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Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (6th R) flanked by the winner of 1st Prize, (short story), Miss Kamarachi Laura Ibeneme (L); Winner of 1st Prize (poetry), Master Kelsey Kalu Chibuike (R) both of St. Augustine's College, New Nyanya, Nasarawa State; other winners in the National Creative Writing Competition and some dignitaries at the Prize Giving Ceremony in Abuja on 16th May, 2023.

NCC Commits to Groom Young Creatives As Nine Winners Emerge in Maiden Creative Writing Competition

IN furtherance of Federal Government's policy to diversify its revenue base and develop the creative sector in a digital environment, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) said it will continue to support the youths to realise their potentials and boost the country's creative economy.

Director-General, NCC Dr. John O. Asein, who stated this at the presentation of prizes to the nine winners of the maiden edition of the National Creative Writing Competition for Secondary Schools, in Abuja, May 16, 2023, said the competition is part of the Commission's efforts to nurture talents and skills amongst school children.

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Copyright Commission Nigerian, Law School to Build More IP Lawyers

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) is set to embark on aggressive mentorship and capacity building programmes to build more Intellectual Property (IP) lawyers with requisite skills to address the challenges of the digital age.

Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, stated this during a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Law School (NLS), Bwari, Abuja on Wednesday 12th April 2023.

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DG-NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (5th L), speaking during a courtesy visit on 12th April 2023 to the DG, Nigerian Law School, Bwari, Professor Isa Hayatu Chiroma (6th R). Others (L-R) are: Assistant Director, DG's Office, Mr. Seun Popoola; Deputy Director, Legal, Mr. Adewumi Oke; Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy, Mr. Collins Nweke; Director Operations, NCC, Mr. Obi Ezeilo; Director of Administration and Secretary to the Council, NLS, Mrs. Elizabeth Max-Uba; Director and Head Academics, NLS, Mr. Sam Osamolu; Director Finance, NLS, Mr. M. T. Bishe; Director Alumni, NLS, Mrs. T Akumolede; and Director Personnel, NLS, Mrs. Stella M. Nsike.

Nigeria Association of the Blind Commends New Copyright Act

PRESIDENT, Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB), Mr. Isiyaku Adamu has commended the Federal Government of Nigeria and thanked President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, on the signing of the Copyright Act, 2022. He gave this commendation at a press conference organised by the association at the premises of the National Commission for Persons With Disabilities (NCPWD) in Abuja on 6th April 2023.

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Director-General, NCC Dr. John O. Asein making his remarks at the press conference organised by the Nigeria Association for the Blind (NAB) in Abuja, April 6th 2023.

DG NCC Restates Need to Balance Rights Protection with Reasonable Exceptions

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Dr. John O. Asein, has reaffirmed the Commission's commitment to the cardinal principles of the copyright system and the international copyright regime by protecting the right of authors and allowing a balance through responsible use of exceptions.

This was in his remarks at the webinar on the implementation of the Copyright Act, 2022 themed: Nigeria's Reflecting International Copyright Policies and Standards of Protection, organised by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Nigeria Office on 15th June 2023.



Director-General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Mr. Daren Tang

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NCC Moves to Enlist More Women as IP Experts; Launches We Win IP

IN a bid to attract more women to the field of Intellectual Property (IP) and encourage the use of IP in their businesses, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) on 26th of April, 2023 officially unveiled its Women Empowering Women in IP (We Win IP) programme.

While introducing the programme during the official launch at the United Nations Building in Abuja, the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein explained that it is part of the Commission's activities to mark the 2023 World IP Day which focus on the place of women in innovation and creativity and also celebrates their achievements as inventors, creators and entrepreneurs.



Director-General NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (L) and Special Adviser (Digital Communication Strategy) to the Federal Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Ms Aisha Augie-Kutie, cheer after the latter unveiled the We Win IP logo at the 2023 World IP Day Workshop held at the UN Building, Abuja, 26th April 2023.

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New Copyright Act will Stimulate Creative Industry – NCC Director-General

PRACTITIONERS in Nigerian creative sector have been called upon to familiarise themselves with the provisions of the new Copyright Act, 2022 and make necessary changes to enhance their fortunes in the sector. Director-General of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein made the call in Lagos on 2nd May 2023, while welcoming guests to the formal presentation of the Act to members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) that drafted the Copyright Bill.

