD paid an advocacy visit to his Palace, to advance the fight against Gender -Based Violence, in the Kano state .

CITAD enlist support of traditional rulers towards ending Gender - Based Violence

CITAD, has enlisted the support of the traditional leaders in Kano state, and other part of the country, in the fight against Gender Based Violence, especially in rural areas.

The management of CITAD noted that the traditional rulers could do more in discouraging the prevailing customs and practices that violated the human rights of women, young girls and boys.

The call was contained in the address delivered by Haruna Adamu Hadejia, when he led CITAD's delegation to the palace of Emir of Karaye, His Highness, Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar.

Hadejia told the emir that a Survey conducted by CITAD recently, in 22 Local Government Areas in Kano State on violence against women and children, indicates that the practice was on the rise.

According to him, this negative outcome calls for deep involvement of the royal fathers across the state to curtail further happenings.

On his part, the Emir of Karaye, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar commended CITAD for its intervention in the fight against violence against women in the state saying that traditional rulers will continue to support this herculean effort.

He added that everyone should understand that violence against women and girls is unacceptable and will no longer be tolerated. Also, Hadejia presented some CITAD's publications to the royal father.



His Royal Highness, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar, Emir of Karaye, receiving a presentation of books published by CITAD, when a delegation of the organization was on advocacy visit to his Palace, in the year.

Programs Executed by CITAD's Sub-Grantees in 2021

Name	Organization /Project Name	Activity
Adeola Fayehun-	Keep it Real with Adeaola	Organizes and present a weekly TV programme to create awareness for Nigerians to demand for accountability and anti-corruption. Uses online videos to sensitize viewers to hold elected and appointed leaders accountable and encourage active engagement of citizens in the context of elections
Abubakar Sadiq Mu'azu	Centre for Advocacy Transparency and Accountability (CATAI)	CATAI is implementing Increasing Citizens Action on Accountability project in Maiduguri, Jere and Biu local Government area with the focal aim of enhancing accountability and transparency of governance through enhancing Citizen's participation in fiscal governance and strengthening of government systems and processes in the selected Local Governments areas. This project is target at existing community structures; youth groups, women groups, Faith-Based organizations, Community based organizations, traditional institutions and PLWD groups in rural communities to engage them in multiple dimensions to form a Community Governance Forum and social audit platform to take ownership of these processes and sustained the process beyond project timeline
Ayo Obe	IDEAs Radio	Produces series of radio broadcasts on Nigeria Info FM which will bring the 'IDEAs component' to discussion of issues in the news in Nigeria and examination of the campaign for the 2023 general elections. The live radio audience will be expanded by online content.
Danlami Nnmoudu	Newsdiary Online	Newsdiary in partnership with CITAD will track, investigate and report issues such as anti-corruption or corruption cases, events bordering on election and electoral reforms ,gender issues and youth matter. And also focus will also be on INEC and other issues
Deji Badmous	Tv360	Produces at least 3 TV documentary programmes in each quarter on corruption, anti-corruption and accountability and have it aired on TVC and TV360.links

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Diego Odoh Okenyedo	Splendor Dawn	Is building on the success of the previous edition of the monthly literary competition on accountability and anticorruption among social media users in Nigeria which held from 2018-2020, Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation seeks to push awareness messaging on accountability and anticorruption among young people and social media users as key stakeholders in Nigeria's good governance drive.
Efe Paul Azino	Creative Africa	Organizes special 6-month digital writing and performance fellowship, showcase and anthology, invoking the power of narrative/storytelling to shift perceptions and facilitate accountability. The fellowship is designed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inspire a culture of accountability through storytelling; ● Generate conversations, in the lead up to the 2023 general elections on the imperative of citizen engagement in pushing for more transparent and accountable leadership. ● Re-frame the narrative around education, social development and economic progress in Northern Nigeria.
Mu'azu Alhaji Modu	Spotlight for Transparency and Accountability	Uses multidimensional citizen engagement approach to strengthen accountability on basic healthcare provision fund (BHCPF) to reduce corruption, improve service delivery and empower citizen to demand and hold duty-bearers to account. The project has multiple interrelated components designed to generate critical mass of citizen active engagement with issues of accountability and anti-corruption to improve service delivery which include empowering youth to demand accountability on implementation of BHCPF in Yobe state, town hall meeting to bring together relevant stakeholders to discuss on accountability and election, high level dialogue on BHCPF and intensive digital media engagement on accountability.

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Jack Vincent Fidelis	Radio and TV Programme	<p>Produces weekly interactive TV as well as radio programmes called “Corruption and Society” the broadcast programme explores discussions with relevant stakeholders, documentaries and jingles aimed at combating the corruption scourge and sparking the desired conversation around the subject.</p> <p>Also make weekly jingles in three difference language; Kanuri, Hausa and English. He also prepare podcast for online posting on twitter and facebook podcast on twitter</p>
Jerry Adesewo	Aroja Theatre	<p>This project is designed to create awareness, with a view to help change the attitudes of Nigerians. Through the various activities of this project, it would re-inforce the knowledge of the Nigerian populace, as to the many corrupt tendencies in the system, while also empowering them to learn how to demand accountability from their various public office holders</p>
Jide Ojo	Independent Researcher and Journalist	<p>Writes articles weekly on the punch newspaper and appears on TV and radio programmes to talk on anti-corruption and accountability. Also shares articles on facebook, twitter and blog</p>
Joshua Alabi	Kininso Koncepts	<p>Engages youth on anti-corruption, organizes stage drama titled Sorry to show effect of corruption on the people. Upload videos on YouTube and share on facebook and twitter.</p>
Obono-Martins	Tap Initiative For Citizen Development	<p>Using evidence-based data from the previous surveys conducted and focused group discussions to identify incidences of denial of access and or exclusion due to corruption in the 62 primary healthcare centres in Abuja that the government has disbursed money for facilities and effective service delivery and to use the findings to advocate for better services in a way that it will influence electoral decisions of citizens in the next elections.</p>
Olumide Olaniyan		<p>Promoting genuine participation of the often neglected clusters of citizens (youth, women, persons with disabilities [PWD]) in influencing</p>

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		<p>socioeconomic and political decisions that affect their wellbeing. It also uses drama skits, poetry, playlet as tools for citizens' enlightenment, dialogue and advocacy on good governance. Channels for this include physical and virtual engagements, while the locations is nationwide, with more focus on hard-to-reach communities in FCT and Nasarawa states, Nigeria.</p>
Richard Akinnola-	Corruption Cases Index	<p>Publication of CORRUPTION CASES JOURNAL- a Quarterly Journal reporting corruption cases and related issues. Publishing on a quarterly basis on magazine. The magazine focuses on various corruption cases and related issues. It also assists lawyers who would benefit from the various judgments of corruption cases published in the magazine.</p>
Tawa Momoh	Innovative Ideas	<p>Organizes and coordinates a bimonthly competition on anti-corruption titled "Student Essay." This competition asks applicants to write innovative ideas on how to fight corruption in Nigeria and the winners are awarded with monetary prizes. Towards the end of the projects, all written essays will be selected and compiled them into a book. The link to her website is www.reportaproject.ng</p>
Toyosi Akerele	Rise Network	<p>The Design, Development and Deployment of a Data Driven AI Enabled Information Authentication & Verification Mobile App to mobilise and catalyse Citizens' action and tackle Corruption and other related Practices for Accountable Election and Governance in Nigeria</p> <p>The Run AM Mobile App is built with focus on tracking the activities of public office holders and politicians in the discharge of their duties and report fact-based and authentic information to the citizens to engage in conversation and action that demand accountability in electoral processes and governance in Nigeria</p>
Tuunde M Akanni	Lagos State University (LASU)	<p>This project seeks to ascertain students' perception of corruption across different faculties and academic programmes using research. It would also share the findings of the perception study not only among all students but the generality of the Lagos State University (LASU) community. To address the issues</p>

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		<p>arising, no fewer than two patriotic experts will be commissioned to come and deliver lectures focusing on anti-corruption and transparency issues as manifest on the campus and possibly in relation to the larger society. To take the solutionist intervention of the lectures further will be the broadcasting of a dedicated weekly programme on LASU Radio.</p>
Rudolf Okonkwo	Irokopost Media Groups Inc	<p>Periodically, investigative reports and watchdog whitepaper on corruption in Nigeria's public and private sectors grace the front pages of newspapers for a day or two and disappear. These stories do not have a long enough shelf life to sink in into the minds of readers. Most times, they lack the proper context to illustrate and personalize the real cost of this wastage so that the masses would understand it and buy into the need to go beyond being outraged to become part of the agents for change. "Damage Control" will highlight the different ramifications of maleficence in Nigerian society, emphasizing how lack of accountability impacts the country at large and practical ways individuals can help minimize corruption.</p>
Chioma Ogwuegbo	TechHerNG	<p>Creates spaces especially for women to curate digitally their expectations of government through the lenses of things that matter most to them. Per the Tech for Governance strand of TechHer's work, the two areas to focus on will be accountability around the elimination of SGBV, and participation in leadership/public life</p>
Mustapha Bulama	DailyTrust	<p>Creating awareness on accountability and corruption and reorient Nigerians on corruption and its negative impacts using cartons and Illustrations.</p>
Bikiya Graham-Douglas	BEETA Productions	<p>Produces 15minute film exploring the effects of corruption and lack of accountability in the society, particularly on women and people with disability. The film also explores poor investment in gender development, participation of people with disability, and how the ripple effect affects the society at large, in respect to areas like livelihood, education, security, health. It also offers messaging on what the people can do to resist corruption, and demand accountability from their Leaders.</p>

Summary of activities executed by CITAD's Abuja Office

CITAD in the year under review executed some designed programs in partnership with Action Aid Nigeria (AAN). One of such activities executed was a three-week Digital Skills Training on Microsoft Packages for the residents of rural communities situated around the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

A total of 150 persons made up of 105 females and 45 males, benefitted from the training program which was conducted in the five ICT centres used for the program.

10 participants each, drawn from Tungan Ashere, Gaube, Leleyi Gwari, Pasepa and Dakwa communities were trained in each of the five ICT centres, respectively, designed to enhance their capacity in use of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and internet.

The second program also organized in partnership with Action Aid Nigeria (AAN) was a one-day step down training on Social Audit conducted in 16 rural communities in FCT. A total number of 356 participants made up of 208 females and 148 males took part in the training designed to scale up their skills in demanding greater transparency, accountability, and to generate information to support and provide clearer basis for decision making in the communities. One of the outcomes of the program was the formation of a 'community of activists' which consist community leaders such as, the Maigari, Woman and Youths Leaders, who usually meet every month to deliberate on issues involving projects that are not completed or those that are of low quality in their respective communities.

In the same vein, CITAD also in partnership with Action Aid Nigeria (AAN) organized a one-day Training on Freedom of Information (FOI) for 35 community activists (20 females and 15 males).



The training was designed to build up transparency and accountability as a way of enhancing the capacity of the beneficiaries of the training to access public records and information which they are to make more freely available to their communities, in order to increasing the awareness of the people in their communities on their rights from the government.

CITAD also in partnership with Action Aid Nigeria (AAN) organized an awareness workshop on Gender Based Violence and Child Abuse for participants drawn from 16 rural communities in the FCT. A total 478 participants made up of 290 women, 110 men and 78 children were in attendance. The program was designed to create awareness on the negative effect of gender based violence and child abuse in the society, as well as to enlighten the participants on possible solutions and response techniques to addressing the rising GBV and child abuse cases in the country.

Also in the year, CITAD in partnership with Action Aid Nigeria (AAN) organized the annual Celebration of Children's Day held in Gofidna, Dakwa and Gwalada communities, respectively. The event was conceived as a way of promoting children's rights, and to stimulate reflection on the importance of children's education, as well

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as to discourage discrimination between the boy and girl child. A total number of 300 children, made up of 180 girls and 120 boys participated in the celebration, which featured quiz competition, games and light party.

CITAD, and Action Aid Nigeria (AAN) also carried out an Advocacy visit to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to raise public awareness on the rising cases of land grabbing in rural communities in the FCT, and during the visit several cases of land grabbing pending before the Commission were discussed with the Executive Secretary of NHRC.

As a follow up to the advocacy visit a technical working session was held after two week later to deliberate on land grabbing in the context of human rights and ways the constitution review could be of advantage in addressing the land grabbing issues at the FCT, and suggestions were made on strategies for addressing land grabbing incidences.

Other program executed by CITAD in partnership with Action Aid Nigeria (AAN) was a training on Peer education for women in AMAC and Kwali area council of the FCT, which was designed to strengthen the capacity of 50 women in the rural communities to address issues that affect their lives socially, politically and economically.

After the training, an initiative known as women cycle was conceived to promote women rights development and discourage violence against women and girls (VAWG) in communities.

