

PRESS RELEASE



The .ng string is a critical National resource and Nigeria's unique identity on the World Wide Web. NiRA, as an Industry-led stakeholder organization, is the registry for Nigerian Internet Domain Names (.ng), and maintains the database of names registered in the .ng country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) name space in the interest of Nigerians and the global Internet community.

The Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA) seeks to recognize and acknowledge those who are contributing to the growth of the .ng domain name registration and the promotion of the DNS Industry. Using the .ng Awards, NIRA celebrates the achievements and innovation of Nigerian Internet initiatives. The awards aim to showcase Nigerian businesses, individuals, charity, public and private sector organizations which help to make the Internet a more secure, open, accessible and rewarding experience for all. NIRA acknowledges the great work being done out there and desire people to know, talk about it, engage with it and put it into the spotlight.

The maiden .ng Awards held in 2016 during NIRA's 10th anniversary activities.

2017 .ng AWARDS CRITERIA

The Awards criteria must be met by all nominees for the 2017 .ng awards. The criteria are



- The Online presence must be outstanding
- Company, organization or individual must have registered and is active online with **.ng domain name(s)**.
- The Domain name must have been registered for over 6 months.
- The website associated with the domain name must be active on the Internet.

NOMINATION MECHANISM

The nomination for the .ng Awards by the general public will commence by Tuesday, 31st January, 2017. Members of the public who wish to participate in nominating any organization or individual are to note the nomination criteria.

The Jury will review all entries/nominations for eligibility and qualification to produce the final short-list of nominees. The list of nominees will be released for general public voting via the website.

The Awards committee may reclassify or re-categorize entries and may remove entries that do not conform to the entry requirements. Entries that differ substantially from the award criteria will be disqualified without prior notice to the entrants.

Nomination closes at midnight, on Tuesday 14th February, 2017. Voting starts on Monday 20th February, 2017 and closes by midnight on Monday, 3rd April, 2017. The url for nomination is <http://www.nira.org.ng/voting>

For more information about the .ng, please visit www.nira.org.ng

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