

Paradigm Initiative Nigeria

Board Update 002. April – June, 2009

Introduction

This brief report summarizes activities carried out by PIN during the 2nd quarter of 2009, along with relevant updates about our projects.

Q2 2009 Update



- We have revised the Ajegunle.org training curriculum. We acknowledge the huge support received from FATE Foundation for the entrepreneurship module, we have also updated the ICT curriculum and the project's training modules now include a *Soft Skills* component
- Thanks to Microsoft Nigeria's Community Technology Skills (CTS) program, Ajegunle.org now includes a *Graduate Loan Scheme* which was launched during an alumni meeting on May 2. The CTS scheme will also support our expansion program within South-West Nigeria during the 3rd quarter of 2009
- The Igede community in Benue state may be one of the first communities where the Ajegunle.org model will be replicated following discussions with the management of the College of Education, Oju
- Following interviews with PIN's ED, Rob Salkowitz's upcoming book, *Young World Rising*, will focus on PIN's work in bridging divides in Nigeria in one of the book's chapters
- During the 2nd quarter, PIN was represented through presentations in various seminars in

Abeokuta, Akure, Lagos, London, Milton Keynes (UK), etc. Such seminars include the UK Open University's "Youth in Africa" seminar series, the Association of Telecom Operators of Nigeria's *ICT Education Summit*, the British Business Group's meeting and a strategy session hosted by the Ashoka office in London, among others

- Our work towards redirecting youth energy from cybercrime continued with discussions with the sponsors of cybercrime legislation in the Nigerian Senate and House of Representative, participation in a public hearing and securing additional funding from Microsoft for the second phase of the campaign that will include a *Sticker Campaign*, musical collaboration and *Radio Campaign*
- We celebrated this year's *World Information Society Day* at Laureates College, Lagos, alongside Microsoft staff and MISSPIN Campaign Ambassadors
- Media mentions for the 2nd quarter include articles in Moneywise magazine and a comprehensive report by Champion newspapers
- On May 11, we launched a survey in partnership with Kano-based Centre for Information Technology Awareness and Development (CITAD). The *Digital Lifestyle of Connected Nigerians* survey is ongoing, and will report on usage and lifestyle adaptations of Nigerians who are connected to the Internet
- In pursuit of our interests around the innovative use of mobile phones, we are working with Ghana-based *mPedigree Networks* to provide SMS-based health solutions in Nigeria
- We worked with Microsoft and other partners to complete work on their Language Localization Program to make Windows Vista available in Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba languages. The *Go LIVE* event featured MISSPIN Ambassadors and our Ajegunle.org students