



NIGERIA INTERNET REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION (NIRA)

Report on the 2018 **.ng** AWARDS



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2018 .ng Awards of the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) held on Friday, 6th July, 2018 at the Celebration Gardens and Event Centre, Ikeja, The .ng Awards celebrate the achievements and innovation of Nigerian Internet initiatives.

The .ng Awards was launched in 2016 as part of the commemorative activities marking the 10th Anniversary of NiRA. It was established to recognize and honor the many contributions creating awareness of the .ng brand and to acknowledge those who are exploring various opportunities in the DNS Industry in Nigeria.

The .ng Awards is now a yearly event which serves to promote and commend the excellent achievements of members, stakeholders and the General Public, who contribute towards building a sustainable economy using technology whilst uplifting the image of .ng locally and internationally and stimulating the development of local content on the World Wide Web.

NiRA does not attach any monetary value to the awards. Since the inception of the .ng Awards, NiRA has ensured the nominations and voting is at the discretion of the General Public. NiRA does not request for sponsorship or donations for the .ng



Award. Nomination and voting is based on merit and votes received from the General Public.

The 2018 .ng Awards showcased Nigerian businesses, individuals, charity, public and private sector organizations that help to make the Internet a more secure, open, accessible and rewarding experience for all. The awards are open to any

organization or individual using the .ng domain name, with outstanding online activities.

There were in two categories of awards

- **The .ng Awards:** The .ng Awards had 12 award categories. Nominees and recipient of these awards were nominated and voted for by the General Public; and moderated by the NiRA 2018 Awards Jury.
- **The NiRA Presidential Awards:** These awardees were selected by the President of NiRA. There were a total of Ten (10) recipients. The Borno State, Commissioner for Works and housing, Honorable Adamu A. Lawan joined the president in presenting the awards to recipients. See page five for the list of awardees



Nominations into various categories of the 2018 .ng Awards was opened to the public for a total duration of Sixty-one (61) days from 1st March, 2018 to 30th April, 2018.

The initial date proposed for the 2018 .ng awards was Friday 27th April, 2018. Nominations were meant to be conducted within thirteen (13) days starting from 1st March, 2018 to 13th March, 2018. However due to low participation and insufficient time for nominations, the 2018 Awards Jury through the NiRA President requested for an extension for the awards processes. The committee was given an approval to hold the 2018 .ng Awards on Friday, 6th July, 2018.

Nominations into various categories which had initially closed on 13th March, 2018 was reopened from the 16th March, 2018 to 30th April, 2018.

The 2018 Awards Jury reviewed all entries/nominations for eligibility to produce the final shortlisted nominees. The list of the shortlisted nominees was released to the General Public for voting. The voting platform was opened to the General Public from 10th May, 2018 and closed on 22nd June, 2018.

Voting for nominees by the General Public carried 40% of the total voting score, while the Jury vote carried 60% of the total voting score.

The total number of entries received for the 2018 .ng Awards are as follows:





Total number of 2018 .ng Awards Categories	12
Total number of 2018 .ng Awards recipients	12
Total number of Presidential Awards categories	9
Total number of Presidential Awards recipients	10
Total number of Nominations Received	830
Total number of shortlisted Nominees	86
Total numbers of valid votes	26685





Table 1: Statistics of participation

THE .NG AWARDS RECIPIENTS:

Winners of the 2018 .ng Awards were unveiled at the Awards Gala Night. More than 200 people attended the Gala Night. We had captains of the industry in attendance including NiRA Board of Trustees and Executive Board of Directors.

The winners of the 2018 .ng Awards are:

S/N	2018 .NG AWARD CATEGORIES	WINNERS
1	.NG COMPANY OF THE YEAR	Bigcode microsystems Nigeria Limited Website: www.bigcode.com.ng 
2	MOST INNOVATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER ONLINE	Novatia Translations NG Website: www.novatiatranslations.com.ng 
3	BEST BANKING OR INSURANCE WEBSITE/PORTAL	Fidelity Bank Plc Website: www.fidelitybank.ng 
4	BEST E-PAYMENT WEBSITE/PORTAL	Alat by Wema Website: www.alat.ng 

5	BEST TERTIARY INSTITUTION WEBSITE/PORTAL	University of Uyo Website: www.uniuyo.edu.ng	
6	STARTUP COMPANY OF THE YEAR	Agro- Park Development Company Limited Website: www.agropark.ng	
7	BEST LOCAL HOSTING COMPANY	Trefoil Network Limited Website: www.tfhost.ng	
8	BEST PRINT MEDIA WEBSITE	Guardian Newspapers Limited Website: www.guardian.ng	
9	BEST ONLINE MEDIA WEBSITE	Ringier Media Website: www.pulse.ng	
10	BEST ELECTRONIC MEDIA WEBSITE (TELEVISION & RADIO)	Cool FM Website: www.coolfm.ng	
11	DIGITAL INNOVATION IN STATE GOVERNMENT	Borno State, Ministry of Works and Transport Website: www.mwt.bo.gov.ng	
12	DIGITAL INNOVATION IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	Galaxy Backbone Limited Website: www.galaxybackbone.com.ng	

NIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

S/N	NIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD	RECIPIENTS
1	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT PLATINUM CATEGORY	WHOGOHOST Limited Website: www.whogohost.ng 
2	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT SILVER CATEGORY	Netorb Media Limited 
3	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT GOLD CATEGORY	Icecool Contracts Limited Website: www.icecoolcontracts.com.ng 
4	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT STANDARD CATEGORY	Global Trend Network 
5	.NG MOST SUPPORTING SPONSOR	Technology Times Website: www.technologytimes.ng 
6	BEST SUPPORTING MEDIA PARTNER	Guardian Newspapers Limited Website: www.guardian.ng 
7	BEST SUPPORTING MEDIA PARTNER	Digivation Website: www.digivation.com.ng 
8	NIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	Mr. Mathias Amodu (edusat.ng)
9	NIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT	Mrs. Martha Omoekpen Alade (mata.ng, teachers.ng, icamp.ng)
10	NIRA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	Dr. Isaac Odeyemi

ABOUT NIRA

Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) was founded on March 28, 2006 as a Stakeholder – led organization, charged with the management of Nigeria's country code Top Level Domain Name (ccTLD), dot ng (.ng). .ng is a critical National resource of Nigeria and Nigeria's unique identity on the World Wide Web.

Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) is the registry for .ng Internet Domain Names and maintains the database of names registered in the .ng country code Top Level Domain.

NiRA adopted the 3-R model (Registry/Registrar/Registrant model) of operation in the operations and management of the .ng ccTLD. The implication of this is that NIRA does not handle the registration of domain names directly. Registrations can only be done through NIRA certified Registrars. These Registrars are certified by NiRA to facilitate the registration, transfer, renewal, and modification of registration data for customers that apply for .ng domain names.

.ng Features:

- A hierarchical domain structure as against the flat structure
- Regular domain name registration in .ng is restricted to the second, third and fourth levels
- At all levels, some generic words have been marked as Premium, and they attract a premium price
- SLDs classified into closed or open SLDs. There are currently 10 SLDs for the .ng domain name extension. These are .com.ng, .org.ng, .edu.ng, .mobi.ng, .sch.ng, .gov.ng, .mil.ng, .name.ng, .i.ng .net.ng

ABOUT THE .NG WEB AWARDS

At the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA), we believe in the power of the Internet and are determined that the .ng domain name space that we are responsible for, has a positive impact on the lives of Internet users. We acknowledge the great work being done and we desire that people know about it, talk about it, engage with it and put it on spotlight.

The .ng Awards celebrate the achievements and innovation of Nigeria internet initiatives. The awards aim to showcase Nigeria businesses, charities, individuals, public and private sector organizations which help to make the Internet a more secure, open, accessible and diverse experience for all.

.ng Awards is opened to organization or individual doing great work online using the .ng domain name.



2018 .ng Awards recipients

AWARDS CRITERIA AND NOMINATION

AWARDS CRITERIA

The following awards criteria was used for the selection of nominees into the 2018 .ng awards:

- Company, organization or individual must have registered and is doing business with a .ng domain name.
- The Domain name must have been registered for over Six (6) months.
- The website associated with the domain name must be active.

NOMINATION MECHANISM

Nomination into the 2018 .ng Awards by the General Public commenced on 1st March, 2018 and closed on 30th April, 2018.

The initial date proposed for the 2018 .ng awards was Friday 27th April, 2018, Nominations were meant to be carried out within thirteen (13) days starting from 1st March, 2018 to 13th March, 2018. However due to low participation and insufficient time for nominations, the 2018 Awards Jury through the NiRA President requested for an extension for the awards processes. The committee was given an approval to hold the 2018 .ng Awards on Friday, 6th July, 2018. Nominations into various categories which had closed on 13th March, 2018 was afterwards reopened from the 16th March, 2018 to 30th April, 2018. Voting for nominees was opened 10th May, 2018 to 22nd June, 2018.

Members of the public participated by nominating various organizations.

- A total number of 830 organizations were nominated

The Jury reviewed all entries/nominations for eligibility and qualification to produce the final shortlist of nominees. The committee ensured entries were in the appropriate categories.

The list of nominees was released to the General Public for voting by an official Press Release on the 10th May, 2018. The URL to the voting portal was also broadcasted.

- A total number of 86 nominees was shortlisted and released for voting on the voting platform

An Official Letter of Nomination into the 2018 .ng Awards and invitation cards were sent to all nominees notifying & congratulating nominees of their nomination into the final stage of the .ng Awards, advising nominees of the program of events for the award and guiding them on the voting procedures.

Voting for nominees commenced on 10th May, 2018 and closed by midnight on Monday, 3rd April, 2018. At the close of the voting, the total number of individual voting was 26,685

There were constant broadcasts, advertising the awards to the General Public and many nominees placed online adverts on various platforms encouraging the General Public to participate in the 2018 .ng Awards by voting for them.

NOMINATION STATISTICS

STATISTICS	2017	2018
Total Nomination Received	222	830

S/N	.NG 2018 AWARD (NOMINATION DATA EXTRACT)	2018 TOTAL NOMINATIONS
1.	.ng Company of the Year	247
2.	Most Innovative Service provider online	29
3.	Best Banking or Insurance Website	6
4.	Best E-Payment Website	7
5.	Best Tertiary Institutions	12
6.	Startup company of the year	171
7.	Best Local Hosting company	158
8.	Best Print Media	87
9.	Best Online Media	96
10.	Best Electronic Media Website TV	5
11.	Best Electronic Media Website Radio	6
12.	Best Federal Government in Digital Innovation	3
13.	Best State Government in Digital Innovation	3
14.	Best Local Government in Digital Innovation	0
	Total Number of Nomination	830

The full list of Nominees are listed in Appendix 1 of this document.

WINNERS UNVEILED.

THE .NG GALA NIGHT

Nigeria Internet Registration Association unveiled the winners of the 2018 .ng Awards during the .ng Awards gala held on Friday 6th July, 2018 at the Celebration Gardens and Event Centre, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria. The awards celebrate the achievements and innovation of Nigerian Internet initiatives.

The event started at 5:00pm with a grand Green Carpet. Various dignitaries, nominees and recipients of the .ng Awards were interviewed and showcased at the Green Carpet. Hilarious Chinedu and DJ Maze entertained the guests at the Awards night.

