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NCC Governing Board, led by its Chairman, Prof. Animi Esther Sylvanus-Pepple (3rd R), was on an inspection visit to the Commission's Lagos Office on 7th December, 2022. DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (3r L) and other Board members are (R-L) Rev. Bayo Awala, Sir. (Dr.) Jesse Odu, Dr. (Mrs) Alewai Jidai Mamza and Comrade Salihu Othman Isah (L). Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy, Mr. Mike Akpan (2nd L) looks on.

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Governing Board Inspects NCC Lagos Office, Calls for Public Private Partnership Renovation

CHAIRMAN, Governing Board of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Prof. Animi Esther Sylvanus-Pepple has led the Board members on an inspection visit to the Lagos Office of the Commission on 7th December 2022 to assess its state of dilapidation and reconstruction needs for the Office building.

Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein was on the delegation during the visit to the Lagos Office, shortly after the Board's last quarterly meeting for 2022 held in the State capital.

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NCC Raids Warehouse, Confiscates N15 Million Pirated Books, Arrests Two Suspects

IN a major onslaught against book pirates, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has raided a huge book warehouse with bookshops and impounded hundreds of cartons of infringing textbooks worth over fifteen (15) million Naira, in Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

Two suspected pirates, Mr. Samuel Ani of Blessed Bookshop and Mr. Tochukwu Akanihu of Toomath Bookshop, were arrested during the antipiracy operation carried out by a team of Copyright Inspectors with armed Police backup on 13th October 2022.

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Some exhibits of text books apprehended during an NCC antipiracy operation in Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

ARIPO Bench Book for Judges

A **BENCH BOOK** for Judges in Africa being developed by judges and other intellectual property (IP) experts is expected to be adopted soon to assist judges in the adjudication of IP-related cases across the continent.

This formed the focus of a Sub-Regional Conference of Heads of Copyright Offices and Collective Management Organisations with the theme, “Shaping the Copyright and Related Rights Landscape in Africa”.

Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein who worked with the judges and other experts to develop the Bench Book for Judges in Africa, indicated that the conference was organised by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), in cooperation with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation (ARIPO) in Harare, Zimbabwe from 19th to 21st October, 2022.

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DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (standing behind the dignitary seated middle) with the judges and other experts who developed the Bench Book for Judges in Africa at a WIPO ARIPO Sub-Regional Conference in Harare, Zimbabwe, in October and at WIPO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, December 2022.

NCC to Transcribe New Copyright Bill to Accessible Formats for the Blind

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has assured the Nigerian Association of the Blind (NAB) of its commitment to transcribe into brail and other accessible formats a copy of the recently passed new Copyright Bill 2022, upon Presidential assent. The measure, he noted, would reinforce the realisation of NCC's inclusivity policy towards making books available in accessible formats for the blind and visually impaired persons in the country.

Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, disclosed this during a courtesy visit by delegates of the NAB FCT Chapter to the Commission's Headquarters, Abuja on Tuesday, 8th November 2022.

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NCC Raids Piracy Outlets in Abuja, Arrests 3 Suspects, Confiscates Infringing Books

OPERATIVES of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have arrested three suspected book pirates and confiscated infringing books worth over two million Naira (N2,000,000) during an antipiracy operation in Area 1 Shopping Complex, Abuja.

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NCC Copyright Inspectors confiscating some suspected pirated books at one of the prime bookshops during an anti-piracy operation at Area 1 Shopping Complex, F.C.T Abuja, 5th October 2022.



Chairman, Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB), FCT, Mr. Jacob Agada (2nd R); speaking while DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (1st R); Vice-Chairman NAB, FCT, Mr. Kalu Elim Eke (1st L) and Secretary General NAB, FCT, Mr. Kazeem Lawal listen during a courtesy visit to NCC Headquarters, Abuja, on 8th November 2022

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NCC Partners UBEC to Check Piracy in Schools

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission, (NCC) has initiated a partnership with the Universal Basic Education Commission; (UBEC) to rid the school system of the negative impact of piracy.

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DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein exchanges pleasantries with the Executive Secretary, Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), Dr. Hamid Bobboyi during his courtesy visit to UBEC Headquarters, Abuja on 13th October 2022.