CITAD in partnership with Action Aid Nigeria (AAN), also organized a one-day Commemorative program to mark the 'International Youth Day (IYD) 2021'. The event was attended by 20 youths conducted in two ICT centres used at Dakwa, and Abuja Municipal Area Council of the FCT, respectively. The program was designed to promote ways and means of engaging youths to be more active in making positive contributions to their communities, and to bring issues related to youths development to the attention of their communities, in addition to celebrating the potential of youths.

Similarly, as away of promoting civic space engagement in Nigeria, CITAD, partnered The Kukah Centre in organizing a conference entitled "Civic Space; the Pathway to Social Cohesion and Integration in Nigeria", which seeks to promote the relevance of the civic space in deepening democracy in Nigeria. The conference provided opportunity for Nigerians to converge and discuss pressing issues that are impacting on common citizenship and national integration.

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CITAD enhances Journalists capacity on Online Security and Safety

basic internet security, and the threat landscape, in addition to the range of security tactics that they could adopt to protect their activities against threats.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Ali Sabo, CITAD`s

Communication and Campaign Officer, noted that the essence of the program was to promote safety consciousness among journalists practicing in Kano State, and Nigeria, at large.

In conclusion, some of the selected Journalists that participated in the training commended CITAD for organizing the event which they said was very impactful judging from the new skills and knowledge they gained during the training.

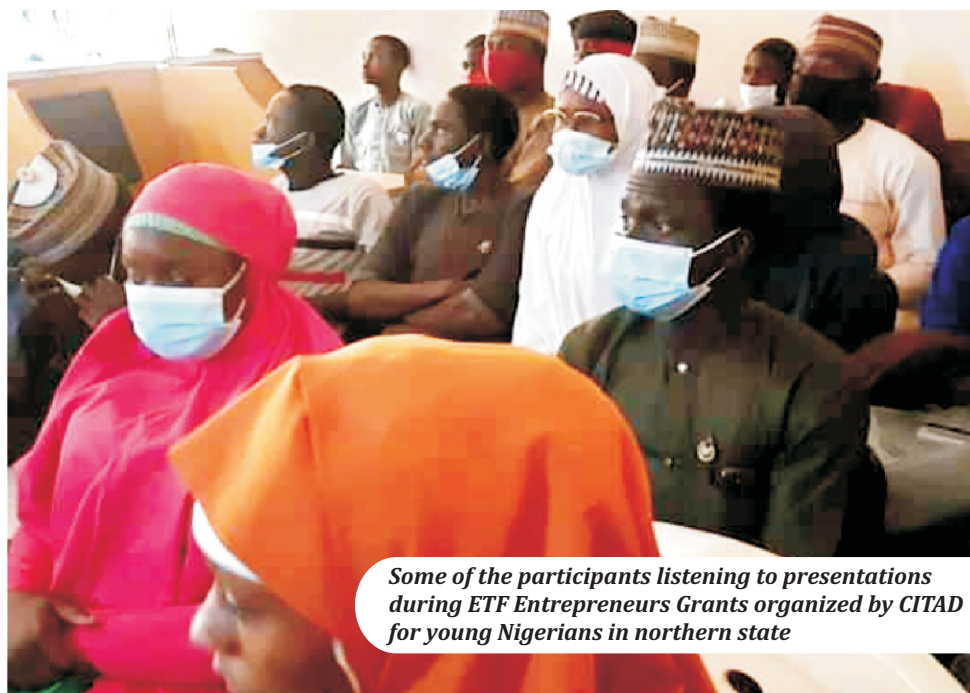
The participants pleaded with the management of CITAD to organize another training session in the shortest possible time, so as to offer them ample opportunity to acquire knowledge that will keep them abreast of new trends in their profession, particularly, the issue of safety.



Some of the Journalists that participated in the training workshop on Online Security and Safety held by CITAD

CITAD prepares youths in northern states for TEF Entrepreneurs Grants

CITAD in the year under review organised a one-day training programme for Nigerian youths residing in the northern part of the country, with the aim of scaling up their chance of maximizing the entrepreneurship and grant opportunities which the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Program (TEF) is offering to young Africans.



Some of the participants listening to presentations during ETF Entrepreneurs Grants organized by CITAD for young Nigerians in northern state

The training which was designed to enable youths in the region, to particularly, benefit from the 7th edition of the grant was conducted through Job Placement Information Services (JOPIS), a special information platform established by CITAD to assist Nigerian Youths to access information on jobs as well as entrepreneurship development opportunities, across the globe.

Declaring the event which took place on Tuesday, the 2nd of February, 2021, at the Corporate Office of CITAD in Kano, opened. Ahmad Abdullahi Yakasai, who is CITAD's Training Coordinator, disclosed that the program was a follow up to the information about the opening of the 7th edition of TEF Foundation shared on the NGO platform.

He stated that the training workshop was designed primarily to sensitize, train and guide young people to benefit from the TEF grant, having noted that youths in the northern part of the country are lagging behind compared to their counterparts from other parts of the country in benefiting of such entrepreneurship grants.

Mr. Yakasai attributed the development to the fact that most of the youths in the northern part of the country are unaware of the existence of such programs, adding that the few that are

aware lack the capacity to develop winning proposals that could help them to benefit from it. According to him, the other reason was the fact that accessing the information about the grants requires some measure of competency in ICT, and processing their participation through having access to internet services which many of them could not access.

The CITAD's training coordinator used the occasion to inform the participants that CITAD has upgraded its training laboratory and offer the following ICT courses at subsidized courses: Certificate in Information Technology (CIT), Diploma in Information Technology (DIT), Diploma in Graphics Design, Diploma in Data Analysis, and Diploma in Computer Repair and Maintenance.

Other courses, he said that CITAD currently offering includes: Diploma in Mobile App Development without Coding, Professional Certificate in Digital Marketing, Professional Certificate in ICT for Families, Professional Diploma in Auto Card, Professional Diploma in Website Design, Professional Certificate in Digital Entrepreneurship (Freelances) and Professional Diploma in Mobile App Development with Coding.

Providing insight into how the youths could benefit from the grants, Mallam Sagiru Ado

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Some of the participants taking notes during TEF workshop held at CITAD `s office in Jama`Are, Bauchi State

...60 other youths benefit from the training in Jama`are LGA of Bauchi State

CITAD in the year, also organized a special one-day training workshop, as a way of bridging the skills deficit hampering the effective participation of youths in the rural communities of Jama`are Local Government Area of Bauchi State, in the Tony Elumelu Foundation Grant (TEF).

Over 60 youths drawn from various communities within and outside the LGA participated in the training which took place on Tuesday, 9th February 2021 at CITAD Training Facility situated in Jama`are, Bauchi State.

The training was specially designed to serve as avenue to provide information that would help the targeted beneficiaries to overcome the challenges they usually faced while, trying to access the grant.

Declaring the training open, Alhaji Abdullahi Danbaba, who is the secretary, Jama`are Local Government Council, commended CITAD for initiating the training targeted at ensuring the economic well-being of the young Nigerians, and the country at large.

The secretary advised the participants to take advantage of the opportunity that the CITAD is providing so that they can leverage the grants being offered by the Tony Elumelu Foundation to create means of livelihood for themselves.

Speaking also, Malam Ibrahim Aboki, a business

consultant, who is an alumnus of TEF urged the participants to endure the difficult processes of accessing the TEF and recalled that he spent sleepless nights trying to develop a winning proposal before he was successful.

He called on the participants to learn the guidelines for applying for the TEF grant and how the grant can be won, noting that first of all, applicants must apply online through tefconnect portal (www.tefconnect.com) and must complete all required information and upload documents and identification materials.

Mr. Aboki explained that TEF usually make use of the services of Accenture Development Partners to review the applications and make the final selection of 1000 entrepreneurs, so as to ensure that the selection process follows a robust, rigorous, and transparent selection process developed for the potential grantee to access the grant.

According to him, the TEF prioritizes four critical factors: project management discipline, evaluation process, quality assurance, interpretation and application of evaluation criteria, and the selection and training of the Evaluators.

During the training, CITAD facilitators led by Malam Sagiru Ado Abubakar, who is the coordinator JOPIS unit, practically

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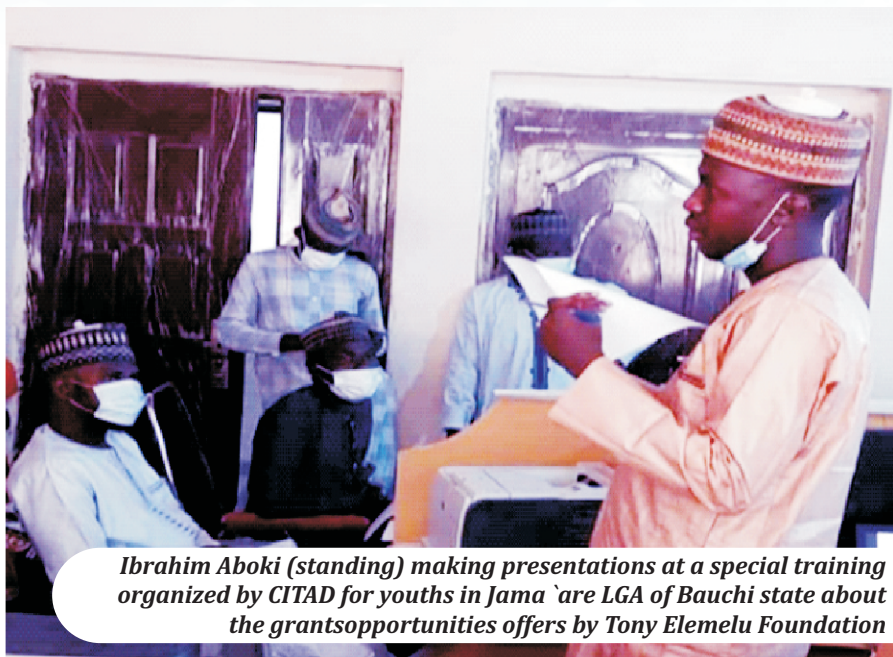
demonstrated how to access the TEFconnect portal, technique for entering personal details, and how to conduct psychometric tests and financial knowledge assessment.

While Malam Kamal Garba Alhassan, a staff of CITAD attached to the Training Unit of the organization, providing information on the problems of entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship in Northern Nigeria, and the way forward.

It would be recalled that Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF), Africa's leading philanthropy dedicated to empowering African entrepreneurs, opens applications on its TEF Connect digital platform (www.tefconnect.com) on January 1, 2021.

The 2021 year's intervention prioritizes the economic recovery of small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) and young African entrepreneurs, following the Covid-19 disruption to economic activities.

To address the unique challenges arising from the pandemic, lift millions out of poverty, as well as create sustainable employment across the



Ibrahim Aboki (standing) making presentations at a special training organized by CITAD for youths in Jama'are LGA of Bauchi state about the grants opportunities offers by Tony Elumelu Foundation

continent, the Foundation's Entrepreneurship Programme will be empowering 1,000 young African entrepreneurs, selected from the 2020 cohort. The Foundation opened applications to an additional 2,400 young entrepreneurs in 2021, in collaboration with global partners. Successful applicants receive world-class business training, mentorship, non-refundable seed capital up to \$5,000, and global networking opportunities. The Programme was opened to entrepreneurs across Africa, both new start-ups and existing young businesses, operating in all sectors.

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CITAD holds orientation session on Digital Livelihood Program for Young Women and Girls in Kano

the courses to be offered, and the duration, and also highlighted some of the major achievements and challenges in promoting women's equal participation in development processes at all levels. He explained the three (3) major objectives that the project is expected to achieve at the end of the training.

According to him, in the context of the project, the participants are expected to have developed the necessary required skills in order to be able to impact other women and girls in the society at any time and any moment, have a relative knowledge on ICT and entrepreneurship skills, register their business names with Corporate Affairs Commission (C.A.C) and other concerned regulatory agencies related to their businesses

to have a legal back up and; the participants should be able to participate in e-mentoring and be meeting from time to time for mentoring to discuss on how to expand their businesses, and search for other job opportunities.

Malama Zainab Aminu, the Gender Officer, CITAD, in a paper presentation noted some factors hindering northern women in acquiring skills, noting that the factors range from bigotry, extreme poverty, lack of education, lack of parental and husband supports due to culture and tradition that exposed them to gender discrimination, and the necessity of the mechanisms is for promoting women in entrepreneurship skills even in their homes.

CITAD celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Week at GGSS, Shekara

One of the high-profile events celebrated by CITAD in the year was the annual Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW2021), conceived as an avenue for showcasing innovators and job creators, across the globe.

This year's edition of the event was marked with an Entrepreneurship Career Talk targeted at students, and none student participants, at the Government Girls Secondary School, Shekara, in the Northwest State of Kano.

The career talk focused on the concept of entrepreneurship, and the participants were

provided information on the concept of entrepreneurship, and self-employment.

The lecture also introduced the students to School Enterprise Challenge Competition which is an international business program for schools that is open to primary schools, secondary schools, and technical/vocational colleges from all countries.

The competition teaches business and life skills and supports teachers and students to plan and set up real businesses at their schools.