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Director-General NCC, Dr. John O. Asein speaking at the formal presentation of the new Copyright Act, 2022, on 2nd May, 2023 at Ikeja, Lagos. Others (L-R): CEO, Accessible Publishers Ltd., Mr. Gbadega Adedapo; Chairman, MCSN, Mr. Orits Wiliki; Guest of Honour & former Director-General, NCC, Mr. Afam Ezekude; Chairman, AVRS, Mr. Mahmood Ali-Balogun and President, PMAN, Mr. Pretty Okafor.

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Copyright Commission Lauds Nollywood, Creative industry

THE Director-General of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Dr. John O. Asein, has commended the ingenuity and sheer resilience of practitioners in the Nigerian film industry and acknowledged the outstanding contributions of the industry to Nigeria's creative economy.

The Director-General gave the commendation while making his remarks at the public presentation of a book titled "30: Three Decades of the New Nigerian Cinema", authored by a former Commissioner for Information, Lagos State, Mr Steve Ayorinde, in Lagos on 18th May, 2023.

According to him, the creative industry has immense potentials and Nigeria has all it takes to remain a world leader in that sector. "As a people, we should be proud of Nollywood has helped to make Nigeria an international brand that is sought after all over the world. It shows our strength and resilience and proves that, given the right ambience, we can always turn things around," he said.

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Director-General NCC, Dr. John O. Asein making a remark during the presentation of the book titled "30: Three Decades of the New Nigerian Cinema" authored by former Commissioner for Information, Lagos State and Arise News TV Anchor, Mr. Steve Ayorinde, in Lagos, 18th May 2023.

NCC Tasks IPLAN, Experts on the Implementation of the New Copyright Act

AS the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) commences its strategic engagements with various stakeholders on the seamless implementation of the new Copyright Act, the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, has charged lawyers and other experts to use the copyright system, not only for settling disputes but also as a tool for organising businesses to minimize rancour.

This was stated in the Director-General's keynote address during a webinar on "Understanding the new Copyright Act, Insights from the NCC", organised by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria (IPLAN) in collaboration with the Commission on 27th June 2023.

Dr. Asein, called on IPLAN to collaborate with NCC to address some of the issues that have bedevilled the creative industry, noting that a greater percentage of practitioners in the industry live below the poverty line.

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President of Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria (IPLAN) Mr. Obafemi Agaba.

Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria parleys NCC on IP

THE Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria has initiated collaboration with the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) to promote areas of common interest in the field of intellectual property (IP).

The Representative of the Taipei Trade Office, Mr. Andy Yih-Ping Liu, during a courtesy visit to the NCC Head office, Abuja, on 13th June 2013 said his Office was impressed with the intellectual property system in Nigeria and the vast and vibrant cultural industry with much local creative content which is also being appreciated and enjoyed in Taiwan.

He explained that Taiwan was a non-oil economy that relied heavily on IP as a major resource and that his visit was part of a dedicated effort by the Government of Taiwan to build relationships with countries that have robust IP culture. According to him, "we are more interested in building legitimate relationships and have the technical knowhow to support Nigeria in the area of promoting its IP sector."

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Director-General NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (L) welcomes the Representative of Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria, Mr. Andy Yih-Ping Liu (R) to the Commission's headquarters, Abuja during a Courtesy Visit on Tuesday 13th June 2023.

NCC Advocates Inclusive Publishing for Government Funded Book Projects

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has advocated that all Government funded publishing arrangements should include a mandatory clause requiring that the books produced should also be made accessible to blind, visually impaired and print disabled persons.

Director-General NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, made this appeal when he spoke at the opening ceremony of the training on the Marrakesh Treaty as part of the 2023 National Delegates Convention of the Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB) held in Abuja, 15th June 2023 with the theme: "Bringing the Marrakesh Treaty Home."

He assured the NAB of the Commission's support and called on members to prepare for the Accessibility Day, which is planned to hold on 4th October, every year. According to him, that is the day on which Nigeria deposited its instrument of accession to the Marrakesh Treaty.

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Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (standing) presenting his goodwill message at the opening ceremony of NAB 2023 National Conference, themed: "Bringing the Marrakesh Treaty Home", while the Executive Secretary, National Commission for Persons With Disabilities (NCPWD), Mr. James Lalu (3rd 4th R); President NAB, Mr. Isiyaku Adamu (3rd L) and others listen.

