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## National Assembly Passes New Copyright Bill

**THE** National Assembly has passed the Bill for an Act to Repeal the Copyright Act, Cap C28 LFN, 2004 and Enact a New Copyright Act 2022.

This was sequel to the passage of the Bill by the House of Representatives on Wednesday, 27th July 2022, in concurrence with the Senate which had earlier on Wednesday, 6th April 2022, passed it.

The passage of the Bill by the Green Chamber followed a clause-by-clause consideration by the Committee of the Whole, consequent upon which the House had the third reading and passed it.

The new Bill provides for the effective regulation, protection and administration of copyright in the digital environment in line with global best practices.

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# FG Commits to National IP Policy, Strategy for Sustainable Wealth Creation

**THE** Federal Government has reassured of Nigeria's commitment to the adoption and implementation of a National Intellectual Property (IP) Policy and Strategy to propel the needed reforms for sustainable development of creative enterprise and wealth creation.

Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN gave this assurance on Tuesday, 13th September 2022 while declaring open a three-day National Multi-Stakeholders' Workshop for the Validation of the Draft National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy of Nigeria in Abuja. The workshop was organised by the frontline agencies responsible for IP in Nigeria, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Represented by the Solicitor-General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Mrs. Beatrice Jedy-Agba, the AGF stated: "I would like to assure you that the Federal Government will give the final stages of the validation process the necessary attention that it deserves".

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High table dignitaries at the opening of Multi Stakeholders Validation Workshop on Draft National IP Policy and Strategy for Nigeria are (L-R): Representative of DG, World IP Organisation (WIPO), Mrs. Loretta Asiedu; Representative of Minister of Science and Technology, Mr. Anpe M. Fur; Solicitor-General of the Federation and Representative of AGF and Minister of Justice, Mrs. Beatrice Jedy-Agba; and Representative, Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Evelyn Ngige.

# Three Suspected Book Pirates Arrested in Abuja

**OPERATIVES** of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have arrested three persons in Mpape Old and New Markets in Abuja for selling books suspected to be pirated.

The NCC Director of Operations, Mr. Obi Ezeilo who disclosed this at the NCC Headquarters, Abuja stated that the arrests were made during an antipiracy operation carried out by Copyright Inspectors, backed by officers of the Nigeria Police Force.

The Director gave the names of the arrested book vendors as Mr. Chukwudi Okenwa, Mr. George Chimezie, and Alhaji Saidu Abdullahi.

He revealed that two hundred and twenty-one (221) copies of various titles with an estimated market value of about Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N450,000.00) were confiscated during the antipiracy operation.

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Samples of suspected pirated books impounded by Copyright Inspectors during an antipiracy operation in Mpape Old and New Markets, Abuja on 11th August 2022.

# NCC Impounds Pirated Book Materials Worth N8Million

**SUSPECTED** pirated book materials and printing plates estimated at eight million Naira (N8,000,000.00) have been confiscated by Copyright Inspectors of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) at a printing press in Shomolu, Lagos State.

The seizures which were made during an anti-piracy operation on 27th September 2022, were about 4,000 work-in-progress copies of a book, entitled AKWA Higher Basic (JSS) Series, authored by A.W.K. Akwaah.