An opening Presidential Speech published in the Award magazine was delivered by the President of NiRA, Rev'd Sunday Folayan. He welcomed all participants to the event. He re-iterated that NiRA does not accept sponsorship for the Awards.

Special Remark was also delivered by the Borno State, Commissioner for Works and Housing Honorable Adamu A. Lawan, who commended the efforts and commitment of NiRA in the development and progression of the DNS industry in Nigeria and the world at large.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1. Green carpet
2. Entertainment & Side Attraction
3. Introduction of Dignitaries & Guests
4. Entertainment & Side Attraction
5. Opening Remarks – Rev. Sunday Folayan, President NiRA
6. Goodwill messages
7. Awards Presentation
8. Entertainment & Side Attraction
9. Awards Presentation
10. Dinner & Entertainment
11. Presidential Awards
12. Award Recipients group photograph
13. Vote of thanks
14. Networking with light entertainment

WELCOME ADDRESS BY NIRA PRESIDENT

The Welcome Address by the NiRA President at the 2018 edition of the .ng Awards Ceremony held Friday, 6th July, 2018, at the Celebration Gardens International Hall, Ikeja, Lagos.

Protocols

On behalf of the Trustees, the Executive Board of Directors, the Staff and entire members of the Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA), I welcome you all to the third edition of the annual .ng recognition and Awards ceremony.

The .ng Awards commenced in 2016 as part of the commemorative activities marking the 10th Anniversary of NiRA. It was established to recognize and honor the various contributions of those creating awareness of the .ng brand and to acknowledge those who are exploring and exploiting various opportunities in the DNS Industry for a better Nigeria.



The .ng Awards is now recognized as a yearly event which serves to promote and commend the excellent achievements of NIRA members, stakeholders and the General Public, who tirelessly contribute towards building a sustainable economy using Technology and at the same time,

uplifting the image of the Nigerian identity - .ng locally and internationally by stimulating the development and consumption of local content on the World Wide Web.

I am delighted and indeed pleased to welcome all our nominees, affiliates and their invitees to this 2018 edition of our glamorous event, and I congratulate all the nominees the various award categories, for their nomination(s).

When we conceived the .ng Awards, It was purely to recognize and celebrate excellence and it will remain so. NiRA does not attach any monetary value to the awards. Since the inception of the .ng Awards, no sponsorship or donations is required to participate in the .ng Award. Nomination and voting is at the discretion of the General Public. Let me at this juncture appreciate the heroes of our existence,

the various nominees who have proudly projected their businesses using the .ng brand in the course of the year. Your zeal and patriotism is one of the motivating factors for us in NiRA, making us push the bar higher every year.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, our gathering here today, is to honor the best within the Nigerian Domain name (.ng) ecosystem, those organizations and individuals who through their deliberate decisions and outreach have projected the .ng brand across the globe.

Permit me to specially recognize and appreciate the Guardian Newspapers who have demonstrated an uncommon depth of association with the .ng brand. The Guardian Newspapers has promoted the .ng brand on the pages of their newspaper daily and online, in the past three years. Thank you most sincerely, for your enduring association with our brand. We cannot thank you enough.

There are two sets of awards that jointly constitute the .ng Awards. For the first set of awards, the organizations or establishments must have an active .ng domain name either at the second level, third level or fourth level. For the 2018 .ng Awards, all qualifying domain names must have been registered for Six (6) months and must be active before the nominations are made.

The second set of awards, the Presidential Awards are at the sole discretion of the President of NiRA. These awards also recognize those who are adding value within their communities to NiRA and the .ng brand.

The domain name business provides an avenue for entrepreneurship and local content development. The Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) is happy to be counted amongst those highlighting and providing opportunities for job creation, wealth distribution and growth of our economy through its various affiliates and stakeholders.

As the night slowly unfolds, I invite you to join us in celebrating the pace-setters and goal-getters, who are committed to promoting the Nigerian Identity online and everywhere. I thank you for making out the time to be here today and we appreciate your presence.

Once again, Welcome and enjoy the evening!

Reverend Sunday Folayan

President, NiRA Executive Board of Directors

WINNERS OF THE 2018 .NG AWARDS

The Awards were in two categories





- The .ng Awards: The .ng Awards were in 12 categories. Nominees and recipients of these awards were selected by the General Public but moderated by the 2018 Awards Jury.
- The NiRA Presidential Awards: The awardees for the 2018 .ng presidential awards were selected by the President of NiRA, Revd. S. Folayan










Winners of .ng Awards and the NiRA Presidential Awards were awarded with the .ng plaque. More than 200 people attended the gala night. The brief description of each award can be found on <http://www.nira.org.ng/nomination/>
The winners of the 2018 .ng Awards and the NiRA presidential awards are as follows:

THE .NG AWARDS RECIPIENTS:

They are:

S/N	2018 .NG AWARD CATEGORIES	WINNERS
1	.NG COMPANY OF THE YEAR	Bigcode microsystems Nigeria Limited Website: www.bigcode.com.ng 
2	MOST INNOVATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER ONLINE	Novatia Translations NG Website: www.novatiatranslations.com.ng 
3	BEST BANKING OR INSURANCE WEBSITE/PORTAL	Fidelity Bank Plc Website: www.fidelitybank.ng 
4	BEST E-PAYMENT WEBSITE/PORTAL	Alat by Wema Website: www.alat.ng 