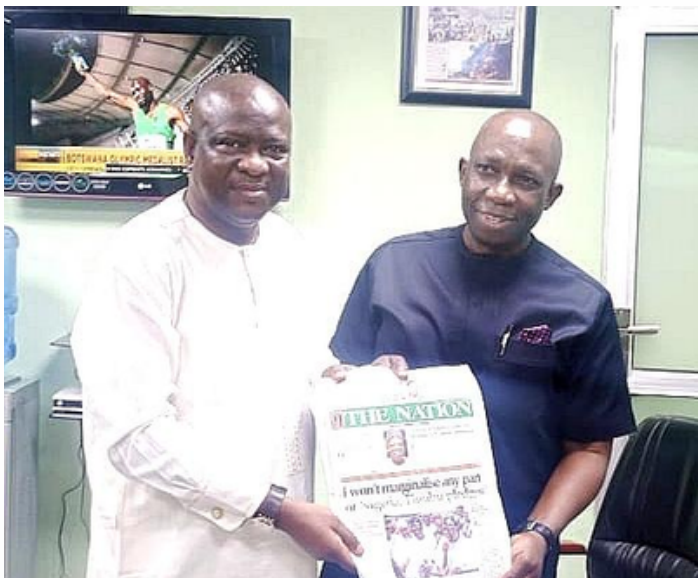
NCC Commends The Nation Newspaper for Promoting Creative Sector

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has commended The Nation Newspaper for its contributions towards the enactment of the new Copyright Act, 2022, the fight against copyright infringement as well as promoting the creative and culture sector.

This commendation was given by the Director-General of the Commission, Dr. John O. Asein during his visit to The Nation Newspaper Head Office in Lagos, 4th May, 2023. He made special mention of the efforts of The Nation, through its Entertainment and Arts Desk, in putting the creative sector, particularly copyright issues, in the front burner.

Also speaking on the Commission's plans, the Director-General announced that it will be championing a campaign to draw attention to the plight of blind and visually impaired persons many of whom are denied access to over 90% of the reading materials available to the sighted.

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The Editor, The Nation Newspaper, Mr. Adeniyi Adeshina presenting a copy of the Newspaper to the Director-DG-NCC, Dr John O. Asein when the latter visited The Nation's office in Lagos, 4th May, 2023.

NCC Assures Stakeholders of Support, Woos Creatives to E-registration

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has reassured creatives and other stakeholders in the visual art sector of its commitment to strengthen and sanitise the channels of art creation, distribution and marketing.

Director-General NCC, Dr. John O. Asein who gave the assurances while delivering a goodwill message at the National Gallery of Art (NGA) prize giving ceremony for the 7th edition of the National Visual Art Competition for Private Art Galleries in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), 6th June 2023 in Abuja, encouraged creatives to register their works on the Commission's e-Registration platform.

The NGA National Visual Art Competition, aimed at enhancing and promoting visual art in Nigeria, this year focused on private galleries as drivers in the sale and marketing of art works; competitively underscoring how the participating art galleries package and exhibit art works to the public.

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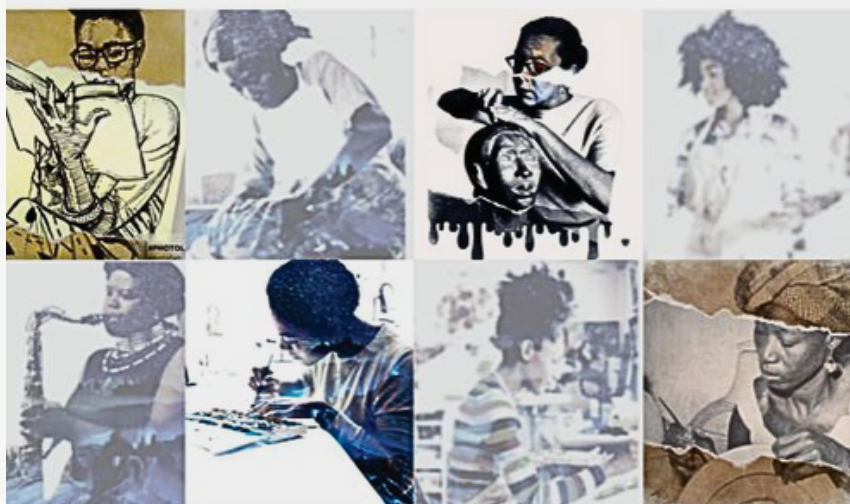
Director, Public Affairs, NCC, Mr. Augustine Amodu (R) delivering the Director-General's goodwill message at the prize giving ceremony of the National Gallery of Art (NGA), 7th National Visual Art Competition, for Private Art Galleries in the FCT, Abuja, 6th June 2023.