The lecture was facilitated by Malam Umar Muhammad Yakasai, Director Training and

Recruitment, KSSSMB, Malam Isyaku Garba, Deputy Director Training and Recruitment, KSSSMB, and Malam Abdullahi Garba, Assistant Chief Education Officer, CITAD, as well as a representative of the Executive Secretary, Kano State Senior Secondary School Management Board.

In his address, at the occasion, Mr. Umar Yakasai described an entrepreneur as someone endowed with the ability to improve the standard of living of the people in a

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Students of Government Girls Secondary School, Shekara, in Kano listening to a Career Talk delivered to celebrate GEW Day in the school

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Braving the Odds, Impacting the People

territory where we have been working with communities to enhance their capacity to demand for their rights, became also the nucleus for the emerging community networks. In addition, we also were able through a new partner, set up a community library in one of the communities. While we registered some staff departure, we also recruited new ones. Two additional new initiative we are so proud of that occurred during the year was the full-scale operation of our online radio station, broadcasting various programmes that its contributing to our advocacy and the social media lab that we set up which is providing training on social media and social media for accountability for young people. We also recently achieved some milestones in our advocacy interventions. This included the unplanned intervention, responding to the lack of drinking water in a large number of

communities in Kunchi Local Government of Kano State which resulted in the digging of over 50 boreholes for the communities. The second was the eventual building of a block of classrooms for the Shara Community School which CITAD set up more than two years earlier, by the Kano State Government in response to our advocacy. Our staffing increased in the year, was consistent with the increase in the work that CITAD did in the year.

Like in the previous year, our staff and Board members demonstrated an uncommon resilience and commitment to overcome the odds and continued to organize and work, to impact positively on our communities. We recognize the support, understanding and cooperation of our partners, donors and other supporters who made it possible for us to brave these odds and to triumph.

CITAD empowers Anti-Gender Based Violence (GBV) Advocates in Kano



Some of the 40 youths trained as Anti-GBV advocates during a two-day workshop organised by CITAD

CITAD in the year conducted a two-day training workshop for 40 youths on strategy for the prevention of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), targeted at women and young girls in the country.

The training which was conducted with the support from Ford Foundation, held at the CITAD training facility in Kano, and attracted participants made up of both young men and women was designed to make the beneficiaries become champions, and advocates against GBV.

The training was also fashioned to be an avenue for empowering the participants with the latest techniques in monitoring incidences of GBV in Kano state, in particular.

The participants were also impacted with skills required for the stepping-down of the knowledge gained during the training in their respective communities, as a way of multiplying voices in the campaign against GBV, as well as serving as Community Monitors of violence against women and young girls in their respective locality.

The first day of the training featured trainers, which include Dr. Adamu Kawu Sule, Mrs. Maryam Muhammad of the Sociology Department, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), and Zainab Aminu from CITAD.

In the course of the training, the three speakers

defines GBV occurrence as incidences that breach the fundamental right to life, liberty, security, dignity, equality between women and men, and noted the importance of media in the eradication of the menace.

The speakers also separately highlighted the effects of GBV on women, and young girls, and noted the raising incidences of GBV in the society, which cut across race, ethnicity, class, age, economic or educational status, religious or cultural divide.

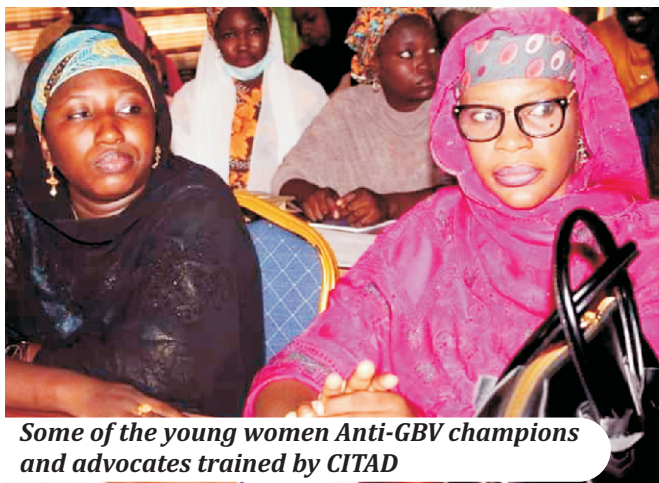
The speakers suggested that in order to bring down the prevalence of GBV in society, the media should be more effective in its role of reporting, and sharing of experiences of Women and the Girls that were victims, so as to amplify their voices, as a way of promoting accountability, and enhancing gender justice.

They also called on the media to play a crucial role in putting issues of GBV on the public agenda, and help create awareness at all levels of society in a way that the voices of the vulnerable individuals can be heard.

On the second day of the training, the Chairperson, International Federation of Women Lawyers, FIDA, Kano State Chapter, Barrister. Huwaila Ibrahim, in her presentation, advocated for stiffer penalties against Sexual Gender-based violence offenders to serve as a

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Some of the young women Anti-GBV champions and advocates trained by CITAD

deterrent to others.

Miss Huwaila Ibrahim submitted that diligent prosecution of offenders should be instituted by the relevant authorities, and emphasized the need for the government in the country to create more institutions that can address the root causes of gender-based violence.

The Chairperson noted that violence against women was a human rights issue that extremely hinders women and girls in contributing effectively to national development.

In her presentation which focused on the deployment of technological tools against GBV, Miss Saadat Aliyu noted the pervasive nature of technology, and its ability to connect people, and suggested that deploying it could help reinforce and disseminate social and cultural structures that can normalize gender roles.

Saadat Aliyu, who recently developed an android application, 'Helpio App' for reporting cases of sexual abuse, submitted that the fight against GBV requires the collaborative efforts of all concerned, and technology which has for decades been providing lasting solutions to social problems, is the best way to approach this fight against GBV.

In the course of her presentation, Miss Saadat Aliyu provided information on how the application she developed can be downloaded from Google Play Store (for Android devices), and on the Apple App Store (for iOS and Apple devices).

In the same vein, in her presentation, Barrister Hafsat Zeenat Buhari, whose paper focused on 'Creating Safe Space for Victims of GBV', argued that there seems to be a grand conspiracy to silence victims of gender-based

violence by the offenders and family members in the name of protecting family name and avoiding discrimination, in the country.

All the speakers at the training session called on government at all levels, parents, decision-makers among others to put all hands on deck towards eradicating GBV in society.

At the end of the two-day workshop, participants made the following recommendations, that awareness is created for kids at the home-front, and that school authorities be encouraged to promote advocacy campaigns in schools, while, parents are urged not to shield victims or perpetrators.

In the same vein, the workshop was of the view that there are needs for governments at all levels to formulate policies on GBV in the country, and also demanded that the perpetrators of GBV be blacklisted, calling on Nigerians to desist from stigmatizing the victims, noting that only perpetrators should be stigmatized.

Also, the workshop suggested that a comfortable environment be created for the victims of the GBV to get over their experience, pointing out the need for the creation of rehabilitation centers equipped with the tools for managing the victims' experiences, in addition to the need to establish guidance and counseling centers in public and private schools in the state.

Finally, the workshop further suggested that the government in the country, should encourage the establishment of Safe Centers, in hospitals in communities, (consider proximity), like SARC, identify organizations with safe spaces and GBV Centers.



One of the Anti-GBV champions and advocates taking a note during the training organized by CITAD

CITAD meets Sub-Grantees of the Mobilizing and Catalyzing Citizens 'Action for Accountable Election and Governance in Nigeria

CITAD in the year organized a two-day inaugural Zoom meeting with the 26 beneficiaries of the sub-grant for the Mobilizing and Catalyzing Citizens' Action for Accountable Election and Governance in Nigeria project being supported by MacArthur Foundation.

The meeting which was held on the 13th and 14th of July was part of the implementation of the Mobilizing and Catalyzing Citizens' Action for Accountable Election and Governance in Nigeria (MCCAAEGN), a project being handled by the organization which was designed to run from 2021 to 2024.

The core component of the MCCAAEGN project was the usage of different mediums of communication to reach government and citizens before, during, and after the 2023 elections. The medium designed for usage is Radio, Artificial Intelligence, Poetry, Cartoons, Illustrations, as well as Direct Means of engaging with government, and citizens' action groups.

The inception meeting was conceived to serve as a channel for briefing the beneficiaries of the project on how to develop the implementation calendar and receive feedback on individual concept notes.

In his welcoming participants, Malam Yunusa Zakari Ya`u, Executive Director of Centre for Information Technology and Development, disclosed that his organization had secured a partnership with MacArthur Foundation for the renewal of the project, which was an indication of satisfactory performance of the previous projects executed with the support of the Foundation. Mr. Ya`u expressed delight that the previous projects executed with the funding

support of the Foundation had impacted tremendously on the lives of the targeted beneficiaries, as it achieved most of the set-out goals, and implored the sub-grantees to leverage on their selection to ensure that the overall objectives of the project are realized.

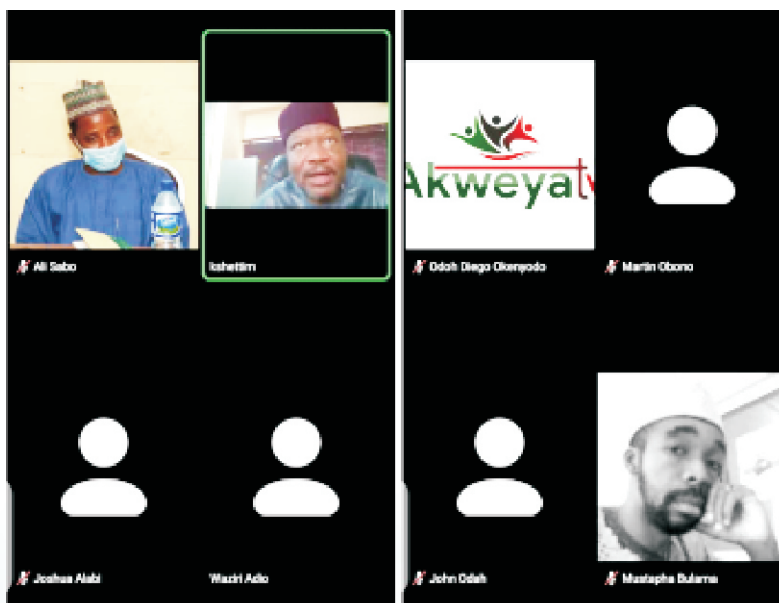
He said that the project was designed to galvanize the citizens` voices to demand accountability from both candidates and parties, as well as mainstream gender, disability, and other diversity inclusion in our electoral system, in addition to activating the citizen agency for change to act towards rewarding accountability, and punishing corruption through the electoral process.

According to him, another goal of the project was to generate a critical mass of citizen active engagement with the issues of accountability, and anti-corruption in the context of the elections in the country.

At the end of the project, Mr. Ya`u stated that more citizens are expected to be able to engage the electoral process through their engagement both with the candidates, and the political parties as well as the casting of their votes.

He noted that at the end of the project, more people, and groups in the country, are also expected to be better able to engage with duty-bearers at the local level by providing them with learning opportunities, and the confidence required to engage with high-level officials,

adding that young people are also expected to be able to understand issues of corruption, and accountability, and be able to engage in campaigns to promote accountability. He added that more of the citizens are also expected to be



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able to make electoral choices on the basis of accountability, commitments, and prospects made by the candidates, and the political parties, while, more communities should also be able to demand the completion of abandoned projects in their locality, in addition, to be in a position to engage with constituency projects in their areas. The executive director also further noted that at the end of the project, more citizens and citizens' groups are also expected to be able to engage with the budget process and demand the mainstreaming of their issues in the budgets at local, state, and federal levels.

Adding that more women, people with disabilities, and youth are also expected to be in a position to be able to participate in the electoral process, as well as in elections, and to be able to support reforms for affirmative action. In his remarks at the meeting, Mr. Olaide Oladayo, who is the Deputy Country Director, MacArthur Foundation, congratulated CITAD and the sub-grantees for their effort that make it possible for the project to be renewed by the Foundation.

He stated that the project which their Foundation was supporting was designed to encourage the reduction of corruption in the country and to also encourage the citizens to embrace the use conversations, while engaging with the issues of anti-corruption and transparency, as a way of promoting good governance in the country.

Mr. Oladayo further stated that in the previous project it was difficult to assess their impacts because of the difficulty to understanding the overall goals of the projects carried by the sub-grantees.

Submitting that each of the sub-grantees used different tools in measuring their outcomes brought about the difficulty in assessing the real impact of the projects executed.

Speaking on the project, Mr. Waziri Adio, who is the Technical Adviser to the project, observed that only

very few of the proposals submitted by sub-grantees have a direct link with the overall goals of the project.

He noted that most of the proposals revolve around the use of social media, and suggested that it is imperative for the sub-grantees to include risk-mitigation strategy in their proposals.

