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A NEW ERA

The year 2020 was indeed a unique one. The whole world was put on a compulsory halt because of the ravaging pandemic. Even after a year and some months, the universe is still buzzing with uncertainties and unanswered questions. The COVID-19 outbreak affected all segments of the population and the resilience of every sector was tested. However, we all learnt to appreciate the importance of some values that we had taken for granted over the years. Now is the time for global solidarity and support, particularly in the emerging and developing world. It is only together that we can overcome the intertwined health, social and economic impact of the pandemic.

Values such as resilience, teamwork, flexibility, adaptability, innovation, amongst others, will be required to succeed in this post-covid era. The role of technology can also never be over-emphasized. It advanced in leaps and bounds and continues to advance exponentially in this post covid era.

KNOCK KNOCK 2021!!!!

Q1 commenced on an exciting note as Digital Jewels clocked 13years. For the first time, our annual thanksgiving service was held virtually. Despite the remote nature, we had a refreshing and enjoyable time in God's presence. There was no doubt in our hearts that God had indeed been, and in fact, continues to be faithful to us as individuals and as an organization.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The annual IWD was celebrated on the 8th of March. The theme for the year is "Choose to Challenge." The firm joined the rest of the world to challenge gender bias and stereotypes, female technophobia, early marriage and more. We also celebrated passionate, focused and determined women whose remarkable achievements have brought inspiration to women world over and aided the transformation of our great continent. (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SkTzF2htw_FMq124DEctwJ-tes9zCxYn/view?usp=sharing) Also, Digital Jewels staff came together virtually to illustrate the theme of the year pictorially.



NATIONAL PRIVACY WEEK e-ROUNDTABLE SESSION

In support of Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) and as a way of championing data privacy and protection for critical national assets, Digital Jewels organized a webinar in conjunction with the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to celebrate the National Privacy Week.

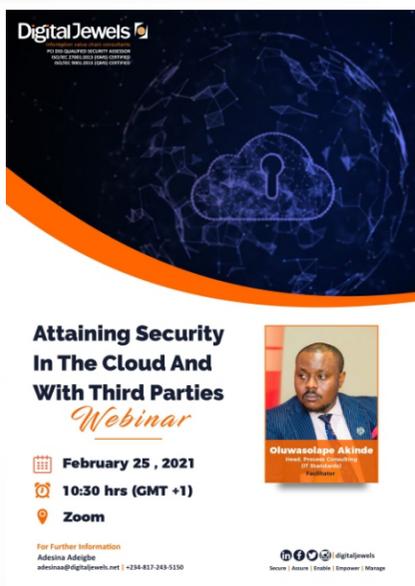
The webinar was graced with a sound panel of 5 experts, excluding the Keynote Speaker, **Mr. Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi** (DG/CEO, NITDA) and our ever-diligent host/moderator, **Mrs. Adedoyin Odunfa** (MD/CEO Digital Jewels Ltd.). On the panel, we had **Engr. Aliyu Aziz Abubakar**, DG/CEO National Identity Management Commission; **Dr. Vincent Olatunji**, Director e-Government, Development and Regulatory; **Mr. Oyeniyi Ajao**, Deputy Managing Director, Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System (NIBBS); **Davidson Oturu**, Partner AELEX; and **Mr. Ayo Stuffman**, President/CEO VAS2Nets Technologies Ltd. It was an enlightening session as the resource persons gave their perspectives and advise on the theme: Harnessing Data as A Critical Asset in the Digital Economy.



WEBINAR SERIES

As we gained momentum in the year and following on the heels of the National Privacy Week Webinar, the firm began a series of webinars focused on topical and operational issues. The first of these series held on the 25th of February 2021. The topic for the session was "Attaining Security in the Cloud and With Third Parties." The facilitator for the session was our very own Oluwasolape Akinde, Head, Process Consulting (IT Standards), Digital Jewels Ltd. Solape offered pragmatic guidance on cloud security, and third-party risk assessments. Cloud security encompasses the technologies, controls, processes and policies which combine to protect cloud-based systems, data and infrastructure.

The second session of the series held on the 25th of March 2021. The facilitator for the session was another of ours, Michael Oludiji Lana, Head of Frameworks (Consulting), Digital Jewels Ltd. The session focused on "Ensuring Data Protection and Achieving Compliance with National, Regional and Global Regulations." Mr. Lana provided a comprehensive status report on Data Protection in Africa, explained knotty issues and highlighted salient takeaways for all who joined the session.



The Keynote Speaker for the conference was Mark Thomas, President Escoute Consulting, USA. His impactful address set an excellent tone and reference point for the conference panels, presentations and deliberation. Two presentation sessions facilitated by the MD/CEO Digital Jewels, Adedoyin Odunfa; and an ITU/ARCC Cyber Security Expert from Egypt, Adel Abdel Moneim analysed the conference theme expertly, engaging delegates and participants with detailed and thought-provoking presentations. The panel sessions and deliberations were also very educative. There were three (3) panel sessions with a total of 11 experienced panelists namely: William Makatiani- CEO, Serianu Limited, Kenya; Hafiz Ahmed- Co-Founder & CIO AZAAN Business Intelligence & InfoSys Services OU, Estonia; Harrison Nnaji- Chief Information Security Officer, First Bank Nigeria; George Kanayo Ajufo- Chief Information Security Officer, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN); Cephas Okoth- Founder & Editor, Cyber in Africa; Henrietta Polley- Head, Information Security CalBank Ghana; Sherifat Akinwonmi- Cyber Security Specialist United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited, Canada; Rotimi Akinyele- Information Security & Business Continuity Expert, UAE; Dr. Vincent Olatunji- Director, eGovernment Development and Regulations (NITDA); Lucky Julius- Data Protection Officer (EMTS 9mobile), Nigeria and Malcolm Lee Kijirah- Partner, Victor Lee Legal, Kenya

The moderators of these sessions- Tokunbo Taiwo- Group CTO, Digital Jewels Ltd; Solape Akinde- Head, Process Consulting Digital Jewels Ltd and Michael Oludiji Lana- Head, Frameworks Consulting Digital Jewels Ltd. alongside the conference anchors, Adesina Adeigbe and Anthony Migui were able to engage the panelists with vital questions which put the discussions in gear.

The feedback gotten from the landmark conference confirmed that we had again taken a step in the right direction by setting the pace on cyber security and data protection issues.



TRAINING ACTIVITIES

In Q1, Digital Jewels was able to organize and deliver impactful training sessions to several clients spanning various locations. Some of these training programs covered: CBN Cybersecurity Framework and ISO 27001 Lead Implementer, ISO 9001 Lead Implementer, ISO 27001 Lead Auditor and Lead Implementer, ISO 22301 Lead Implementer and Lead Auditor, Information Security Awareness Session, Certified Data Protection Officer.

CYBER SECURITY & DATA PROTECTION CONFERENCE

A high point for the firm in the 1st half of the year, was the first ever Virtual Conference held on the 29th of April 2021. It was indeed an enlightening and engaging session. It pulled together top African and global thought leaders from countries around the world to give their informed perspectives and insight on the theme: Cyber Security & Data Privacy- Meander or Lead?

CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

Our competent team of consultants across the Continent were able to support several clients in adopting global best practice through international standards and frameworks. Some of these include: A large Kenyan Bank, Infrastructure companies, a mid-sized Oil & Gas company, several financial and ICT companies in Nigeria and Ghana, government institutions, amongst others.