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ABOUT WE WIN IP

Women Empowering Women in IP (WE WIN IP) is a programme of the Nigerian Copyright Commission that was initiated in response to the theme of the 2023 World IP Day: "Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity".

The programme will run as a pilot project through the year until the 2024 World IP Day and thereafter continue as a capacity building programme of the Commission.

WE WIN IP is intended to enlist more women into the field of IP; raise the level of awareness about the subject and encourage its sustainable use as a tool in various creativity and innovation based enterprises. Under the programme, the Commission will encourage IP experts who will in turn donate their time, talent and treasure to support women through training, capacity building, mentoring and other knowledge transfer protocols.

The immediate goal is to arm at least 1,000 women with the requisite knowledge and skills as change agents who will in turn empower women groups, children and young persons to continue to create and innovate.

The ultimate beneficiaries will be small and medium enterprises, individual creators and innovators and relevant institutions.

Under the programme, the Commission will also recognise and celebrate women who have succeeded in the use of IP to promote creativity and innovation.

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NCC Ilorin Office Enlightens Student IP Club on Commission's Mandates

THE NCC Ilorin Office, on 5th April 2023, held an interactive session with the Intellectual Property (IP) Club of the University of Ilorin to enlighten them on the Commission's mandate of protecting creativity for wealth creation.

The event, which was organised ahead of the 2023 World Book and Copyright Day was attended by Assistant Chief Copyright Officer (ACCO), NCC Ilorin Office, Mr. Abdulateef Lanre Abdullahi. He applauded members of the IP Club for their activities and harped on the need to create more copyright awareness in the University.

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Members of the Intellectual Property Club, University of Ilorin pose for a group photograph with staff of NCC Ilorin Office during the interactive session organised by the NCC, Ilorin Office to mark World Book and Copyright Day, 23rd April, 2023.

NCC Bauchi Office Solicits Support for Copyright Enlightenment

AS part of activities to commemorate this year's World Intellectual Property Day, the Director, NCC Bauchi Office, Mr. Michael Madueke visited some media organisations to enlist their support in enlightening the public on copyright matters and the mandate of the Commission.

The stations visited from 23rd to 29th April 2023 include Bauchi Radio Corporation (BRC), Bauchi State Television (BATV), Federal Radio Corporation (Globe FM) and Albarka, Radio.

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Yola Office Visits National Library, State Library Board on World Book and Copyright Day

STATE Coordinator, NCC Yola Office, Mr. Ibrahim Yusuf, in company of some officers of the Yola Office paid courtesy visits on the National Library and the Adamawa Library Board in Yola, Adamawa State in commemoration of the World Book and Copyright Day on 23rd April, 2023.

The NCC entourage was received at the National Library by the Coordinator, Mr. Alfred Maidoki. Mr. Yusuf enlightened the Coordinator and his team about the activities of the Commission and delivered the Director-General's goodwill message on the occasion, while stressing the need to sensitise librarians on the importance of respect for copyright and creativity.

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State Coordinator, Yola, Mr. Ibrahim Yusuf (3rd R) receiving a copy of National Bibliography from the Coordinator, National Library Yola, Mr. Alfred Maidoki (3rd L) during a courtesy visit by NCC to the Library, as part of events marking the World Book and Copyright Day, 23rd April, 2023.



Director, Bauchi Office, Mr. Michael Madueke (L); Director, Administration, Albarka Radio, Mr. Isa Gatso (M) and Mr. Ahmed Aliyu Dadi of NCC during the courtesy visit to Albarka Radio, on 26th April 2023.

Akwa Ibom State Arts Council to Partner NCC Uyo Office

The Akwa Ibom State Council for Arts and Culture has assured the NCC Uyo Office of deeper synergy to support the Commission's sensitisation and public enlightenment campaigns and ensure that right owners enjoy the benefits of their intellectual investments.

This was disclosed in the Chairman's opening remarks during the 2023 World IP Day organised by the Uyo Office of the Commission on 26th April, 2023.

