

Expression of Interest (Eol) and Brief Background for Volunteer-NCUC Media and Communications Team by Remmy Nweke

REMMY NWEKE is the Lead Consulting Strategist at DigitalSENSE Africa (DSA) Media and currently the Group Executive Editor, ITREALMS Media group; Remmy is a member of the Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC); an active member of Non-Profit Organisation Constituency (NPOC) as well as a member of larger family of Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) for over 2 decades, including being a member of various committees at NCUC.

DigitalSENSE Africa under my watch attained a certified At-Large Structure (ALS) under the African Regional At-Large Organisation (AFRALO) at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and membership of NPOC till date, thus very conversant with ICANN and domain name industry community engagements, precisely for non-commercial, having previously served at ALAC Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee (OE-SC).

At ITREALMS Media group, he leads editorial strategies in the production of DigitalSENSE Business Magazine, NaijaAgroNet and the international award-winning ITREALMS online.

In 2009, DigitalSENSE Africa under Remmy's leadership through the Nigeria DigitalSENSE Forum series on Internet Governance for Development made a debut and ever since have been steadfast in rallying stakeholders to take discourse on access, openness, affordability, connectivity and ICT infrastructure among others. In 2011, he brought about the Nigeria IPv6 Roundtable discourse and has been a member of WSIS+10 and Dynamic Coalition on the Sustainability of Journalism and News Media.

Remmy, a multiple award winning ICT journalist, emerged Africa ICT Journalist of the Year,

a former publicity secretary and later chair, International Relations of the Nigeria Internet Group (NIG), is a member of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the Nigeria Internet Governance Forum (NIGF) since inception and pioneer Editor of AFRALO Newsletter, and curator of AfricaThisWeek, author of several books including 'A Decade of ICT Reportage,' 'Sagacity of a digital revolution' to name a few.

Likewise, Remmy was the immediate past president of the African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS), and actively participate on Internet Governance issues across Nigeria, West Africa, the African continent and globally. He later served as the representative of the Non-Profit Operation Concerns (NPOC) to the Finance Committee (FC) of Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG); an affiliate group of Generic Name Supporting Organisation (GNSO) and made very robust contributions towards improving accountability and transparency. Presently in the Board of Trustees (BoT) of the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA), managers of .NG country code Top Level Domains, Remmy had served as member of the Executive Board of Directors, NIRA; and was part of the selection committee (Establishment & Finance) for the pioneer Chief Operating Officer and leadership of NIRA, which was a worldwide hiring.

Also, Remmy, participated actively in other high-level selections including that of the United Nations Civil Society Selection Committees for the High-level meeting on WSIS+10; He chairs, Communication & Advocacy Committee (CAC) of IPv6 Council Nigeria.

Remmy, equally familiar with the ICANN community since 2005; Aside serving actively in some subcommittees including Outreach and Engagement; presently at NomCom Review Implementation Working Group (NomComRIWG), whereas in 2015, he was part of the team that reviewed the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice guidelines.

Given his background as a professional communicator, Remmy has served in senior management levels for over 15 years, thus comfortable and fluent with English within over 25-year professional life, besides having good on-line skills such as on Google & Social media. A certified Innovative Collaboration for Development (ICfD) expert by United Nations Training & Research (UNITAR), Remmy promises to devote sufficient time before, during, and immediately after each ICANN Public Meeting; to collaboratively with other volunteers in the development of a comprehensive strategy to amplify NCUC's positions on issues such as privacy, human rights, accessibility, IP overreach, data protection, to name a few.

Additionally, Remmy has the capacity to collaboratively increase visibility and public awareness of NCUC's role in ICANN and internet governance, particularly in underrepresented regions; Enhance internal communication tools and channels to keep members informed and engaged in policy discussions; Identify solutions to strengthen our media engagement efforts, including resources for communication and content production, which should take into consideration the voluntary nature of the work developed; Address challenges with accessing timely updates on policy discussions and decisions to improve member participation; Increase NCUC's presence in media coverage to ensure our perspectives are represented and heard.