NCC Commences Copyright Monitoring, Documentation in Book Value Chain

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has flagged off a Monitoring and Documentation (M&D) Programme as part of its strategic, proactive antipiracy measures in the book industry.

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DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein speaking at the signing of an MoU by the NCC, Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA) and Booksellers Association, Ajegunle and Yaba branches, held in Ajegunle, Lagos on 6th October 2022. With him are (L-R): NPA Executive Secretary, Mr. Emmanuel Abimbola; NPA President, Mr. Uchenna Anioke; Director, Operations, NCC, Mr. Obi Ezeilo; Director, NCC Lagos Office, Mr. Mathew Ojo; Chairman, Yaba Booksellers Association, Mr. Chinedu Aguguo; and Chairman, Ajegunle Booksellers Association, Mr. Felix Uneke.

MCSN, DJAN Sign MOU; NCC Canvasses Efficient CMO Operation to Boost Creative Industry

AS the Musical Copyright Society of Nigeria (MCSN) and the Deejays Association of Nigeria (DJAN) sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has charged representatives of right owners and Collective Management Organisations (CMOs) to forge alliances for easy negotiation, collection and distribution of royalties in the collective interests of relevant players in the creative industry.

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CEO, MCSN, Mr. Mayo Ayilaran (3rd R) and President, DJAN, Tade Adeyemi (3rd L) signing the MoU while Chairman, MCSN, Orits Williki (1st L); representative of DG, NCC and Director, Regulatory, Mr. Augustine Amodu (2nd L) and Director, NCA, Mr. Mike Akpan (Standing) witness the process on 19th December 2022.

NCC Assures Publishers of Technical Support In Production of Books In Accessible Format

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has assured publishers of its commitment to collaboration with the Nigerian Association of the Blind (NAB) to facilitate the requisite technical support and guidance to produce their books in accessible formats until publishers align with the new model.

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ANA Canvasses FG Support for Nigerian Authors and Indigenous Literature; Confers Fellowship Award on DG, NCC

THE National Executive of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) has inducted the Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein, into the prestigious college of ANA Fellows, following the conferment of the award in recognition of his laudable contributions and value-centred consciousness which has positively impacted the growth of ANA and Nigerian literature.

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Chairman of the 41st Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) International Convention, Prof. Ernest Emonwu (1st) presenting the certificate of Fellow ANA (FANA) to the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (M) while ANA President, Mr. Camillus Ukah watches, during induction ceremony for new Fellows of ANA, at Mamman Vatsa Writers Village, Mpape, Abuja, 27th October 2022.

Publish Good IP Books – DG Asein Tasks Lawyers, Publishers

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Dr. John O. Asein has stressed the need for Legal professionals and stakeholders to churn out well researched, quality publications on the Law, Legal Profession and Intellectual Property (IP) practice in Nigeria.

Dr. Asein stated this while receiving the Executives of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Gwagwalada-FCT Branch who were on a courtesy visit to the Commission, 9th November 2022. He said it was imperative to upgrade the quality of IP Law literatures to international standard to complement the Commission's efforts to reposition the IP and copyright sectors.

He noted that as stakeholders in the IP sector, lawyers, publishers and others in the book chain, owed a duty to keep building and impacting the profession and related areas of expertise that could make the practice more viable and at par with global best practices.

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Chairman, NBA, Gwagwalada Chapter, Abuja, Mr. Emmanuel Tayo Ogunjide, presents a plaque of Award for Excellence to the DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (R) in recognition of his outstanding performance and contributions to the growth of the Legal profession and Intellectual Property development in Nigeria during a courtesy visit to NCC Headquarters, Abuja on 9th November 2022.

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NCC Encourages Students to Make Career of Intellectual Creativity, Copyright

IN line with the Federal Government's efforts to diversify the economy, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has called on youths and students to make a career of their intellectual creativity and copyright.

Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein stated this on 18th October 2022, during a Copyright Sensitisation Workshop for Students of Government Secondary School (GSS), Wuse, Zone 3, Abuja, one of a series of such workshops being organised by the Nigerian Copyright Academy (NCA).

