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A Decade of Impact:

Advancing AI, Talent, and Innovation for Africa's Future



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About Us

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) is Africa's foremost AI and Data Science organisation, dedicated to talent development and sector-specific solutions. With a strong presence across the continent, we lead a diverse community of AI professionals, enthusiasts, and beginners from both Anglophone and Francophone nations. Our mission is to nurture 1 million AI talents and position Africa at the forefront of the global AI landscape.

We are not only shaping the workforce of tomorrow but also deploying AI solutions to improve the lives of 2 billion people in emerging markets. Furthermore, we foster the growth of AI startups and champion digital transformation across African organisations, driving innovation and progress throughout the region.

Our major areas of value delivery are;

- Research and Innovation
- Products and Solution Development
- Training and Artificial Intelligence Community Building
- Consulting and Digital Transformation
- Artificial Intelligence Start-ups Incubation.



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Our Highlights

25,000+
AI Learning Videos
publicly available learning resources from top international universities-curated in external drive and distributed free across the country to address the challenge of poor internet.

950,000+
Online & Offline Learners
coupled with high-impact research papers which have been showcased at the world's leading AI conferences.

100+
Active Learning Communities
across cities and campuses in Nigeria.

1.1 million+
YouTube Views
of our learning contents.

1.5 million+
Artificial Intelligence for Starters
free e-book download - 99 use cases and expert views.

8500
hours
of face-to-face free classes in Data Science and Machine Learning applications organised in different states of Nigeria.



Our Core Values

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- Keynote address at the 2025 ARM Annual Directors Training programme on the strategic landscape of AI in financial services.
- Presentation at the MTN Technology Strategy Session on AI-powered digital acceleration and value creation.
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- Participation in the 3MTT Cohort 3.0 South-West Impact Summit, Lagos

- Facilitation of Microsoft Educators Programme for Lagos State Government (LASG) teachers
- Delivery of AI for the Entrepreneur Masterclass for the Tony Elumelu Foundation.
- AI Executive Masterclass for HBM Nigeria Plc (formerly Lafarge Africa Plc), Abuja, Nigeria
- Co-facilitation and delivery of the bespoke AI 101 Masterclasses for Policy Makers in partnership with Kenya-based Qhala in Lagos, Nigeria
- FemAI Artificial Intelligence Training for Policy Actors.

4 Global AI Conferences & Tech Community Engagement for Impact, Solution, and Collaboration

- Participation in GITEX Nigeria, including hosting the Lagos Pavilion at the Landmark Centre, Lagos, Nigeria
- Strategic engagement with NIMC Leadership at the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80) in New York, USA
- Panel participation at Moonshot by TechCabal focused on rethinking research for African Tech growth.
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- Participation at 2025 DataFest Africa, Lagos State, Nigeria
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- Design, technical execution, coordination, and participation in the 2026 Microsoft AI Skills Week
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- Participation at the AI-Compute Roundtable hosted by AI Skills and Compute Africa (AISCA), Lagos, Nigeria
- Technical coordination and execution of the hackathon and awards presentation at the 2026 edition of the Annual BlueChip AI Summit

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- Representation at the Africa AI Village during the 80th United Nations General Assembly through Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi's invitation to serve as Pillar Lead for Markets and Models in New York, USA
- High-level policy engagement at Meta's 2025 Global Innovation and Policy Flyout at the Menlo Park Headquarters, California
- Representation at the 13th General Meeting of the National Council on Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy (NCCIDE), Jos, Nigeria
- Contribution to Meta's AMET AI Governance Whitepaper and participation in a high-level policy roundtable on AI governance and regulatory framework for the AMET region in New York, USA
- Participation in the MacArthur Foundation Stakeholder Session on AI Development in Nigeria
- DSN representation at the NDPC Roundtable Session on Children's Online Safety.
- Panel participation at the Policy Dialogue on AI Ethics and Governance, Omniverse Africa Summit 3.0.
- Participation in the Nigeria Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Methodology Report Workshop and UNESCO AI Ethical Impact Assessment Tool Session, Abuja, Nigeria.
- Participation at the Nigeria AI Laboratory Privacy by Design Workshop, NITHUB, University of Lagos, Nigeria
- Participation as a speaker at Second Plenary, Kano Social Influencers Summit 2025, Nigeria
- Service as Track Chair and Facilitation of 'Harnessing AI for Public Good: Balancing Innovation and Responsibility' at ICEGOV 2025

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- Development and delivery of the Lagos State Generative AI Playbook for the Lagos State Government.

7 Harnessing Geospatial AI for Social Impact and Public Good

- Execution of the GeoST4R RMNCHN Transition workshop and associated fieldwork in Kano State, Nigeria.
- Collaboration with WorldPop and the University of Southampton on AI-Powered Geospatial Intelligence.
- Hosting of the Geospatial Bi-Weekly Webinar Series and the Maiden Geospatial Quarterly Webinar Series Focused on Advancing Knowledge in Geospatial Artificial Intelligence (GeoAI)
- Coordination of the World GIS Day 2025 Map Challenge and the Geospatial Community Quarterly Training Session.

8 Leading on Digital Public Infrastructure

- Strategic meeting on the adoption of DiCert by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN).
- Launch of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Startup Programme.
- Global Recognition and Advancement in Digital Public Infrastructure Innovation at Race to Onboard Hackathon
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- Featured Media Coverage: EdoCert Registry and Credentialing DPI, a Gates Foundation–Edo State Government Initiative

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- Gold sponsorship and participation in the 3rd Annual Uzemi Leadership Summit.
- Panel participation at DataFest Africa's Women in AI Session
- Panel participation at the Google Research Virtual Community Forum on Generative AI for Low-Resource Languages.
- Commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child to empower future female leaders.
- Participation at the Female Founders & Funders Programme Demo Day at the Civic Centre, Lagos.
- Participation at the Microsoft AI Skills for Women with the Ministry of Women Affairs in Abuja
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- Recognition as one of Africa's Top 50 Builders in the maiden Builder's List by TechCabal.
- Keynote address at the KPMG Digital Summit on AI for inclusive innovation and building Africa's future.
- Publication of a new policy brief for the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) regarding data access guidelines.
- Feature on the Oxford University podcast exploring Africa's evolving employment landscape.
- Keynote address at the LBS Africa Retail Congress on the future of retail and technology.
- Speaking engagement at the Global Data and AI Virtual Tech Conference on Indigenous Intelligence.
- Panellist at the Northwestern University, Chicago, USA, Roberta Buffett Institute's 2026 spring symposium on Brave New Futures

- Panellist at the AI-DPI Nexus: The Future of Public Interest Technology.
- Panel participation on Consumers at the Core Building AI with a Consumer-Centric Approach at Chase Advisors in collaboration with Consumer Voice and Consumer Education and Research Centre (CERC)
- Panel participation at the Global South–South Dialogue: AI for All – Reimagining Global Cooperation
- Panel participation at the AI Summit Nigeria, Abuja
- Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi Conferred with Fellowship of the Nigerian Marketing Research Association (NiMRA)
- Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi named among Africa's Top 25 Leaders in AI in Healthcare Voices by (AI4SID)
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- Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi's contribution to "Scaling Smart: AI, Retail & Imminent Disruption" Book
- Participation in Broadcast Media Africa Webinar on AI and Broadcast Compliance
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- Baobab & Beakers Podcast Feature on Leveraging Data and AI for National Development
- Nigeria Health Watch Podcast Feature: Digital Pathways to Better health for Young People.
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- Moderation of "A Roadmap for AI Leadership" Session at GITEX Nigeria
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- Participation at the Future of Financial Services Summit 2.0
- Participation at the Termii Elevate 4.0 Developer Track.
- Participation at the Nigeria AI Scaling Hub Visioning Workshop at Lagos Business School.
- Participation at the official launch of the Nigeria AI Scaling Hub and the inauguration of the Scaling AI for Development Challenge.
- Participation in the National AI Collective Year 2 Planning workshop at the Lagos Business School.
- Participation in the 3MTT Impact Summit and DeepTechReady Hackathon across various regional hubs in Abuja, Nigeria
- Participation at the AI University Innovation Pods (AI UNIPOD) launch, University of Lagos
- Participation at the Nigerian AI Collective Alignment Meeting with the Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy and Luminate Africa Lead in Abuja

- Hosting of the inaugural AI Collective Health Sectoral Convening.
- Panel participation at the 5th International Conference on AI and Robotics on building sustainable AI-driven digital transformation infrastructure.

