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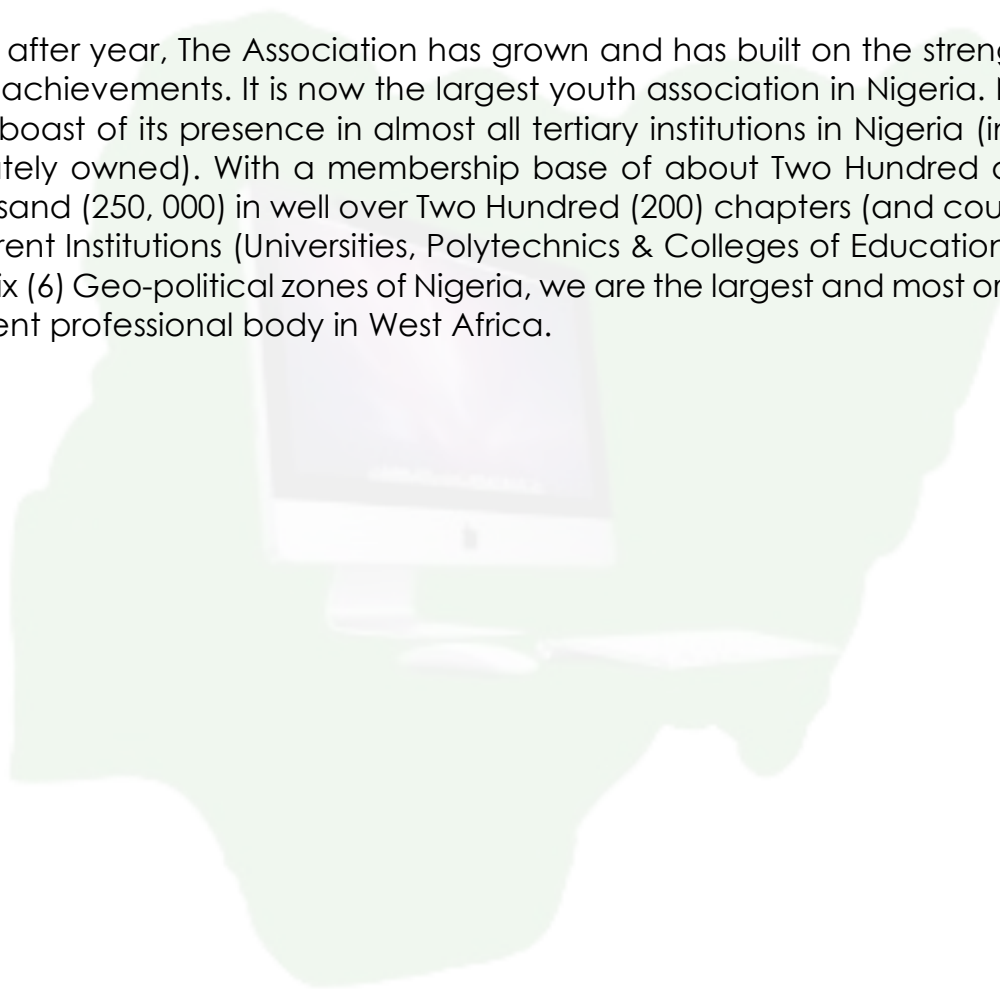
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Introduction

About NACOSS

The Nigeria Association of Computer Science Students (NACOSS) is a student professional body, which is not synonymous with cultism, prostitution or any other anti-social activities. NACOSS was founded in July 1993 with the backing of Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) as its parent body. It serves as a platform for students (in any IT related field) to deal with their concerns and channel these concerns to the appropriate quarters through coordinated and organized action.

Year after year, The Association has grown and has built on the strength of its past achievements. It is now the largest youth association in Nigeria. NACOSS can boast of its presence in almost all tertiary institutions in Nigeria (including privately owned). With a membership base of about Two Hundred and Fifty thousand (250, 000) in well over Two Hundred (200) chapters (and counting) in different Institutions (Universities, Polytechnics & Colleges of Education) across the six (6) Geo-political zones of Nigeria, we are the largest and most organized student professional body in West Africa.



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Aims & Objectives

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Highlighted below are the aims and objectives of the Association:

- To promote cooperation between NACOSS and public individuals.
- To foster relationship between the Association and other similar International bodies.
- To protect the image and safeguard the interest of the Computer Science profession.
- To foster unity and harmony between members of the Association and among others.
- To promote the understanding of the study of Computer Science in Nigeria and abroad.
- To provide a link between prospective Computer Science graduates and the industrial world.
- To project the image of Computer by way of seminars, symposia, lectures, workshops and other activities aimed at achieving this goal.

Vision

What we aim to achieve

To re-invent and integrate NACOSS into the new Nigerian project as a strong student professional body, driven by the knowledge and skills of its members to lay the IT capacity foundation, towards stimulating the 'can-do' spirit that will empower and promote entrepreneurship spirit, which will drive the Nigerian economy, among Nigerian Youths.

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Events and Conferences

There are numerous developments, technological advancements happening which members of our association and tech enthusiasts in our communities are not even aware of it. Also, Organizations across the globe are changing fast and leadership is becoming more challenging. This means no organization can afford to live in the past.

That said, over the past few weeks, the NEC members of the Nigeria Association of the Computer Science Students (NACOSS) have brainstormed on what can be termed the blue print of the Agenda for our tenure.

Leadership Training and Summit

This program is geared towards training NACOSSITES in Leadership skills, Management Skills to in turn give back to their immediate community. The main focus of this program will be on project management, team building, time management and financial literacy. Participants of the first Summit will be required to give back to local chapter members.