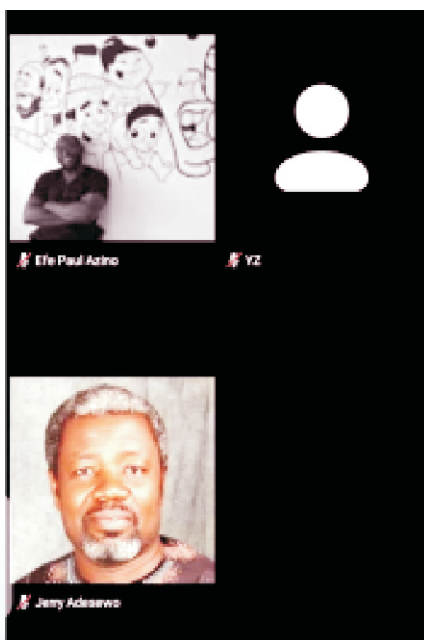
Another issue raised by the Technical Adviser was some of the disparities in the proposals, such as depth, details, duration, and cost which should have been captured in the budget for their respective proposals, noting that some of the sub-grantees have detailed budgets in either in Excel or Word, while some have very sparse or even single-line budgets.

In order to address the issues, he suggested that a workshop on budgeting is required in which skills and templates for budget preparation would be shared with the sub-grantees, noting that such a workshop would also enable them to agree on what items should be covered, and the nature of documentation should be put in place for the retirement of their projects.

Mr. Adio conclusively highlighted the need for some of the proposals to express clarity on specific activities that it intended to undertake, as well as, the sequence of activities and timelines.

During the two-day meeting, each of the sub-grantees was given the opportunity to make presentations, and to discuss the idea contained in their respective proposals, the goals of their projects, outcomes, risks associated with the projects, and they tend to mitigate them.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Kole Shettima, Country Director of MacArthur Foundation Nigerian Office, commended CITAD for taking the lead of the project and organizing the Inception Meeting, and Mr. Waziri Adio for taking his time to go through all the proposals sent and providing substantial and useful feed-backs, while, calling the sub-grantees to ensure judicious use of the grant.





Participants at the inaugural lecture on Social Media for Accountability organized by CITAD

CITAD inaugurates annual lecture on Social Media for Accountability

CITAD in the year inaugurated an annual lecture with the theme: 'Social Media for Accountability', as part of the initiative aimed at promoting responsible use, and deployment of Social Media in the country.

The day event which was held on the 29th of June, at the newly commissioned Social Media Lab of the organization situated at its Corporate Head Office in Kano, was organized with the support of MacArthur Foundation.

The lecture featured a presentation of a paper by Dr. Nura Ibrahim, Head of Department, Information and Media Studies, School of Communications, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), while, Professor. Ismail A. Zango, Director, Mambayya House, serves as the chairman of the occasion.

Thirty persons selected out of the over hundred applicants, who indicated interest in the lecture, attended the maiden event in which Dr. Nura delivered a paper entitled 'Youth, Social Media and Making of Accountability Governance in Nigeria'.

In his opening remarks before the commencement of the lecture, Yunusa Zakari Ya`u, Executive Director, CITAD, represented by the organization's Director of Training, Ahmed A. Yakasai, disclosed that the lecture series was designed to be an avenue for empowering young with necessary skills that would enable make positive use of the Social Media.

Mr. Ya`u stated that effective and positive deployment of social media was one of the ways that the youths could use to create a new Nigeria where justice and accountability will be the order of the day.

He noted that social media provided an avenue for people to lend their voices to national and global discourses, adding that regrettably many young Nigerians are deploying social media negatively, instead of tapping its huge potentials for self-development, and national as well as global relevance.

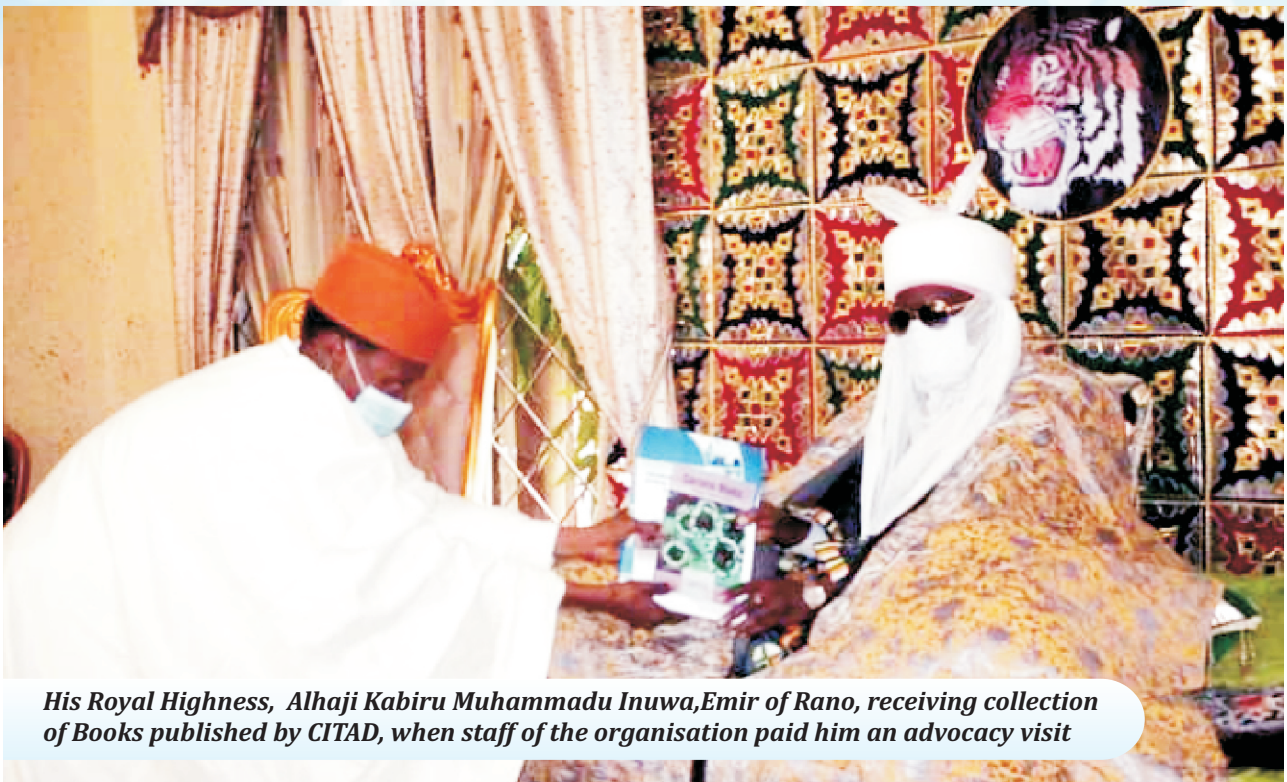
The CITAD `s executive director, charged the participants to be ready to leverage the resources that the training offers, to advocate for a better society, on their different social media platforms.

In his remarks, Professor Ismail Zango expressed dismay at the current trend in which a high percentage of social media users, influencers, and self-styled warriors are deploying their platforms negatively.

He described as worrisome the fringe of websites proliferating misinformation and fake news in the country, and much follower-ship that such sites are gaining.

Zango admonished participants to develop the culture of using social media in bringing about positive changes, and reforms in the country, noting that their various platforms could also be used to hold government officials accountable

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His Royal Highness, Alhaji Kabiru Muhammadu Inuwa, Emir of Rano, receiving collection of Books published by CITAD, when staff of the organisation paid him an advocacy visit

CITAD takes advocacy on GBV to Emir of Rano's Palace

In continuation of its public awareness campaign on violence against children and women, CITAD in the year, paid an advocacy visit to the palace of the new Emir of Rano, Alhaji Kabirru Muhammadu Inuwa.

The visit which took place on the 22nd of September, 2021, was designed to strengthen cooperation and relationship between the Centre and traditional leader, in the area of the fight against GBV in communities.

Speaking on behalf of CITAD, Mallam Haruna Adamu Hadejia, Programmes Coordinator highlighted the role which traditional leaders could play in the fight against the menace in the

society.

He reiterated CITAD's commitment to the fight against GBV in the state, and northern Nigeria, at large.

Welcoming the delegation, the Emir of Rano, Alhaji Kabiru Muhd Inuwa expressed his gratitude and support for the efforts of CITAD's in stopping the tide of GBV in the society.

He added that "if a society is going to make a difference, it is incumbent on the parents to support it."

During the visit, the Centre presented some of its publications to the Emirate.

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CITAD inaugurates annual lecture on Social Media for Accountability

for their actions and in-actions.

The Academician urged the participants to use the knowledge and skills gained during the lecture to verify every information or news they get online before posting them on their platforms, noting that the credibility and accuracy of their information are required to strengthen public accountability and good governance.

While delivering his paper, the guest lecturer, Dr. Nura charged the youth to be prepared to be good ambassadors of the country anywhere they find themselves, pointing out technology can serve as a powerful tool for public opinion that can compel leaders to be accountable.

He, however, cautioned social media users to discern between credible information from malicious posts, adding they should not circulate any content that stands on the path of truth and the advancement of society.

The lecturer noted with delight the way that social media is revolutionizing the way people communicate, adding that youths in the country, who have a higher level of affinity with social media, are now using it to achieve different ends. He added that social media holds lots of potential for news, information, entertainment, mobilization, interaction, and expression which youths can use to make themselves useful members of their communities.

CITAD conducts storytelling sessions on digital safety and privacy protection for working Journalists in Northern Nigeria

CITAD in the year organized a storytelling on 'Digital Safety and Privacy Protection Online' via Zoom, for female working journalists in some selected states in Northern Nigeria.

The training with the theme: '#KeepOurFemaleJournalistsSafeOnline', which was held on 23rd to 30th of November, with support from the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), had 10 females journalists drawn from the states of Gombe, Adamawa, Kaduna, Bauchi, and Kano, in attendance.

Some of the Journalists that participated in the event include, Ms. Elizabeth Kah Nange, Bauchi State Television Authority, Ms. Comfort Amos Mukollo, Gombe State Television, Ms. Shaharuza Umar Idris, Amana FM Gombe State, Ms. Su'uda Mustapha, Progressive Radio Gombe, Fatima Abubakar Lawan from Guarantee Radio, Kano, Maryam Bawa of Nigerian Tracker Newspaper. Maryam, and Ms. Bilkisu Ado Zango, Radio Kano. The training was a follow-up to an earlier one held on the 14th and 15th of November for the participants, and it featured topics, such as Understanding Online Gender Harassment, Privacy Online, and its Protection, Incognito

Browsing, Feminists Internet Principles, and Bypass Technologies.

The objectives of the program were to build the capacity of the targeted women journalists to safely use the internet, to raise the awareness of the participants about safety and privacy online, and enlist the participants to join the campaign for digital rights and safety as well as privacy online for women

Welcoming participants, Yunusa Z. Ya`u, executive director, CITAD, commended them for indicating interest in the program, noting the event was conceived as a follow up to a two-day residential training conducted for journalists in Northeast State of Gombe State, as well as a five-day online mentorship and training for the same set of journalists, who were drawn primarily from the state.

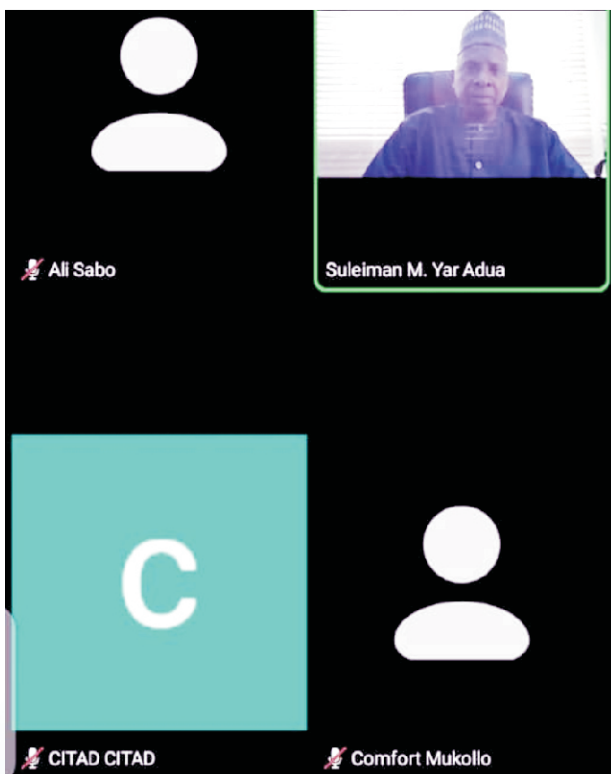
Mr. Ya`u noted that the trained journalists would be taken through different aspects of online tools, in order to help them know the best way to protect themselves from online attacks, and bullying, adding that at the end of the training the journalists will be offered stipends for the purpose of stepping down the training in their respective communities.

According to the executive director, protecting the safety and privacy of journalists has become imperative in recent times, as the risks associated with journalistic practice are on the increase in the contemporary world.

Providing insights on the storytelling method adopted for the training, Mr. Ya'u explained that it was designed to enable the participants to hear the stories of some invited senior journalists, to collectively share each other experiences, in addition, to serve as a platform for Agenda Setting in the area of promotion of digital safety, and privacy online not just for female journalists, but all categories of journalists.

