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Interview with Mrs. Mary Uduma on Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA).

Mrs. Mary Uduma is the President of Nigerian Internet Registration Association (NIRA). She was elected president in September 2010.

E-Newsletter: *Madam can you please tell us briefly what NIRA is all about?*

Mrs. Uduma: NIRA is the organization that was midwife by National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) on the directive of the then President Olusegun Oluobasanjo when there was problem of who manages the .ng. The President directed NITDA who had earlier signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to manage the .nig, to form an association that is a stakeholder association that will be responsible for managing the .nig at ccTLD (country code top-level domain). So NIRA was born out of consensus by internet community in Nigeria to have an asso-



Mrs. Mary Uduma

ciation responsible for managing the .ng and the other thing is that it was not just a name that came, it was the community that chose the name. After choosing the name, it was registered as a non profit organization. NIRA started in 2008 when we signed MoU with NITDA on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria but the re-delegation of .ng to NIRA happened around May 2009 but the full take off of .ng came around July-September 2009. Our pioneer President passed on when I was the Vice President then and after that an election was conducted in 2010 and I became the President. We took over .nig when it had about two thousand (2000) domain names and since then we had had over 40,000 (forty thousand) domain names registered on the registry.

E-Newsletter: *What is .ng all about?*

Mrs. Uduma: The .ng, is the unique identifier of Nigeria on the internet as the country code just like you have +234 as a country code for telephone. So .ng is also the internet code or domain code or the root code for the Nigeria country code domain name.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you very much madam.*

NSE PH Branch 7th Annual Lecture /Awards 2012 held at Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt on Tuesday 11th September 2012.

Eminent Lecturer: Engr. Chief M. D. Derefaka FNSE, FNICE

Topic: Environment—Is It Leadership?



R-L: HRM Nicholas B. Nimenibo, Mrs Dania, Engr. Denis Dania (Branch Chairman), Sen. George Sekibo.

Photo top right: Engr. Chief Derefaka FNSE (right) receiving the Eminent Lecturer Award



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Engr. George Okoyo FNSE (right) with his spouse (middle) and Barr. Mrs. Oruye



Dr. Mrs. Ahme receiving an award



Engr. Nwkorobia (left)



The Nigeria Internet Governance Forum is a one-day Preparatory National Stakeholders' Forum which calls for contributions from various stakeholders such as government, regulators, professional bodies, civil societies, academia, youths & women, operators, security & law enforcement agencies, law makers, industry, international organizations, multilateral development partners, and the public towards facilitating domestic inputs into the forthcoming Global Internet Governance Forum 2012 taking place at Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 6 to 9 November 2012. The theme of the NIGF 2012 is in alignment with the Theme of the Global IGF 2012: 'Internet Governance for Sustainable Human, Economic and Social Development.' Please visit: <http://www.intgovforum.org>. The event goal is to provide 'Harmonization of National Multi-Stakeholders Positions based on the Global IGF 2012 Six Point Agenda':

- Access & Diversity (AD)
- Internet Governance for Development (IG4D)
- Security, Openness & Privacy (SOP)
- Managing Critical Internet Resource (MCIR)
- Emerging Issues (EI)
- And Taking Stock & Way Forward.

The event will be held at NICON Luxury International Hotel, Abuja on 25th September, 2012.

For more information visit <http://www.nigf.org/ng/>

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