5	BEST TERTIARY INSTITUTION WEBSITE/PORTAL	University of Uyo Website: www.uniuyo.edu.ng	
6	STARTUP COMPANY OF THE YEAR	Agro- Park Development Company Limited Website: www.agropark.ng	
7	BEST LOCAL HOSTING COMPANY	Trefoil Network Limited Website: www.tfhost.ng	
8	BEST PRINT MEDIA WEBSITE	Guardian Newspapers Limited Website: www.guardian.ng	
9	BEST ONLINE MEDIA WEBSITE	Ringier Media Website: www.pulse.ng	
10	BEST ELECTRONIC MEDIA WEBSITE (TELEVISION & RADIO)	Cool FM Website: www.coolfm.ng	
11	DIGITAL INNOVATION IN STATE GOVERNMENT	Borno State, Ministry of Works and Transport Website: www.mwt.bo.gov.ng	
12	DIGITAL INNOVATION IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	Galaxy Backbone Limited Website: www.galaxybackbone.com.ng	

NIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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1	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT PLATINUM CATEGORY	WHOGOHOST Limited Website: www.whogohost.ng
2	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT SILVER CATEGORY	Netorb Media Limited
3	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT GOLD CATEGORY	Icecool Contracts Limited Website: www.icecoolcontracts.com.ng
4	BEST .NG CCTLD REGISTRAR AT STANDARD CATEGORY	Global Trend Network
5	.NG MOST SUPPORTING SPONSOR	Technology Times Website: www.technologytimes.ng
6	BEST SUPPORTING MEDIA PARTNER	Guardian Newspapers Limited
7	BEST SUPPORTING MEDIA PARTNER	Digivation Website: www.digivation.com.ng
8	NIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	Mr. Mathias Amodu (edusat.ng)
9	NIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT	Mrs. Martha Omoekpen Alade (mata.ng, teachers.ng, icamp.ng)

CROSS-SESSION OF WINNERS & PARTICIPANTS AT THE 2018 .NG AWARDS





PRESS RELEASE AND SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Various press releases were circulated to the media and General Public throughout the process.

- A pre-event Press release about the 2018 .ng Awards, its nomination process, the voting mechanism with an invitation to nominate
- An updated press release was circulated on the extension of the nomination to midnight Monday 30th April, 2018 and the Awards will be held 6th July, 2018.
- A press release broadcasting the official list of nominees and the start and end dates of the voting phase.
- A post-event press release notifying the General Public of the winners was also circulated.
- An email thanking attendees of the 2018 .ng Awards



Various social media campaigns were embarked upon before the nomination phase till the end of the voting phase. The list of winners was published on social media with pictures taken during the Awards Gala.

The nominee's, winners and the media also embarked on awareness creation of the activities.



AWARD ICONS

Winners of the 2018 .ng Awards gained access to .ng Web Award Icon, available in various sizes and various formats for inclusion on websites and marketing collateral.



2018 .ng Award logo

Some of the publications are as follows:



AWARD CERTIFICATE

Certificate of Award was also presented to all winners of the 2018 .ng Awards with the Award plaque. Winners flaunted their certificates online by posting snap shots of their certificates on social media and their websites



CONCLUSION

The annual .ng Awards should be organized to ensure sustained growth and interest in the .ng domain name, development of local content and the DNS Industry.

We are grateful to God and to everyone that contributed to the success of the night, especially those who actively participated by nominating their brand of choice, and subsequently voting to ensure they won.

With each passing year since the .ng Awards came to be, (apart from the positive statistics) it is clear that the acceptability and penetration of .ng is growing across the country. This year, there were award winners from the Eastern and Northern parts of the country, which shows the active participation of all geographical zones, and proves that beyond Lagos, there are endless possibilities in this connected world of ours.

We have a task, and it is to continue to project the image of the .ng country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) brand and the Domain Name System (DNS) Industry through laudable ideas and innovations.

Thank you all, for making this year's edition of the Awards a success and we look forward to the future and continued participation. The event was highly published by nominees, their followers and the media.

The Secretariat was responsible for organizing the event and coordinating all activities. NiRA congratulates all the nominee and eventual winners of the 2018 .ng

Awards.

We appreciate the active role(s) played by all and look forward to a successful 2019 .ng Awards Ceremony next year!



NiRA Staff at the 2018 .ng Awards: Celebrating the close of event

APPENDIX 1: 2018 .NG AWARDS LIST OF NOMINEES



OFFICIAL NOMINEES OF THE 2018 .NG AWARDS

1. .ng Company of the Year

This award is presented to the company, organization that has demonstrated excellence in business innovation, online user experience and commitment to the Nigeria Internet community while embracing sound business practices.

The Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Agro- Park Development Company Limited	www.agropark.ng	Agro-Park is an agricultural portfolio investment and asset management company. They are the developer of the first privately owned agricultural hub on 300 hectares of land consisting of an Agric-industrial park and farm estates at Ijale-orile, Abeokuta Ogun State, along with over 44,000 hectares support farms and out grower schemes at different locations in Nigeria.
2	Bigcode Nigeria Limited	www.bigcode.com.ng	Bigcode Microsystems Ltd is a software development company & full service digital agency.
3	City tutors NG	www.citytutors.com.ng	City tutors NG is a leading home tutors in Abuja, Lagos and Port Harcourt in Nigeria with over 50,000 professional tutors. They provide learners with the advantage of quality, experienced and innovative tuition that make them become the finished articles, far beyond the limitation of class room learning. They hope to assure millions of students who are confronted with the challenges of attaining global standard.
4	CloudWare Technologies	www.cloudware.ng	CloudWare Technologies provides training in IT skills and professional certification courses with internationally recognized certificates.
5	Media Trust Limited	www.dailytrust.com.ng	Daily Trust Newspaper is a media company engaged in Consultancy, Printing and Publishing. The company believes in efficient, honest and qualitative service to the customer.
6	Galaxy Backbone Limited	www.galaxybackbone.com.ng	Galaxy Backbone Limited is the information technology and shared services provider of the Federal Government of Nigeria.
7	Garannitor Hosting Limited	www.garannitor.ng	Garannitor Hosting Limited provide services in Web hosting, Clouds Servers and Domain name Registrations.
8	Guardian Newspapers Limited	www.guardian.ng	The Guardian Newspapers Limited is an independent daily newspaper and online publisher that presents balanced coverage of events, and to promoting the best interests of Nigeria.
9	myPadi	www.myPadi.ng	myPadi connects students and youth copers with safe, secured & affordable off-campus rooms & lodges around any PPA or school in Nigeria.