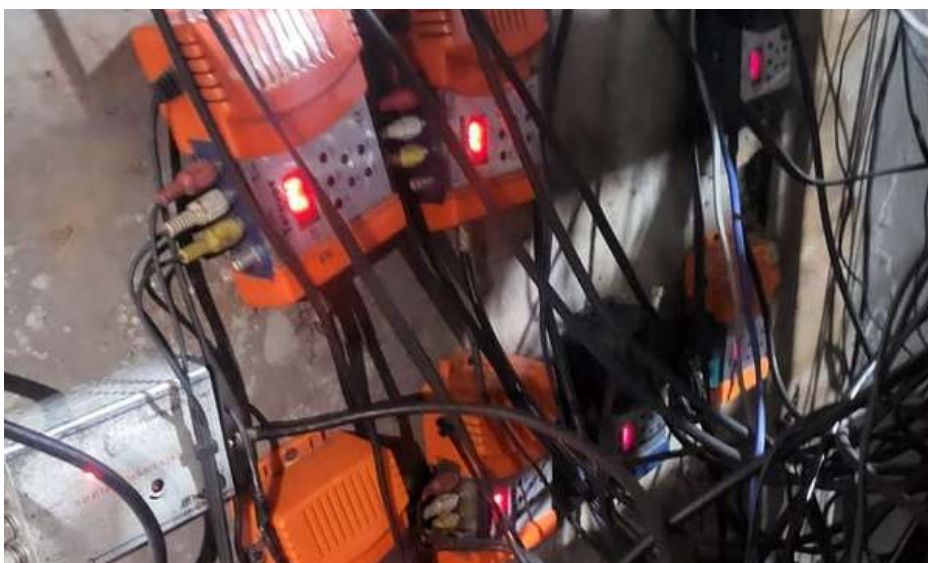
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# NCC Arrests Suspected Broadcast Pirate, Impounds Contrivances

**OPERATIVES** of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have arrested a suspected broadcast pirate, Mr. Ajaye West William for illicit redistribution of broadcast signals belonging to various right owners, in violation of the Copyright Act.

In an anti-piracy operation executed from the 16th into the wee hours of 17th September 2022, the suspect, who had evaded arrest, was traced and apprehended by the NCC operatives at his base in Port Harcourt, Rivers State while carrying out the unauthorised redistribution of the signals.

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Contrivances being deployed for the distribution of illegal broadcast signals confiscated during an antipiracy raid by NCC operatives in Port Harcourt in the wee hours of 16th and 17th September 2022.



Head, Operations, NCC Lagos Office, Mr. Charles Amudipe inspecting suspected pirated printed materials seized during an NCC antipiracy operation in Shomolu, Lagos on 27th September 2022.

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# FAAN, NCC Sign MOU to Check Copyright Piracy at Airports

**THE** Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to arrest the sale of pirated copyright materials at the nation's airports and environs.

Speaking at the signing ceremony which took place in Abuja recently, the Director-General of NCC, Dr. John O. Asein expressed appreciation to FAAN for supporting the Commission's fight against copyright piracy.

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DG, NCC, Dr. John O Asein (R) and MD & CEO, FAAN, Capt. Hamisu Yadudu display a copy of the signed MoU to check copyright infringements at the nation's airports at FAAN Liaison Office, Federal Secretariat Complex, Abuja.

# NDLEA, NCC Renew Partnership to Check Piracy, Drug Abuse Crimes

**THE** National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have renewed their partnership in the fight against organised crimes, including drug trafficking and copyright piracy across the country.

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, NDLEA, Brig. Gen. Mohammed Buba Marwa (Rtd.), investing the DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, as an Ambassador of the Agency's War Against Drug Abuse (WADA).

# Copyright Commission, NERDC Partner for National Book Policy Review, IP Knowledge Integration in Education Curricular

**NIGERIAN** Copyright Commission (NCC) and Nigeria Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) are to partner for effective review of the National Book Policy to meet present requirements and realities of the industry.

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Executive Secretary, Nigeria Educational, Research, and Development Council (NERDC), Prof. Ismail Junaidu (L) welcoming the DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein; while Director, Operations, Mr. Obi Ezeilo (2nd R); and Director (PRS), Mr. Hassan Usman watch during the DG's courtesy visit to NERDC Liaison Office in Abuja on Thursday, 22nd September 2022.

# NCC Raids Real Summit TV Station, Enugu, Parleys Stakeholders against Piracy

**OPERATIVES** of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), backed by armed Policemen, have raided Nsukka-based Real Summit Television, suspected to be transmitting copyright signals illegally.

The NCC Enugu State Coordinator, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke who disclosed this stated that the owner of the TV station, Mr. Daniel Aniedo was arrested while several contrivances being used for illegal transmission of signals were confiscated during the antipiracy raid executed on 21st September 2022 in Ugwuoye Nsukka in Enugu State, amongst other activities. She added that the suspect was undergoing prosecution currently.