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Event Chairman and Director, Akwa Ibom State Council for Arts and Culture (AKSCAC), Dr, Unwana Joshua, delivering his opening remarks at the workshop to commemorate the 2023 World IP Day by the NCC Uyo Office, 26th April 2023.

National Creative Writing Competition: NCC Lauds Participants' Ingenuity, Calls for Investment in Young Talents

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein, has applauded the creative skills of participants in the maiden edition of the NCC National Creative Writing Competition.

Asein disclosed this while presenting an award plaque and prize to the winner of the 1st Prize in the essay category of the competition, Miss Firdaous Ojutalayo at her school, Muslim Model College, Ibadan on 8th June 2023.

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Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Mrs. Ijeoma Egbunike (R) presenting an award plaque to the Winner of the 1st Prize in the Essay Category of the NCC National Creative Writing Competition for Secondary Schools, Miss Firdaous Ojutalayo of Muslim Model College, Ibadan, on 8th June, 2023, while the State Coordinator, NCC Ibadan Office, Mrs. Bisi Ogundiran (2nd R) and the School Principal, Mrs. Alao Olabisi Fatima (1st L) watch in admiration.

NCC Port Harcourt Celebrates Copyright Week with Stakeholders

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission, Port Harcourt Office, celebrated the 2023 Copyright Week with an event organised for stakeholders on the 28th of April 2023 in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

Speaking at the occasion, the State Coordinator, Port Harcourt Office, Mrs. Nkechi Ezinma presented the Director-General's press statement to mark the World Book and Copyright Day 2023 which focused on the theme for the year "Indigenous Languages".

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The State Coordinator NCC Port Harcourt, Mrs Nkechi Ezinma in a group photograph with dignitaries and students of Brilliant International Group of Schools during celebrations of the 2023 Copyright Week in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on 28th April 2023.

NCC Port Harcourt Office Sensitises Printers on Respect for Copyright

PRINTERS in Rivers State have been enlightened on the provisions of the Copyright Act, 2022 as they concern printing and sale of copyright works.

This followed a copyright sensitisation exercise organised by the NCC Port Harcourt Office on the 27th of June 2023. According to a report from the Office, the exercise was carried out to encourage printers in the State to adhere to the provisions of the Copyright Act with particular emphasis on printing activities.

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Assistant Director, NCC, Port Harcourt Office, Mr. Joseph Ojika discussing with a shop owner during an inspection of printing outlets and bookshops in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, 27th June, 2023.

Copyright Commission Set to Launch Mobile Piracy-Reporting App

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) is set to launch its mobile piracy-reporting app to enable citizens send reports of suspected piracy activities directly to the Commission anonymously.

This was disclosed by the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein while addressing newsmen at the Commission's Lagos Office on 15th May, 2023.

The Director-General, who was represented at the event by the Director, Lagos Office of the Commission, Mr. Mathew Ojo, said that the mobile app would complement the online reporting platform already available on the Commission's website.

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NCC Makurdi Office Marks 2023 World IP Day and World Book and Copyright Day with Thanksgiving

AS part of activities to commemorate the 2023 World Intellectual Property Day and the World Book and Copyright Day, the Director, NCC Makurdi Office Mrs. Olufunmilayo Adewale led the office on thanksgiving and enlightenment programmes.

While responding to callers' questions, during a live phone-in programme on Radio Benue, 24th April 2023, Mrs. Adewale assured of the Commission's unrelenting efforts at curbing copyright piracy to ensure adequate return on intellectual and financial investment in all creative sectors.

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Director, NCC Makurdi Office, Mrs. Funmilayo Adewale (8th L) and Rev. Father Gabriel Ameh (7th L) in a group photograph with staff of NCC Makurdi Office at the Thanksgiving Mass held at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, High Level Makurdi in Commemoration of the 2023 World IP Day, 26th April 2023.



Director, NCC Lagos Office, Mr Mathew Ojo addressing newsmen during a press briefing held at the Lagos Office, to present pirated textbooks that were confiscated by the Commission during an anti-piracy operation carried out in Shomolu area of Lagos State, on 15th May, 2023.

Copyright Commission Inspects Book Outlets in Kano; Tasks Booksellers on Stocking Genuine Books

IN a renewed commitment to fight piracy and check all forms of illegal book distribution as the 2023 book season approaches, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has advised booksellers to abide by the provisions of the Copyright Act and regulations by stocking only genuine books in their bookshops and other sales outlets especially during the coming book season.