10	Ringier Media	www.pulse.ng	Pulse NG is one of Nigeria's new media network that provides 24/7 live news, videos, entertainment, sports, lifestyle, celebrities & more.
11	Smart Web Nigeria Limited	www.smartweb.com.ng	Smart Web Nigeria Limited provides services in Domain registration, reseller hosting, web designing, web hosting, platinum dedicated servers, ssl, code guard and site lock.
12	Tfhost	www.tfhost.ng	Tfhost offers reliable services in Hosting, Clouds Servers and Domain name Registrations.

2. Most Innovative Service Provider online

This award is presented to the organization that promotes innovative service delivery on the internet.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Co-Tenant	www.cotenant.com.ng	Co-Tenant is a Space-sharing marketplace connecting users who either need a small space to stay or wish to share rent with other users.
2	Data District Services	www.july.com.ng	Data District Services provides an Event Platform that helps to Optimize your Event Marketing Campaign using your Event (Date or Month) as a "Descriptive Link" with a Customized Website for your Event
3	FINT	www.fint.ng	FINT is a loan marketplace matching lenders looking for competitive returns with credit-worthy borrowers (individual or side hustle loans) looking for the most attractive interest rates possible.
4	Household Store	www.householdstore.com.ng	Household Store are an online Household Furniture and equipment Market place in Nigeria. They also offer professional services like installation of interior decoration, and home delivery services.
5	myPadi	www.mypadi.ng	MyPadi connects students and youth copers with safe, secured & affordable off-campus rooms & lodges around any PPA or school in Nigeria.
6	Novatia Translations NG	www.novatiatranslations.com.ng	Novatia provides certificate and innovative translation services in Nigeria and West African Sub-region.
7	Smartweb Nig Ltd	www.smartweb.com.ng	Smart Web Nigeria Limited provides services in Domain registration, reseller hosting, web designing, web hosting, platinum dedicated servers, ssl, code guard and site lock.
8	Spectranet	www.spectranet.com.ng	Spectranet is an internet service provider in Nigeria. They provide fast, reliable and affordable broadband Internet services to homes and businesses.
9	Trefoil Network Limited	www.tfhost.ng	Tfhost offers reliable services in Hosting, Clouds Servers and Domain name Registrations.

3. Best Banking or Insurance Website/Portal

This award is presented to the bank or insurance company website or portal that delivers the best user experience.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Bank of Industry – BOI	www.boi.ng	The Bank of Industry Limited (BOI) is Nigeria's development financing institution mandated with the responsibility of providing financial assistance for the establishment of large, medium and small projects as well as the expansion, diversification and modernisation of existing enterprises; and rehabilitation of existing ones
2	Central Bank of Nigeria – CBN	www.cbn.gov.ng	Central Bank of Nigeria is charged with the responsibility of administering the Banks and other Financial Institutions (BOFI) Act (1991) as amended, with the sole aim of ensuring high standards of banking practice and financial stability through its surveillance activities, as well as the promotion of an efficient payment system.
3	Cornerstone Insurance Plc	www.cornerstone.com.ng	Cornerstone Insurance Plc is an insurance company in Nigeria that offers Motor Vehicle, Travel Insurance, Aviation, Marine, Engineering All Risks, Asset Protection, Liability to Third Party, Oil & Gas, Group Life, Credit Life, Mortgage Protection, Term Assurance, Wealth Creation Products and
4	Fidelity Bank Plc	www.fidelitybank.ng	Fidelity Bank, also known as Fidelity Bank Plc., is a commercial bank in Nigeria. It is licensed as a commercial bank, by the Central Bank of Nigeria
5	Nexim Bank (Nigerian Export – Import Bank)	www.neximbank.com.ng	The Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM) is an Export Credit Agency (ECA) that provides short and medium term loans to Nigerian exporters. They provide short term guarantees for loans granted by Nigerian Banks to exporters as well as credit insurance against political and commercial risks in the event of non-payment by foreign buyers.

4. Best E-payment Website/Portal

This award is presented to the E-payment company with the best website or portal that delivers the best user experience.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc	www.nibss-plc.com.ng	Owned by all licensed banks including the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc provides a Shared-Service infrastructure for facilitating payments finalities, streamlining Inter-bank payments and settlement mechanisms, to drive and promote Electronic Payments across the Nigerian Financial Industry.
2	PayU	www.payU.com.ng	PayU is a leading online payment service provider dedicated to creating a fast, simple and secure payment process for merchants and buyers.
3	Pie.ng	www.pie.ng	Pie.ng provide e-payment facilities.