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*A Copyright Inspector disconnecting cables being used for illicit transmission of paid TV signals, during an antipiracy raid of the Real Summit Television Station, Ugwuoye Nsukka, Enugu State on 21st September 2022.*

## Oyo Govt Urged to Support National Antipiracy Campaign

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has urged the Oyo State Government to make relevant policy pronouncements against the incidence of piracy and take practical measures to protect the huge intellectual investments in the state to boost creativity and grow the economy.

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*DG, Oyo State Liaison Office, Abuja, Hon. Wale Ajani (R) takes notes while DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein makes a point during his visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja on 19th September 2022.*

## NCC Raids Optical Disc Shops in Benin; Arrests Suspected Pirates

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), in Benin, Edo State, has raided and confiscated suspected pirated works whose copyright belongs to both foreign and local right owners.

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*NCC Copyright Inspectors packing suspected optical discs during an anti-piracy operation in Benin on 14th September 2022.*

# NCC Calls for Revival of Pan African Copyright Platforms

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein has charged the Pan African Writers Association (PAWA) to partner with heads of copyright offices in Africa to strengthen the copyright system and ensure that authors get adequate returns on their intellectual investments.

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*Secretary-General, PAWA, Dr. Wale Okediran (R) speaking while the DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein flips through a book presented to him earlier by his guest.*

## Ensure Copyright Compliance in Library Services – DG, NCC

**THE** National Library of Nigeria (NLN) and other libraries in Nigeria have been urged to always respect the copyright of authors and operate in line with global best practices.

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*National Librarian and CEO, National Library of Nigeria (NLN), Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi (R) addressing DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein during a consultative visit to the Commission, 18th August 2022.*

## COSON is not approved to operate as CMO

**THE** attention of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has been drawn to recent news reports contesting the statement made by Mr. Matthew. Ojo, Director and Head of the Commission's Lagos Office, on its behalf concerning the approved Collective Management Organisation (CMO) in the music sector.

For the avoidance of doubt, the only CMO with approval to operate as a CMO in music and sound recordings in Nigeria in accordance with the provisions of the Copyright Act (Cap C28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) is the Musical Copyright Society Nigeria (MCSN).

The approval earlier granted to the Copyright Society of Nigeria (COSON) lapsed with effect from 19th May 2019 and it has not been renewed. This position was upheld by the Federal High Court, Lagos, in Suit No. FHC/I/CS/425/2020 when the court ruled on 1st December 2021 that COSON was not entitled to the relief of an injunction to restrain the Commission from revoking its operating licence because the licence that it sought to preserve had lapsed.

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# Google Trains NCC Staff on Removal of Illegal Contents from Web Pages

**OPERATIVES** of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have been trained on how to use dedicated Google portals for the removal of harmful or illicit content from web pages.

Director of Operations, Mr. Obi Ezeilo who disclosed this in a report stated that the training was part of a Google Workshop for Legal Removal and Information Requests organised for Government Agencies responsible for managing Intellectual Property (IP) contents in the Nigerian data space by Google Nigeria on Thursday, 7th July 2022 in Abuja.

He said the training was aimed at sensitising users and participants on a deeper understanding of Google's takedown policies and processes; equipping policymakers with first-hand insight to better discharge their mandates and creating an avenue for Google and Youtube to get feedbacks through users' perspectives.

Mr. Ezeilo stated that the training had several sessions, including Introduction to Content Removal; Copyright Requests; and Youtube Content Removal.

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*Participants at a Google Training Workshop on Removal of Illegal Contents from Web Pages on 7th July 2022 were: Google Team Lead, Mrs. Dawn Dimowo (2nd R) and a member, Google Team, Mr. Hadi Habri (M) with NCC participants, (L-R) Assistant. Chief Copyright Officer (Operations), Mr. Sylvester Emeana; Admin Officer II, Miss Seun Aluko; Chief Copyright Officer (PRS), Mrs. Ijeoma Ogbogu; Principal Copyright Officer (Operations), Mr. Michael Ekunke and Principal Copyright Officer (IT), Mr. Yinka Lawal.*

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## NCC Assures Publishers of Technical Support in Production of Books in Accessible Formats

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has assured publishers that in collaboration with the Nigerian Association of the Blind (NAB), it would provide the requisite technical support to facilitate the production of books in accessible formats to help the publishers align with the new model.