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- Acceptance of two research papers at the 6th African NLP Workshop (ACL 2025) in Vienna, Austria
- uLearn: IRCAI Global Top 100 AI Innovations of 2025.
- Best Paper Award at AfricaNLP 2026: "African Voices Nigeria" 2,500-hour ethically sourced speech dataset for four Nigerian languages, recognised at EACL 2026 in Morocco.
- 1st and 3rd Place Winners at the Deep Learning Indaba 2025 Community Challenge Competition

15 Driving Organisational Excellence: Governance, Talent Development, and DSN Staff Capacity Building

- Execution of Open House sessions for staff on Data Privacy and Protection Training.
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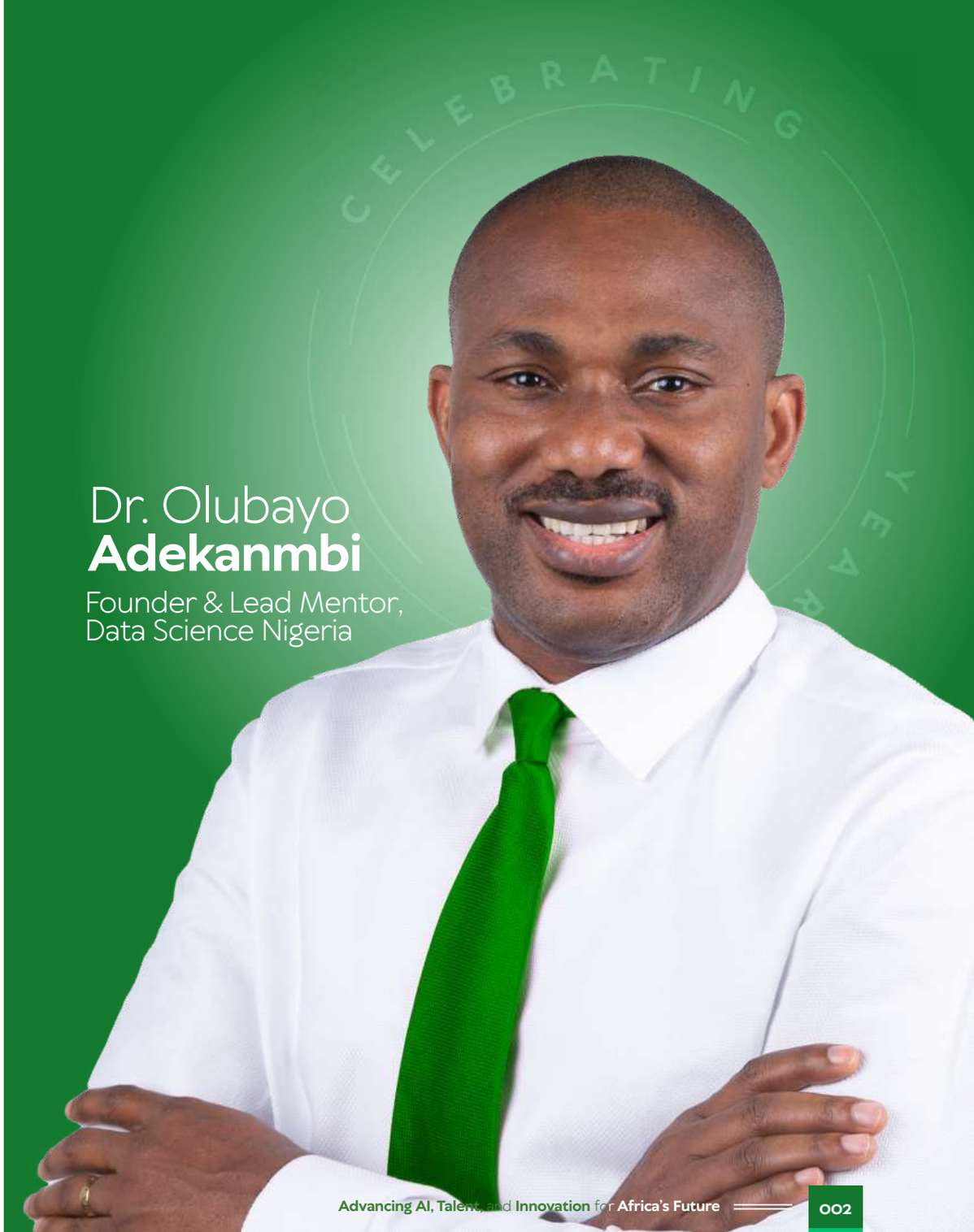


Welcome

A Decade of Impact: Building Africa's AI Future

A decade ago, Data Science Nigeria began with a conviction that Africa's future in Artificial Intelligence would depend on building world-class local talent and applying technology to the realities of our communities. Since our inception in December 2016, that purpose has remained remarkably consistent. Our earliest annual report described a solution-oriented approach to applying machine learning to social and business challenges, supported by capacity building, mentorship and the development of locally relevant solutions. It also set out an ambition to connect research, industry and innovation in ways that could create sustainable socioeconomic value. Ten years later, the scale, reach and sophistication of that work have changed, but the principle remains the same: Africa must have the people, knowledge and systems to shape its own AI future.

Talent development remains at the foundation of this mission. What began with bootcamps, mentorship programmes and our first Artificial Intelligence Community Hub has grown into increasingly structured national learning pathways. Through the 3MTT/DeepTech_Ready Upskilling Programme, more than 21,000 learners have now been trained across three cohorts. Beyond training, more than 1,500 DeepTech_Ready Fellows have received support from a network of over 110 mentors, accounting for more



than 1,200 hours of mentorship. This evolution reflects a commitment we have held from the beginning: talent development must extend beyond access to knowledge and create pathways toward practical capability, opportunity and impact.

Our work within Nigeria's AI ecosystem has also continued to mature. In the previous year, we highlighted our contribution to Nigeria's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy and the work of the Nigeria AI Collective. This year, the emphasis has increasingly moved from strategy toward coordination, implementation and scale. Within the Nigeria AI Collective, DSN's Community of Practice model was recognised for its structured approach to stakeholder engagement, knowledge sharing and sector-focused activities. DSN was also formally recognised for its technical support to the Nigeria AI Scaling Hub, a multi-stakeholder initiative connecting government, research, industry and innovators around the challenge of moving viable AI solutions from experimentation toward wider deployment.

Localisation remains equally central to our vision, but its meaning has expanded. Our work is increasingly focused not only on making AI accessible in African languages, but on building the data, research capacity and communities required to develop AI around African realities. The launch of our Language Digitization Playbook has helped build a growing community around dozens of minority dialects, while strengthening language-data capabilities across technical hubs nationwide. This work is complemented by African Voices Nigeria, an extensive, ethically sourced speech dataset covering several Nigerian languages, which received the Best Paper Award at the 7th AfricaNLP Workshop held with EACL 2026. Our uLearn platform was also included in the IRCAI Global Top 100 AI Innovations of 2025, further demonstrating how locally grounded research can translate into practical tools for more inclusive learning.

The journey from knowledge to practical solutions has been another defining part of our growth. By 2022, three DSN products had already been listed among the UNESCO-IRCAI Global Top 100, demonstrating an early ability to translate research and technical capability into locally relevant applications.

Today, that ambition is increasingly visible in deployed systems and Digital Public Infrastructure. In Kano State, the GeoST4R RMNCHN transition included code migration, live dashboard deployment, technical training and field validation across three Local Government Areas, ultimately moving the project from a partner-led initiative toward state ownership. In the DPI ecosystem, DSN contributed to the development of DiCert, which emerged as a winning project at the Global Digital Public Infrastructure Hackathon, while DSN team members were subsequently recognised as Race to Onboard Hackathon winners for their contributions to its design and implementation.



Our growing impact is also reflected in the wider African and global conversations in which DSN now participates. At the Africa

AI Village during the 80th United Nations General Assembly, I had the privilege of serving as Pillar Lead for Markets and Models, contributing to discussions on commercialisation, investment readiness and pathways for scaling African AI solutions.

We also contributed to the development of the Responsible AI Governance Whitepaper: *Toward AI Governance Alignment in Africa, the Middle East and Türkiye Region,* developed by a consortium of 11 AI governance experts and covering 19 countries.

These engagements reinforce an important principle: Africa's role in AI must extend beyond adoption to participation in the decisions, frameworks and markets that will shape its future.

As we reflect on this first decade, our greatest achievement is not any single programme, award or platform. It is the ecosystem that has grown around a persistent belief in African talent, locally relevant innovation and technology that delivers meaningful social and economic value.

As we enter our second decade, our responsibility is greater: to deepen African ownership of AI by strengthening the talent, data, research, products and institutions required to build, deploy and govern it responsibly.

We remain guided by the belief that Africa's AI future must be inclusive, people-centred, locally grounded and shaped by those it is intended to serve. Thank you to our communities, partners, mentors, researchers, policymakers and team members who have made this journey possible. The foundations of the past decade give us confidence for the one ahead.
Together, we will continue building an Africa that does not simply participate in the AI revolution, but increasingly helps define its future.





CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

LOCAL EXPERTISE

Local Expertise Pipeline Development through Inclusive Talent Programmes

Execution of the DSN AI Bootcamp at the University of Lagos to build high-level technical capacity.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) successfully hosted the 2025 AI Bootcamp, held from 20-24 October 2025 at the University of Lagos. The five-day immersive programme brought together over 32,000 learners from across Nigeria, with 150 finalists emerging and representation from all 36 states demonstrating the scale, inclusiveness, and brilliance of Africa's growing AI ecosystem. The bootcamp served as a dynamic platform for intensive capacity building, collaboration, and innovation in Artificial Intelligence.





A major highlight of the programme was the highly anticipated in-event Hackathon, proudly sponsored by the MTN Foundation. The Hackathon provided participants with the opportunity to apply their knowledge in solving real-world problems, fostering creativity, teamwork, and innovation. Another key moment at the grand finale was the Microsoft Stream Showcase, where ten exceptional participants from the Train-the-Trainer programme took centre stage to present their projects and share compelling stories of impact, reflecting the transformative outcomes of the bootcamp.