Acting State Coordinator, NCC Kano Office, Mr Sani Ahmad gave this charge when he led a team of Copyright Officers on an unscheduled visit to some popular bookshops around Bata roundabout in Kano.

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Copyright Officers of NCC Kano Office, inspecting a bookshop in Kano market, 15th June, 2023.

Copyright Owners Urged to Take Advantage of the Commission's e-Registration System

AUTHORS and other copyright owners have been advised to take advantage of the Commission's e-Registration platform as a step to further protect their works.

The Director, NCC Kaduna Office, Mrs. Susan Bashorun made the call at a seminar organised by the Nigerian Film and Video Censors Board (NFVCB) Kaduna Office in collaboration with the Motion Picture Practitioners Association of Nigeria (MOPPAN) Kaduna Chapter on 25th May 2023.

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R-L: Former President of MOPPAN, Alh. Abdullahi Usman; Chairman, MOPPAN, Kaduna Chapter, Alh. Jibrin Goma; NCC Director, Kaduna Office, Mrs. Susan Bashorun; National Liason Officer, North West, NFVCB, Mrs Julia Mbonu; and Center Head, NFVCB, Kaduna Office, Mrs. Blessing Akwash; at a seminar organised by NFVCB in Kaduna, 25th May 2023.

Press Statements for World Book and Copyright Day (April 23) and World IP Day (April 26) 2023

GOODWILL MESSAGE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NIGERIAN COPYRIGHT COMMISSION (NCC) DR. JOHN O. ASEIN, ON THE WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY, 23RD APRIL 2023.

AS the world marks April 23 as the World Book and Copyright Day, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) is pleased to join authors, publishers, printers, booksellers, librarians, book clubs and lovers of books all over the world to celebrate the Day.

In line with the objectives of the Day, we also seize this opportunity to appreciate authors and draw attention to the endless possibilities of books as links between our past and the future, as well as trusted bridges between peoples and cultures. Through books, generations are connected and people from distant places and cultures are meet.

This year's theme, "Indigenous Languages!" underscores the need to recognise linguistic diversity and the importance of preserving, promoting and encouraging the use of indigenous languages in literature and other creative works. It also coincides with the declaration of the decade 2022 to 2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, which is to draw attention to issues pertaining to indigenous and local languages.

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GOODWILL MESSAGE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NIGERIAN COPYRIGHT COMMISSION (NCC) DR. JOHN O. ASEIN, ON THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY, 26TH APRIL 2023

THE World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 declared April 26 every year as the World Intellectual Property Day to raise awareness about intellectual property (IP) and promote its use as a tool for growing innovation and creativity.

The theme for this year's celebration, "Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity", draws attention to the role that women play in innovation and creativity, their achievements, the challenges they face and how society can harness their talents to accelerate growth. Nigeria has its own array of women innovators, creators, and entrepreneurs in diverse fields who are making remarkable impact in society. We celebrate them.

Women make up almost half of the human population and although they have contributed immensely to scientific breakthroughs, new creative trends, businesses and the transformation of our world, they still face the challenges of stereotypes and other biases that hinder their effective use of the IP system. We therefore acknowledge the need to encourage more women to use IP to enhance, promote and protect their works. By providing the enabling environment for them to flourish, society benefits as they are encouraged to innovate and create more.

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Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, delivering his opening remarks during the prize giving ceremony for winners of the 2023 National Creative Writing Competition for Secondary Schools at Nigeria National Merit Award House Maitama, Abuja on Tuesday 16th May 2023.



R-L (front row) Director, Planning, Research and Statistics (PRS), Mr. Taiye Hassan Usman; Director, Administration, Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade; Director, Regulatory and Compliance, Mr. Mike Akpan; Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy, Mr. Collins Nweke and other participants at the Prize Giving Ceremony for winners of the 2023 National Creative Writing Competition for Secondary Schools at Nigeria National Merit Award House Maitama, Abuja on Tuesday 16th May 2023.



General Manager, MCSN, Mr. Louis B. Udoh, presents a plaque and a HP Laptop to the winner of the 1st Prize in the Short Story Category of the 2023 National Creative Writing Competition for Secondary Schools, Miss Kamarachi Laura Ibeneme of St. Augustine's Collage, New Nyanya, Nassarawa State.