Commenting on the program, Mr. Ali Sabo, head, Media and Campaigns, CITAD, hinted that the one-day storytelling exercise, was also designed to encourage participants to learn from one another, and to share experiences on best practices, and challenges, as well as to encourage them to step down the knowledge, and skills

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gained during the training in their communities. He, however, stated that knowing how to be safe, and to safeguard oneself online is very crucial these days, in view of the numerous challenges and obstacles which have to be navigated through by people active online.

The training, according to him, deliberated on knowledge, and skills required in encoding, and encrypting of messages in emails, and social media platforms, online bullying and prevention, hacking, and techniques and tools for online safety, and privacy protection, in relation to journalistic practice in Nigeria

The event which was chaired by Dr. Suleiman Yar`Adua, who is the director of the Bayero University, Kano (BUK), FM radio, was conceived to be an interface by CITAD and to boost the responsible practice of journalism in the country.

Mr. Yar`Adua, who was a former Head of Department (HOD), Mass-Communication of the University, stated that the training was also expected to provide new insights into the field of journalism.

The chairman noted that in discussing safety in digital life, there was the need to understand specific threats and hazards which are targeted, especially at females journalists online, adding that understanding such threats in the digital environment, was fundamental in operating online effectively.

At the end of the event, participants were provided with working skills for securing themselves online, in addition to tools for data mining said to be critical in contemporary journalism practice, information on phishing, cybercrime, and fake domain, strategy for responding to threats and harassment were also shared.

During the training, Mr. Ali Sabo, in his presentation took the participants through African Declaration Deeper Dive into Privacy Issues in which key principles such as Openness, Internet Access, and Affordability, Freedom of Expression, Right to Information, Freedom of Assembly and Association and the Internet, Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, Right to Development and Access to Knowledge, Privacy and Personal Data Protection, Security, Stability, and Resilience of the Internet, Marginalized Groups and Groups at Risk, were discussed.

In the same vein, he also discusses topics such as, Right to Due Process, Democratic Multi-stakeholder Internet Governance, and Gender Equality. Also, the presenter took the participants through the requirements to achieve the key principles.

On the second day of the workshop, Mr. Suhail Abdullahi, Technical Officer of CITAD took the participants through Browning Using Tor, in addition to explaining what onion routing means, noting that Onion routing was a set of tools designed by organizations, and people that want to improve their safety and security on the internet.

On the third day of the workshop, Ali Sabo made presentations on topics, such as the Freedom of Information Act in Nigeria, and how it could be leveraged upon to enhance journalistic practice, and on the fourth day of the training, Fernanda Carles of Tedic facilitated the session on Safe Communications and Using Signal. Closing the session, CITAD `s ED, expressed delight that participants shared their experiences, and express his organization`s readiness to continue to organize that will promote digital safety and privacy online for journalists.

In line with the CITAD designed method of assessing the impact of training conducted, at the end of the five-day workshop, the participants were evaluated electronically, using a google form designed to determine the impact of the training on them.

The participants were asked the following questions, how strong is your password/devices after the training?, How privately/safely do you browse now? And in the answers provided to the first questions, 90% of the participants answered that their passwords are stronger now, while 10% said it's is still weak.

While the responses for the second question show that 70% of the participants answered that they now browse safely/privately after deploying the skills gained from the workshop, and 30% said they now browse fairly safely/privately.

Closing the session, CITAD`s ED, commended the participants for sharing their experiences, expressing his organization`s readiness to continue organizing programs geared at promoting such programs.



A staff of CITAD explaining a point to some of the female Journalists that participated in training workshop on 'SAFEONLINE' held in Gombe State

...CITAD takes '#KEEPOURFEMALEJOURNALISTSSAFEONLINE' training workshop to Gombe State

As a way of countering the rising incidences of online bullying and harassment of female Journalists in the country, CITAD, in the year, organized a two-day training with the theme: 'Keep Our Female Journalist Safe Online', for working journalists in Gombe state.

The workshop which was held from the 14th to the 15th of October, with the support of the Association for Progressive Communication (APC), was conceived to create awareness on the Safety and Privacy Online, in the state.

On the first day of the workshop, Mr. Ali Sabo who is the Campaigns and Communications Officer, CITAD opened the workshop with a welcome address and recount the objectives of the training.

Mr. Sabo stated that the workshop was part of the Center's initiative on digital inclusion programs and the promotion of women's inclusion in both decision-making on the internet process and ensuring the safety of female journalists online.

He also urged the participants to pay attention to each of the topics slated for discussion during the training so that they can be able to learn and pass on the knowledge gained to their colleagues in the future.

The first technical session was facilitated by Dr. Mu'azu of the Department of Computer Engineering, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), who took the participants through Understanding Online Gender Harassment.

In the course of her presentation, the facilitator provided an overview of the state of Gender and Technology Usage in Nigeria, which indicates that men have dominance when compared with women in the usage of technology in the country. The presentation draw attention to the importance of women on the net, noting that as a critical element in development, their limited participation was hampering the contributions that they make in economic growth.

Commenting on the rising cases of online harassment of female Journalists, Dr. Mu'azu observed that for many of the journalists active on the internet, online harassment, and cyberbullying were not a myth, but a reality.

In the second presentation made by Malam Kamaluddeen Umar, CITAD, Technical Officer, entitled 'Privacy Online and its Protection', noted that at the moment almost everyone on the planet has his/her personal data i.e., name, address, pictures, email address, bank details, or medical information online, which makes people vulnerable to attacks if they didn't

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safeguard their data carefully.

At the end of his presentation, Mr. Kamaluddeen shared some tips that one could use to protect her/his data.

In the third presentation, which focused on Incognito Browsing, also delivered by Mr. Kamaluddeen Umar, participants were taken through the process of browsing safely, how they can take advantage of the security of their browser that will alert users when there was a security threat.

During the presentation, the participants were taught the basic skills on how to install add-ons that can steer away from threats, ways to download with care, how to shop online safely, social media safety tips, and how to stay safe on social media.

In the presentation which was accomplished by practical sessions, participants learn some wireless Internet safety tips and speed geeking.

During the second day of the workshop, Mr. Ali Sabo explained the 17 Feminists Internet Principles to the participants, and in the second presentation of the day, Suhail Abdullahi presented a paper on 'Bypass Technologies', while, in the third paper, Kamaludeen provided hints on Personal MetaData.

In the course of the training, participants raised concerns over their privacy and safety and asked questions as to how they can be more secure and safe online.

Some of the important issues brought up for discussion during the event, ranging from the

danger of exposing one's password, and the need for strong password while online, danger inhibited in using public WIFI, Strategic response to online stalkers, and abusers, and using different types of VPN can make users be vulnerable online.

The Journalists that Participated in the workshop includes, Seksyen Manasseh Dadik of Africa Prime News (APN,) Fatima Lawan Abubakar of Guarantee Radio Kano, Fibi Kafi of Bauchi State Television Authority, Shaharuz Umar Idris Hinna of Amana FM Gombe, and Yusuf Ojoma, Bypass networks and Virtual Private Network.

Closing the two-day workshop, the Executive Director of CITAD, Malam Yunusa Zakari Ya'u commended the participants for the commitments exhibited during the workshop and their passion towards digital inclusion in the country.

Mr. Ya`u also noted that the workshop was able to achieve all the objectives spelled out for itself, stating that the action plan has been designed to carry forward all the noble intentions why the workshop was organized.

Some of the outstanding outcomes of the program were the floating of a five-day mentorship training that is designed to spread over a month and will enable the participants to internalize the skills impacted during the first phase of the training, and they will be guided by a mentor.

Safe Communication, Social Network Protection, Digital Hiding, USIGN Signals, Browning using Tor browser, and Skills on how one can be protected self-online were also shared.

He said that the participants were equipped with knowledge is to enable them to organize meetings to raise awareness about safety online among their fellow journalists, adding that CITAD will be supporting them to hold a one-day awareness-raising activity on safety and privacy online.



Cross-Session of the participants in a group picture, after the training workshop

Scoresheet of CITAD's 5 Year of Advocacy in Shara Community

It all started in 2016 when CITAD uncovered Shara, a remote community in Matigwai, Sumaila Local Government Area of Kano State, where parents in the community had the desire to see their children and wards have access to primary education, but their community lacks the basic infrastructure that would help them actualize their dream.

Achieving the objective was a difficult one for the parents, knowing that there exists no primary school in the community, and that the closest primary school that they could leverage upon was in a far away community of Sitti, which is about seven kilometers trek from Matigwai on the east.

Also, on the west, the nearest primary school to the Shara community is situated in Rayan Masaka, about eight kilometers away. This implies that the only option for the children wanting to acquire primary education in Shara is for them to trek to Matigwai which is about five kilometers from Shara daily, where a Primary School is located.

This tough option was made more challenging for the children in the Community, as they have to battle the obstacle of crossing a stream daily, for them to reach the Primary School in Matigwai.

Thus, the hope of getting primary education in the community was a gloomy one, for most of the parents as they see their desire of one day having their children become either doctor, lawyers, pilots, etc, fading away.

This was the prevailing situation in Shara Community prior to CITAD's intervention, as well as the reality which many other rural communities in the Northwest State of Kano, classified as the most populous sub-national

entity in Nigeria, are confronted with.

In many of the rural communities in the state, Primary Schools are mostly sited far away from where children who desire them reside, and the children enrolled in such existing schools have to trek long distances daily to access them.

Another thing of interest before CITAD first uncovered the prevailing situation in Shara Community, was that the children desiring Primary education were taking lessons under trees, as a way of keeping the dream of their parents alive.

This unacceptable situation was what motivate CITAD to begin a campaign of providing study materials, such as uniforms, chalks, board, books, school bags, pens, etc, and to established Education Guidance and Counseling Office, for the community.

CITAD was also, motivated to start a campaign of seeing that a functional Primary School is established in the Community, through strategic advocacy which engaged stakeholders at all levels continuously and maintained contact, as well as monitoring the execution of the project in the community.

Five years after, the advocacy had transformed the Under-Tree School initiated by CITAD in the community, into a fully furnished School, with functional and well-equipped classrooms meeting the Primary education need of the hundreds of children in the remote community.

CITAD is now glad to submit that at the moment the present and future generation of the children in the Community, taking lessons during the rain and harmattan seasons under the trees, have now crossed the barriers to having a functional learning environment called a Primary School.



An inside view of the Shara Primary School built through CITAD's advocacy initiative



Some of the children in Shara Community in the front of Primary School built through CITAD's advocacy campaign

Activities of CITAD in Jama'are LGA of Bauchi State, in 2021

CITAD in the year, organized a three-week basic computer training for students taking public examinations in Jama'Are Local Government Area of Bauchi State, Northeast Nigeria, on how to deploy computers for such purpose.

The training which was conducted at CITAD's facility in the LGA started on the 9th of June, and ended in July of the year, in which the participating students were exposed to skills required for a Computer Based Test (CBT).

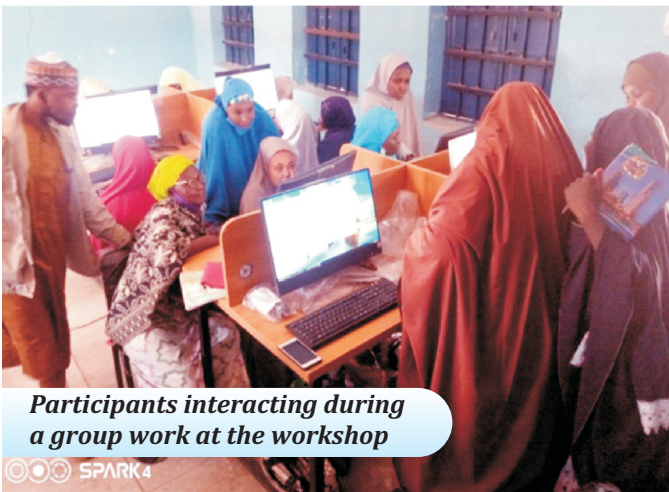
The three-week event was organized through a partnership between CITAD, and Jama'are Development Forum, (JDF), a private community self-help group.

Over 100 students drawn from various



Participants at the KIDS computer training held at M. C Abubakar Junior Upper Basic Secondary School, in Jama'are LGA

keeping in the schools. One of the benefitting schools was the 'Abdulkadir Ahmed Primary school', which is in operation in the LGA.



Participants interacting during a group work at the workshop

* The CITAD in the year, also conducted a computer training program with the theme 'ICT4kids' for students in primary school pupils, across Jama'Are Local Government Area of the Bauchi State.

Students of six primary schools, as well as those in Upper Basic Secondary Schools in the LGA, participated in the program designed to help them access computers at their early stage of Learning.