The programme featured distinguished speakers who delivered insightful sessions on emerging technologies, including generative AI and its application across industries. These sessions emphasised the importance of transitioning from learning to building, reinforcing DSN's commitment to developing practical, solution-driven talent capable of addressing real-world challenges.

The bootcamp concluded with a powerful closing session by Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria who encouraged participants with the message, "Don't stop until you are proud." This charge encapsulated the spirit of the programme promoting continuous learning, resilience, and excellence beyond the classroom. Supported by partners, sponsors, and the dedicated DSN team, the 2025 AI Bootcamp stands as a significant milestone in advancing AI capacity development and strengthening Africa's position in the global digital economy.





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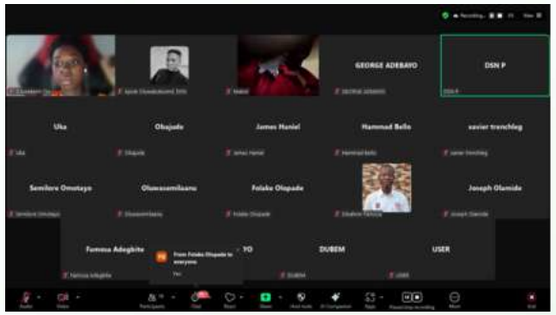
AI Career Development for Kids & Teens: 2025 Career Day

The AI Career Development for Kids and Teens programme was successfully delivered as an annual Data Science Nigeria (DSN) initiative designed to introduce young learners to the world of Artificial Intelligence through engaging, interactive, and age-appropriate learning experiences. The programme provided a platform for children and teenagers to explore coding, AI concepts, and emerging technologies while connecting them to the DSN AI+ Kids and Teens Community. Through hands-on activities, knowledge-sharing sessions, and collaborative learning

opportunities, participants were encouraged to develop creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills relevant to the digital age. The initiative also served as a pathway for continuous learning and innovation, enabling participants to network with peers, share ideas, and gain exposure to future opportunities within the technology ecosystem.

By fostering early interest in AI and digital technologies, the programme equipped young learners with foundational skills and the confidence to pursue future careers in technology and related fields. Overall, the programme reinforced DSN's commitment to nurturing the next generation of innovators and preparing young Nigerians for success in an increasingly AI-driven future.







2.3

Hosting of the Microsoft AI National Skilling Initiative Educators Track.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), in partnership with Microsoft, successfully hosted the Microsoft AI National Skilling Initiative Educators Track, delivering the AI Fluency for Educators programme to 5,150 participants across Nigeria. The initiative was designed to equip educators with foundational AI knowledge and practical skills in Generative AI application, directly training this cohort while creating a structured pathway to indirectly reach an additional 10,000 through cascading knowledge transfer.

The programme featured two core delivery components. The first, the Microsoft MTN Sail Introduction to Generative AI for Educators, engaged 5,000 participants drawn from the MTN Teachers' Fellowship. DSN facilitators delivered a comprehensive technical masterclass, equipping fellows with practical knowledge and tools to effectively integrate generative AI into teaching methodologies and enhance personalised learning experiences in their respective classrooms.

The second component, delivered in collaboration with the Lagos State Ministry of Education, targeted 150 IT personnel from public schools under the title "Harnessing AI and Online Labs for Effective STEM Teaching."

This specialised track was designed to strengthen AI-driven STEM delivery capacity by providing participants with hands-on experience using Generative AI tools and online laboratory resources to improve teaching outcomes in public education settings. Programme delivery combined structured technical instruction with practical application, ensuring participants moved beyond theoretical understanding to actionable classroom implementation. Educators were guided through the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, the mechanics and capabilities of





Generative AI, and specific use cases for personalised learning, content creation, and student engagement. The IT personnel track incorporated additional modules on online lab integration, enabling participants to deploy digital resources within the constraints of public-school infrastructure. The scale of participation reflects strong demand for AI literacy among Nigeria's educator community and effective outreach by DSN in mobilising teachers and education officials across both the MTN Teachers' Fellowship network and Lagos State public schools. The dual-track approach ensured coverage of both broad-based educator upskilling and targeted public sector capacity building, reinforcing DSN's role as a strategic implementation partner in Microsoft's national AI skilling agenda.

Overall, the AI Fluency for Educators programme was impactful and well received, contributing to increased AI competency within Nigeria's teaching workforce and creating a scalable model for educator-focused capacity building. As a follow-up, DSN plans to track integration outcomes among participating educators, maintain engagement through dedicated community channels for peer support and resource sharing, and explore opportunities for sustained collaboration with Microsoft and state education ministries to expand the programme's reach and deepen its impact on STEM education delivery nationwide.



2.4

Participation in the MTN Nigeria Y'ello Career Fair to bridge the gap between AI talent and industry opportunities

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), on behalf of Microsoft, participated in the MTN Nigeria Y'ello Career Fair held on 2–3 September 2025 at the MTN Rooftop, Falomo, Awolowo Way, Lagos, represented by Oluwabukunmi Ajiola and Oluwatobi Olayanju. The career fair was organised by MTN Nigeria's Human Resources division as an internal employee development initiative, designed to expose MTN staff to emerging career opportunities and equip them with the skills needed to navigate the evolving digital landscape.

DSN's engagement at the fair was strategically designed to meet participants at their varying levels of AI literacy. The team connected with three distinct audience segments among the MTN employee base: individuals with no prior AI exposure seeking foundational understanding, professionals actively looking to transition into AI-driven roles within the organisation, and practitioners aiming to optimise their existing workflows and improve operational efficiency through AI tools.

This tiered approach ensured that conversations, demonstrations, and guidance were tailored to the specific needs of each participant, maximising relevance and immediate applicability to their roles at MTN.





The DSN team delivered practical, hands-on demonstrations illustrating what it means to apply AI in real-world contexts — from automating routine tasks and enhancing decision-making to building AI-powered solutions for business and personal productivity.

These demonstrations were complemented by structured introductions to DSN's capacity-building programmes, providing attendees with clear, actionable roadmaps for advancing their AI competencies regardless of their starting point. Platform access was shared with interested participants to enable immediate engagement with learning resources. Feedback and engagement from the two-day participation reflected strong interest across all three target segments. Employees looking to switch careers expressed particular enthusiasm for DSN's beginner-friendly pathways and structured skill-building frameworks, while those seeking workflow optimisation gravitated towards programmes that offered immediate productivity gains and certification opportunities.

Contact information was collected from attendees for follow-up engagement, and updates were shared with participants based on their expressed requests and areas of interest. The participation of MTN's Human Resources division underscored the organisation's commitment to internal talent development and the growing corporate demand for AI-literate workforces, reinforcing the strategic value of DSN's mission, on behalf of Microsoft, to prepare professionals for the evolving digital economy.

Overall, DSN's participation in the Y'ello Career Fair was impactful and well received, contributing to increased awareness of DSN's programmes among MTN's employee base and strengthening the organisation's visibility as a trusted partner for enterprise AI capacity building.

2.5

Collaboration with Microsoft for the AI Developers Programme to advance capacity building within government sectors.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), through the Microsoft Elevate AI Developers Programme, has successfully delivered two completed cohorts of advanced, certification-ready AI training, enrolling 4,130 participants across six Microsoft certification tracks and achieving 165% of the initial target of 2,500 applicants.

The programme, designed to deepen technical capacity within Nigeria's technology ecosystem with strong representation from all states, has concluded both Phase 1 and Phase 2, with participants progressing through structured self-paced learning, live instruction, mentorship, and project-based assessment on the Microsoft Learn and Digital Skills Nigeria platforms.

The programme activated six certification pathways: SC-900 (Microsoft Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals), DP-900 (Microsoft Azure Data Fundamentals), AI-900 (Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals), AZ-900 (Microsoft Azure Fundamentals), PL-900 (Microsoft Power Platform Fundamentals), and PL-300 (Microsoft Power BI Data Analyst).

AI-900 attracted the highest enrolment at 1,510 participants, followed by PL-300 with 989, SC-900 with 624, AZ-900 with 388, PL-900 with 312, and DP-900 with 307. All 4,130 participants were onboarded onto the Microsoft Learn platform and organised into track-specific learning communities, ensuring tailored engagement and focused progression.

Programme delivery combined a 4-week self-paced learning schedule, weekly live instructor-led





sessions, virtual check-ins for accountability, and mandatory practice assessments on the Microsoft Learn platform. A structured evaluation framework weighted learning completion and practice assessment evidence at 60%, project completion and Digital Skills Nigeria platform resources at 30%, and community engagement at 10%. Over 2,500 participants completed coursework on the Digital Skills Nigeria platform, demonstrating strong engagement with supplementary learning resources and mock assessments designed to simulate official certification exam conditions.

A standout outcome of the programme was the certification of 300 top-performing participants through advanced certification vouchers awarded at no cost, representing 7.3% of the total trained cohort. These participants, selected based on consistent learning completion, strong assessment performance, and active community participation, advanced to sit for formal Microsoft certification exams, creating a direct pipeline of industry-recognised talent into the workforce. Mentorship sessions on exam preparation, scheduling, and strategy further reinforced readiness, ensuring participants were equipped not only with technical knowledge but with the practical skills to successfully navigate certification processes.

