

INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF PARADIGM INITIATIVE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY v. SENATOR NDUME & ORS

- This can be nicknamed the 'CSTB Case'
- This was necessitated by the introduction of the Communications Service Tax Bill which proposes a strain on access to communication including internet communication services. If the Bill is passed into law,
- The Bill proposes a 9% levy on communications payable to the Federal Inland Revenue Service.
- The justification for this, according to the former Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (who now no longer occupies this position) was, "...Nigerians talk a lot on the phone; they even talk more than is required, so for them to have capacity or revenue to talk that much, I don't see any harm in paying a little bit more to government."
- We are challenging the provisions of the Bill in court and at the last appearance we made an application that parties maintain status quo pending hearing and determination of the substantive suit.
- The matter has been adjourned to the 6th February 2020
- On Thursday 6th February 2020, the Respondents regularized their papers and the matter was adjourned to 18th March 2020 for hearing.
- Court couldn't hear us because of so many judgments pending in the court's docket. Matter has been adjourned to 21st day April 2020 for hearing.

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