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## Take Ownership of CMOs, NCC Tasks Right Owners

**RIGHT** owners have been urged to take ownership of Collective Management Organisations (CMOs) in Nigeria to enable them define their direction in line with global best practices.

The Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein made the call on 27th September 2022 during a virtual seminar on "Copyright Basics, Music Publishers and Income Streams for Songwriters", organised by the United States Patent and Trademarks Office (USPTO) in collaboration with the NCC.

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# DJAN Lauds NCC on New Copyright Bill Passage, Reforms

**AS** the creative sector celebrates the recent passage of the new Copyright Bill, 2022 by the National Assembly, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has been commended for its policy initiatives geared at reforming copyright ecosystems for sustainable wealth creation.

The National President, Deejays Association of Nigeria (DJAN), Mr. Tade Adeyemi, aka DJ Kool gave the commendation during a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters on 28th July 2022.

Mr. Adeyemi said DJAN executives were at the Commission to submit an up-to-date database of their members, brief the Commission on the on-going negotiation with the Musical Copyright Society of Nigeria (MCSN) and appreciate the Commission for sensitising its members across the country on the basics and imperatives of copyright.

In his remarks, the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein assured that the Commission would continue to work with relevant stakeholders to provide safe corridors for creative works and ensure maximum return on creative investments.

While appreciating the National Assembly and other stakeholders for their contributions to the passage of the new Copyright Bill, the DG, NCC noted that one of the aims of the Bill was providing hope for youths in the creative industry, whom he described as the strength of the creative economy.

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*National President, Deejays Association of Nigeria (DJAN), Mr. Tade Adeyemi, aka DJ Kool (L) presents a database of the Association's members to DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein during a courtesy visit to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja, on 28 July 2022.*

## 4 New Directors Emerge as NCC Promotes 91 Others in 2022

**FOUR** Deputy Directors have been elevated as substantive Directors by the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) based on their performance in the 2022 promotion exercise conducted at the Headquarters, Abuja.

The newly promoted Directors who were subsequently deployed on 26th July 2022 to their respective State Offices are Mr. Michael Madueke – Director, Bauchi Office; Mrs Funmilayo Adewale – Director, Makurdi Office; Mrs Susan Bashorun - Director Kaduna Office; and Mr. Collins Nweke - Director, Port Harcourt Office.



*DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (5th L) in a group photograph with some Directors of the Commission; L-R: Director, NCA, Mr. Mike Akpan; Director, Operations, Mr. Obi Ezeilo; Director, Makurdi Office, Mrs. Funmi Adewale; Director, Legal, Mr. Emeka Ogbonna; Director Administration, Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade; Director, PRS, Mr. Hassan Usman; Director, Kaduna Office, Mrs. Susan Bashorun; Director Public Affairs, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso; and Director, Port Harcourt Office, Mr. Collins Nweke.*

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## New Copyright Bill Deserves Speedy Assent by the President - NCC Director-General

**THE** Director-General of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein has said that the new Copyright Bill, recently passed by the National Assembly, deserves speedy assent by President Muhammadu Buhari.

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DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein receiving an award from the Osile Oke-Ona, HRM Oba Adedapo Adewale Tejuoso during Flannel Business School Book Roundtable and Awards held at Lagos Airport Hotel on 16th August 2022.

## Visual Art Sector Will Benefit from New Copyright Bill - NCC DG

**THE** visual art sector of the creative industry will be one of the major beneficiaries of the new Copyright Bill when Presidential assent accords it the force of law.

Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Dr. John O. Asein revealed this during the fourth edition of ARTru Concert and Awards held at Glover Hall, Lagos on 13th August 2022.

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DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein with Producer, ARTru Concert, Otunba Nkang Ini Dan during the 4th edition of ARTru Concert and Awards held on 13th August 2022 at Glover Hall in Lagos.