The impact of the programme extends beyond individual certification. By embedding structured learning, peer accountability, and project-based evaluation into a scalable virtual model, DSN has strengthened its capacity to deliver high-volume, high-quality AI training at the national



level. The completion of both cohorts underscores DSN's role as a key implementation partner in Microsoft's broader mission to elevate AI and digital skills capacity across Nigeria, with a significant share of participants drawn from or positioned to contribute to government and public sector digital transformation agendas.

Overall, the Microsoft Elevate AI Developers Programme has proven to be a high-impact, data-driven intervention, converting enrolment into measurable outcomes: 4,130 trained, over 2,500 engaged on supplementary platforms, and 300 certified through advanced vouchers. As a follow-up, DSN plans to track certification pass rates, integrate alumni into its professional community for continuous upskilling, and explore expanded collaboration with Microsoft to extend similar pathways to additional cohorts and government-focused tracks.

2.6

Participation as a training partner at the Art of Technology (AOT) Lagos to deepen technical expertise.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) duly represented by Business Development Lead, Aanu Oyeniran, Tejumola Asanloko, Community and Programme Analyst, Oluwatobi Olayanju, Business Development Analyst, and Oluwabukunmi Ajiola, Community and Programme Analyst and participated in the AOT 7.0 Career Pavilion as a training partner delivered a one-hour training session aimed at introducing participants to opportunities in Artificial Intelligence and digital skills development.

The session recorded full attendance, with 96 participants in the breakout room, reflecting strong interest in AI learning and career pathways. Additionally, 55 participants completed the post-session feedback survey, providing valuable insights into audience demographics and learning preferences.

The session was designed as a beginner-friendly introduction, covering the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, career pathways within the AI ecosystem, and structured skill-building roadmaps for both beginners and intermediate learners. Participants were also introduced to DSN's capacity-building programmes, including collaborations with Microsoft, Google DeepTech_Ready, NVIDIA, and its professional certification tracks.



The use of a headset-assisted learning system enhanced engagement and ensured clarity, creating an immersive and interactive learning experience. Analysis of participant feedback revealed that 70% of respondents identified as beginners, 28% as intermediate, and 2% as advanced, highlighting a strong demand for foundational AI training. Programme interest was highest in Microsoft Capacity Building (32%), followed closely by Google DeepTech_Ready (30%) and Professional Certifications (30%), while Corporate Training (6%) and NVIDIA programmes (2%) recorded lower interest levels.

The audience primarily consisted of students, interns, analysts, engineers, and web developers, indicating a predominantly early-career group eager to build AI competencies. The event also featured the presence of key government and ecosystem leaders, including Hon. Commissioner Olatunbosun Alake and Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, Deputy Governor of Lagos State, underscoring the state's commitment to advancing digital capacity development.

DSN's participation strengthened its visibility within the ecosystem and reinforced its role in driving AI education and talent development. Overall, the session was impactful and well received, contributing to increased awareness of DSN's programmes and creating a strong pipeline for future learners.



As a follow-up, DSN plans to onboard participants into relevant programmes based on their interests, maintain engagement through community channels, and explore opportunities for sustained collaboration with AOT organisers to further expand AI capacity-building initiatives.

2.7

Speaking engagement at the Engineering Career Expo at the University of Lagos

As part of its commitment to shaping the future of work, DSN contributed to the Engineering Career Expo 5.0 Grand Finale through the participation of Rashidat Sikiru, Data Analyst/ ML Engineer, as a speaker.

The session explored how automation, remote collaboration, and rapid technological advancement are transforming today's workplace. Alongside other industry experts, Rashidat shared insights on how Artificial Intelligence is redefining job roles and how remote technologies are reshaping career pathways.

The engagement provided valuable guidance for young professionals seeking to navigate the evolving world of work and position themselves for emerging opportunities in the digital economy.



2.8

Panel participation at Kaduna State Ministry of Youth Development's 2025 International Youth Skills Day

Faiza Sani, Northern Nigeria Technical Project Lead, represented the organisation at the International Youth Skills Day event held at Kaduna ICT Hub, Kaduna state, where she participated as a panel speaker during the session focused on Youth Empowerment through Artificial Intelligence and Digital Skills. During the panel discussion, she highlighted the role of Data Science Nigeria (DSN) in building the capacity of young people across Nigeria through its various digital skills and AI development initiatives.

She spoke extensively about the Arewa Ladies4Tech programme implemented in Kaduna State, emphasising its impact in equipping women and girls in Northern Nigeria with in-demand data and AI skills, creating pathways for employment, entrepreneurship, and leadership in technology.

Faiza also shared insights into DSN's broader youth-focused interventions, including the DSN community outreach activities, AI awareness programmes, innovation challenges, and learning events designed to make digital and AI education more accessible and inclusive.



The discussion reinforced the importance of collaborative efforts in preparing young people with future-ready skills that will enable them to contribute meaningfully to economic growth and technological advancement.

The session provided an excellent platform to showcase DSN's contributions to youth empowerment while engaging with students, youth groups, government stakeholders, and other ecosystem players committed to advancing digital transformation in Kaduna State and beyond.





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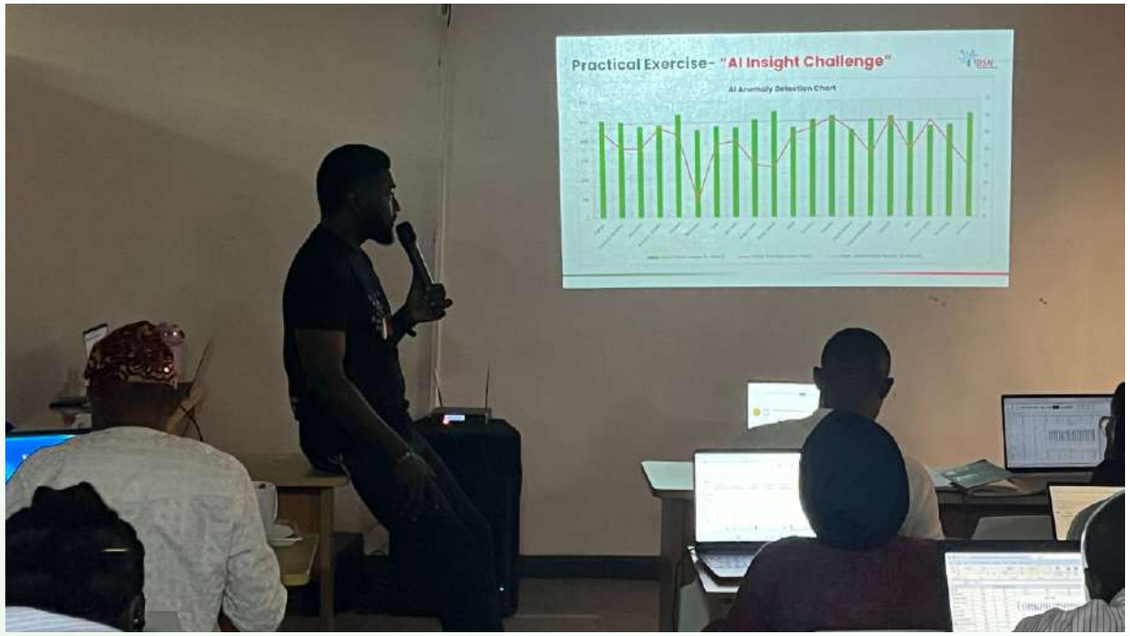
3-day Lagos State Government training (Data Fundamentals, Economic Intelligence, Monitoring & Evaluation), LCCI Centre

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) successfully delivered a three-day bespoke, in-person training workshop for the Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget from 10-12 February2026. The programme, which engaged 40 participants, focused on Data Fundamentals, Economic Intelligence, and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E).

Designed to strengthen data-driven decision-making within the public sector, the training emphasised practical application, equipping participants with the skills to transform raw data into actionable insights for policy development, planning, and operational efficiency. The workshop adopted a structured and hands-on learning methodology, combining expert-led sessions, practical exercises, and interactive discussions.

DSN facilitators led comprehensive sessions on data governance, data quality, and the use of Excel for organising and validating datasets. Participants were guided through real-world applications of economic intelligence, including trend analysis, forecasting, and interpretation of socio-economic indicators.









The final phase of the training focused on Monitoring and Evaluation, where participants developed logical frameworks and designed M&E systems tailored to public sector programmes, reinforcing their capacity for accountability and performance tracking.

DSN's training team played a pivotal role in delivering high-impact learning outcomes through engaging facilitation, practical demonstrations, and continuous learner support. Their expertise ensured that participants not only understood theoretical concepts but were also able to apply them in real-life scenarios through classwork, group exercises, and assignments. The interactive nature of the sessions fostered active participation and knowledge retention, contributing significantly to the overall success of the programme.

Feedback from participants highlighted strong satisfaction with the training, particularly in knowledge acquisition, relevance to their roles, and facilitator effectiveness. Most respondents rated the training highly, noting its immediate applicability to their work in government planning and budgeting.

This engagement underscores DSN's continued commitment to building data and AI capacity within the public sector. The organisation recommends sustained practice and application of the acquired skills to ensure long-term impact and continuous improvement in evidence-based governance.