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Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy (NCA), Mr. Mike Akpan (R) presenting some copies of NCC enlightenment publication "WHAT IS COPYRIGHT" to the Vice Principal, Administration G.S.S. Wuse, Zone 3, Mr. Salawu Tajudeen for the School Library during a Copyright Sensitisation Workshop at the school in Abuja, 18th October 2022.

NCC Appoints Three Retired Directors as Special Copyright Inspectors

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has celebrated and decorated its three retired Directors by appointing them as Special Copyright Inspectors at a ceremony held in its Lagos Office on 8th December 2022.

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DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein presenting a plaque to Mrs Loretta Chinwe Ezichi (formerly Njoku) who retired as Director, Public Affairs on 3rd May 2007, during her appointment as a Special Copyright Inspector at the Lagos Office on 8th December 2022.

Retired DPA Sent forth, Invested Special Copyright Inspector

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John O. Asein, has appointed the recently retired Director, Public Affairs Department (DPA), Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso as a Special Copyright Inspector, describing him as an indefatigable and hardworking public servant whose professionalism, sense of commitment and passion for the job stood him out.

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Director-General, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, assisted by the wife of the celebrant, Mrs. Florence Omoyeni Oyefeso, kits the retired Director, Public Affairs Department, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso during his investiture as a Special Copyright Inspector at his 60th birthday cum retirement send-forth from Public Service organised by the Commission, 9th December 2022.



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Copyright Commission Confiscates N2.2 Million Infringing Broadcast Materials in Port Harcourt, Arrests Suspects

OPERATIVES of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) have confiscated over N2.2 million worth of suspected pirated broadcast contrivances in Port Harcourt, Rivers State in a copyright anti-piracy operation carried out on 11th November 2022.

Director, Port Harcourt Office, Mr. Collins Nweke who revealed this said the anti-piracy operation was targeted at illegal cable broadcast outlets in the Port Harcourt metropolis.

Two suspects were arrested in the course of the operation while the third suspect arrested at Bundu Waterside escaped from the team through a violent resistance by youths in the vicinity.

The operations were carried out in the Borokiri and Bundu areas of Port Harcourt in collaboration with Multichoice Nigeria, with security backup by operatives of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

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Some contrivances seized during the broadcast anti-piracy raid in Port Harcourt on 11th November 2022.

NCC Commends Customs on Joint Inspection at Onne Seaport; Collaborates with NGA, University Press to Check Piracy

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has commended the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Area 2 Command, Rivers State for its support to NCC on joint inspection of shipping containers with copyright content at the Onne Seaport in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

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The DPO, NCC, Mr. Collins Nweke presenting copies of the Commission's publications to the Comptroller of Customs, Area 2 Command, Mr. Auwal .B. Mohammed during a courtesy visit to the Customs office on 25th October 2022.

News from State Offices

NCC, DSS Partner on Intelligence Sharing and Training

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Director, NCC Port Harcourt Office, and the Directorate of State Services (DSS) Port Harcourt Directorate have agreed to partner in the areas of intelligence sharing and training of employees of both organisations to enhance copyright protection in Rivers State.

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Director, NCC Port Harcourt Office, Mr. Collins Nweke presents some of the Commission's publications to the Director, Department of State Security (DSS) Rivers State, Mr. Shittu Mohammed, during a visit to the DSS Office in Port Harcourt on 25th October 2022.

NCC Arrests Suspected Broadcast Pirate, Impounds Contrivances

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

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Some of the contrivances seized during the broadcast raid carried out by the NCC Enugu Office at Ogui New Layout area of Enugu State on 22nd December 2022.

NPA Lauds NCC Enforcement Strides

MEMBERS of Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA) Kaduna State Branch have lauded the intensified enforcement strides of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) in curbing book piracy in the State, especially during the 2022/2023 first term of secondary schools.