4	Wema Bank	www.alat.ng	Alat.ng is a fully digital bank, powered by Wema bank designed to match lifestyle and help customers save more.
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5. Best Tertiary Institution website/portal

This award is presented to the Tertiary Institution/University with the best .edu.ng website/portal; based on how current the website is, the level of local content on the website, ease of use, relevance of the website for delivery of educational services and how dynamic the website is.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Ahmadu Bello University Zaria	www.abu.edu.ng	Ahmadu Bello University is a federal government research university in Zaria, Kaduna State. ABU was founded on October 4, 1962, as the University of Northern Nigeria
2	Akwa Ibom State University	www.aksu.edu.ng	Akwa Ibom state university is a state owned university located in South South Nigeria in Akwa-Ibom state close to Calabar and Rivers state. The university was founded in 2010 to provide more admission opportunities primarily for indigenes of Akwa Ibom
3	Edo University, Iyamho	www.edouniversity.edu.ng	Edo state university is a state owned university of Edo state South South Nigeria. The university was founded early 2016. The university has bachelor degrees in Engineering, Science and Technology, arts, management and social sciences.
4	Federal University of technology Owerri	www.futo.edu.ng	Federal university of technology located I imo state south east Nigeria is a technology intensive university. The university was established in 1980 in Owerri the capital of Imo state.
5	Federal University of Technology, Minna	www.futminna.edu.ng	Since its establishment in 1980 the university has been committed to training its students in areas of science and technology. Federal University of technology Minna, located in Niger state north central Nigeria is one of the three federal universities of technology in Nigeria.
6	Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Niger	www.ibbu.edu.ng	Located in Niger state, this state owned institution was founded in 2005 and is run and managed by the state government of Niger. The university is committed to instilling students with excellence in academics and produce quality graduates for different industries in Nigeria.
7	Mountain Top University	www.mtu.edu.ng	Mountain Top University is a private Christian university located in Ogun state south western Nigeria, The University was established by mountain of fire ministries in 2015. Mountain University is a Christian university that offers various degree types in courses cutting across Sciences, Arts, Social and management sciences.
8	Nasarawa State	www.nsuk.edu.ng	Nasarawa State University is a state owned university maintained by the Nassarawa state government, and located in Nassarawa. The university is committed to

	University, Keffi		bringing the best out of its students since its inception in 2002.
9	Obafemi Awolowo University	www.oau.edu.ng	Obafemi Awolowo University is a federal government owned university located in ile-ife, Osun state. The university was established 1962 and is one of the oldest universities in the country. The university has a diverse student body with a pretty large student and staff population..
10	University of Ilorin	www.unilorin.edu.ng	University of Ilorin is a federal government owned university locate in the capital of kwara state north central Nigeria. The university was founded in 1975. University of Ilorin a very large and diverse student body as well as staff population.
11	University of Jos	www.unijos.edu.ng	University of Jos was founded in 1975 as a federal government owned and funded university. The university is located in Jos and is committed to raising quality graduates to solve problems in different industries in the country.
12	University of Uyo	www.uniuyo.edu.ng	University of Uyo was founded in 1991 as a federal government owned and funded university. Their vision is to be a center of academic excellence by utilizing the available human and technological resources.

6. Startup company of the year

This award is presented to the startup company (companies less than 5 years) that uses the internet creatively & innovatively to scale up their business and achieve business competitiveness.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Agro- Park Development Company Limited	www.agropark.ng	Agro-Park is an agricultural portfolio investment and asset management company. They are the developer of the first privately owned agricultural hub on 300 hectares of land consisting of an Agric-industrial park and farm estates at Ijale-orile, Abeokuta Ogun State, along with over 44,000 hectares support farms and out grower schemes at different locations in Nigeria.
2	Co-Tenant	www.cotenant.com.ng	They help to share rent, apartments, offices and stores
3	Extraclass Nigeria Limited	Extraclass.ng	It is an intelligent and educational technology platform that helps learners find expert tutors near them. The platform also provides wide range of preparatory test questions & answers to help the learners master subjects and skills on the go.
4	FINT	www.fint.ng	FINT is a loan marketplace matching lenders looking for competitive returns with credit-worthy borrowers (individual or side hustle loans) looking for the most attractive interest rates possible.

5	Garanntor Hosting	www.garanntor.ng	They cover Web hosting, Vp's, Clouds Servers, Email. Domain and beyond.
6	Muster	www.muster.ng	Muster essentially connect people looking for other people to rent apartments together, people that already have apartments and want to sublet part of it, property owners that have properties that can be shared by two or more people/companies as well as co-working locations.
7	PentPorte Technologies Limited	www.pentsoft.com.ng	Pentsoft is a registered product of PentPorte Technologies Limited. They provide customized IT services and consulting to client worldwide. They offer based on an understanding of the client's business processes and functional requirements. The business domain knowledge is then applied to develop software solutions by utilizing the available pool of technical skill sets and proven methodologies.
8	PPC Digitals	ppc.ng	PPC Digital is a start-up providing online advertisers with expertise in Measurement & Reporting, ROI optimization, campaign management, ad technology, and data science. Founded in Lagos, we are working with clients across Sub-Sahara Africa and building a client support team in Nigeria
9	Preschool.NG	www.preschool.ng	Preschool.ng is a childcare management and parent engagement platform that helps Daycare, Crèche and Preschool administrators focus on what matters most to the parents that entrust their children's welfare to them.
10	Start-up Arewa	www.startuparewa.ng	Startup Arewa is building a presence as the dominant technology activation and entrepreneurship platform for mentoring, advocacy, startup funding facilitation, and capacity development of young people across Northern Nigeria. They are consolidating on growth to serve as the bedrock of sustainable innovations, and reference for regional development.
11	Tfhost	www.tfhost.ng	Tfhost offers reliable services in Hosting, Clouds Servers and Domain name Registrations.

7. Best Local Hosting Company

This award aims to continuously encourage the growth of local website hosting companies, in Nigeria. This award is presented to the best local hosting company in Nigeria.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Galaxy Backbone Limited	www.galaxybackbone.com.ng	Galaxy Backbone Limited is the information technology and shared services provider of the Federal Government of Nigeria and provide hosting facility for the Federal Government data

2	Garanntor Hosting Limited	www.garanntor.ng	Garanntor Hosting Limited provide services in Web hosting, Clouds Servers and Domain name Registrations.
3	Tfhost	www.tfhost.ng	Tfhost offers reliable services in Hosting, Clouds Servers and Domain name Registrations.
4	Web4africa	www.web4africa.ng	Web4africa offer affordable hosting and domain name registration service, in Nigeria. They provide control panels for every domain registration and web hosting client, and you have full control, over the services.