## NCC Partners PMAN Towards Resolving Lingering Music Industry Issues

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) is partnering with the Performing Musicians Employers Association of Nigeria (PMAN) in order to resolve lingering disagreements in the music industry.

Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein gave this indication while speaking as guest during the media launch of PMAN Biometric Identity Card Project organised by PMAN in collaboration with Zenith Bank, at Eko Hotel in Lagos, 25th August 2022.

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DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein speaking during the launch of PMAN Zenith Bank Biometric Identity Card held at Eko Hotel in Lagos on 24th August, 2022. With the DG are; Music star, Zakky Azzay (M) and President of PMAN, Mr Pretty Okafor.

## Copyright Commission Redeems Pledge as Young Authors Unveil Book On SDGs

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has redeemed its pledge of assisting young authors to publish their books.

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Director of Training, iRise Model School, Funmi Ilori with the authors of WELLBEING (L-R), Sophie Aji-Afanu, Iretomiwa Fatukasi, Okikiola Adewoye and Rani Abraham, during its presentation held at American Corner in Lagos on 15th July, 2022.

## Copyright Commission Deepens Collaboration with DSS and Publishers to Fight Piracy

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has been assured of support by the Plateau State Department of State Security (DSS) to boost the national copyright protection and anti-piracy campaign.

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Director, Department of State Service (DSS), Plateau State, Mr. Albert Ogbole (M); Director, NCC Bauchi State Office, Mr. Michael Madueke (2nd R) in a group photograph with NCC officers (L-R) Mr. Nasiru A. Tijjani; Ms. Felicia Abdu and Mr. Ahmed Dadi, during a courtesy visit to the DSS Office in Plateau State.

## NCC Partners Police, NSCDC for Copyright Protection, Urges Printers to Shun Piracy

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has renewed its interagency collaboration with the Nigeria Police and Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Benin, Edo State.

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The State Coordinator, NCC Benin Office, Mr. Joseph Ajang presenting copies of NCC publications to the AIG of Police in charge of Zone 5 Command, Edo State, Mr. Jemita Tanko at the Force Headquarters, Benin on 1st September 2022

## NCC Parleys Disc Jockeys to Curb Music Piracy in Edo State

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has restated its commitment to chase quack deejays out of the music space in Nigeria to ensure that genuine practitioners reap from their labour.

The State Coordinator, NCC Benin Office in Edo State, Mr. Joseph Ajang made the commitment during a stakeholders' meeting organised by the Disc Jockeys Association of Nigeria (DJAN), Delta State Chapter, in Ughelli, Delta State on 5th July 2022.

Mr. Ajang who represented the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein at the event, restated the Commission's determination to flush out pirates in the copyright system to enable artistes benefit from their creative works. He called on Deejays to always respect the copyright law and promote a robust copyright system in the country.

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## NCC Strengthens Partnership with Police Commands, NBA, Music Marketers

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) and Nigeria Police Commands in Oyo and Osun States have renewed interagency partnerships to intensify the national antipiracy interventions in the states.

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State Coordinator, NCC Ibadan Office, Mrs. Olabisi Ogundiran (R), presenting some publications of the Commission to the Commissioner of Police, Oyo State, Mr. Adebowale Williams, during the courtesy visit to the Oyo State Police Command, Eleyele-Ibadan

## NCC Renews Collaboration with NSCDC, Kaduna Command, Conducts Compliance Inspection

**DETERMINED** to deepen its existing partnership with Operatives of Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) in Kaduna State have resolved to step up interagency collaboration to check piracy of copyright works in the State.

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The Director, NCC Kaduna Office, Mrs Susan Bashorun presenting some copyright publications to the Commandant, NSCDC, Kaduna Command, Mr. Idris Yahaya Adah during a courtesy visit to the Commandant on 28th September 2022.

## MCSN, Kaduna Booksellers Association Engage NCC State Office

**MUSICAL** Copyright Society of Nigeria (MCSN) has initiated consultation with NCC Kaduna Office towards ensuring enhanced antipiracy interventions and improved collective administration of rights.