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Director, NCC Kaduna Office, Mrs. Susan Bashorun (3rd R) with Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA), Kaduna Branch members on a courtesy visit to the NCC Office on 22nd November 2022. Others are (L-R): Mr. Job Etubi of Learn Africa; Mr. Hussaini Samson of Metropolitan Publishers Ltd.; Mrs. Rukayya Muhammad (AD Legal NCC); Mr. Emmanuel Oguntoye of University Press Plc. and Mr. Jude Ogbodohiri of Extension Publishers Ltd.

NCC Embarks On Copyright Levy Order Sensitisation at NCS Border Posts, Uyo

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Uyo Office has embarked on sensitisation outreaches to facilitate implementation of the approved Copyright Levy Order by the Nigeria Custom Service (NCS) at the borders of Ikang, Bakassi Local Government Area and Oron in Akwa Ibom State.

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Copyright Commission Intensifies Collaboration with Stakeholders to Sanitise Book Industry

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission has moved to checkmate incidences of piracy and other forms of copyright abuse in a renewed drive to sanitise the book value chain in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

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A cross section of participants during a stakeholders' meeting with representatives of State Secondary Education Board; Proprietors and Schools Principals of Secondary Schools; representatives of Publishers, Printers and Booksellers at the NCC State Office in Uyo on 16th November 2022.

Copyright Commission, NDLEA to Fight Piracy in Bauchi State

NIGERIAN Copyright Commission (NCC) and National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA,) Bauchi State Command, have committed to exploring inter-agency partnership to stem copyright piracy in the State.

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Director, NCC, Bauchi Office, Mr. Michael Madueke (R); Principal Executive Officer, NCC, Bauchi Office, Mr. Dadi Ahmed (L) listen to the Commander, NDLEA, Mr. Aminu Ali during their courtesy visit to NDLEA Bauchi State Office, 25th November 2022.

NCC Inspects Schools, Bookshops in Bauchi for Copyright Compliance

IN continuation of its schools inspection exercise, operatives of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Bauchi Office have visited some schools in the State capital on 26th October 2022 to check their compliance with the Commission's policy of purchasing genuine books from the right sources.

The team, led by Copyright Inspector, Mrs Abi Felicia Abdul, inspected and sensitised two schools namely, Sunshine International Academy and Al-Munauwara Science Academy on the ills of purchasing and distributing pirated books. She issued a strong warning to the proprietors to purchase books from the right sources only as the Commission would not hesitate to prosecute defaulters.

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NCC, NPA, BAN Sign MoU to Sanitise Book Chain; DG Asein Bags Excellence Award

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has signed a tripartite agreement with Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA) and Booksellers Association of Nigeria (BAN) to sanitise the book distribution chain and encourage creatives and investors in Anambra State and environs.

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Chairman, Booksellers Association of Nigeria (BAN), Chief Ben Ukpaka signs the tripartite MoU among the NCC, BAN and Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA) to sanitise the book distribution chain, while the Director, Operations, Mr. Obi Ezeilo, representing the DG, NCC, watches, 11th November 2022.

MOPPAN Decries Proliferation of Associations in Film Industry, Plans Joining AVRS

THE Motion Pictures Practitioners Association of Nigeria (MOPPAN) has cautioned on the danger of proliferation of associations in the film industry.

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Assistant Director, Legal, NCC Kaduna Office, Mrs. Rukayya Muhammad Yeldu (M) presents copies of the Commission's publications to the Chairman, MOPPAN, Kaduna State, Hon. Jibrin Goma, during a courtesy visit by MOPPAN and NFCVB Executives to the NCC, Kaduna Office on 24th October 2022. Others are (L-R) National Liaison Officer, NFCVB North West, Mrs. Julia Mbona; Welfare Secretary MOPPAN, Mrs. Rukayya Usman and Head of Kaduna Centre, NFCVB, Mrs. Blessing Akash.

NCC Owerri Office Secures New Office Allocation at Federal Secretariat

THE Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Office in Imo State is bracing up to relocate from the State Old Secretariat on Orlu Road, to the Federal Secretariat Complex, Port Harcourt Road, Owerri, Imo State.

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State Coordinator, NCC Owerri Office, Mr. Martin Oseji (L) receiving office allocation approval from the Controller, Federal Ministry of Works, Owerri, Imo State, Engr. Dennis A. A. Dania while Chief Copyright Officer, Mrs. Ujagbor Gloria and Higher Executive Officer, Mr. Akandu Onyinyechi Moron look on.