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The .ng media Award recognizes excellence in journalism and other media-related activities; based on the level of local and original content promoted.

This award category consist of four award groups.

8. Best Print Media Website

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Guardian Newspapers Limited	www.guardian.ng	The Guardian Newspapers Limited is an independent daily newspaper and online publisher that presents balanced coverage of events, and to promoting the best interests of Nigeria.
2	Leadership	www.leadership.ng	It is a daily national newspaper published by Leadership Group Limited. LEADERSHIP is based in Abuja, Nigeria. Leadership Nigerian Newspapers publish breaking Nigerian news in politics, business, entertainment, sports, opinion and more.
3	Media Trust Limited	www.dailytrust.com.ng	Daily Trust Newspaper is a media company engaged in Consultancy, Printing and Publishing. The company believes in efficient, honest and qualitative service to the customer.
5	The DailyTimes	www.dailytimes.ng	The DailyTimes is a media house located in Nigeria and incorporated in Nigeria in 1926. It was originally named the Nigeria Printing and Publishing Company.
4	The National Pilot	www.thenationalpilot.ng	National Pilot is a media company engaged in news, entertainment, music fashion Newspaper. They also provide the breaking news in different genera.
6	Tribune	www.tribune.com.ng	The Nigerian Tribune is an English-language newspaper published in Ibadan in Nigeria. It was established in 1949 by Obafemi Awolowo and is the oldest surviving private Nigerian newspaper

9. Best Online Media Website

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Daily Trust Online	www.dailytrust.com.ng	Daily Trust Newspaper is a media company engaged in Consultancy, Printing and Publishing. The company believes in efficient, honest and qualitative service to the customer.
2	DailyBells Nigeria	www.dailybells.com.ng	DailyBells Nigeria offers online news and current events. They cover general news, business & economy, brands & marketing, transportation, Infotech, politics, judiciary, crime, sports, entertainment, fashion, opinion, religion, analysis, lifestyle, and celebrities' gist.
3	Guardian Newspapers Limited	www.guardian.ng	The Guardian Newspapers Limited is an independent daily newspaper and online publisher that presents balanced coverage of events, and to promoting the best interests of Nigeria.
4	Ink House Media	www.brandarena.com.ng	Ink House Media is a branding and marketing weblog in West Africa. They are expended their coverage from ICT/Tech, branding, and marketing news to include fashion & style, sports, entertainment and startup profiling.
5	Leadership	www.leadership.ng	The LEADERSHIP is a daily national newspaper published by Leadership Group Limited. LEADERSHIP is based in Abuja, Nigeria. Leadership Nigerian Newspapers publish breaking Nigerian news in politics, business, entertainment, sports, opinion and more.
6	Naijanewspaper Media	www.naijanewspapers.com.ng	Naijanewspaper Media is a digital media distribution and review company focused on delivering Nigerian news across Nigerian audience.
7	National Pilot	www.thenationalpilot.ng	The National Pilot is a media company engaged in news, entertainment, music fashion Newspaper. They also provide the breaking news in different genera.
8	Nigeria News Update(NNU)	www.nnu.ng	NNU is an online news aggregation and contributors that focus on delivering curated, relevant and latest news items that they believe are of interest to majority from top reliable sources, focusing to Nigerians based locally and Diaspora.
9	Nigeria Today	www.nigeriatoday.ng	Nigeria Today offers online news on what is happening in Nigeria today in one platform. Be it News, Events, Sports, Entertainment, or Gist.
10	Pulse Nigeria	www.pulse.ng	Pulse NG is one of Nigeria's new media network that provides 24/7 live news, videos, entertainment, sports, lifestyle, celebrities & more.

11	The DailyTimes	www.dailytimes.ng	The DailyTimes is a media house located in Nigeria and incorporated in Nigeria in 1926. It was originally named the Nigeria Printing and Publishing Company.
12	The Tribune	www.tribune.com.ng	The Tribune Online, is the online edition of other publications of African Newspapers of Nigeria (ANN) PLC, which include Nigerian Tribune, Sunday Tribune and Saturday Tribune.

10. Best Electronic Media Website (Television & Radio)

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Cool FM	www.coolfm.ng	Cool FM is a popular radio station. This radio station operates in English language and playing lots of popular music 24 hours both air and live online. Currently it is playing music genres like Top 40/Pop, Adult Contemporary etc.
2	Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria	www.radionigeria.gov.ng	Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) is Nigeria's publicly funded radio broadcasting organization. Its subsidiary is the domestic radio network known as Radio Nigeria, with FM stations across the 36 states and Zonal station in the 6 geopolitical zones that broadcast on the SW. It broadcasts across the country in 15 languages, aiming to serve a diverse variety of listeners.
3	IROKO TV	www.iroko.ng	Irokotv is a web platform that provides paid-for Nigerian films on-demand. It is one of Africa's first mainstream online movie steaming websites, giving instant access to over 5,000 Nollywood film titles
4	Nigerian Television Authority - NTA	www.nta.ng	The Nigerian Television Authority - also known as NTA is a Nigerian government-owned and partly commercial broadcaster that was inaugurated in 1977. They provide latest breaking news and information on the top stories, breaking news, Nigerian papers, Nigerian news, NTA news, NTA live, NTA Sports, NTA Nigeria, business, politics, NTA TV, Nigerian Television Authority, NTA website, NTA Live streaming, NTA Live Stream.
5	Voice of Nigeria	www.von.gov.ng	The Voice of Nigeria (VON) is the official international broadcasting station of Nigeria. They provide news both local and international. They are the External Service of the then Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation.