Remmy, a good listener is willing to accommodate travels as may be demanded, with core interest for diversity and inclusivity on Internet Governance by leveraging his post-graduate degree (MA) in Contemporary Diplomacy, from the University of Malta, Diplo Alumni; Institute of Journalism & Management Enugu, Enugu State where I

obtained Diplomas in Mass Communication, Computer Studies respectively and Higher/Advanced Diploma in Mass Communications with specialisation in journalism; and has attended trainings in Germany where he obtained certifications for New Media Management from InWent and International Institute of Journalism as well as Highway Africa News Agency based at Rhodes University, GrahamsTown, South Africa, where he joined the editorial team that covered 2005 WSIS in Tunisia, evolving in organizing and participating in IG4D outreaches, thus knowledgeable in non-commercial industry within the ICANN community as we thrive to position NCUC to aptly represent the non-commercial globally.

Below outlines may be of interest to you too:

- Lead facilitator of first-ever ICT Media Initiative Awards, Facilitated various training on Media Practice in 21st Century, Safer Internet for the youth,
- Developed Communication and Publicity Strategy for the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA) managers of .NG registry;
- Consults for the Internet Exchange Point of Nigeria (IXPN) on Public Relations, Media and Strategic Communications
- Consults for the Nigeria Internet Group (NIG) on Public Relations, Media and International Relations
- Consulted for Linkserve Limited in development of Press Releases and Media Engagement
- As part of a team that extensively drafted the Charter of the Internet Society (Nigeria chapter)
- Team member of ICANN-NPOC Charter review
- Coordinated the establishment of Media Centre Against Child Malnutrition (MeCAM)
- Lead member, CAADP Network of Journalists with special focus on improving story-telling of Agriculture on the continent.
- Chairman, Communication and Advocacy Committee (CAC), IPv6 Council, Nigeria
- Facilitated development of Communication Strategies for IPv6 Council, Nigeria
- Consulted for Panos Institute of West Africa on Panos' think-tank on the role of media and communications in development
- Team member, NIRA Establishment and Finance Committee on development of terms of engagement for the pioneer Chief Operating Officer (COO), Head, Corporate Services, Head, Business Development etc.
- Lead-facilitator, NIRA Media College for capacity building development of Nigerian ICT Media on
- "Domain Name System (DNS)- What It Is & Why It's Important"
- Member, Cross-Community Working Group on Auction Proceeds
- Member, Internet Society (ISOC-Nigeria) & team member, ISOC Constitution by-lawyers 2017
- Edited and published monthly NIRA eNewsletter
- Consulted for African Rice Congress on new media and blogging
- Developed engagement tools and templates for various programme activities including MeCAM Nutrition Symposium, for Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), CS-SUNN etc
- Consulted for the Centre for Technical Agriculture on new media reporting, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Team member, Lagos Family Planning Media Advocacy Working Group (AFP SMART Advocacy) by Pathfinder International to develop, plan and implement strategies for media advocacy
- Member, Web 2.0 and Social Media (e-learning) for Development by Innovative Collaboration for Development
- Member, CAADP Journalists Network on Open Data Session, Nairobi, Kenya
- Country Contributor, PANOS and OSIWA MediaTIC Report 2004-2008
- Delegate member, High Africa News Agency (HANA) on Reporting Information Communications Technology (ICT) and Information Society
- Pioneer Editorial Team member for the Highway Africa News Agency (HANA) to World Summit on the Information Society.
- Delegate to Committee on Development Information (CODI-3) cum African Media Forum in Addis Ababa
- Team Leader for curation of #AfricaThisWeek – a project of African Media Initiative
- Facilitator & Founding President, Times Journalism Alumni Association (TJAA) CAC/IT/No 123613
- Pioneer Editor and co-chair, AFRALO Newsletter @ALAC
- Member, Open Government Partnership (OGP Nigeria), Non-State Actors Selection Committee 2023
- Inducted into the Knight of St Mulumba in Catholic Church in October 2023
- In October 2024, Remmy was inducted into the prestigious Nze N' Ozo title holders in Awba-Ofemili, etc.
- Current Publicity Secretary, Guild of Corporate Online Publishers (GOCOP)
- Member of the Nigeria Institute of Public Relations

Therefore, I commit to ensuring that NCUC continues to represent the non-commercial community within ICANN and world-wide.

Sir Remmy Nweke

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