On International White Cane Day, 15th October 2022, organised by Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB), FCT Chapter at the National Human Rights Commission, Abuja, DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (1st R), delivers a goodwill message. Others on the high table are (L-R): Vice President, NAB, Mr. Kalu Eke; Director for Special Needs, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, represented by Assistant Director, Mr. Gorsa Magaji; Secretary NAB, Kassim Olaleken Lawal; Chairman NAB, Abuja Chapter, Mr. Jacob Agada; Country Representative, Disability Right, Mr. Theophilus Odadudu; Assistant Country Representative, Disability Rights, Mr. Stanley Onyebuchi.



A cross section of some participants at the celebration of 2022 International White Cane Day organised by the Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB), FCT Chapter at the National Human Rights Commission, Abuja 15th October 2022.



During an inspection visit by the Governing Board to NCC Logos Office on 7th December 2022, DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein makes a point. Listening are: Board Chairman, Prof. Animi Esther Sylvanus-Pepple (2nd R) with other Board members, Dr. (Mrs) Alewai Jidai Mamza (R); Comrade Salihu Othman Isah (5th R); Rev. Bayo Awala (3rd L). Others are (L-R): NCC Assistant Director (DGO), Mr. Seun Popoola; Director, Admin, Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade; and ACPO (DGO), Mr. Finbar Terngu.



On the high table at the presentation of Award of Excellence to NCC and others during the annual conference of Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA) on 24th November 2022 are: (L- R) DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein; Chairman, Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), Prof. Adamu K. Usman; Chairman, Amana Publishers Ltd., Alhaji Musa Halliru; President/Chairman in Council, NPA, Chief Uchenna Cyril Anioke, Ph.D.



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (R), enlightening some Theatre Arts Students of the University of Abuja on copyright at the 41st ANA Convention 2022.



At the NCC signing of an MoU with Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA) and Booksellers Associations in Ajegunle and Yaba in Lagos on 6th October 2022: DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (M); with (L-R): Chairman, Integrity Booksellers Association, Mr. Emeka Chigbo; President, NPA, Mr Uchenna; President, Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA), Mr Uchenna Anioke; Chairman Yaba Booksellers Association, Mr Chinedu Aguguo and Chairman, Ajegunle Booksellers Association, Mr Felix Uneke.



Director-General, NCC Dr. John O. Asein (M) presenting a copy of the "Model Intellectual Property (IP) Policy for Nigerian Universities" to the VC, Philomath University, Prof. Gylch Jelilov (R) and its Registrar, Mr. Yasar Aktekin, during a courtesy visit to the Commission, 4th October 2022.



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (4th L) with some Executives of Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB), FCT and some Directors of the Commission on 8th November 2022. Others (L-R) are: Director, Legal, Mr. Emeka Ogonna; Chairman NAB, FCT, Mr. Jacob Agada; Secretary General NAB, FCT, Mr. Kazeem Lawal; founding Chairperson, NAB, FCT, Ms Callista Ugbainiki; Vice-Chairman, NAB, FCT, Mr. Kalu Elim Eke; Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy (NCA), Mr. Mike Akpan and Director, Public Affairs, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso.



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (3rd L) with Executive Secretary (ES), UBEC, Dr. Hamid Bobboyi (4th L); during his visit to Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) in Abuja. Others (L-R) are: Director, Operations, NCC, Mr. Obi Ezeilo and UBEC officials: Director, Academic Services, Mrs Rose Medubi; Deputy ES, Services, Dr. Isiaka Olayinka Kolawole; Deputy ES, Technical, Prof. Bala Zakari and Special Assistant to the ES, Mr. U. Y. Ismaila.



DG, NCC Dr. John O. Asein (5th R); ANA President Mr. Camillus Ukah (4th R) in a group photograph with some of the newly inducted Fellows of ANA, shortly after the Induction in Abuja, 27th October 2022.



DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein delivering his opening remarks 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 on 4th August 2022. Listening are (Front Row, R-L): Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Mark Obasi; Director Legal, Mr. Emeka Ogbonna; Director PRS, Mr. Hassan Usman; Director, Regulatory, Mr. Augustine Amodu; Director, Public Affairs, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso, and other participants.



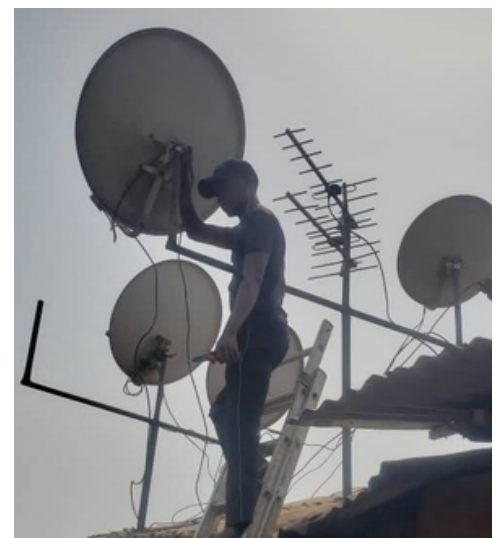
Director, NCC Port Harcourt Office, Mr. Collins Nweke (DPO), asking a question during the interactive session for newly promoted Directors and Directorate Cadre Staff on 4th August 2022.



At an interactive session for newly promoted Directors and Directorate Cadre Staff are: DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (5th L) with some Directors (L-R): Mr. Mike Akpan (DNCA); Mr. Obi Ezeilo (DOps); Mrs. Funmi Adewale (DMO); Mr. Emeka Ogbonna (DL); Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade (DA); Mr. Hassan Usman (DPRS); Mrs. Susan Bashorun (DKO); Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso (DPA); and Mr. Collins Nweke (DPO), during an Interactive Session for newly promoted Directors and Directorate Cadre Staff.



Copyright Inspectors impounding loads of suspected pirated text books during an NCC enforcement operation in a warehouse in Mararaba, Nasarawa State on 13th October 2022



Copyright Inspectors disconnecting receptive connection cables from infringing satellite dishes during an antipiracy operation in Onitsha, 22nd December 2022.



Copyright Inspectors confiscating contrivances from the suspect's engine room during an anti-piracy operation in Onitsha, 22nd December 2022.



DNCA, Mr. Mike Akpan (2nd R) and DPA, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso (1st L), in company of Operations Officers, showcasing some of the suspected pirated titles to Pressmen after an anti-piracy operation carried out in some bookshops, at Area1 Shopping Complex, F.C.T Abuja, 5th October 2022.



State Coordinator, NCC, Kano Office, Mr. Aliyu Shehu Gulani (L) and a Copyright Inspector, Mr. Sani Ahmad listen as Comptroller, Nigeria Customs Service, Kano State Command, Mr. Abdullahi Ma'aji makes a point during an interagency collaboration for enhanced antipiracy operation, 23rd November 2022.



State Coordinator, NCC Ibadan Office, Mrs. Olabisi Ogundiran ((4th L); Prof. Bankole Sodipo, SAN (3rd L), in a group photograph with organisers and participants of the NBA Ibadan Branch, Law week held between 7th to 9th December 2022



Director, NCC Bauchi Office, Mr. Michael Madueke (R); Principal Executive Officer, NCC, Bauchi Office, Mr. Dadi Ahmed (L) listen to the Commander, NDLEA, Mr. Aminu Ali during their courtesy visit to NDLEA Bauchi State Office, 25th November 2022.



Director, Enugu Office, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke enlightening the children at the KPG Show, on Solid 100.9 FM Station, Enugu.



Rising for the National Anthem at the presentation of Patent Certificates to Researchers and Inventors organised by NOTAP in Abuja, are: Minister of Science, Technology and Innovations, Dr. (Senator) Adeleke Olorunnimbe Mamora (2nd R) with other dignitaries (R-L) representative of Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Isiaka Oladayo Amao; DG, NOTAP, Danazumi Mohammed Ibrahim; representative of DG, NCC, Mr. Augustine Amodu; and a Director in NOTAP and representative of Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Mr. Bright Oyeni.