Coordinator of the Society's Kaduna and Kano Zone, Mr. Moses Ukamabo, disclosed this when he led an MCSN delegation on a consultative visit to Kaduna Office of NCC on 31st August 2022.

Accompanied by the Vice Coordinator, DJ Wise, the MCSN Zonal Coordinator said the visit was also aimed at welcoming the new NCC State Director, Kaduna Office, Mrs Susan Bashorun. while providing an update on the recent activities of MCSN.

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## NCC Tasks PMAN, DJAN on Adequate Compensation, Urges Bookshops to Shun Pirated Books

**THE** Performing Musicians Association of Nigeria (PMAN) has been enjoined to partner with the Commission for effective public awareness towards ensuring that right owners benefit maximally from the exploitation of their works.

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Principal Executive Officer 1, NCC, Uyo Office, Mr. Idorenyin Akpakpan (L) checking invoices and receipts at Blossom's Bookshop at Ikot Abang Market in Ibiono Ibom LGA during a routine inspection of Bookshops in Uyo Metropolis in preparation for the 2022 book season.

## NCC Inspects Audio-Visual Outlets, Tasks Publishers to Flood Markets with Genuine Books

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has charged publishers to preempt pirates by producing and making adequate quantities of their genuine books available in bookshops and other sales outlets during the book season.

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State Manager, Learn Africa Plc., Mr. Wisdom Adeyinka Adesola, showing NCC Kwara State Ag. Coordinator Mrs. Bilikis Bello (L) samples of books placed under geographical limitation in the State during an inspection tour by the Commission to the Learn Africa Plc Warehouse in Ilorin, 10th August, 2022.

## NCC Inspects Printing Outlets in Yola

**OPERATIVES** of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have embarked on copyright compliance inspection and sensitisation of printing outlets in Yola, Adamawa State.

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Copyright operatives at Alvari Printing Press, Yola, Adamawa State, during an inspection exercise, 14th September 2022, (L-R): Mrs. Tanino Jason; State Coordinator and Assistant Chief Copyright Officer, Mr. Yusuf Ibrahim; Mrs Rachel Kefas and Yerima Jerome.

## NCC Charges Publishers, Printers, Booksellers to Comply with Copyright Regulations

**PUBLISHERS**, printers, booksellers and other stakeholders in the book industry have been advised in their own interest to abide by the copyright law and regulations guiding the publishing and distribution of books in the country.

The State Coordinator, NCC Onitsha Office, Anambra State, Mr. Gabriel Anikwem who gave this charge on behalf of the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, also disclosed that the State Office has carried out series of enlightenment and inspection exercises in the third quarter of the year 2022.

He cautioned that, henceforth, printers, publishers, and booksellers found culpable would face the full wrath of the law and be prosecuted to serve as deterrent to others.

Mr. Anikwem noted that the call was in line with the Director-General's renewed commitment to fight piracy and check all forms of illegal and unethical practices in the book distribution chain.

According to him, the outlets visited were SCOA Heritage Nigeria Limited, Publishing and Printing Press at Nworah Avenue, Awka, visited on 13th July 2022; Fides Media; The Catholic Dioceses of Awka Publishing and Printing Press on Retreat Avenue, Okpuno, Awka, on 11th August 2022; and Fabs Publishers, on Abakaliki Road, Okpuno Awka, on 23rd August 2022.

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## NCC Intensifies Copyright Sensitisation in Owerri, Inspects Printers for Compliance

**THE** Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has stepped up its antipiracy measures in Imo State with copyright sensitisation outreach and compliance inspection in the state.

Acting State Coordinator, NCC Owerri Office, Imo State, Mrs Glory Ujagbor who revealed this, stated that Copyright Inspectors carried out a copyright compliance inspection and awareness visit to some printing presses in Owerri on 15th September 2022.

According to her, NCC operatives sensitised the printers on the mandates of the Commission and cautioned them to shun all acts of piracy and ensure that they operated within the confines of the Copyright Act.

She listed the printing outlets visited in the State capital as Diadem, 5cees, and Sokabell.