Over six hundred participants were drawn from Kyawawa primary school, Abdulkadir Ahmed Primary School, Future Solution Academy, Jibwis Science, Aliyu Maisango Junior Upper Basic Secondary School, and MC Abubakar Junior upper basic secondary school, participated in the training.

communities in the LGA benefited from the training which was designed to assist the students to pass the JAMB examination, in particular, and to address the challenges of online examinations.

* In the same vein, CITAD in the year conducted LEARN AND TEACH OTHERS (LATO TRAINING), for Teachers in the Jama'are Local Government Area, as a way of developing their capacity in their profession. The I C T training had over forty teachers drawn from various public primary schools participate in a free under learning and teach others program (LATO), designed to train the teachers on the skills for activating ICTS centers established in their schools.

The training was also designed to enable the schools to address the challenge of record-



Participants interacting with facilitators at the workshop

CITAD empowers traders on Community Network

CITAD in the year, also held a one-day capacity building training on Community Network for Micro Organisations in Jama'are LGA.

The program was held on the 4th of May, at the Center's Facility in the LGA, and in attendance were members of the Jama'are traders

Association.

Another component of the training was the conduct of a month's training on social media marketing organized for the micro organizations across the LGA, which resulted in the training of over twenty-five members of the organizations.



Cross section of Jama'are traders association at CITAD Office Jama'are during Digital Marketing training organized by CITAD through Association of Progressive Communication (A P C). under community network project

CITAD marks World Environment Day with Round-table on Circular Economy

One of the events celebrated by CITAD in the year was the World Environment Day (WED), which was usually marked on the 5th of June of every year, by the United Nations, as a way of creating awareness on the need to protect the environment.

The event which was first celebrated in 1974 by the UN, was particularly, designed to create a platform for discussing environmental issues, such as marine pollution, human overpopulation, global warming, sustainable consumption, and wildlife crime.

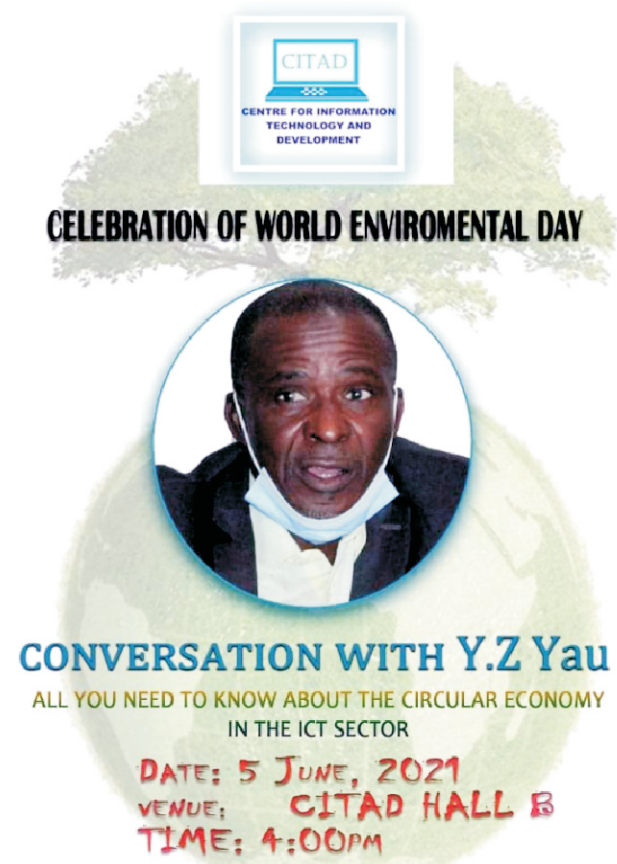
World Environment Day was established in 1972 by the United Nations at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment (June 5-16, 1972), and had resulted in the discussion of challenging topics that centered on the integration of human interactions and the environment.

Two years later, in 1974 the first WED was held with the theme "Only One Earth". It is on this note that CITAD has for many years been organizing different kinds of activities ranging from public lectures, town hall meetings, road walks, Twitter chats, and radio programs in order to enlighten the public about the importance of keeping their environment safe and clean in order to protect it from disaster, erosion, pollution, and rising global warming, as well as the danger of polluting the environment.

This year, like every other previous year, the Centre organized a round-table discussion with its Executive Director, Malam Yunusa Zakari Ya'u, a lead discussant, while, Dr. Aminu Aliyu of the Department of Economics, Bayero University, Kano as the moderator. The topic discussed was the issue of 'Circular Economy in the ICT Sector.

Leading the discussion, Mr. Ya'u highlighted the importance of a Circular Economy, and the role that nation, such as Nigeria, and its citizens could play in leveraging economic activities to generate more jobs while avoiding environmental pollution.

According to Mr. Ya'u pointed out, how Circular Economy could be used optimally in improving resources' performance, and to fight the volatility that climate change might bring to



businesses.

Noting that if strategically leverage on it, could unlock the huge potential in value creation in business, environmental and societal spheres, however, he lamented that over the years Nigeria has become a dumping ground of second-hand ICT goods, such as electronics; refrigerators, televisions, radios, handsets, and also plastics waste which littered every corner of our environment.

Arguing that this development is not healthy for the country, adding that experts are looking at this in three dimensions:

Notably, a. Environmental Hazard, which health experts considered as harmful to the environment; b. Job Creation, arguing that in many instances the waste could be a source of new jobs, and new business opportunities for teeming unemployed Nigerians.

The third dimension, according to him, was that Development Partners, sees the environment as part of the sustainable development goal, these categories of people see waste as a challenge to

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CITAD commemorates International Day of Safer Internet with a special Twitter Chat

As part of its commitment to ensuring a safer internet for vulnerable people in society like women and girls who are believed to be the prime targets of most of the online attacks, CITAD organized a special Twitter chat to commemorate the 2021 International Day of Safer Internet.

The Day which was celebrated with the theme: 'Online Well-being and Digital Resilience', on the 9th of February, was designed as an avenue to join the global community in marking the annual event.

This year's event which focused on the challenges that internet users are facing in Nigeria, particularly, discussed the strategy that could be adopted to stop bullying and harassment online, and it also highlighted some of the negative implications of online abuses and suggested in the discussion the way forward.

The discussant at the Twitter chat, Engineer Mary Ahuoiza Kumode, who is an ICT Committee Leads, Nigerian Youth Parliament, noted how toxic the internet space was becoming, as it concerned girls and women.

"Nigeria's internet space is fast growing with the speed of light, with its pros and cons. Safety most especially to girls and women has become a thing of concern, as we cannot have absolute control over it, the best we can do is respond positively", Miss Mary suggested.

Highlighting the negative aspect of the online space to women and girls, the discussant further stated that women trafficking, especially for sexual gratification remains a major social issue



confronting our world today.

Engineer Mary stated that effective Policing by regulatory agencies, safety moderation and standards by tech companies, and online well-being of individuals should be considered, as a deterrence to the menace.

She cautioned users to be mindful of things they post on their platform, as youths most time use such standards to relate to their own lives, adding that "monitoring and policing of the Internet is a way of making it responsible for all, and not just gender activists.

Mary observed that Social media have major roles to play in making their platforms safe for all, they must act proactively to stop online abuse, body/slut shaming of women".

At the end of the chat, Engineer Ahuoiza made it clear that the issue of making the Internet safer for women and girls is a Clarion call for everyone, to encourage and teach online well-being, especially to the women and girls, so we can attain a future with Digital Resilient Women.

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Summary of activities executed by CITAD's Abuja Office

CITAD and The Kukah Centre, also organized a conversation on "the media and the defence of the civic space", which was conceived to draw public attention to what appears to be the deliberate encroachment of the state on media freedoms and the danger it posed to democratic gains. The conversation drew from historical experiences of the struggle for media freedom and examines its contributions to the growth of democracy in Nigeria.

Additionally, CITAD, and The Kukah Centre also

organized a virtual seminar on the topic "Managing Diversity for National Integration". The seminar was designed to recognize the imperative of the promotion of national integration amidst diversity in Nigeria. The seminar deliberated on how Nigerians could understand that unity does not mean uniformity, and other topics such as 'Old guards or new actors; whither Nigeria at 61, a conversation which seeks to understand where Nigeria as a nation stands, and recommendations for the way

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Participants at a special roundtable discussion organized by CITAD to mark MSMEs Day

CITAD celebrates International Day of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises

CITAD in the year celebrated the annual Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME Day), an event organized to deepen the culture of entrepreneurship among young Nigerians residing in the northern part of the country.

The day which was marked on Sunday, the 27th of June, coincided with a similar event organized by the General Assembly of the United Nations, to raise public awareness on sustainable

development and the global economy.

The MSME's Day was set aside by the United Nation to celebrate young entrepreneurs making giant marks in the area of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), and their relevance to local and global economies, as well as their contribution to sustainable economic development. The theme of this year's event which was "MSME 2021: The Key to an Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery", was connected to the importance of enterprises in achieving improvement in goals, promoting innovation, creativity, and creating employment.

In marking the day an interactive session was organized by CITAD with a young entrepreneur, Miss Zainab Mustapha, CEO, ZeeMama Gallery, who shared her experience on challenges that young entrepreneurs are facing in Northern Nigeria.

Zainab said that she obtained a First Class Degree in Library and Information Science, from Bayero University, Kano, stated that she was jobless on completion of her National Youth Service Corp program, noting that as the allowance she was getting from the scheme stopped, she was forced to developed interest in the selling of articles, such as textiles, clothes, perfumes, and others.

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Some of the participants at the MSMEs Day

CITAD celebrates International Day of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises

According to her, she started small with the little she got from her mother, but now her business has grown to an extent that she will not accept job offer even if it is from high-paying organizations, such as NNPC or CBN.

The entrepreneur observed that starting a business in Nigeria, was a difficult endeavor, adding that she has to leveraged technology in selling the products online, but the challenge of poor network, fear of fraudsters, and late delivery of the products to her customers from the drivers, did not make leveraging on technology easy for her.

The moderator of the event, Dr. Abdussalam Muhammad Kani, Economics Department, Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, Kano, brought expert insights into the discussion.

Mr. Kani, who is an expert on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, as well as a Public Affairs Analyst gave several reasons why young people should venture into MSMEs, and the prospects attainable in the venture.

Collaborating the earlier submissions on the issues made by Miss Zainab Mustapha, he cited lack of endurance on the part of most of the youth in our country, limited access to capital, and politicization of Government support schemes, as other challenges MSMEs are facing in northern Nigeria.

He noted that in many of the European countries, as in China loans are usually given to MSMEs that apply for them without collateral, and with a low-interest rate or at 1.5% interest rate, while, in Nigeria, businesses are charged an interest rate of about 26% or above.

He then attributed lack of information about government interventions, lack of awareness, lack of capital and knowledge in relation to business development and marketing strategies, lack of patronage of local products from the people as some of the key challenges to doing business in Northern Nigeria.

Finally, Dr. Kani recommended that to promote Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in Nigeria government should reduce the interest rate, noting that the economies of the countries are built by the people enjoying incentives, not by adding taxes.

“Tax waiver and bailout should be introduced, the government should expand tax collection by ensuring taxes have collected and utilized judiciously. People must understand what it means by business as a single entity to the extent that loan and family affairs should be separated from the business. As an entrepreneur, you must ensure the quality of your products in order to be locally patronized”, he suggested.



Participants at a special event organized by CITAD to mark MSMEs Day in a group picture

Kano LEAD, CITAD to Collaborate in Ending Sexual and Gender Based Violence In Kano



Staff of LEAD, and CITAD in a group picture when they paid advocacy visit to the organization in Kano

A non-governmental organization, Kano Leadership Enlightenment and Advocacy for Development Initiative "Kano LEAD", has sought for a collaboration with CITAD in order to help stamp out extent cases of gender based violence and other related sexual cases in Kano State.

Speaking when the group paid an advocacy visit to CITAD's office in Kano, the Chairperson of Kano LEAD, Barrister Aisha Ibrahim Dankani MFR mni, who was represented by Tijjani Sarki, said that the collaboration will help in seeking the support of concerned authorities in the fight against gender based violence which has become a stubborn scourge in the society.

Tijjani Sarki added that the Kano LEAD was currently engaged in bringing an end to sexual and gender based violence in the state.

Speaking earlier, Yabi Dankani, a member of Kano LEADS stated that their organisation take gender base violence and other related cases seriously.

On her part the programs assistant, Halima Nayaya, said that the advocacy visit was initiated

to seek the support of CITAD in fighting against gender based violence which has become a menace to the society.

Halima Nayaya also emphasised the need for the government to go beyond the enactment of laws and strengthen awareness around gender-based violence.

She added that everyone should understand that violence against women and girls is unacceptable and will no longer be tolerated.

Kamal Garba of CITAD team further urged Kano LEAD to have strong and formidable collaboration that will be committed to tackling gender based violence especially violence against women and young girls. According to him, young women and girls are more vulnerable to gender base violence due to ignorance.

He also appealed to the general public to always report all cases of rape, sexual harassment, assault and domestic-based violence to the police or any available relevant government agencies and NGOs for necessary action.



Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u, Executive Director of CITAD, taking the participants through some of the basic ingredients of report writing

CITAD Holds Capacity Building Workshop on Report Writing

In order to tone -up the capacity of its personnel in the area of report writing, the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD), in the year, organized a one-day refresher training workshop for its employees, across the country.

The workshop which was held at the newly established Social Media Laboratory of the Organisation in Kano, on the 5th of April, brought together staff of the organization from within and outside the state.

The training program which was conducted in sessions was facilitated led by Malam Ibrahim Chinede Mustapha, who is the director, of Innovation, Brahstar MediaCom, and Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u, executive director, CITAD.

Welcoming the participants, Mr.Ya'u disclosed that the training was organized to keep them updated on the latest techniques, styles, and skills required in report writing in a modern organization.

He noted that mastering report writing was the number one skill of any organization, emphasizing that the training was not only for the organization's benefit but a skill that all staff must leverage to be effective in their duties.

The executive director explained that any activity in an organization must not be considered complete, until a report detailing the activities done, is clearly captured in a written form to the management of the organization.

Mr. Ya`u, charged the participants to always pay attention to the ways and manner they write

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Malam Yunusa Z. Ya`u, Executive Director of CITAD, and one of the external facilitators at the training workshop on Report Writing

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reports, as it goes a long way in portraying how they earn the respect or otherwise, of the people that the reports are addressed to.

In the first session of the training which focused on 'Understanding The Purpose and Types of Reports, Structures, and Components of Formal Reports', Malam Mustapha, provided a working definition of what a report is.

According to him, a report is a “Detailed Account of Event Either in Written or Verbal”. While, speaking on the purpose of writing a report, he explained that, a report is written in order to: inform or provide information or interpret known facts; explain specific events; document events; obtain agreement to a course of action; form the basis of discussion.

Explaining further, Mr. Chinede stated that reports are written in different ways, in different organizations, noting that some of the reports could be either formal or informal which can be written narrative, descriptive, expository, pictorial, statistical, long/short manner.

The participants were exposed to the various best practices in report writing, report structure, methodology, and how one should support reports with evidence, as well as the good, and bad ways of writing reports.

In the second session of the training, Mr. Ya'u discussed the language of formal report writing, accuracy, and factuality, and highlighted some of the key points that every report writer needs to know and adhere to.

Mr. Ya'u reminded the participants that a formal report is not a poetry contest, so report writers should avoid figures of speech like metaphors and similes, noting that they must also avoid emotional embellishments, ambiguous words, and opinions that are not supported by facts.

In discussing the language to be used in reports, Mr. Ya'u suggested that report writers should always be formal; words such as can't, don't, and the use of impersonal, passive voice, and circular definition should all be avoided.

Also, Mr. Ya'u suggested that mastering Brevity, Coherence, Clarity, and being Accurate are very important in writing formal reports. Finally, he discussed the induction and deduction parts of writing formal reports

At the end of the training workshop, participants were given the opportunity to make contributions and ask questions which made the training more participatory.

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NOA, Arewa Radio Collaborate With CITAD To End Gender-based Violence In Kano

Technology and Development (CITAD) will be partnering with stakeholders such as National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Nigerian Police, Hisba board, State ministry of education, Traditional rulers and other CSOs and NGOs to bring the needed change regarding Gender base violence in Kano State.

In another development the management of Arewa Radio has said that they will use their medium to raise public awareness and mobilize young women and men in Kano State to end violence against women and girls.

The station manager of Arewa Radio Malam Shehu Bala Kabara made this remark while receiving the delegation of CITAD at his office today.

Shehu Bala Kabara, who was represented by administrative staff of the radio station, Widad

Isma'il, added that the management will consider free airtime to CITAD, for campaigning against gender base violence in Kano State.

She said that violence against girls or women, such as rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence are a disservice to the very nature of mankind because every human is born by a woman. When women are hurt, human existence is threatened.

Gender based violence is a common social problem in Nigeria especially in the Northern parts of country. There has been an increase in the cases of domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and rape of minors. And acts of violence against girls or women are often intended to intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, threaten or hurt women and girls.



Some of the participants involved in practical exercises during the Online Security and Safety workshop for journalists organised by CITAD

CITAD enhances Journalists capacity on Online Security and Safety

CITAD in the year under review, organized a capacity development training in the area of 'Online Security and Safety, as a way of mitigating the increasing threats which working Journalists are daily being confronted with in the country.

The training program focused on the threats, and other challenges journalists are facing in the area of securing data, and other tools of communication in a digital world, as well as a strategy for the protection of confidential sources, in a world where surveillance is becoming ubiquitous.



Engineer Kamaludeen, CITAD's technical officer, explaining a point during the Online Security and Safety workshop for journalists

The training which took place at the CITAD's training facility in Kano drew participants from different print and broadcast media organizations, as well as online news platforms, and blogs in and around Kano State.

The training was coordinated by Engineer Kamaludeen Umar, Technical Officer of CITAD, who took the participants through some of the basic online security tips which can be used for protection while active on the internet.

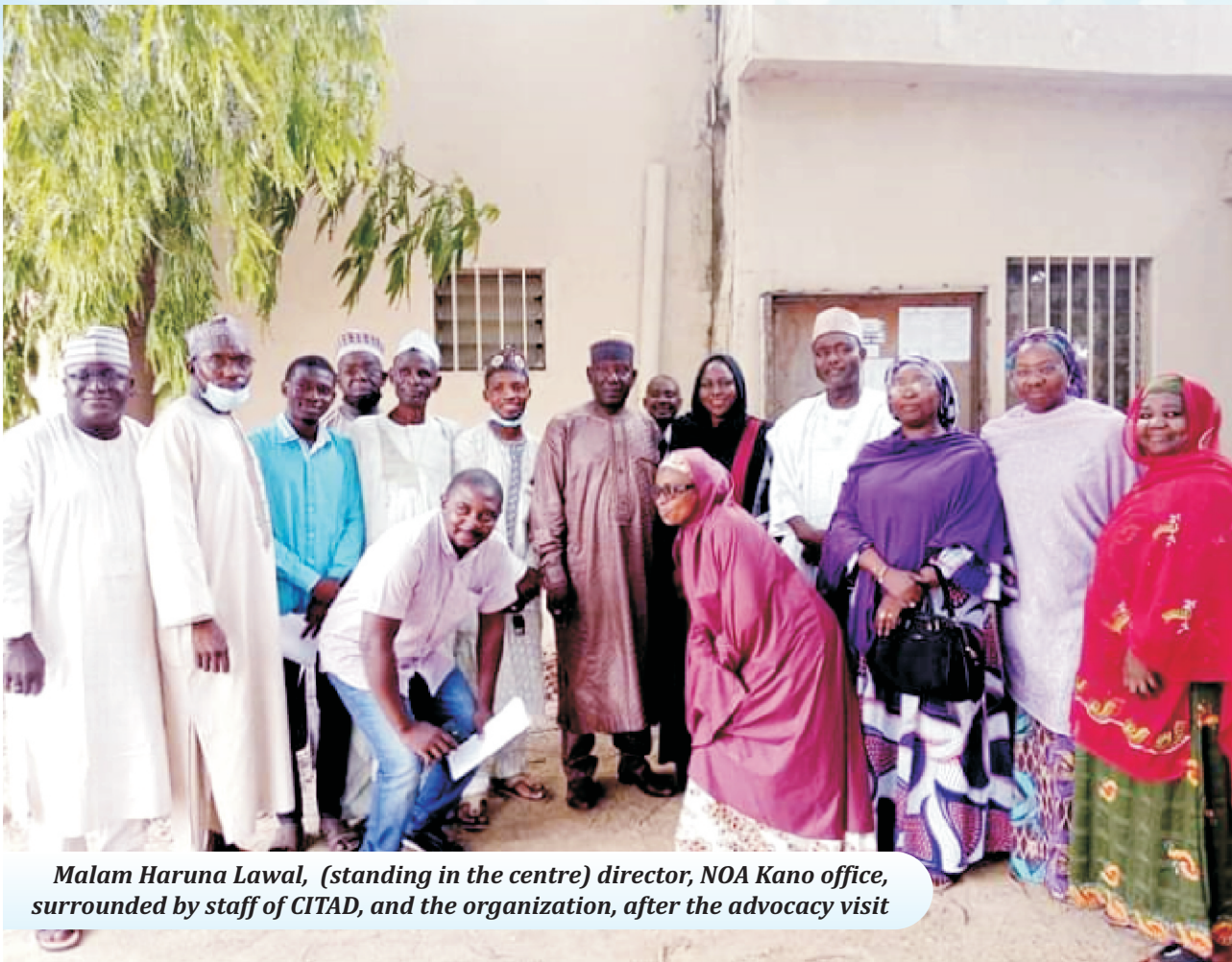
Mr. Kamaludeen provided tips on the methods that Journalists could adopt to prevent themselves from online threats, such as hacking, phishing, and surveillance, as well as the need for vigilance when using the net.

The technical officer advised journalists to always refrain from clicking web links that are not secured, as doing so could destroy the devices, and leak information on the devices.

In her presentation, one of the external facilitators, that facilitated the training program, Zainab Aminu, revealed that Internet Security falls under the umbrella of cyber-security, but there are other specific vulnerabilities using the internet.

She explained that with more journalists resulting to the use of the internet for their daily activities, there is the need to understand the

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Malam Haruna Lawal, (standing in the centre) director, NOA Kano office, surrounded by staff of CITAD, and the organization, after the advocacy visit

NOA, Arewa Radio Collaborate With CITAD To End Gender-based Violence In Kano

The management of the Kano office of the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Arewa Radio, and CITAD have entered into a collaboration towards reducing gender-based violence in Kano State.

This was disclosed when NOA, director received a delegation of CITAD at his office during an advocacy visit.

The Director General of NOA, Kano Office, Malam Haruna Lawal, said that the National Orientation Agency was tasked with communicating government policies, staying abreast of public opinion, and promoting patriotism, national unity, and development of Nigerian society.

Haruna Lawal added that violence against women can be compared to a scourge that is consuming societies across the world, adding that it mostly has its roots in age-long cultural and religious practices which have no scientific basis.

The Director General stressed that NOA have ten (10) War Against Indiscipline (WAI) Brigade Volunteers at each and every ward of the state,

and they will use the WAI Brigade Volunteers to mobilize and campaign against gender based violence in Kano State.

He also charged all Kano residents to champion the fight against sexual and gender-based violence in their communities as the key to the speedy elimination of the vice in the state.

He further said that the Agency has deepened efforts by engaging critical stakeholders to bring an end to sexual and gender-based violence in the state. "I commend the CITAD for choosing the agency as a worthy partner in the fight against sexual and gender-based violence,"

On her part, the technical gender officer of the center, Zainab Aminu revealed that CITAD is worried at which the rate of cases concerning sexual violence is occurring that is why the center started campaigning against this menace with support from Ford Foundation. Adding that CITAD decided to partner the NOA having realized its presence and spread will be essential in reaching out to Kano state residents.

She stressed that the Centre for Information

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CITAD celebrates the annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science

In an effort geared at promoting science knowledge among women and girls in Northern Nigeria, CITAD in the year under review marks the annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science, with a special Twitter Chat in Kano.

The event which was celebrated at the Corporate Office of the CITAD in Kano, featured Miss Naseeba Babale, a Medical Laboratory Scientist with the Department of Chemical Pathology, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, who discussed the topic 'Leveraging on the Power of Science to Empower Women and Girls in Northern Nigeria'. According to CITAD, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science was organized as a way of achieving full, and equal access of women and girls in science, and to further achieve gender equality, as well as the empowerment of women and girls, in line with the United Nations General Assembly's resolution A/RES/70/212 declaring 11 February of every year, as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. In her presentation, she disclosed that at present, less than 30 percent of researchers worldwide are women, adding that UNESCO data (2014 - 2016), also indicates that only



One of the participants making contribution during the event.

around 30 percent of all female students select STEM-related fields in higher education, and the globally female students' enrolment is particularly low in ICT (3 percent), natural science, mathematics and statistics (5 percent), engineering, manufacturing, as well as construction (8 percent).

According to her, we live in the 21st century where almost everything is connected to science and technology, and it was more imperative for women, especially in Africa, who are left behind in the field of science to thrive to boost their participation.

She submitted that there is the need for more women to pursue careers in science in order to move in line with the demands of the 21st century and to adopt the knowledge of science in every aspect of their lives for them to stay healthy.



Some of the participants during the occasion

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Summary of activities executed by CITAD's Abuja Office

forward for the country were also made by the speakers and participants.

Also, CITAD in partnership with The Kukah Centre, organized a virtual discussion 'Women and the civic space in Nigeria; the role of women in political and economic participation towards nation building'. The discussion highlighted the reasons for the challenges women are facing in their quest to contribute to the tenets of nation building, with emphasis on the role which women could play towards political and

economic participation. The discussion also deliberated on the role that women who are engaging with the civic space could deployed addressing issues on gender disparities in political and economic affairs in the country.