Representative of DG, NCC and Director, Regulatory, Mr. Augustine Amodu (M) addresses officials of the MCSN and DJAN during the signing of an MoU between MCSN and DJAN in Abuja on 19th December 2022 while (L-R) Director, NCA, Mr. Mike Akpan; Chairman, MCSN, Orits Williki; President, DJAN, Mr. Tade Adeyemi (a.k.a. DJ Kool) and CEO, MCSN, Mr. Mayo Ayilaran, listen.



First Annual Seminar of Nigeria Civil Service Union (NCSU) at the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) Headquarters, Abuja on Friday, 25th November 2022, representative of DG, NCC and Director, Administration, Dr. Idowu Ogunkuade, addresses the Unit members. Listening on the high table are (R-L): Director, Regulatory, Mr. Augustine Amodu; Director, PRS, Mr. Taiye Hassan Usman; NCSU, Federal Council Chairman, Comrade Aruwa Adoga and Resource Person/Guest Speaker, Comrade Eustace Imoyera James.



Director-General, Advertising Regulatory Council of Nigeria (ARCON), Dr. Olalekan Fadolapo, FCA, rpa (M) with NCC representatives, Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Mrs. Ijeoma Egbunike and Assistant Director, DG's Office, Mr. Seun Poopola, at the 2022 National Advertising Conference at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, 29th November, 2022.

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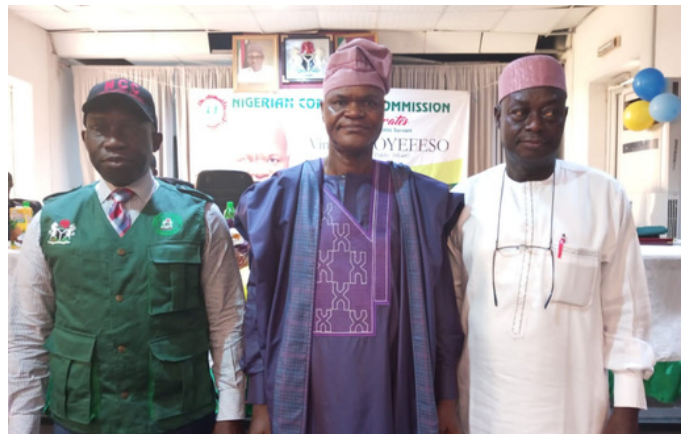
Students of Government Secondary School (G.S.S), Wuse, Zone 3 Abuja (standing), some NCC Officers and others during a Copyright Sensitisation Workshop at the school, 18th October 2022. Seated (L-R): Chief Clerical Officer, Mr. Bolaji Ijomah; an F.C.T. Secondary Education Board (SEB) Officer, Ms. Oby Onuora-Oguno; Assistant Chief Copyright Officer and Resource Person, Mr. Caleb Daniel; Principal Copyright Officer, Mrs. Jummai Shelleng; Vice Principal, Administration, G.S.S Wuse, Zone 3, Mr. Salawu Tajudeen; an F.C.T. SEB Officer, Ms. Grace Philip and Principal Copyright Officer, Mr. Olayinka Lawal.



Representatives of DG, NCC and Director, Nigerian Copyright Academy, Mr. Mike Akpan; Mr. Elijah Akpan, State Coordinator, NCC Uyo Office; and a Copyright Inspector, Mrs Cornelia Udo, paid a goodwill visit to the pioneer DG, NCC, and Deputy Governor, Akwa-Ibom State, His Excellency, Mr. Moses F. Ekpo MFR, at his home town, Abak, Akwa Ibom State, on Christmas eve, 24th December 2022.



DG NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (1st L); in a group photograph with the celebrant, retired Director, Public Affairs Department, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso; Mrs. Florence Omoyeni Oyefeso and some Directors of the Commission at the send-forth marking the 60th birthday and retirement from Public Service of the celebrant, organised by the Commission, 9th December 2022.



Retired Director, Public Affairs Department, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso flanked by DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein (L) and the former Director, Legal, NCC, Mr. Jacob Sunday Fagbemi during the send-forth in honour of the former DPA on his 60th birthday and retirement from Public Service, organised by the Commission, 9th December 2022.

