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Understanding
The National
Intellectual
Property Policy
and Strategy
(NIPPS) 2025

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In a groundbreaking decision for Nigeria's innovation landscape, the Federal Executive Council (FEC) approved the National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy (NIPPS) in November 2025. This policy signifies a major transformation aimed at modernizing Nigeria's intellectual property framework. It seeks to incorporate intellectual property into the larger digital transformation agenda and align with the Startup Act of 2022.

The strategy primarily focuses on enhancing institutional governance, which entails strengthening the structures and processes that oversee intellectual property management in the country. This involves ensuring that regulatory bodies are well-equipped and adequately staffed to handle the complexities of intellectual property rights in a rapidly evolving digital economy.

Another crucial aspect of the policy is the expansion of digital filing infrastructure. This aims to streamline and simplify the process of registering and managing intellectual property assets. By leveraging advanced digital technologies, the government hopes to make the filing process more efficient, transparent, and accessible to innovators and entrepreneurs across the nation.

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Furthermore, the initiative seeks to promote IP-backed financing, which is a transformative approach to funding innovation. By enabling innovators to leverage patents and trademarks as collateral, the policy provides a new avenue for accessing investment.

This approach not only increases the financial resources available to innovators but also encourages a culture of creativity and intellectual property development within Nigeria's burgeoning startup ecosystem.

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