Students of Dambo International School, Abuja, making a presentation during the Prize Giving Ceremony of the 2023 National Creative Writing Competition for Secondary schools in Abuja.



Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein speaking on the importance of intellectual property during an interactive session with students of Nigerian Law School, (Abuja campus) Bwari, Abuja on 12th April 2023.



Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein interacting with a visually impaired student during the enlightenment session at the Nigerian Law School, Abuja.

“Copyright is not an obstacle. It’s something you need to understand how to navigate, and we want to make that as easy and as transparent as possible.”

**— Tracey Armstrong
CEO, Copyright Clearance Center**



Mr. Elijah Akpan, State Coordinator, NCC Uyo taking participants through the new Copyright Act, 2022 as Guest Lecturer on "Copyright and You" at the Knowledge of the Law Workshop organised by BlueRiver Law Firm, Uyo, 27th May 2023.



Assistant Director, Public Affairs, Miss Oyebola Oyewo; Assistant Director, Legal Mrs. Gladys Ojo and other participants listening during the workshop on Women as Catalysts of Innovation and Creativity in Nigeria: Business Opportunities and Challenges, to commemorate the 2023 World IP Day at the UN Building, Abuja.



Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (M) grants a press interview to reporters and correspondents after the unveiling of the WE WIN IP logo at the UN Building, Abuja, 26 April, 2023.



President, Nigeria Association for the Blind (NAB), Mr. Ishiyaku Adamu (1st L) speaking while Director-General NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (3rd L); Executive Secretary, National Commission for Persons with Disabilities NCPWD, Mr. James David Lalu (2nd L) and others listen during the Press Conference organised by the NAB on the imperatives of the recently signed Copyright Act, 2022, in Abuja, April 6th 2023.



Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (1st R); Executive Secretary, National Commission for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD), Mr. James David Lalu (M) and President Nigeria Association for the Blind (NAB), Mr. Ishiyaku Adamu at the Press Conference organised by NAB, in Abuja, celebrating the signing into law of the Copyright Act, 2022.



Representative of Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria, Mr. Andy Yih-Ping Liu (R), explains a point during a courtesy visit to the Commission's headquarters, Abuja on Tuesday 13th June 2023, while the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (L) listens.



Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (L), presents a copy of the new Copyright Act, 2022 to the Representative of Taipei Trade Office in Nigeria, Mr. Andy Yih-Ping Liu (R), during the courtesy visit to the Commission's headquarters, Abuja.



The Director, Kaduna Office (3rd L) presenting prizes to the first runner up (poetry category) in the NCC 2023 National Creative Writing Competition, Master Salihu Abdullahi of Essence International School, Kaduna. With them are the teachers and parents of the winner.



Director/Head, Legal, NCC Lagos Office, Mrs. Lynda Alphaeus (2nd R); Mrs. Funmi Binuyo of Olajide Oyewole & Co. (3rd R) and other participants in the Sensitisation Walk held at the University of Lagos to commemorate the 2023 World IP Day on 26th April, 2023.



Some dignitaries at the formal presentation of the new Copyright Act, 2022 and award presentation held in Lagos on 2nd May, 2023. Front row (L-R): Prof. Bankole Sodipo, SAN; CEO Accessible Publishing Ltd., Mr. Gbadega Adedapo; Chairman, MCSN, Mr. Orits Wiliki; Chairman, AVRS, Mr. Mahmood Ali-Balogun; DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein; Guest of Honour & former DG NCC, Mr. Afam Ezekude; President, PMAN, Mr. Pretty Okafor; movie marketer, Chief Aina Kushoro and Former Commissioner for Information, Lagos State & Arise News TV Anchor, Mr. Steve Ayorinde. Back row (L-R): President IPLAN Mr. Obafemi Agaba (3rd); CEO, MCSN, Mr. Mayo Ayilaran (5th); retired Director, NCC, Mr. Babatunde Adetula (6th); Mr. Sunny Nneji (7th) and Mr. Zaaki Azay (8th); Mr. Ejike Asiegbu (9th); Mr. Victor Okhai (9th) and Chinedu Chukwudi (10th).



Director, NCC Enugu Office, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke; leading other Copyright Officers on a Sensitisation Road Walk to mark 2023 World IP Day, 26th April 2023.