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*During a sensitisation exercise in Imo State on 15th September 2022, Copyright Inspectors from NCC Owerri Office with Mr. Nnamdi, MD Sokabell Printing Press (M) are (L-R): Ag. State Coordinator, Mrs. Glory .N. Ujagbor; Mr. Victor Amadi; Mr. Uroegbulam Udochukwu, and Mrs Okorie Ijeoma.*

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DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (L) presents NCC's publication, *WHAT IS COPYRIGHT?* to National Librarian/ CEO, NLN, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi during her visit to the Commission.



Solicitor-General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary Ministry of Justice, Mrs. Beatrice Jedy-Agba (M) interacting with the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (1st L) to the admiration of (L-R) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Evelyn Ngige; Representative of WIPO DG, Mr. Loretta Asiedu and CEO, National Library, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi, during the opening ceremony of a three-day Multi-Stakeholders' Validation Workshop on the Draft National IP Policy and Strategy for Nigeria, in Abuja on Tuesday, 13th September 2022.



DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (1st L, Front Row) and other participants listening during the National IP Draft Policy Validation Workshop



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (3rd R) and MD & CEO, FAAN, Capt. Hamisu Yadudu (3rd L) display the signed MoU to check copyright piracy at the nation's Airports. With them are (L-R): Director, Operations, NCC, Mr. Obi Ezeilo; Legal Adviser, FAAN, Mrs. Bridget Gold; Director, Legal, NCC, Mr. Emeka Ogbonna and Assistant General Manager, Corporate Affairs, FAAN, Mrs. Faithful A. Hope Ivbaze, at the FAAN Liaison Office, Federal Secretariat, Abuja on 2nd August 2022.



At an inter-Agency consultation: DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (5th R) and Chairman & CEO, NDLEA, Brig. Gen. Mohammed Buba Marwa (Rtd.) (5th L), flanked by (L-R): Director, Operations, NCC, Mr. Obi Ezeilo; Director, PRS, NDLEA, Mrs. Victoria Egbase; Agency Secretary, Mr. Shadrack Haruna; Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy of NCC, Mr. Mike Akpan; Director, Legal, NCC, Mr. Emeka Ogbonna; Director, Public Affairs, NCC, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso; Director, Administration, Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade and Director, Drug Demand Reduction, Dr. Ngozi Madubuiké.



DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, addresses participants during the Abuja Artists Stakeholders' Forum at Thought Pyramid Arts (TAC) Centre, Abuja on Saturday 27th August 2022.



DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (2nd R) addresses an issue while other panelists (R-L) National President, SNA, Mr. Muhammed Suleiman; an Artist, Dr. Chike Obiagu and representative of DG, National Gallery of Arts, Mr. Bukar Abraham Sharwa, listen during the Abuja Artists Stakeholders' Forum.



Director, NCC Port Harcourt Office, Mr. Collin Nweke, asking a question during the interactive session for newly promoted Directors and Directorate cadre staff of the Commission, 4th August 2022.



State Coordinator, NCC Kano State Office, Mr. Aliyu Shehu Gulani (4th R); Chairman AVRS, Mr. Mahmood Balogun (4th L) and Chairman, Nigerian Hotels Association, Kano Chapter Mr. Stephen Okekeuche (3rd L) in a group picture with AVRS Officials and other Copyright Stakeholders during the official launch of the North-West Chapter of AVRS in Kano, 18th September, 2022.



The cable piracy base station raided by NCC operatives in Port Harcourt on 16th -17th September 2022.



At Flannel Business School Book Roundtable and Awards held at Lagos Airport Hotel on 16th August, 2022 were (R-L): Osile Oke-Ona HRM Oba Adedapo Adewale Tejuoso; Ooni of Ife Ooni Adeyeye Ogunwusi; DG NCC, Dr John O. Asein; and MD & CEO, Evans Brothers Publishers Ltd., Alhaji Lukman Dauda.



