

Electronic Governance in Developing Countries

6th Network-Building Workshop



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Invitation

The Network-Building Workshop on Electronic Governance in Developing Countries will be organized in Abuja, Nigeria, as the 6th in a series of workshops under the [UNU-IIST's UNeGov.net](http://www.unegov.net) initiative. The aim is to build a Community of Practice interested in developing, sharing and applying concrete solutions for Electronic Governance, especially in developing countries. In addition to [Workshops](#), the Community is supported by a [Portal](#) at www.unegov.net and a [Conference](#) on the Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance. The Abuja Workshop will bring together experts and practitioners from government, industry, academic and civil society interested in the development and utilization of Electronic Governance in Nigeria. The role of research and international cooperation will also be discussed.

Target Audience

- 1) Experts in Public Administration, Information Technology, Knowledge Management, Sociology, Economics, etc.
- 2) Managers leading government technology programs
- 3) Government practitioners, researchers and educators
- 4) Government decision-makers and CIOs

Rationale

Governments are under pressure from citizens, businesses and civil society to address public needs, to support local industries, to deliver high-quality services at reasonable cost to the public, etc. In response, they try to develop Electronic Governance to bring about customer orientation, businesslike management, new forms of public service delivery and other public sector reforms. In doing so, government leaders face many challenges, such as:

- 1) Leading necessary process and structural changes to accompany technical solutions, against resistance from various stakeholders.
- 2) Finding ways to effectively cooperate on cross-agency projects, against traditionally hierarchical structures of governments.
- 3) Building stable, long-lasting solutions for the public sector, while facing volatility of supporting technologies.
- 4) Relying on private sector assistance to deliver public services, while keeping data secure and avoiding vendor lock-in strategies.

UNeGov.net will provide a forum for addressing these challenges.

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Developing Electronic Governance merits a multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder approach whereby the experts and practitioners in different disciplines come together to exchange experiences, share technical know-how, transfer skills and knowledge and reach consensus on the best practices in the field. UNeGov.net aims to bring together such experts within the framework of a Community of Practice supported by:

- 1) a community portal
- 2) a series of network-building workshops
- 3) a conference on the Theory and Practice of e-Governance

The focus is as much on solving concrete problems as it is on consensus-building and advancing the practice in the field. The portal, for instance, will provide technical support for collaborative problem-solving by offering a rich collection of web resources – papers, software, projects, people, etc. and the mechanism to assemble such resources into "solution patterns".

UNeGov.net/Workshops

The workshops aim to build the Community in terms of its membership, geographic and discipline diversity, and capacity to tackle concrete problems. Each workshop will provide a forum:

- 1) to raise particular societal needs
- 2) to present government-adopted measures to address such needs, along with the challenges faced
- 3) to discuss possible solution frameworks based on international and local experience in Electronic Governance
- 4) to disseminate the knowledge gained through the portal

Programme

time	topic	speaker	affiliation
10:00 – 10:15	Opening	Prof. Cleopas Angaye	National IT Development Agency (NITDA)
10:15 – 10:45	Introduction to Electronic Governance	Dr. Tomasz Janowski	United Nations University IIST (UNU-IIST)
10:45 – 11:15	National Plan for Electronic Governance	Dr. Olu Agunloye	National e-Government Strategy Limited
11:15 – 11:30	Break		
11:30 – 12:00	Challenges for Electronic Governance	Mr. Obi Thompson	Interstellar Communications Limited
12:00 – 12:30	Solutions for Electronic Governance	Mr. Niyi Yusuf	Accenture Nigeria
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion	Dr. Adegboyega Ojo	UNU-IIST (moderator)
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch		
15:00 – 15:30	Research on Electronic Governance	Dr. Adegboyega Ojo	UNU-IIST
15:30 – 16:00	Cooperation on Electronic Governance	Dr. Tomasz Janowski	UNU-IIST
16:00 – 16:15	Break		
16:15 – 17:45	Discussion	Mr. Peter Jack	NITDA (moderator)
17:45 – 18:00	Summary	Mr. Inye Kem Abunta	NITDA

Organizers