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Enugu Office Hosts Christmas Party for Kids

IN the spirit of the Christmas season, the Enugu Office of Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) treated children to music, gifts, refreshment and a question-and-answer session on copyright and creativity on 17th December 2022.

Copyright Inspectors led by the Director, Enugu Office (DEO), Mrs. Ngozi Okeke, hosted the party after the KPG Show, a ten minutes Copyright Enlightenment segment on Solid 100.9 FM Station, Enugu.

The DEO who disclosed this noted that the officers used the opportunity to further enlighten the kids and the public on the need to respect copyright and the economic advantages of creativity.

Mrs. Okeke noted that the radio programme and the Christmas party were part of the State Office's strategy to encourage children and youths to explore and nurture their creative talents for good.

According to her, the programme host, Mrs. Lilian Ezinwa, thanked the Director-General, NCC, Dr. John Asein for the initiative and gave assurances that the Station would continue to support the efforts of the Commission to enlighten the public with relevant knowledge on copyright.

The DEO noted that the high point of the ceremony was when the kids took time to share their knowledge on copyright and the Commission's mandate, music and dancing session.



Director, NCC Enugu Office, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke (2nd R) with NCC officers and some children during a Kiddies Party hosted by the NCC Enugu Office after the KPG Show, on Solid 100.9 FM Station, Enugu.



Newly wed, Principal Copyright Office, NCC Uyo, Mr. Kufre Martins Umoudo (L) with his wife, Mrs. Uduak Martins Umoudo, following their Church wedding at the Victorious Life Gospel Ministries, Ikot Ekpene on 3rd July 2022.



New bride, Senior Copyright Officer (PRS). Mrs. Kate Iortim (R) and her groom, Mr. Clifford Iortim, exuding joy during their nuptial ceremony at the Jummai Aduda Youth Centre, Old Karu Road, Abuja on 2nd July 2022.



Outgoing Director, Public Affairs, Mr. Vincent A. Oyefeso with staff of the Department during the send-forth organised by the Department to commemorate his retirement from the Public Service and 60th birthday on 5th December 2022.



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Goodwill Message of DG, NCC, Dr. John O. Asein, at the First Art Masters Series Opening Ceremony at Transcorp Hilton, Abuja on 19th October 2022

The Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) felicitates with the Society of Nigerian Artists (SNA) and arts lovers all over the country on the occasion of the first Art Master Series taking place in the city of Abuja from the 19th to 23rd October, 2022. The Master Art Series is a timely and auspicious platform for artists and art lovers to appreciate and review the arts whilst networking.

The NCC uses this opportunity to celebrate Nigerian artists all over the world, who have made indelible marks in the annals of Nigeria's arts with their artworks, thereby changing the narrative in the arts sector and contributing to nation building and promoting the country's intellectual and creative sectors for wealth creation.

The Commission wishes to state its unequivocal support to the course of the Nigerian artists as we have demonstrated in the continuous partnership and synergy with the SNA. We are optimistic that this synergy will continue to chart a proactive endeavour to address all knowledge gaps in the arts profession for artists to begin to align with the full dimensions of the arts vocation, trade necessities and copyright provisions for adequate compensations and sustenance of the profession.

While I commend our artists for the great works they are doing in our great nation through the beautification of our cities with beautiful monuments, sculptures, paintings and other creative elements, the NCC remains committed to the protection of the rights of the artist and we are taking a lot of initiatives both in the legal frameworks and provisions in the new Copyright Bill to enhance the status of the Nigerian Artist. I urge you to always add creative elements to your works to enjoy the provisions of copyright and also take advantage of the Nigerian Copyright e-Registration Scheme (NCeRS).

As the first Arts Master Series commence today, I implore all artists, individuals and corporate bodies in attendance to leverage on the ingenuity of our creative artists and let us team up with them to address some of the salient issues in the industry and rebuild our cities from the artists' perspective to promote our culture and unite our nation through creativity.

Thank you all as I wish you Happy Exhibitions and Happy Arts Talk on this momentous occasion of Arts Master Series.



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