

# NiRA Status Update

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# NiRA-Background

.ng is Nigeria's country code, and implicitly, Nigeria's identity on the internet.

This important national resource is managed by Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA)

The Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) was founded on March 23, 2005 as a stakeholder-led organisation, charged with the management of the nation's Country Code Top Level Domain Name (ccTLD), .ng

NiRA's establishment was the end of a long period of inactivity and dispute on the appropriate management of this important National Resource. Coordinated by the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA). Stakeholders within Nigeria's Internet community participated in its formation.

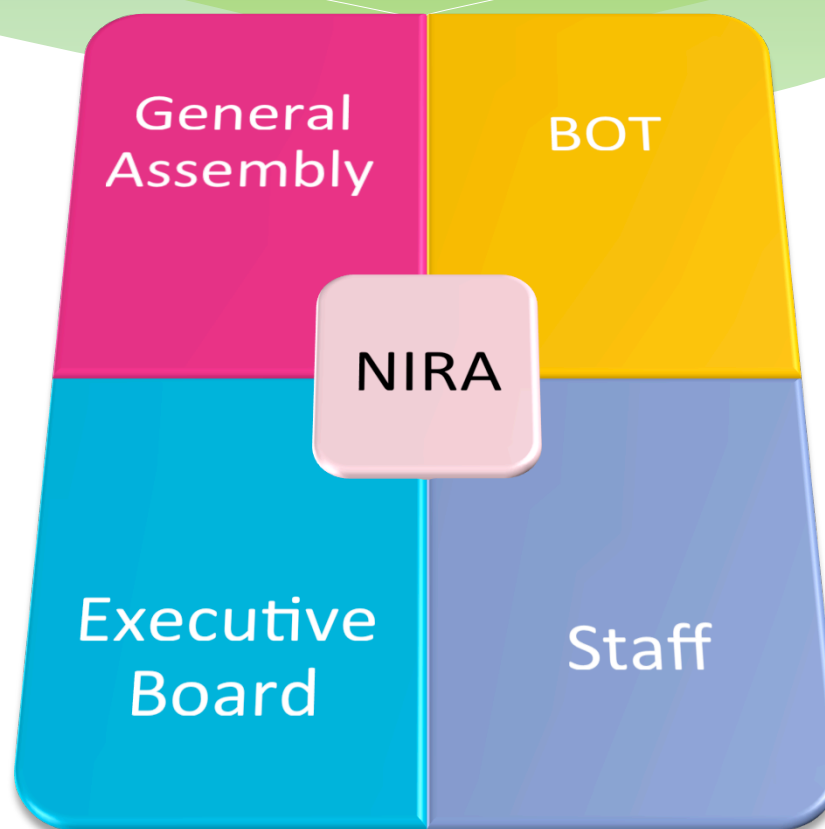
Nine (9) Man Executive Board Headed by Mary Uduma, and a Ten (10) Man Board of Trustees Headed by Dr. Isaac Odeyemi

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# NIRA Governance Structure

- General Assembly
- 9 BOT
- 8 Executive Board Members
- 8 Permanent Staff
- Committees
  - Technical and Standards
  - Establishment and Finance
  - Domain Policy and Auction
  - Communication and Publicity
  - Accreditation & Evaluation



# Multi-Stakeholder Governance Model (1)

- \* NiRA is a Multi-Stakeholder Not for Profit Organization
- \* Run by an Executive Board, with a COO as the Head of the Secretariat
- \* The Board Consists of Individuals from Various Constituencies, including:
  - \* Government
  - \* Private Sector
  - \* Industry Stakeholder Associations
  - \* User Constituencies
  - \* Press and
  - \* Youth Segments

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# Multi-Stakeholder Governance Model (1)

- \* It is headed by an Executive President, with 3 Executive Officers and 5 Executive Board Members
- \* Stakeholders Views are Incorporated into the Policies that Guide the Administration of the ccTLD.

# Journey So Far.....(1)

- \* Adoption of .ng Domain Names is on the Increase
  - \* We have moved from a few hundreds at re-delegation in 2009 to about 50,000 domain Names in 2013
  - \* The Rate of Adoption is about 60% in the last 2 years
  - \* Growing Confidence in the .ng Brand

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## Journey So Far.....(2)

- \* Increased Awareness and Participation from Stakeholders
- \* Increased Involvement of Various Stakeholders in the Activities of the .ng Registry, and Promoting the .ng Brand
- \* Deliberate Government Policies to Support the .ng Brand

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# Driving Adoption (1)

- \* Technical Infrastructure Enhancement
  - \* Appraisal and Overhaul of DNS Infrastructure
  - \* New Systems and Backup, Co-located with the IXPN
  - \* MOU with the IXPN to provide 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Support for Infrastructure

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## Driving Adoption (2)

- \*Strengthening Policy Making, Monitoring and Adherence
- \*Involvement of Community in PDP
- \*Committee Structures involving Community Members, headed by a member of the Board

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# New Initiatives (1)

- \*Opening Up of the Second Level
  - \*Has Led to Increase Adoption During this Sun Rise Period
  - \*Creativity in Names Generation
    - \*Fishi.ng, Comi.ng, Jetlaggi.ng. travelli.ng etc.

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# New Initiatives (2)

## \* Capacity Building Initiatives

- \* Increasing Activities in Growing Capacity within our Ecosystem
- \* Greater Focus on Developing Capacity Amongst the Youth and Students Ecosystem
  - \* Support for Students Organizations
  - \* Appointment of .ng Student Ambassadors to Drive Learning and Innovation

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## New Initiatives (3)

- \* Collaboration with Local and International Agencies and Organizations
  - \* Local Internet Content Forum
  - \* Nigerian Internet Governance Forum
  - \* AfTLD for Registry Training
  - \* ICANN for DNSSEC Road Show

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# Generation Next

- \* Strategic Plan Development
  - \* Stakeholders Engagement
    - \* Content Developers
    - \* Techno-prenuers
  - \* Youth Segment Development
  - \* Continued Policy Development
  - \* People and Processes Deployment

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