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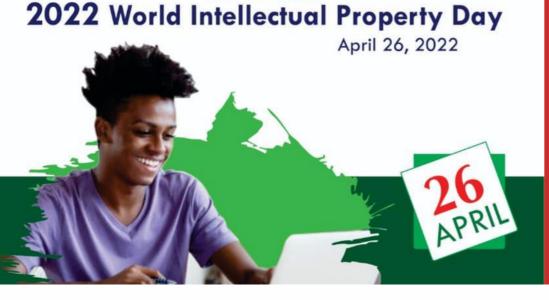
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Nigerian Youths Key to Sustainable National Wealth Creation – Declares NCC DG, Dr. John O. Asein in a Statement on World IP Day, 26 April 2022

**THE** theme for this year's World Intellectual Property Day is IP and Youth: Innovation for a Better Future. This theme draws attention to the place of the youth population as major players in the intellectual property (IP) ecosystem and their strategic position in achieving a better future for humanity through innovation and creativity.

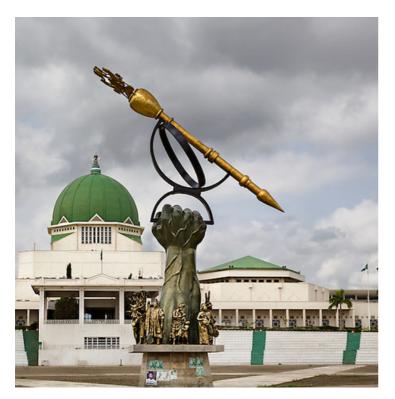
# Senate Passes Copyright Bill to Boost Creative Industry

**THE** Nigerian Senate, on Wednesday, 6th April 2022 passed the Bill for an Act to Repeal the Copyright Act, Cap C28 LFN, 2004 and enact the Copyright Act to provide for the Regulation, Protection and Administration of Copyright; and for Related Matters, as amended.

Senate President, Dr. Ahmed Ibrahim Lawal, CON, sitting as Chairman of both Committees, emphasized the importance of the Copyright Bill to the development of the creative industries and sustainable wealth creation in the national economy.

He took the distinguished members carefully through the 109 clauses of the Bill and its schedule, leading eventually to its passage.

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# NCC Arrests 5 Suspected Pirates, Impounds N3 Million Pirated Educational Books

**OVER** Two thousand (2,000) copies of suspected pirated educational books worth three million Naira (N3, 000, 000) were confiscated by the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) during an antipiracy operation carried out at some printing outlets in Fagbeyiro Street, Shomolu, Lagos State on 17th February 2022.

The Director, NCC Lagos Office, Mr. Matthew Ojo who disclosed this, noted that during the operation, Copyright Inspectors backed by armed Police Officers arrested five persons involved in printing suspected pirated educational books.

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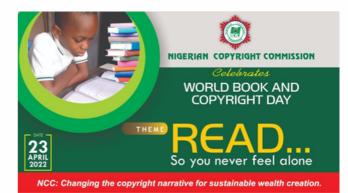


Suspected pirated educational books impounded by Copyright Inspectors during an antipiracy operation in Lagos.

# Embrace Reading, Support Creative Industry, Nigerians Urged on World Book and Copyright Day

**IN** commemoration of World Book and Copyright Day, 3rd April 2022, Nigerians have been urged to embrace reading, support the creative industry and show more respect for copyright as a veritable tool for wealth creation and sustainable national development.

Director-General of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein, who made the call on the Day, noted that this year's theme, Read... So you never feel alone' highlighted the relevance of reading as an aspect of life that has a social bearing on the individual and society.



World Book and Copyright Day 2022 e-Poster.

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# On World Music Day, 21 June 2022, DG, NCC, Dr. John O Asein, Calls for Responsible Exploitation of Music to Guarantee Sustainable Growth of the Industry

**AS** in other years, since its institution in 1982, this year's World Music Day offers stakeholders in the music industry an opportunity to reflect on the importance of music and how it touches our social, cultural, economic, political, and spiritual lives. It is the universal language of life that defies all boundaries and redefines our common humanity.

At no time has this borderless spirit of music been so pronounced as in today's online music distribution and streaming networks with their capacity for instant content delivery. With the possibilities offered by digital manipulation, music has also become susceptible to all forms of exploitation and raw material for other creative works. The theme for this year, "Music at Intersections" succinctly captures this delicate web.

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# NCC Recommits to Copyright Empowerment of Talented Nigerian Youths

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has reaffirmed its commitment to the empowerment of talented Nigerian youths through adequate protection of their copyright.

Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, gave the assurance while speaking at an Intellectual Property (IP) symposium, themed: Making Nigerian IP Infrastructure Work for Innovative Nigerian Youths, organized by the US Embassy in commemoration of 2022 World IP Day which was held from 25th-26th April 2022.



At the Intellectual Property Symposium organized by the US Embassy to mark World IP Day on 25th April 2022 in Lagos, were: (Front Row L-R) DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein with DG, National Film and Video Censors Board (NFVCB), Alhaji Adedayo Thomas; (Back Row L-R) Director, NCC Lagos Office, Mr. Matthew Ojo and Director, Operations, Mr. Obi Ezeilo.

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# NCC Strengthens Collaboration with Customs to Check Transborder Piracy

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has stepped up collaboration with the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) towards checking the influx of pirated works through the borders.

The Director, NCC Lagos Office, Mr. Matthew Ojo, who represented the Director-General, Dr. John O. Asein, disclosed this during a consultative visit to the new Comptroller of Customs Area Command at the Port and Terminal Multiservices Limited (PTML), Mr. Fidelis Okun on 7th June 2022. He indicated that a new impetus between both enforcement agencies has boosted the inter-agency collaboration and cooperation between the Commission and the NCS, with a zero tolerance stance for the importation and export of pirated works.



Director, NCC Lagos Office, Mr. Matthew Ojo (L) presents some copyright publications to the Comptroller, Customs Area Command (CAC), Port and Terminal Multiservices Limited (PTML), Mr. Fidelis Okun, during a consultative meeting with the Customs Comptroller in Lagos on 7th June 2022.



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# News from State Offices

# NCC DG Canvasses National Copyright Reorientation for Effective Antipiracy Campaign

**THE** Director-General of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein has underscored the need for reorientation of Nigerians on the patronage of pirated works in order to ensure the effectiveness of the national antipiracy campaign.

The Director-General made this known while presenting a Keynote Paper with the theme; 'Copyright and Sustainable Growth in the Book Ecosystem: Setting a New Agenda,' during the 21st edition of the Nigeria International Book Fair held from 12th to 14th May 2022 at the Harbour Point Event Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos.



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein presents a keynote paper during the 21st edition of Nigeria International Book Fair held at Harbour Point Event Centre, Lagos on 12th May 2022.

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# NCC in Enugu Canvasses Respect for Creativity

AS part of efforts to ensure that creators and allied investors in the creative industry get commensurate rewards for their investments, the Enugu Office of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has carried out a series of copyright awareness campaigns, urging stakeholders and the public to respect Intellectual Property (IP) creators and their works and support the Commission's efforts to check piracy in the country.

# Uyo Radio Station Commits to Copyright Sensitisation, Royalty Payment, Commends NCC

**THE** Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Redemption FM, Abak, Akwa-Ibom State, Bishop (Prof.) Ahaziah Umanah has commended the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) for the provision of vital content for the station's broadcast programmes through its enlightenment materials and public sensitisation on copyright matters.



Copyright legend, Chief Chika Okpala aka Chief Zebrudaya Nwogbo (1st R) admires a portrait presented to him by NCC to mark his birthday on 10th June 2022 while the Commission's Director, Enugu Office, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke (1st L) and Assistant Director, Operations, Mr. Okwudili Macfoy Akachukwu, look on.



State Coordinator, NCC, Uyo Office, Mr. Elijah Akpan (2nd L); CEO of Redemption FM, Bishop (Prof.) Ahaziah Umanah (M); Mrs. Elsie Udofia, Station Manager, Redemption FM (2nd R); and NCC Officers, Miss Idongesit Offiong (L) and Mr. Idorenyin. Akpakpan (R), during an NCC operatives' advocacy visit to the FM Station, Abak, Akwa Ibom State on 8th June 2022.

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# Copyright Commission Tasks Youths on Creativity

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has tasked youths in the country to be more creative by developing their intellect to provide solutions for moral and financial gains.

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The NCC State Coordinator, Ibadan Office, Mrs. Olabisi Ogundiran, sensitising students on the basics of copyright and the essence of copyright protection during the Commission's awareness outreach on World IP Day on 26th April 2022 at the Ooni Girls High School, Iwara Ife, Oke Ogbo, Osun State.

# NCC Moves to Strengthen Collaboration with FRSC, DJAN

**IN** continuation of its synergy with relevant Government institutions and stakeholders, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Port-Harcourt Office, paid a courtesy call on the Federal Road Safety Office (FRSC) in Port-Harcourt, the Rivers State capital on 25th May 2022.

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State Coordinator, NCC, Port-Harcourt Office, Mrs. Nkechi Ezinma presents a copy of the Copyright Act to the Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Salisu Galadanci at the FRSC Sector Command Office, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State on 25th May 2022.

