

# UNeGov.net Workshop and School

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## Communiqué

This communiqué was created by participants of the UNeGov.net Workshop and School on Electronic Governance, Abuja, Nigeria, 24 - 27 July 2006. The following list comprises issues, challenges and ideas considered important or even critical for the development of Electronic Government in Nigeria as a tool for better government:

- 1) Action is needed to advancing the legislation supporting e-Government.
- 2) Capacity development and IT literacy initiatives are urgently needed.
- 3) National Assembly should expedite action on the approval of the IT bills.
- 4) Provision of adequate power supply through the country is a major challenge.
- 5) Efforts to assess e-readiness of the government should be undertaken.
- 6) A committee should be setup to investigate past failures in ICT implementation.
- 7) Universities should be empowered to raise the level of e-Literacy among children.
- 8) Active engagement is needed of government and academia in planning and capacity development for e-Government.
- 9) Standards for ICT and e-Government in particular should be adopted.
- 10) Building central data registries, particularly for citizen data, is needed.
- 11) The action plan for e-Government development should be formulated.
- 12) A sensitization workshop on Electronic Government for members of the National Assembly is recommended.
- 13) Capacity building initiatives for public workforce, covering both technical and managerial issues, should be undertaken.
- 14) Local content development is important for the uptake of e-Government.
- 15) Stakeholders from government and non-government organizations should all be involved in e-Government planning and development.
- 16) In order to better coordinate e-government efforts, proper organizational and process structures should be put in place.
- 17) Arrangements are needed to enable funding e-government programmes by the government.
- 18) Empowerment of women and youth should be pursued through e-Government.
- 19) PPP strategies should be adopted for implementing e-Government.

Participants recommend presenting this list for consideration by the Government.