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THE NATIONAL DIGITAL ECONOMY AND E-GOVERNANCE BILL 2025



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The Nigerian government, through the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, is advancing the National Digital Economy and e-Governance Bill 2025. This proposed legislation aims to establish a comprehensive and unified legal framework for the nation's digital transformation.

A central feature of the Bill is the establishment of legal recognition for electronic communications, digital records, and electronic signatures, affording them the same status as physical ones. Furthermore, it seeks to mandate the digitalization of government services and operations across ministries and agencies, which is intended to streamline public service delivery and reduce reliance on paper-based processes.

The Bill's progress has involved extensive public hearings and stakeholder engagement, reflecting a significant policy commitment to institutionalizing the digital economy as a core driver of economic growth.

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The legislative debates have, however, brought attention to potential regulatory overlaps between agencies like the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), which remains a key point of discussion for the industry.

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