# NCC, Benin Celebrates World Book, Copyright and IP Days 2022

**THE** Benin Office of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) joined copyright enthusiasts and stakeholders all over the world to celebrate World Book and Copyright Day and World Intellectual Property Day with activities on the 23rd and 26th of April 2022, respectively in Benin, Edo State.

The State Coordinator, NCC Benin Office, Mr. Joseph Ajang revealed that the Commission's staff embarked on copyright sensitisation campaigns at different locations within the City to create awareness of the Commission's mandates. He added that the outreach also created awareness of the themes of the Days; namely **Read...so you never feel alone** for World Book and Copyright Day 2022, and **IP and Youth: Innovation for a Better Future,** for World IP Day. According to Mr. Ajang, NCC copyright enlightenment materials were distributed to create awareness of the Commission's activities while the occasion was given wide publicity in the mass media.



NCC State Coordinator, Benin Office, Mr. Joseph Ajang (M) presents the NCC DG's Press Statement to Mr. Efosa Osamwonyi of the Programmes Department, Bronze FM, Benin City in commemoration of the World IP Day on 26th April 2022. Also in the picture are Mr. Mordi Benedict of the Marketing Department, Bronze FM (2nd R) and other copyright operatives during the visit.

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# NCC Parleys Stakeholders on Provisions of Copyright Act

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Kaduna Office has stepped up its enlightenment of stakeholders in the movie industry on the provisions of the Copyright Act.

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Participants at a joint sensitisation exercise between NCC officers and representatives of Deejays' Association of Nigeria, (DJAN), Kaduna Chapter in Kaduna on 2nd June 2022 are: Vice Chairman, DJAN Kaduna, Mr. Sunday Iruobe aka DJ Wise (2nd L); State Coordinator, Musical Copyright Society of Nigeria (MCSN) Kano and Kaduna, Mr. Moses Ukamabo (3rd L); Mr. John Nwamary, Chairman DJAN Kaduna Chapter (in yellow); Mr. Abdullahi Alfa Mohammed (PCO, NCC); Mr. Kasim Adoke (PCO, NCC), with some members of DJAN, Kaduna Chapter."

# NCC Charges Printers, Booksellers on Need for Operational Standard

**PRINTERS** and Booksellers have been enjoined to keep a comprehensive operational register of printing and sales transactions with all stakeholders in the book distribution chain.

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NCC State Coordinator, Onitsha Office, Mr. Gabriel Anikwem (L) engaged in a copyright inspection exercise while Mr. Umeasiegbu Augustine, representing Managing Director, Holy Family Publishing and Printing Press, off Zik Avenue, Awka watches, on 5th May 2022.

# NCC Intensifies Copyright Awareness in Yola, Resolves Stakeholders' Dispute

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), is intensifying copyright awareness creation among its sister agencies and stakeholders in Adamawa State.

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State Coordinator, NCC Yola Office, Mr. Yusuf Ibrahim (L) presents copyright enlightenment materials with DG, NCC's Press Statement on World Book and Copyright Day 23rd April 2022, to Engr. Umar Abdul, representative of the Managing Director, Fombina FM (FRCN) Yola, during an advocacy visit to the station.

# NCC Collaborates with Printers in Bauchi to Curb Book Piracy

**AS** part of efforts to reduce cases of copyright piracy, theft, and illegalities in the chain of distribution of copyright-protected works, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has disclosed readiness to deepen its synergy with printers and other stakeholders in Bauchi State.



During a copyright sensitisation to Ramadan Press Limited, Bauchi are: State Coordinator, NCC Bauchi Office, Mr. Ahmed.Tijani. Nasir (3rd R); Chief Executive Officer, Ramadan Press Limited, Alhaji Garba M. Noma (M); L-R Chief Copyright Officer, NCC Bauchi Office, Mrs. Hauwa Abullahi; Head of Administration, Ramadan Press Limited, Mr. Aliyu S. Damagun; Chief Copyright Officer NCC, Bauchi Office, Mr. Habu S. Yamunto; Head Operations, NCC, Mr. Ahmed A. Dadi and Head, Administration, NCC, Mr. Baba Garba in Bauchi State, 21st June 2022.

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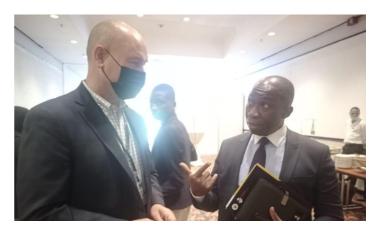
A heap of suspected pirated educational books seized by Copyright Inspectors during an antipiracy raid in Lagos



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (R) exchanges views with Prof. Andrew Okwilagwe of the University of Ibadan and Dr. Jumoke Ajibola of National Library of Nigeria at the 21st Nigeria International Book Fair held in Lagos on 12th May 2022.