CITAD also partnered with The Kukah Centre in organizing a public discussion of the topic "The role of the Nigerian youths in nation building" at the institute for strategic development communications, Nassarawa state University, Keffi.

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CITAD prepares youths in northern states for TEF Entrepreneurs Grants

Abubakar, who is the coordinator of the JOPIS unit, took the participants to the timeline of the year's TEF program.

He then practically demonstrated the TEF entrepreneurship template and explained that the TEF requires two sets of assessments, which are, Psychometric / Personality tests, in addition to Business/Financial knowledge assessment, noting that the assessment can only be done once.

Mr. Abubakar also revealed all other the processes, and steps that the management of the TEF grant usually follow before potential beneficiaries are picked, and enlisted for training before the grant is given.

One of the high points of the training program was the invitation extended to some selected youths in the region that have benefited from the grant in the past. One of those invited to share his experience with the participants at the occasion, includes, Abubakar Yusuf Auyo, who was a beneficiary of the TEF grant, as well as Young Business Leaders of Nigeria Grants.

Mr. Auyo shared his experience on how he emerged victorious of the two grants, which according to him require being innovative, as well as the ability to introduce new goods/ new ways of delivering services and new methods of production.

He narrated how he came up with an idea and established Powdered Onion Company, Ayama Farm Limited, adding that he applied for TEF



One of the facilitators making presentations at the workshop on ETF Entrepreneurs Grants organized by CITAD for youths in northern state.

grant in 2015, and at last hours, noting that the process took him two hours to apply on the tef connect portal, and that TEF panel of judges were impressed with his idea and awarded him the grant.

Another beneficiary of the grants, that shared his experiences was, Auwal Hussain, who is based in Damaturu capital city of Yobe state.

Mr. Hussain disclosed that he came across the call of the entries for the grant applied, and was lucky to be part of hundreds of other youths that

were shortlisted participants, after which he travel and accommodated himself, at his own expense, in the course of attending the interview that enables him to get the grant.

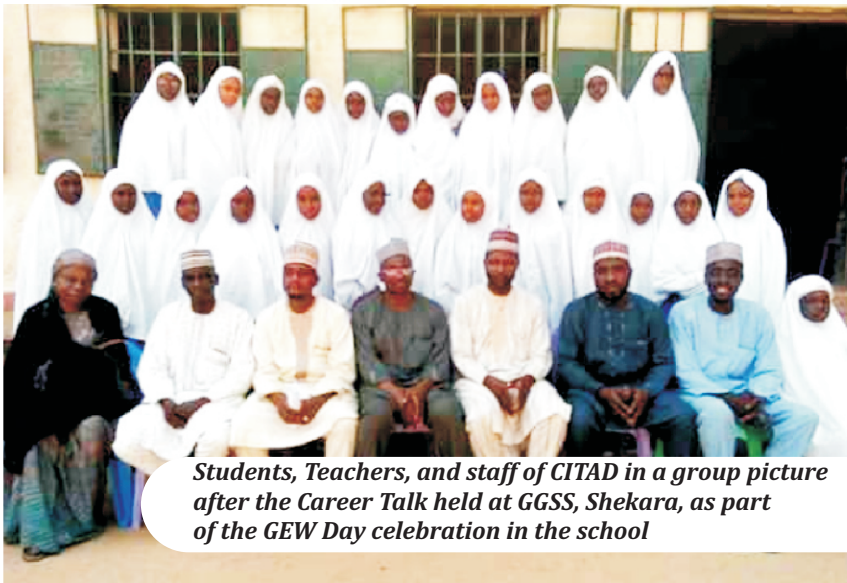
Before the one-day training workshop was brought to a close, the opportunity was provided by the organizer for a question and answer session, in which participants asked several insightful questions, and answers were provided by facilitators.



Participants at the workshop on ETF Entrepreneurs Grants

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CITAD celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Week at GGSS, Shekara



Students, Teachers, and staff of CITAD in a group picture after the Career Talk held at GGSS, Shekara, as part of the GEW Day celebration in the school

given community through creating wealth and disclosed that CITAD is promoting the GEW initiative in order to draw the encourage the students to key into the culture of establishing businesses of their own.

This year's event has two themes: GEW Education (#GEWeducation), and GEW Inclusion (#GEWinclusion). GEW Education was designed to share resources, and awareness as well as provides skill training to potential entrepreneurs around the world.

This particular, theme celebrates the tools and programs that communities use to foster entrepreneurship, while the GEW Inclusion component of the theme, highlights the startup

champions around the world, as well as explained the barriers and obstacles that maximize inclusion.

The theme celebrates diversity in all forms, including women and youth in entrepreneurship among global partner, and help further the mission of economic development, and student career successes, in addition to job creation.

Global Entrepreneurship Week is a celebration of the innovators and job creators, who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic

growth and expand human welfare, for one week in the month of November, every year.

The event was also designed to inspire people everywhere through local, national, and global activities and to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators. Global Entrepreneurship Week started with an idea.

The Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) came into existence in 2007 when representatives of 37 countries were brought together by Jonathan Ortman, who is the President of GEW, and Carl Chanmm, former President, and CEO, Kauffman Foundation, as well as Gordon Brown, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

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CITAD marks World Environment Day with Round-table on Circular Economy

creating a sustainable development environment.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Ya'u identified two major challenges of confronting the Circular Economy development in the country, as lack of infrastructures, and awareness.

Suggesting the need for authorities to ensure the speedy passage of favorable policies for recycling in the country.

While making contributions, some of the participants at the round-table discussion believe that with proper awareness creation and favorable policies Circular Economy, as regards the ICT sector could help boost the development in the country.

They noted that this could be done when the

environment is properly managed, and there is a reduction in waste pollution.

Other contributors highlighted that recycling of ICT waste in Nigeria, as it is done in countries, such as China, Europe, or America, could help create millions of jobs for Nigerians if government pays more attention to it and ensure a favorable environment where it can be done here.

At the end of the discussion, there was unanimous agreement that awareness creation, intensive advocacy by relevant agencies, and engagements with the government need to be intensified in order to preserve, sustain and save the environment.

CITAD organizes third edition of Bauchi Feminist Internet School

In the year under review, CITAD organized the third edition of the annual Bauchi Feminist Internet School (BaFIS) which brought together participants drawn from across various communities in the state.

The program which was held on the 23 to 26th of May, in the year, was designed to be a train the trainer event in which the beneficiaries of the training are expected to, after the training, undertake the following activities: one, contribute to the expansion of the base of knowledgeable gender digital inclusion activists by stepping-down the training to at least 10 other persons, majority of who should be females.

Two, undertake advocacy visits to relevant government officials/agencies to solicit their support for the national digital inclusion agenda, and t h i r d l y , write and share an article of not less 1000 words on how digital inclusion agenda can be realized in the country.

The objective of the BaFIS program was to produce digital inclusion champions who will join other champions for bridging the gender digital divide in the country.

The three-day school offers intensive training on various topics regarding access to and use of the internet as well as internet governance and policy making in the arena from feminist perspectives.

The first day of the school which focused on personal perceptions of security, Ms. Harira A Wakili, Gender Officer of CITAD, talked on the topic, and advocate participant should focus on the security perception of the violence, and security of the internet.

In the second paper of the day, Dr. Sana'a

Abdullahi Mu'az of Computer Department, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), in her presentations, emphasized the need to give more attention on securing and maintaining the use of social media effectively.

She submitted in the paper that most of the internet frauds are happening as a result of users looking for cheap means of accessing the internet, added that the use of technology can be deployed in developing community.

Dr. Sana noted that cultural background should be considered in the development of the context in which internet are used in social networks.

In the third paper entitled ' Understanding Internet, Safety and Security, delivered by Engineer Kamal Umar, one of CITAD `s technical officers, focused on internet, and the types of securities required in accessing social networks.

In one of the groups work embarked during the program, participants were shared to participate in Speed Geeking, which entails making internet password more strong that will be viruse free, as well as safe for browsing.

The session was facilitated by Engineer. Kamal Suhail, and Mujahid all of the CITAD Technical department.

In the paper four, Miss Harira A Wakili made presentation on the seventeen internet principle which was developed in 2010 at Nairobi Kenya for effective use of internet by women, and the

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A view of participants in section during the third edition of the Bauchi Feminist Internet School held in the year



Ahmed Tijjani & COMPANY

(Chartered Accountants)

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT {CITAD}

We have audited the Financial Statements of CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT {CITAD} as at 31st December, 2020, set out on pages 4 to 5 and the accompanying notes shown on pages 7 to 9 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies on page 3.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The Trustee are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statement. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statement. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgment made by the Trustee in the presentation of the Financial Statement, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to Centre's circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We Planned and perform our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statement.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, no contravention of the productivity, prices and income board guidelines came to our notice in respect of the year covered by these accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the Centre and the accounts and notes thereon are in agreement (therewith) in our opinion, the accounts comply with the requirements of the Companies and allied Matters Act CAP C20, LFN 2004 as amended, the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act and give a true and fair view of the Centre's state of affairs as at 31st December, 2020 and the Surplus/(Deficit) and cash flow for the Period ended on same date.

Ahmed Tijjani & Co.
AHMED TIJJANI & CO.

[Chartered Accountants]
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20th MAY, 2021



CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT (CITAD)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

ASSETS	NOTE	2020 ₦	2019 ₦
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property Plant and Equipment	1	8,614,643	11,433,378
Other Assets		-	-
		<u>8,614,643</u>	<u>11,433,378</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	2	17,000	147,250
Cash and Bank Balances	3	16,083,064	51,074,078
Receivables and Prepayments	-	-	-
		<u>16,100,064</u>	<u>51,221,328</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>24,714,707</u>	<u>62,654,706</u>
FUNDS & LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Funds	-	24,564,706	62,254,706
		<u>24,564,707</u>	<u>62,254,706</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables and Accruals	4	150,000	400,000
Other Liabilities		0	-
		<u>150,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>24,714,707</u>	<u>62,654,706</u>



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CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT (CITAD)
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

INCOME	NOTE	2020 ₹	2019 ₹
PROJECT GRANTS	5	149,348,480	236,405,163
OTHER INCOME FROM TRAINING	6	7,557,051	12,000,000
		<u>156,905,531</u>	<u>248,405,163</u>
 EXPENDITURE			
Direct Project Expenditure	7	146,310,867	318,703,253
Operating Expenses	8	5,783,500	5,984,000
Administrative Expenses	9	39,682,429	42,119,920
		<u>191,776,796</u>	<u>366,807,173</u>
Surplus(deficit)	C/F	<u>(34,871,265)</u>	<u>(118,402,010)</u>
Depreciation	10	2,818,735	3,015,207
Surplus/(Deficit)After Depreciation		<u>(37,690,000)</u>	<u>(121,417,217)</u>

Organizational Matters in 2021

In the year, CITAD employed 11 new staff, as well as engaged an Intern, to strengthen its operations in its coverage areas in Northern Nigeria, and the Federal Capital, Abuja. The new employees are: Suhail Sani, Technical Assistant, Buhari Abba, Administrative /Research Assistant (Kano), Halima Nayaya, Human Resource Officer (Internal/ External), and Yesmin Salako, Programme Officer (Abuja).

Others are: Muhammad Bello, Technical Assistant, (Abuja), Zainab Aminu, Technical Assistant, (Kano), John Otaru, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (Kano), Haruna Adamu Hadejia, Programme Coordinator, Mujahid Ibrahim, Programme Officer (Bauchi), Hauwa Shettima Kidaji, Programme Assistant, (Bauchi), and Usman Isa, An Intern, (Abuja).

In the same vein, in the year, the following staff of the organization were blessed with new babies, Isyaku Garba, welcomed twins in the month of July; while, Ahmad and Aisha Ishaq Abubakar, as well as Abdulkhakeem Ibrahim Nuhu had a baby boy in the month of October.



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Programme Coordinator



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Technical Assistant
(Kano)



Mujahid Ibrahim
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(Bauchi)



Buhari Abba
Admin/Research Assistant
(Kano)



Muhammad Bello
Technical Assistant
(Abuja)



Usman Isa
Technical Intern
(Abuja)



Halima Nayaya
Human Resource Officer
(internal/external)



Zainab Aminu
Gender Technical Assistant
(Kano)



Hauwa Shettima Kidaji
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(Bauchi)



Yesmin Salako
Programme Officer
(Abuja)

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2. Agents for Citizens Driven Transformation-European Union
3. Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
4. Bayero University, Kano
5. Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja
6. Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House, Kano
7. Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Abuja
8. Ford Foundation
9. Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO)
10. H and M Limited
11. Itas-Gadau Local Government, Bauchi State
12. Jama'are Local Government Council, Bauchi State
13. Kano State Science and Technical Schools Board
14. Kano State Senior Secondary Schools Management Board
15. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil
16. Katagum Local Government, Bauchi State
17. MacArthur Foundation
18. Maitama Sule University
19. National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)
20. Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC)
21. PeaceTech Lab, USA
22. Printing Unit, Bayero University, Kano
23. Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Dakar, Senegal
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