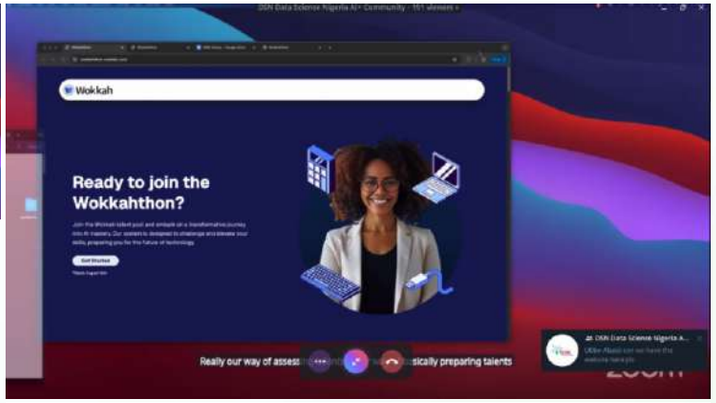
Launching Global Job Opportunities for the DSN Community through the DSN–Wokkah Partnership

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), in collaboration with Wokkah, launched a talent mobilisation initiative designed to connect members of the DSN community with practical work opportunities, innovation challenges, and potential hiring pathways. The initiative was unveiled during a virtual session hosted on the DSN Telegram community, reaching over 16,000 members across campuses, city chapters, professional networks, academia, and the wider AI community.

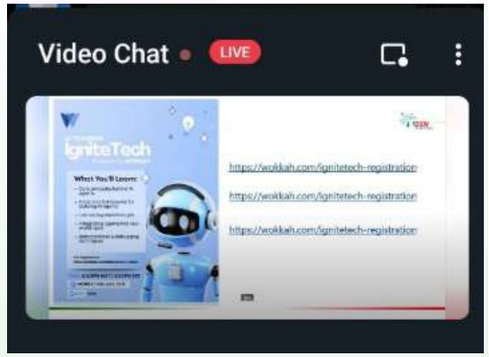
The collaboration introduced Wokkahthons, 100-Day Challenges, and talent engagement and hiring opportunities, providing DSN talents with access to real-world problem statements, mentorship, project-based learning, freelance opportunities, and potential contract or full-time employment. As part of the launch, DSN also supported the identification and shortlisting of talent for a four-week freelance Full Stack Developer project focused on an AI-powered pronunciation platform.

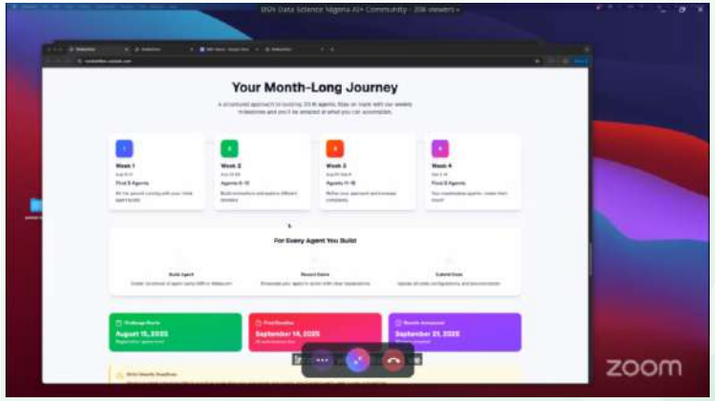
Through this partnership, DSN strengthened its role in bridging local AI and technology talent with practical industry opportunities, supporting employability, hands-on experience, and pathways for its growing community to participate in the global digital economy.













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Keynote address at the 2025 ARM Annual Directors Training programme on the strategic landscape of AI in financial services

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria served as the keynote speaker at the 2025 ARM Annual Directors Training Programme themed "Strategic Landscape of AI in Financial Services." The executive training session was designed to equip directors with critical insights into the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence within the financial ecosystem.

In his presentation, Dr. Adekanmbi highlighted how organisations can unlock operational efficiency through automation, drive revenue growth via personalisation and data-driven insights, and strengthen risk management using advanced monitoring and compliance systems. He also underscored the rapid pace of global AI adoption, noting that a significant proportion of financial institutions are already leveraging AI, while many others are accelerating their adoption efforts.

The session examined the risks associated with AI, particularly for organisations that delay adoption or implement solutions without robust governance frameworks. Through practical insights and real-world examples, participants were equipped with the knowledge required to evaluate AI investments, oversee implementation strategies, and guide their organisations through ongoing digital transformation.

Furthermore, the session provided a strategic overview of AI as a competitive differentiator in the financial services industry. Dr. Adekanmbi outlined how AI technologies are reshaping key functions across asset management, investment banking, stockbroking, and trust services, with applications including algorithmic trading, portfolio optimisation, compliance automation, fraud detection, and enhanced client advisory.

The session also clarified foundational concepts, distinguishing between core AI, machine learning techniques, and emerging innovations such as Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLMs), thereby enabling more informed decision-making at the board level.

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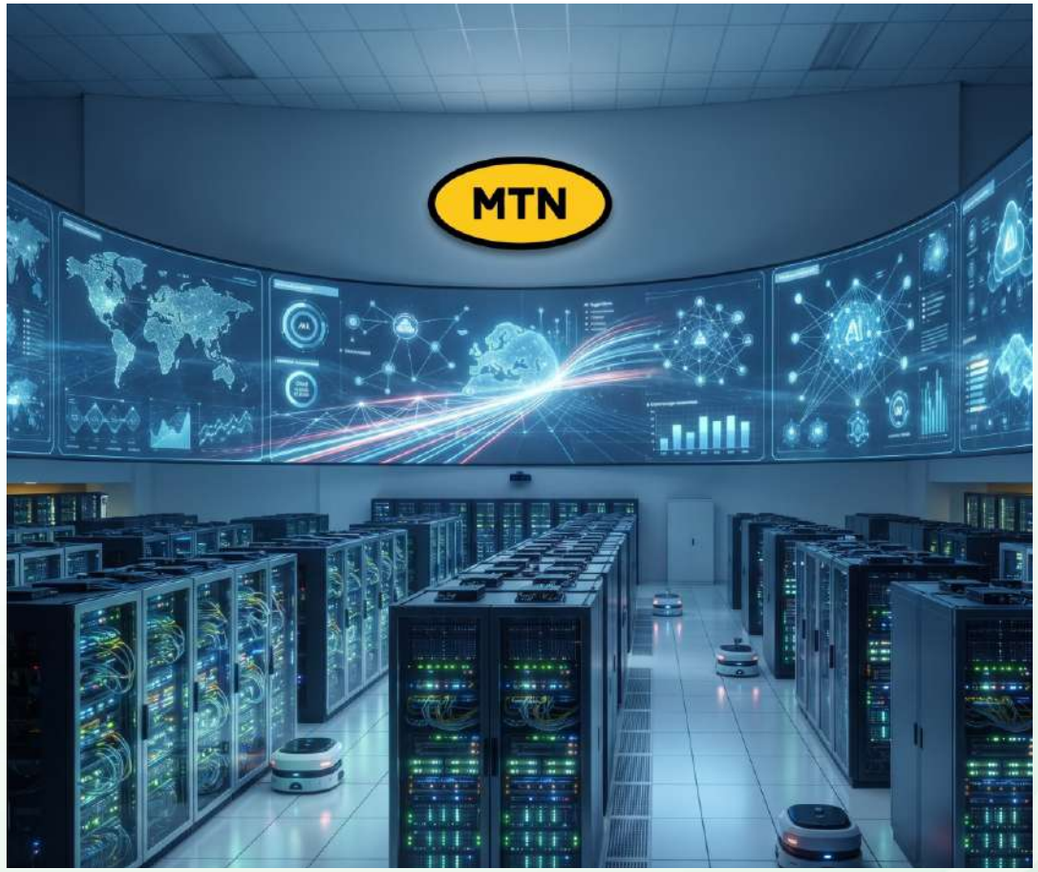
Presentation at the MTN Technology Strategy Session on AI-powered digital acceleration and value creation

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria further reinforced the organisation's leadership in advancing AI-driven transformation through his participation as a virtual speaker at a strategic technology session organised by MTN Benin Republic on 12 December 2025.

The session, themed "Driving Transformation through Innovation and Digital Acceleration," brought together technology leaders across network, IT, and security functions to explore how Artificial Intelligence can be leveraged to enhance business performance and accelerate digital adoption. In his address, Dr. Adekanmbi provided strategic insights on embedding AI across enterprise operations, with a strong focus on leveraging customer data to drive decision-making and improve service delivery.

His contribution emphasised the importance of integrating AI into core business processes, aligning technological capabilities with organisational goals, and building resilient digital infrastructure to support innovation.

The session enabled participants to better understand how AI can be operationalised to deliver measurable impact across business units.





The engagement also highlighted DSN's expanding influence in supporting private sector transformation across Africa. By sharing practical frameworks and real-world applications of AI, Dr. Adekanmbi equipped MTN Benin Republic's technology teams with actionable knowledge to support their 2026 strategic priorities, particularly in enhancing customer insights, operational efficiency, and digital competitiveness.