Director, NCC, Enugu Office, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke (5th R) with the Vice Principal, Academics, Graceland College, Mrs. Nwanaka Okere (M); NCC officers and students during a copyright advocacy in the College, on 9th June 2022.



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein discusses with the Head, Environment, Science, Technology, and Health, US Embassy, Mr. J.A. Jagelski at an IP Symposium organised by the Embassy in commemoration of this year's World IP Day on 26th April 2022



The Director, NCC Enugu Office (5th L) and the Dean, School of Vocational Studies, Enugu State College of Education, Technical (ESCET), Mr. Ogbonna Dennis (6th L), in a group photograph with some NCC officers and ESCET lecturers, during a copyright sensitisation outreach on 23rd May 2022.



NCC State Coordinator, Ibadan Office, Mrs. Olabisi Ogundiran, presents a literature book to a student of Ooni Girls High School, Iwara Ife, Oke Ogbo, Osun State, to the admiration of HRH Oba Solomon Adewole, Obagunwa of Ifegunwa (R), and other dignitaries during an NCC awareness programme on World IP Day 25th April 2022.

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Traditional Rulers, HRH Oba Solomon Adewole (M) and HRH Oba Samuel Adedire, Obawara of Iwara, with NCC State Coordinator, Ibadan Office, Mrs. Olabisi Ogundiran during a 2022 World IP Day awareness programme organised by the Commission at the Ooni Girls High School, Iwara Ife, Oke Ogbo, Osun State.



State Coordinator, NCC Benin Office, Mr. Joseph Ajang, sensitising some students on copyright matters as part of the Commission's awareness outreach on the World Book and Copyright Day in Benin, Edo State on 23rd April 2022.



Principal Copyright Officer, NCC Kaduna Office, Mr. Alfa Mohammed, addressing members of the State Chapter of Deejays Association of Nigeria (DJAN) at a joint sensitisation exercise on June 2022.



Kaduna State Deputy Governor, Dr. Hadiza Balarebe (L), receives some copyright awareness publications from the Commission's State Coordinator, Kaduna Office, Mrs. Rukayatu Muhammad, in commemoration of this year's World IP Day on 26th April 2022.



State Coordinator, NCC Port Harcourt Office, Mrs. Nkechi Ezinma (Standing M) in a group photograph with other NCC officers and Executives of Rivers State Chapter of Disc Jockeys Association of Nigeria (DJAN) during a consultative meeting in Port Harcourt, 28th June 2022.



State Coordinator, NCC Onitsha Office, Mr. Gabriel Anikwem (3rd R) and Mr. Umeasiegbu Augustine, representing Managing Director, Holy Family Publishing and Printing Press (3rd L); with some Copyright Inspectors and employees of the Printing Press, during an NCC operatives' sensitisation outreach.



# DR. John O. Asein, on World Book and Copyright Day, Saturday, 23rd April 2022

**TODAY,** the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) joins the rest of the world to celebrate the 2022 World Book and Copyright Day, an annual event initiated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to promote reading and celebrate authors and books.

This year's theme **'Read... So you never feel alone**, **'** highlights the relevance of reading as an aspect of life that has a social bearing on the individual and society. Books, like vehicles of ideas in the creative space, have been man's endearing companion and a window to the world of knowledge, helping the mind to manage stress and expand horizons. As our own Wole Soyinka once put it, reading "enriches [everyone] as a human being" and enlarges our horizon on humanity.



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## **STAFF NEWS**

# Dickson James Takes Nuptial Vows with Gloria

A Copyright Inspector in the Administration Department, Nigerian Commission (NCC) Headquarters, Abuja, Mr. Dickson James, said goodbye to bachelorhood joyfully on Saturday, 4th June 2022 when he walked former Miss Glory Ngozi Orji down the aisle in holy matrimony.



New groom, Mr. Dickson James, a Copyright Inspector, exuding the euphoria of the successful solemnisation of his wedding with his bride, Mrs. Gloria Dickson on 4th June 2022.

# Copyright Inspectors, Umar, Anyanwu Retire from Public Service

**TWO** Copyright Inspectors, Mr. Saidu Umar, and Mr. Charles Anyanwu, both Senior Executive Officers on SGL 09, have retired honourably from the Federal Public Service of Nigeria and the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC).



Mr. Charles Anyanwu, supported by his wife, Mrs Favour Anyanwu, cuts his retirement cake during his Send-forth by the Commission on 2nd March 2022.



Mr. Saidu Umar, formerly of NCC Kaduna Office, retired from the Public Service on 22nd February 2022.



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