13. Digital innovation in State Government

This award recognizes the State Government that has invested in Technology to promote innovation and local content development.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Borno State, Ministry of Works and Transport,	www.mwt.bo.gov.ng	Borno State, Ministry of Works and Transport, is vested with the sole responsibilities of construction/supervision of roads and drainages erosion/flood control works and construction/supervision of Public Buildings in Borno State. The Ministry also supervises the services of Borno Express Transport Corporation.
2	Lagos State	www.lagosstate.gov.ng	The official website for Lagos State which provides Social and Economic Services online for Lagos citizens.
3	Oyo State	www.oyostate.gov.ng	The official website for Oyo State which provides Social and Economic Services online for Oyo citizens.

14. Digital innovation in Federal Government

This award is presented to the best website/portal of the Federal Government that provides the best user experience.

Nominees

S/N	Organization	URL	About
1	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development	www.womenaffairs.gov.ng	
2	Galaxy backbone Ltd	www.galaxybackbone.com.ng	Galaxy Backbone Limited is the information technology and shared services provider of the Federal Government of Nigeria.
3	Standards Organisation of Nigeria	www.son.gov.ng	Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) is the apex standardization body in Nigeria. They are established for the purpose of providing additional functions for the organisation, increasing penalty for violation, and for related matters.

APPENDIX 2:

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Some of the press circulated by participants and the media house

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Bigcode microsystems Nigeria Limited

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2 BEST LOCAL HOSTING COMPANY

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Head, Communications and Technology Desk, *The Guardian*, Adeyemi Adepetun (left); Commissioner for Works and Transport, Borno State, Adamu Lawan; President, Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA), Rev. Sunday Folayan; Head of Operations, Guardian Digital, Lolade Nwanze and Head, Guardian TV, Bunmi Amosu at the NiRA 2018 ng. Awards in Lagos where *The Guardian* won Best Print Media award and Best Supporting Media Partner... at the weekend. PHOTO: SUNDAY AKINLOLU

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This is the third time in a row *The Guardian* would be recognised at the awards, which celebrate “achievements and innovations” among websites using the .ng domain name in Nigeria.

The Guardian bagged it at the maiden edition in 2016. It emerged top again in 2017 and now in 2018.



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Call masking, SIM-boxing endanger national security

By Adesoye Adesoye

ALTHOUGH there have been sanctions against telecommunications operators involved in call masking, SIM-boxing and related fraud, the menace still per-

- Govt loses revenue from telecoms sector to menace
- Masking cuts volume of Int'l calls by 59%
- NCC to unveil 3-digit short code to aid report on problem

sists.

About this time last year,

The Guardian exclusively brought the issue to light.

This spurred the Nigerian Communications Commis-

sion (NCC) to carry out some investigations, leading to the sanctioning and suspension of some operators earlier this year. Some of these suspensions were lifted.

Lately, however, these menaces have reappeared, even more intimately, fueling concern the country could be hit by a new wave of insecurity.

This has prompted experts

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The 2018 .ng Awards, the third in the series of the .ng Awards held on Friday 6th July, 2018, at the Celebration Gardens and Event Centre, Ikeja, Lagos. The .ng Awards celebrate the achievements and innovation of Nigerian Internet initiatives. The awards promote Nigerian businesses, individuals, charity, public and private sector organisations which help to make the Internet a more secure, open, accessible and rewarding experience for all.

Over the period of several months, the General Public was encouraged to nominate and vote for worthy companies who are using the .ng domain name for their businesses and have promoted the .ng brand. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all; the General Public, NiRA members, NiRA stakeholders, members of the press, NiRA Accredited Registrars, nominees and winners for their participation throughout the whole process.

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domain name system industry look forward to the yearly event.



Muhammad Rudman, Olayiwola Nwachi, Pascal Okaka and Sunday Folayan

On Friday, July 6, 2018, NiRA organised third edition of the award with Galaxy Backbone Limited, Fidelity Bank, University of Uyo, the Guardian Newspapers smiling home with awards.

The President of NiRA, Rev' Sunday Folayan, said the award was established to recognise and honour the various contributions of those creating awareness of the .ng brand and to acknowledge those who are exploring and exploiting various opportunities in the DNS industry for a better Nigeria.

The .ng Awards, Rev' Folayan said, is now recognised as a yearly event which serves to promote and commend the excellent achievements of NiRA members, stakeholders and the General Public, who tirelessly contribute towards building a sustainable economy using technology and at the same time uplifting the image of the Nigerian identity- .ng locally and internationally by stimulating the development and consumption of local content on the World Wide Web.

See list of awardees:

.ng Company of the Year

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Most Innovative Service Provider Online

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Pulse Nigeria-www.pulse.ng

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Rep of Novatia Translations NG receiving their award presented by CFA



Rep of Benue State Ministry of Works and Transport (BOSMT), Ayoola Odele, Rev' Sunday Folayan and Rep. of BOMET



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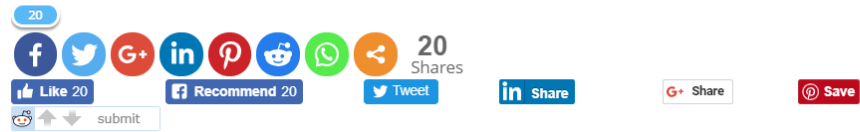


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The award ceremony, according to a statement released by NiRA, is billed for Friday, 6th July, 2018 in Lagos. It also stated that this year's award is the third edition of the .ng Awards.

The statement added that the voting which started on Thursday May 10, 2018 will end on Friday, May, 22, 2018.

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