Overall, this strategic engagement underscores DSN's commitment to driving innovation through thought leadership and cross-sector collaboration. Dr. Adekanmbi's participation not only elevated DSN's profile within the regional technology ecosystem but also strengthened its role as a trusted partner in enabling organisations to harness AI for sustainable growth and digital transformation.

Keynote speech at the Avetium and Zoho Client Engagement on building next-gen businesses with AI and smart tools

Africa's digital transformation is evolving beyond isolated advancements into a more coordinated, system-driven reality. Rather than a fragmented build-out of tools and platforms, the continent's progress increasingly depends on how effectively data, connectivity, Artificial Intelligence, and policy are integrated into a cohesive ecosystem.

At the Avetium Technologies Ltd and Zoho Business Leadership Forum, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria joined industry leaders to examine the role of AI and enterprise technologies in driving business growth and operational efficiency across Africa.

The session highlighted a clear shift in focus: from digital adoption as a standalone goal to the deliberate orchestration of intelligent, connected systems. Key insights from the engagement underscored a persistent gap within many organisations — the presence of multiple digital tools operating in silos, with limited integration to enable enterprise-wide intelligence.

While adoption levels continue to rise, the ability to unify these systems remains a critical determinant of long-term value creation. Dr. Adekanmbi emphasised that Africa's next phase of growth will be defined not by the volume of digital solutions deployed, but by the degree to which they are interconnected.

Organisations that align technology investments with clear strategy and integrated system design are better positioned to unlock efficiency, scale innovation, and deliver measurable impact. This perspective reinforces a broader strategic direction: building integrated intelligence across sectors through deliberate system alignment, cross-functional data flow, and partnerships that strengthen the overall digital ecosystem.





3.4

Participation in the 3MTT Cohort 3.0 South-West Impact Summit, Lagos

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) participated in the 3MTT South-West Impact Summit 3.0, held at Landmark Towers, Victoria Island, Lagos, as a strategic partner and key ecosystem stakeholder committed to strengthening Nigeria's AI and data science ecosystem.

The summit convened innovators, founders, policymakers, and ecosystem stakeholders from across the South-West region under the theme "Resilience through Innovation." Representing were DSN Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions), and Omotowa Oluwatobi Shalom, Data Scientist who engaged with participants to explore technology-driven solutions capable of strengthening resilience, promoting inclusive innovation, and fostering sustainable development across communities.

DSN's role as a strategic partner was anchored in its focus on strengthening AI and data science capacity across communities and deepening DeepTech_Ready partnerships, aligned with national AI capacity-building and impact-driven innovation. The summit opened with an introduction to its objectives and structure, highlighting participation from innovators representing six South-West states.

The keynote by Abubakar Suleiman, CEO of Sterling Bank, emphasised comparative advantage, urging participants to continuously reinvent their strengths using technology, break human limitations, and design adaptable systems that reduce human suffering—principles that closely align with DSN's vision of ethical and impactful AI deployment.

A highlight of the summit was the 3MTT Innovation Pitch Session, featuring six teams delivering five-minute presentations on technology-enabled solutions addressing education, finance,



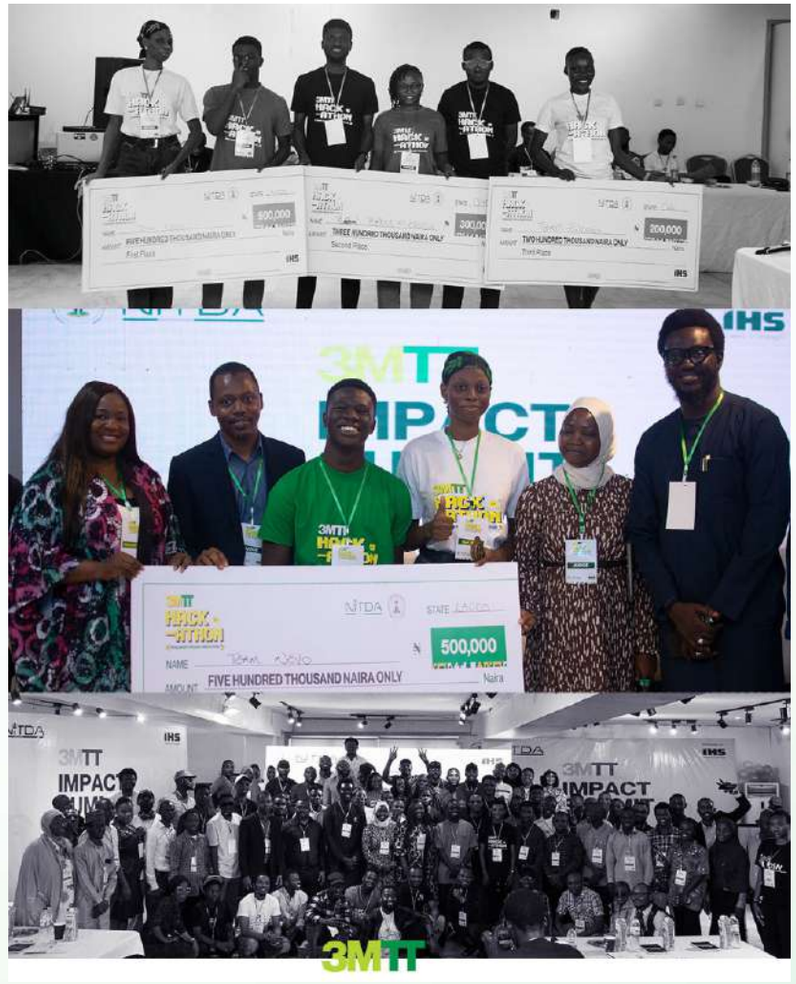
sustainability, and social impact. Participating teams included Team Nevo (Lagos), EcoCycle (Ogun), MindBoard (Ekiti), TheFrontiers (Osun), MicroBiz (Oyo), and FinCoach (Ondo).

These sessions underscored the region's growing capacity for innovation, with DSN providing guidance and mentorship to ensure solutions were aligned with responsible AI practices and practical scalability considerations. Team Nevo's AI-powered learning platform for learners with special needs exemplified the type of inclusive and ethical innovation DSN champions. The platform uses AI to deliver personalised learning experiences through visual, audio, storytelling, and interactive formats without labelling learners, promoting accessibility and dignity. Optimised for low-bandwidth environments and compatible with existing Learning Management Systems, the solution reflects DSN's emphasis on practical, scalable AI adoption.

DSN's strategic involvement ensured that such solutions were evaluated not only for innovation but also for their potential societal impact and alignment with ethical AI standards. The pitch session fostered active engagement from judges, investors, and ecosystem leaders, generating valuable feedback on solution design and scalability.

Team Nevo emerged as the first-place winner, receiving a N500,000 prize, while Team MicroBiz and Team FinCoach placed second and third with N300,000 and N200,000 respectively. DSN's presence as a strategic partner amplified the visibility of AI-driven solutions and reinforced the importance of ecosystem collaboration in scaling impactful innovations across education, finance, and social systems.

Through its participation, DSN strengthened its role in national AI capacity-building and ecosystem development, showcasing how strategic partnerships can support the growth of ethical, inclusive, and socially impactful technology solutions. The summit reinforced DSN's mission to cultivate talent, foster collaboration among startups, corporates, and development partners, and promote sustainable innovation that addresses real-world challenges across Nigeria.



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Facilitation of Microsoft Educators Programme for Lagos State Government (LASG) teachers

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), in partnership with Microsoft and the Lagos State Ministry of Education, delivered the "Amplifying Teaching through AI: Productivity, Tools & Knowledge Transfer for Educators" training in Maryland, Ikeja, Lagos. The session brought together 150 educators and school administrators and focused on equipping participants with practical AI skills to improve lesson planning, assessment, communication, and overall teaching effectiveness.

DSN played a key role in the delivery of the hands-on training, with Michael O. Adeniran, Programme/ Content Manager, Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead, and Oluwatobi Olayanju, Business Analyst representing the organisation. The session covered foundational and generative AI concepts, responsible AI use, prompt engineering, and practical classroom applications through live demonstrations of tools including ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Microsoft Copilot, Canva AI, NotebookLM, and MagicSchool AI.

The engagement also surfaced key barriers to AI adoption in schools, including internet connectivity, electricity and device limitations, institutional buy-in, and resistance to change. The session strengthened collaboration among DSN, Microsoft, the Lagos State Ministry of Education, and ecosystem partners, while reinforcing DSN's contribution to building an AI-ready education workforce in Lagos State.







3.6

Delivery of AI for the Entrepreneur Masterclass for the Tony Elumelu Foundation

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) successfully developed and deployed a comprehensive AI for Entrepreneurs learning content and programme for Tony Elumelu Foundation which was aimed at strengthening the capacity of entrepreneurs to leverage Artificial Intelligence for business growth and innovation.