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (M) with Executives of Deejays Association of Nigeria (DJAN) and some NCC Management staff at NCC Headquarters (L-R): DJAN, North West Zonal Coordinator, Mr. Samuel O. Michael, aka DJ Sammy; Financial Secretary, Miss. Ohanaka Jennifer; National President, Mr. Tade Adeyemi aka, DJ Kool; Director, Nigeria Copyright Academy (NCA), Mr. Mike Akpan; Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Mrs. Ijeoma Egbunike; and Director, Operations, Mr. Obi Ezeilo.





Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein presenting his address during a Press Conference on the Copyright Bill and Marakesh Treaty organised by members of the Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB) at the Centre for Women Development, Abuja on Thursday, 1st September 2022. Others are Exco members of NAB.



During a compliance inspection and sensitization outreach by NCC Kaduna Office on 27th September 2022, Mr. Mike Ncheta of Ncheta Bookshop shows his receipt of purchase to the DKO, Mrs Susan Bashorun and AD Legal, Mrs Rukayat Muhammad Yeldu.



DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein addressing participants during the Commission's stakeholders' meeting at Eko Hotel & Suites in Lagos on 14th July, 2022. Also on the high table are Chairman, AVRS, Mr. Mahmood Ali-Balogun and President, Hotel Owners Forum Abuja, Mrs Funmi Kassim.



An NCC operative, Mr. Abdullahi Alfa with other operatives sealing the book store, of Classical International School, Kaduna during a schools' inspection and compliance exercise on 12th September 2022.



State Coordinator, NCC Ibadan Office, Mrs. Olabisi Ogundiran (Standing) speaking during an interactive session with the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) while officials of NBA Ibadan Chapter listen at the NBA Office, Aare Afe Babalola Centre, Iyaganku, Ibadan.



Governing Board member, representing the Literary sector, Sir, Dr. Jesse Odu (2nd R) and Director, NCC Enugu Office Mrs., Ngozi Okeke (3rd R) in a group photograph with Enugu State Commissioner for Education, Prof. Uche Eze (3rd L) and staff of both offices during a courtesy visit to the Commissioner, 11th August 2022.

# Photosplash



State Coordinator, NCC Benin Office, Mr. Joseph Ajang presenting copies of NCC publications to the NSCDC Edo State Commandant, Mr. S. O. Dan during his visit to the NSCDC Headquarters, Benin on 14th September 2022



DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein delivering an opening remark and a paper on, "Redefining your Leadership Role for Better Service Delivery: Time Management and Delegation and Collaboration" at an Interactive session for newly promoted Directors and Directorate cadre staff of the Commission, August 4, 2022; (Front Row, R-L): Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Mark Obasi; Director Legal, Mr. Emeka Ogbonna; Director Planning, Research and Planning, Mr. Hassan Usman; Director Regulatory, Mr. Augustine Amodu and Director Public Affairs, Mr. Vincent Oyefeso, and other participants listen.





# FOR THE RECORD PRESS STATEMENT

## Press Statement of Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Dr. John O. Asein on International Youth Day, 12 August 2022

As the world marks this year's International Youth Day today, 12th August 2022, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) joins the rest of the world to celebrate Nigerian youths who represent the resilience, ingenuity, creativity and hope for a better Nigeria.

Since its inception on August 12, 2000, the International Youth Day has served to focus attention on and increase the quality and quantity of opportunities available to the youth to actively participate in society. Fortunately, Nigerian youths have excelled in every field, particularly in the areas of education, sports, entertainment, innovation and the creative industry.

The theme of this year's celebration: Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages, draws attention to the need for an all-inclusive action to integrate the old and the young in a nation's pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and national development. It also points to the need to eliminate traditional barriers so as to allow society benefit from the wisdom of elders while at the same time harnessing the immense potential of its younger population. For Nigeria, there is no better time to call on all to arise and serve the country with love, strength, and faith, believing that the labour of heroes shall not be in vain, while praying that our youth will not only know the truth but, more importantly, grow in honesty, live just and true, striving always to lofty heights to build a nation where peace and justice shall reign; a nation bound always in freedom, peace, and unity.

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## Report of the National Multi-Stakeholders Workshop for the Validation of the Draft National Intellectual Property Policy & Strategy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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