

Paradigm Initiative Nigeria

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Introduction

This brief report summarizes activities carried out during the 4th quarter of 2009.

Q4 2009 Update



- 8 interns resumed at Nigeria Bottling Company (5), Standard Chartered Bank (2) and FCMB (1). One of them left to take up full time employment with the Lagos office of London Metropolitan University in December
- In line with the objectives of the Ajegunle.org model, an Innovation Centre plan was developed for our 2010 resource mobilization plans
- Ajegunle.org alumni are increasingly visible online on various social media platforms, and they will host quarterly alumni activities from March 2010
- As part of the Internet Safety, Security and Privacy Initiative for Nigeria (MISSPIN) campaign, we secured funding and executed the song collaboration project designed by one of the MISSPIN campaign ambassadors. The song, titled 'Maga No Need Pay' (along with its video and a short documentary on the anti-cybercrime campaign), will be presented by Microsoft in Abuja on February 3, 2010. The 'Maga No Need Pay...' sticker design was presented at our first campaign event in October 2008
- The next stage of the MISSPIN project includes

(along with the distribution of the song/video via various platforms) a rehabilitation program that seeks to empower youth who are at-risk with cybercrime in using their skills for positive ideals. We are working closely with Microsoft, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and other partners to kick-start a sustainable and effective phase

- Through capacity building sessions hosted in Umuahia, Lagos and Ile-Ife, we reached over 1,200 students and out-of-school youth
- We continued in our tradition of contribution to local global discussions on using ICTs for development by discussing our work at the *Global Dignity Day 2009 Forum* (October 20), *ComBIT Africa* conference (November 4), *Digital Sense Forum* (November 5), *Contact Centre East Africa* conference (November 11-12), *Internet Governance Forum* (November 14-18) and the *Open Society Initiative for Western Africa's Youth Policy Forum* (December 8-10)
- With support from the Cooperative Information Network (COPINE) and the Centre for Industrial research and Development (CIRD), PIN's proposed capacity building session for final year students was hosted at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, on December 14
- With support from Microsoft, the Centre for Information Technology and Systems (CITS), and NairaHost, we hosted the NGO Connection Day from December 17 to 19. Over 40 participants from Abia, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Enugu, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo and Osun states and Abuja learnt more about applying technology in solving their day-to-day problems
- Media mentions for the 4th quarter include features in Moneywise, Guardian, Punch, NEXT, Compass, Daily Champion, Newswatch, QuestionMark and a documentary by Microsoft