In continuation of the nationwide anti-piracy campaign during the World IP Day, Copyright Officer Mr. Yakubu Yusuf Baita of Kano Office explaining the significance of the World IP Day and the enforcement mandate of the NCC to a Police Officer in Kano, 26 April 2023.



Director, NCC Enugu Office, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke (R) presenting a plaque to veteran actress and Nollywood legend, Mrs. Patience Ozokwor (a.k.a. Mama G) in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the film and entertainment industry in Nigeria, Enugu, 19 April 2023.



Staff of NCC Enugu Office joined by staff of the National Library and kids from Reading Club of National Library, Enugu during a Copyright enlightenment exercise on 16th April, 2023 in commemoration of the 2023 World Book and Copyright Day.



Director, Public Affairs, Mr. Augustine Amodu, enlightening some stakeholders on copyright at an exhibition stand during the prize giving ceremony of the National Gallery of Art (NGA), 7th National Visual Art Competition, for Private Art Galleries in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, 6th June 2023.



Staff of NCC Enugu Office, Mr. Macfoj Akachukwu (L) and Mr. Ambrose Odoh (R) with the Enugu State Chairman of the Deejay Association of Nigeria (DJAN) Mr. Chibuikwe Obeta at the South East Zonal Conference of DJAN held in Enugu, 21 June 2023.



Head of NCC Ibadan Office, Mrs. Bisi Ogundiran, presenting a copy of "What is Copyright" to Master Olulekan Oluwatobi, the overall winner of the High School Prize for Literature contest organised by Folk Heritage Multimedia in Ibadan.



Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (R) presenting copies of the new Copyright Act, 2022 to Assistant Director-General, WIPO, Dr. Edward Kwakwa during the latter's visit to the Commission's Head Office in Abuja, 19th April, 2023.

PHOTOSPLASH



Group photograph of members of the Governing Board, NCC after their valedictory session in Abuja, 26 May, 2023. Front row (L-R): Rev. Bayo Awala; Sir Bongos Ikwue; Board Chairman, Prof. Animi Esther Sylvanus Pepple (M); Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein; Dr. (Mrs.) Alewai Jidai Mamza. Back row (L-R) Sir (Dr) Jesse U. Odu; Mr. Barnabas Ogochukwu Awunandu; Comrade Salihu Othman Isa and Mr. Nnanna Oka Ibom.



Some staff of the Commission at the Thanksgiving Mass, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Maitama, Abuja in commemoration of the 2023 Copyright week on 30th April 2023. First row (L-R) Director, Administration, Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade; Director-General, Dr. John O. Asein; Director, Regulatory and Compliance, Mr. Mike Akpan; Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Mrs. Ijeoma Egbunike; Assistant Chief Copyright Officer, PRS, Mrs. Blessing Kur and Chief Information Officer, Public Affairs, Mr. Andrew Dyege.



Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (3rd L) in a group photograph with some Management Staff of the Commission after the Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Maitama, Abuja, 30th April 2023. L-R: Director, Regulatory and Compliance, Mr. Mike Akpan; Director, Legal, Mr. Emeka Ogbonna; the DG; Special Assistant to the DG, Mr. Joni Icheke; Director, Administration, Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade and Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy, Mr. Collins Nweke.



Director-General, Dr. John O. Asein in a group photograph with some Management and Staff of the NCC after the Thanksgiving Mass in commemoration of the 2023 Copyright week at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Maitama, Abuja, 30th April 2023.



Director PRS, Mr. Hassan Usman (5th L); Chief Imam, Ansarudeen Jummat Mosque, Prof. Olaofe (5th R); Deputy Director and Head Internal Audit, Mr. Babatunde Abdulsalam (4th R); Deputy Director Legal, Mr. Muslim Oke (4th R), in group photograph with other staff at the Ansarudeen Jummat Mosque Maitama after the service in commemoration of the NCC 2023 Copyright Week in Abuja on 28th April 2023.



Some staff of NCC in thanksgiving with other muslim faithfuls at the Ansarudeen Jummat Mosque, Maitama, Abuja on 28th April 2023 to mark the end of the NCC 2023 Copyright Week. R-L: Chief Admin Officer, Mrs. Kafayat Quadri; PCO (NCA), Mrs. Jummai Shellig; Assistant Chief Accountant, Mrs. Saudat Momoh and PCO (PRS), Mrs. Zainab Adamu.



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