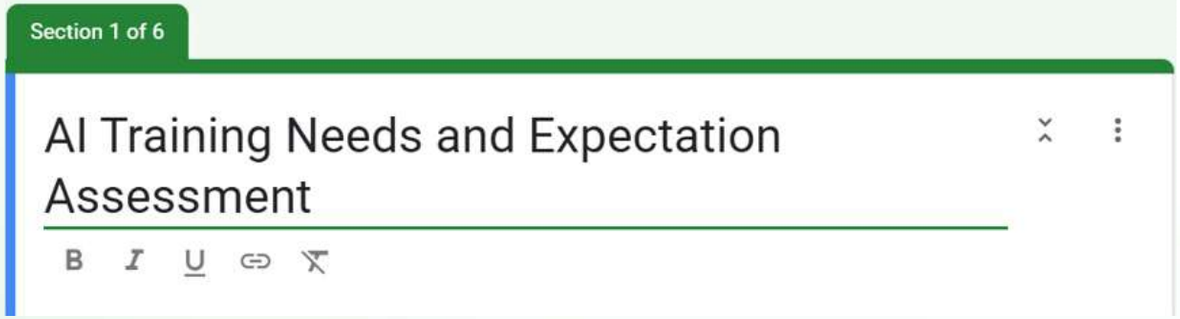
The project commenced with a Training Needs and Expectation Assessment Survey, which received 35 responses from participating entrepreneurs. Insights from this assessment informed the design and structure of the programme, ensuring that the learning content was tailored to the real-world needs, challenges, and expectations of the target audience.

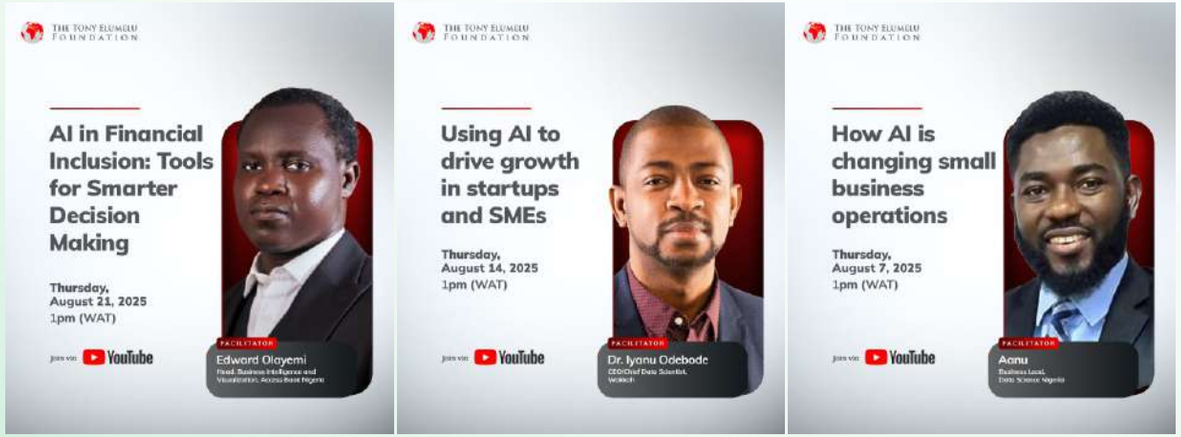
The learning programme was structured into five core modules addressing critical themes at the intersection of AI and entrepreneurship. To support effective learning, DSN produced a rich mix of multi-format resources, including five comprehensive text-based modules, 16 instructional videos, five detailed video scripts (in both full and abridged formats), and five sets of abridged learning slides.

In addition, each module included an average of 50 objective quizzes to reinforce knowledge retention and assess participant comprehension. This integrated approach ensured accessibility and engagement across different learning preferences, combining textual, visual, and interactive elements.









To complement the structured modules, DSN delivered three live virtual masterclasses designed to provide practical insights into the application of AI in business.

These sessions covered key areas such as the impact of AI on small business operations, strategies for leveraging AI to drive growth in startups and SMEs, and the role of AI in advancing financial inclusion and enabling smarter decision-making. The masterclasses were delivered by subject-matter experts Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead, Dr. Iyanuoluwa Odebode, Founder and CEO of Wokkah and Edward Olayemi, Head of User Research and Customer Excellence of FairMoney and were streamed live to ensure accessibility and broader reach.

The project provided entrepreneurs with actionable knowledge and tools to integrate AI into their business processes. By combining needs-based content development, structured learning modules, assessments, and expert-led sessions, DSN delivered a high-impact programme that enhances entrepreneurial capacity, supports innovation, and promotes the adoption of AI-driven solutions for sustainable business growth.

AI Executive Masterclass for HBM Nigeria Plc (formerly Lafarge Africa Plc)

The Executive Class in AI, organised by Data Science Nigeria (DSN), equipped organisational executives and leaders of HBM Nigeria Plc, formerly Lafarge Africa Plc, with a strategic understanding of Artificial Intelligence and its practical business applications.

The session began by establishing the business case for AI adoption, highlighting how global companies such as Amazon, Netflix, JPMorgan, Siemens, and UPS have achieved measurable gains in revenue, cost savings, and efficiency through AI, and noted that industry research shows AI has become a top strategic priority for executives worldwide, including within the African business context.

Participants were then introduced to core AI concepts relevant to business decision-making, including descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive analytics, the major types of machine learning, and the evolution from traditional rule-based systems to generative and agentic AI capable of autonomous decision-making.



The training also showcased a range of everyday AI tools executives can leverage for workflow automation, data analysis, customer engagement, research, and no-code machine learning. A dedicated session explored AI use cases specific to the cement and manufacturing industry, covering applications in plant optimisation, quality and material detection, demand forecasting, and predictive maintenance.

The class concluded with a practical workshop equipping participants with frameworks—including an AI strategy roadmap, an AI Canvas, and a Business Decision Canvas—to identify, prioritise, and implement AI use cases within their own organisation, alongside guidance on building the skills, culture, and resources needed for successful enterprise-wide AI adoption.

3.8

Co-facilitation and delivery of the bespoke AI 101 Masterclasses for Policy Makers in partnership with Kenya-based Qhala in Lagos, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) successfully delivered the AI 101 Masterclass for Policymakers in collaboration with Qhala, reinforcing its commitment to advancing AI literacy within the public sector. The programme recorded strong engagement, with approximately three-quarters of invited participants in attendance and active participation throughout the session.

The training was widely commended for its high-quality curriculum design, seamless delivery, and practical relevance, with government stakeholders remaining engaged beyond scheduled hours—an indicator of the value delivered. DSN's team, comprising Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions), Dennis Ebbah, Chief Finance Officer, Oladele Abel, Finance/Procurement Analyst, Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead and Olawale Ahmed, Data Scientist, played critical roles in the successful execution and post-event evaluation.



Chimaoge Esotu led coordination and stakeholder engagement, ensuring effective delivery and alignment with policy objectives, while Oladele Abel and Dennis Ebbah managed financial reconciliation and compliance processes with transparency and accuracy. Aanu Oyeniran contributed to partnership positioning and future collaboration discussions, and Olawale Ahmed supported documentation and reporting, ensuring proper capture of insights and outcomes.

The Qhala facilitators acknowledged DSN's professionalism in execution, particularly in managing logistics, participant engagement, and documentation. The programme also strengthened DSN's relationships with government ministries, creating opportunities for future collaborations.

Notably, the strategic choice of venue contributed to early participant arrival and smooth coordination, while the provision of refreshments enhanced participant experience. The masterclass not only delivered immediate learning outcomes but also reinforced DSN's position as a trusted partner in AI capacity building across Africa, setting a strong foundation for future joint initiatives with Qhala.





FemAI Artificial Intelligence Training for Policy Actors.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) recorded a significant milestone through the successful delivery of the FemAI Artificial Intelligence for Women Policy Actors training programme; a transformative initiative aimed at strengthening inclusive and gender-responsive AI governance in Nigeria.



The multi-phase programme, delivered through virtual and physical sessions in August 2025, brought together 35 women policymakers from 14 governmental and non-governmental organisations.

This initiative reinforced DSN's leadership in advancing capacity building, ensuring that women are equipped with the technical knowledge and policy skills required to actively shape Nigeria's evolving AI ecosystem. A key highlight of the programme was the active contribution of Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria who led several critical sessions across the training.

He delivered foundational lessons on AI and its policy relevance, facilitated deep dives into Nigeria's National AI Strategy, and guided discussions on ethical AI development and governance. His contributions provided participants with practical insights into AI applications, policy design, and the importance of addressing gender bias in AI systems. Additionally, Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solution Delivery played a vital role in deploying the needs assessment using interactive tools, ensuring that the training content was tailored to participants' skill gaps and learning needs.

The programme achieved notable outcomes, including the development of a gender-responsive policy recommendation document aimed at strengthening the implementation of Nigeria's National AI Strategy. Participants engaged in collaborative policy reviews, group discussions, and validation sessions, contributing actionable recommendations across key pillars such as infrastructure, ecosystem development, sectoral adoption, ethical AI, and governance frameworks.

These contributions reflect DSN's commitment to fostering inclusive participation and ensuring that AI policies are equitable and representative of diverse stakeholders. Overall, the FemAI training programme stands as a landmark achievement for DSN in advancing inclusive AI governance and capacity development. By equipping women policy actors with critical AI competencies and amplifying their role in decision-making processes, DSN continues to position itself at the forefront of responsible AI development in Africa.

The programme not only strengthened institutional capacity but also created a sustainable pathway for inclusive innovation, collaboration, and policy leadership in Nigeria's AI landscape.