NACOSS Service Automation

The importance of re-branding and projecting NACOSS as “The most organized professional student Association in West Africa” informed the need to develop an aesthetic online presence which we have achieved to ensure the automation of all NACOSS National and zonal activities such as but not limited to the following:

- Members' registration for better service and value delivery
- National and Zonal conference registration and payment
- Annual Chapter Dues Payment
- New NACOSS Local Chapter Registration
- NCS Student Membership Registration
- Direct upgrade of graduating members of the association into NCS Community.

It also features numerous services as well as NACOSS resources that may come in handy when needed.

Gender Equality Participation in ICT (GEP ICT)

Gender Equality participation in Information Communication Technology (GEP ICT) is a female initiative program organized under the office of the NACOSS Vice president (National Affairs). The main aim of the program is to unlock female potentials in ICT, orientate female NACOSSITES on how and what they can contribute to the growth of the Nigerian Economy technologically and also boosting up female mentality on information technology, Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

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Nationwide Solidarity Visit

This is the National Courtesy visit to all the six-geographical Zones in Nigeria, states and local chapters aimed at running a government of inclusiveness and to know how NACOSS activities are been carried out and to encourage other Chapters and educating them on the importance and benefits of being active members of the Association.

International Conferences

We are planning international trips to a several foreign countries so that fellow NACOSSITES can have an insight into the development of ICT in other countries. They will have the opportunity of meeting well-rounded students from other parts of West Africa. This program is expected to involve as much as One hundred and fifty (150) NACOSSITES from the six (6) geo-political zones. We also intend to exhibit some of the application we have developed during our upcoming software summit.

Nationwide Capacity Building & Bootcamp

Owing to the shortage in supply of the skilled labor required in the technology industry and in a bid to optimally live up to our responsibility as a body of technology students, we intend to train at least Fifty thousand (50,000) members of the association. This is intended to take place in two phases: Online and offline.

The online phase which would span a month provides the students with necessary materials to gain a fundamental knowledge of the technologies being taught and the Bootcamp phases trains them in more advanced usages of the technologies they choose.

The Bootcamp phase will be held at different geopolitical zones in the country with certifications to be issued for the various paths.

National Software Summit

This is the association's annual Software Summit which will feature: Paper Presentations, Panel Sessions, Software Exhibitions, Programming Contest and social activities for the socialites. We intend to engage IT Industry leaders and resource persons from all near and far to share their experiences, best practices and what practically works in the IT space.

Community Integrations & Collaborations

It has always been our hallmark to focus on students' development. This segment of industry comprises of the youth-in-training. They are energetic, enthusiastic and dynamic. It is in our confidence that they are the IT leaders of today and the future of our dear country, Nigeria. With the right skills set imbibed early, they can form the next digital army to liberate the nation from apparent skill deficiency.

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This program will involve NACOSS engaging in strategic partnership with, Tech communities, Hubs, corporate organizations who are basically into IT trainings so as to deliver standard training services to NACOSSITES (in all the six (6) geo-political zones of Nigeria) at a reduced or no cost at all.

Annual NACOSS National Convention

This is the largest annual event organized by the Nigeria Association of Computer Science Students. This event aims to showcase the exemplary leadership and technological prowess of the Nigerian youth. It converges the tinges of the finest of industry and the academia as well as all students of computer science and computer related disciplines in all Nigerian tertiary institutions. This administration's convention promises to feature the following:

- Keynotes and Panel Discussions
- Tech Communities and Startups showcase
- National Football Competition Finals
- Tourism (Visit to Yankari Game Reserve)
- MAT (Music Art Talk) with tour of Bauchi historic places
- 48 hours Programming Contest
- 21 hours Hackathon Challenge
- Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- NACOSS Executive Council Election
- Dinner & Awards Night and so much more...

This event has been established as the most popular and accepted National gathering of youth in ICT. It has always enjoyed wide media attention and publicity. In addition, it marks the end and beginning of a previous and new NACOSS Year respectively. With that said, the convention also provides an avenue for members to make most of the career fair to update themselves on the latest happenings in their career.

This event is expected to take place at the prestigious Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi, Bauchi State. The convention will be attended by all the privileged and esteemed members of the Association in over 200 local chapters across the country.

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Proposed Calendar

S/NO	EVENT/PROGRAM	PROPOSED LOCATION	PROPOSED DATE
1	Leadership Summit	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Bauchi State	Jan 2019
2	Nationwide Solidarity Visit	All NACOSS Local Chapters	Jan – Dec 2019
3	State conference/Digital Shift	State ICT Director's Institutions	Jan – Jun 2019
4	Gender Equality Participation in ICT (GEPICIT)	Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka, Anambra State	May, 2019
5	National Bootcamp	Online	Mar, 2019
		Offline: All NACOSS Local Chapters	Jun, 2019
6	National Software Summit	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Ogbomoso, Oyo State	Jul 2019
7	Constitution Review	Not set	Aug 2019
8	Community Integration	All NACOSS Local Chapters	Jan – Dec 2019
9	International Conferences	Not set	Jan – Dec 2019
10	Zonal Conferences	South-East: Federal University of Technology Owerri, Imo State	6 th -9 th Feb, 2019
		South-South: Shaka Polytechnic Benin City, Edo State	
		South-West: Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	
		North-East: Federal University Kashere, Gombe State	
		North-Central: Nigerian Army Institute of Technology and Environmental Studies Makurdi, Benue State	
		North-West: Al-Qalam University Katsina, Katsina State	
11	NACOSS National Convention	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Bauchi State	24 th – 29 th Feb, 2020

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