****The Speech *of*

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Protocols.

I bring you all warmth greetings and felicitations from **Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)**, the umbrella body of all IT practitioners, interest groups and stakeholders.

The society includes associations such as Information Technology (Industry) Association of Nigeria **(ITAN)**, Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria **(ISPON)**, Internet Service Providers Association of Nigeria **(ISPAN),** Information Technology Systems and Security Professionals **(ITSSP),** Nigerian Women in Information Technology **(NiWIIT),**Nigerian Information Technology Professionals in the Civil Service **(NITPCS),** Academia in Information Technology Profession **(AITP)** and National Association of Computing Students **(NACOS), the student wing.**

NCShas been championing IT development in the country for the past four decades. NCS has remained the centre console of IT and the voice of all IT professionals in Nigeria.  **NCS** has over **Twenty Thousand Professional Members** from governments, industries and academia across the country, and over **Hundred Thousand Student Members** in Higher Institutions – Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and other Accredited Computer Training Centers in Nigeria.

NCS remains committed to promoting rapid national growth by providing necessary technical and professional supports to technology providers.The Society will continue to support and promote technological development and Information Technology business for sustainable development of the nation.

On behalf of the National Executive Council (NEC) and the entire membership of NCS, I am indeed highly delighted to be here to witness the commencement of this great event by the ***Forensic Insight International Limited - The 6th Annual Conference on Financial Crime, Cross-border Crime and Electoral Fraud***. I am aware that this event will witness innovation, exposure on security challenges, exhibition and so on.

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) is very happy that this event is coming up at this time in this country. This event is pertinent because it falls within the major mandate of NCS. One of the key goals of NCS is to promote/develop Information Technology (IT) in this country. It is obvious that this program is targeted towards the goals of NCS.

This country is blessed and great, with a lot of highly competent and skillful individuals that can provide all the technological needs of this nation. Our students, youths, young innovators and startups have potentials that can drive this nation smoothly into the future.

NCS is currently channeling efforts toward developing indigenous technological tools and applications needed by this country. We are happy that discussions around forensics and fraud preventions are being organized to drive the initiatives for absolute containment.

However, NCS is still seeking for collaboration and supports for effective implementation of initiatives and we are open to further discussions on implementation plans.

Special appreciation to the organizer of this event. I wish to also recognize and thank other individuals and organization that have provided supports for this program. I recognize all of you as IT ambassadors of the country.

NCS is proud of participants and other guests at this event. I am sure that we shall all have successful and most impactful Annual Conference here in Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja.

Let also inform you that we shall be having one of the flagship program of NCS - National Information Technology Merit Award (NITMA) before the end of the year. Specifically, the event will hold on the 18th November, 2021. The major highlights of this event are:

* Conferment of professional fellowships
* Annual awards
* Special recognitions

Before I end my speech, let me use this opportunity to invite all IT practitioners to come under the umbrella of NCS. Membership of NCS is open to everyone. I also want to invite every practitioners in Fintech, Forensics, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Blochchain, Cybersecurity, etc. to the fold of good and dedicated professionals in Nigeria Computer Society.

Once again, I wish you happy and memorable event.

Thanks and God bless.

Prof. Adesina S. Sodiya

***President, NCS***