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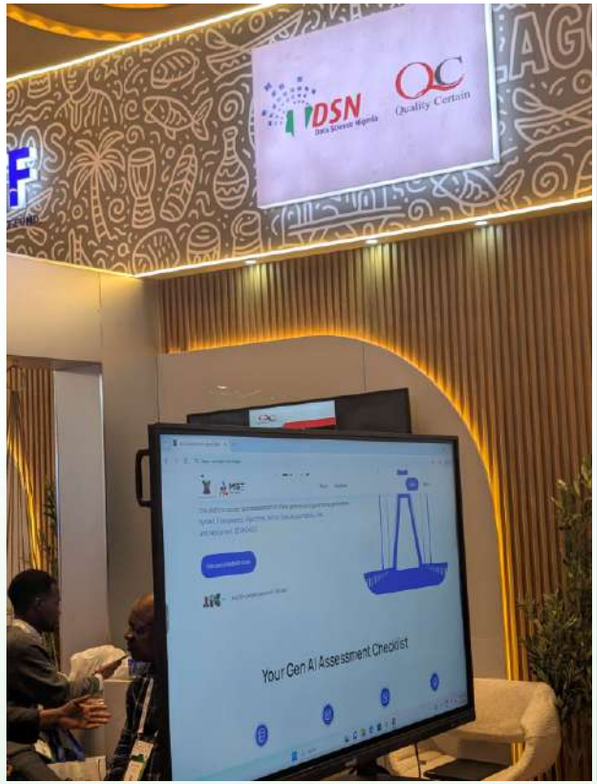
Participation at GITEX Nigeria including hosting the Lagos Pavilion at the Landmark Centre

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) played a strategic role as a Community Partner at the 2025 GITEX Nigeria event, contributing significantly to conversations, capacity building, and innovation within Africa's AI ecosystem. Through its participation, DSN reinforced its leadership in advancing Artificial Intelligence adoption across policy, enterprise, and grassroots levels.

As part of the Future Economy track, DSN contributed to a high-level panel session focused on how AI and data will power Africa's next wave of economic growth. This engagement highlighted DSN's thought leadership in shaping the continent's digital future and emphasised the importance of talent development, infrastructure, and policy alignment in unlocking AI-driven opportunities. In the Enterprise in Action segment, DSN delivered the second edition of its collaboration with NVIDIA, hosting a specialised workshop on Data Science and Cybersecurity.

The session provided hands-on learning opportunities for participants, equipping enterprises and professionals with critical skills required to navigate the evolving digital landscape.

This initiative further strengthened DSN's commitment to industry-relevant capacity building. At the Lagos State Government Pavilion, DSN demonstrated





the GenAIGov platform at Stand B-90, showcasing innovative applications of AI in governance. The platform highlighted how Artificial Intelligence can enhance public sector efficiency, decision-making, and service delivery. This engagement underscored DSN's role in supporting government partnerships and driving digital transformation within the public sector.

DSN also participated in the official launch of the GenAIGov Playbook and platform showcase, further demonstrating its commitment to advancing AI-driven governance solutions. Overall, DSN's presence at GITEX Nigeria 2025 exemplified its impact across multiple fronts—shaping policy dialogue, upskilling enterprises, fostering innovation, and strengthening Africa's position in the global AI landscape.





Strategic engagement with NIMC Leadership at the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80) in New York, USA

At the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 80) in New York, we joined the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) and its leadership for a high-level side event focused on National Identity and Development. Convened under the leadership of Engr. Abisoye Coker-Odusote, Director General/CEO of NIMC, and in partnership with the World Bank's ID4D programme, the session highlighted Nigeria's accelerating progress in digital identity transformation.

Key milestones presented included the issuance of over 127 million National Identification Numbers (NINs) as of September 2025, the rollout of new digital access tools such as the Self-Service Web Portal and Contactless Mobile Biometric Enrolment, and strengthened cross-sector integrations with institutions including the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), SMEDAN, National Population Commission (NPC), NASSCO, and the Student Loan Office.

The dialogue also underscored recent policy advancements through the NIMC Amendment Act 2024, alongside a forward-looking roadmap anchored on NIN-at-birth, General Multi-Purpose Cards, expanded mobile enrolment systems, and the emerging Nigeria Stack Digital Public Infrastructure.



For Data Science Nigeria, participation in this global engagement reflects a deeper alignment with national and international efforts to build inclusive, data-driven identity systems that expand access, strengthen governance, and enable opportunity at scale. Identity, in this context, remains foundational, not just as data, but as the digital backbone of socioeconomic progress.





Attendance and Panel participation at Moonshot by TechCabal focused on rethinking research for African Tech growth

At the Emerging Trend Session of Moonshot by TechCabal's Building Momentum event, the prevailing conversations underscored a defining shift in Africa's digital ecosystem: the continent is moving from participation to leadership in shaping the future of technology. The sessions brought together innovators, policymakers, and ecosystem leaders to explore how collaboration, investment, and strategic action can accelerate Africa's digital transformation.



Representing the voice of innovation and inclusive technology development Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria challenged policymakers to rethink the role of public funding by transforming tax revenues into catalysts for innovation.

He advocated for increased investment in open-source public goods that empower startups, researchers, and technology builders with the infrastructure and resources needed to develop solutions at scale. The discussions reinforced a critical message: Africa's digital future will be built through intentional policy, accessible innovation infrastructure, and collective action across the ecosystem.





Representation at the Sommet Inter-regional du Numerique en Afrique (SIN Africa) on Africa's role in the age of Artificial Intelligence

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its thought leadership in artificial intelligence through its participation in the 3rd Inter-regional Digital Summit in Africa (SIN Africa 2025), held virtually on 17 October 2025, and organised by Cluster Digital Africa.

The summit, themed "Africa in the Era of Artificial Intelligence", convened key stakeholders across the continent to explore the transformative role of AI in driving digital innovation, inclusion, and sustainable development. DSN's presence at this high-level forum underscores its continued commitment to shaping conversations around AI adoption and governance in Africa.

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria as a speaker, contributing expert insights on the evolving AI landscape and its implications for Africa's digital future. His participation highlighted DSN's expertise and reinforced its position as a leading voice in advancing responsible AI deployment across the continent.

Through this engagement, DSN not only showcased its technical and policy contributions but also strengthened strategic relationships with regional stakeholders, further advancing its mission to build a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem in Africa.



Participation at 2025 DataFest Africa, Lagos State, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), in collaboration with the Nigeria AI Collective, participated in DataFest 2025, one of Nigeria's leading convenings for data and technology stakeholders. The event provided a strategic platform to amplify the Collective's mission of driving responsible, inclusive, and locally relevant Artificial Intelligence development.

DSN was represented by Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting), Oluwaseun Nifemi and Data Analyst, Precious Ibe, whose engagement contributed to strengthening visibility, partnerships, and community participation within the AI ecosystem.

As part of its participation, the Nigeria AI Collective leveraged its sponsorship session to introduce its core vision and initiatives to a diverse audience of practitioners, startups, and policymakers. Key highlights included the presentation of the Collective's introductory video, articulation of its five strategic pillars—Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration, Capacity Building, Innovation and Research, Policy Advocacy, and International Collaboration—and the announcement of the National Health Hackathon aimed at catalysing AI-driven solutions for healthcare challenges.

The session also showcased the Nigeria National AI Repository and invited participants to join the growing Community of Practice,





fostering ongoing collaboration and knowledge exchange. The event further enabled strong partner and ecosystem engagement. Invitations were extended to key partners, including the Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID), Policy Innovation Centre (PIC), and Lagos Business School (LBS), with CJID and PIC actively participating.

Additionally, startups within the ecosystem were engaged, with several confirming attendance, reinforcing the Collective's commitment to supporting grassroots innovation and entrepreneurship. Community engagement efforts yielded significant results, driven by targeted incentives and digital onboarding strategies.

The distribution of branded materials encouraged participation, while the deployment of trackable QR codes and links facilitated measurable engagement. The Hackathon in Health recorded 144 link clicks and 73 form submissions, while the Community of Practice saw 325 link clicks and 287 successful sign-ups, indicating strong interest in sustained engagement.

The National AI Repository also attracted notable attention, reflecting growing interest in collaborative AI development. Overall, DSN's participation at DataFest 2025 demonstrated strong conversion from engagement to action, validating the effectiveness of its community-driven approach. The high level of interest in health-focused AI solutions and the rapid growth of the Community of Practice underscore the relevance of DSN's initiatives and its role in shaping a collaborative, impact-driven AI ecosystem in Nigeria.

4.6

Participation at the 2025 Esri User Conference in West Africa, Lagos, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) represented by Serah Peter-Adeoye, Blessing Agboola and Godwin Adegbehingbe, Data Analyst/ML Engineers, Olamide Shogbamu, Project Coordinator, AI Technical Solutions and Tochukwu Abia, Data Analyst Intern reinforced its position as a leader in high-impact technology at the Esri User Conference West Africa, held in Marriott Hotel, Lagos.

Reflecting the organisation's commitment to harnessing geospatial intelligence to deliver last-mile solutions, the DSN delegation engaged with regional leaders, policymakers, and geospatial experts to explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can strengthen regional resilience and drive economic transformation.

Data Science Nigeria's participation in the summit underscored a strong alignment with its strategic vision of leveraging community and knowledge-sharing to accelerate innovation and talent development across Africa.

The event, which focused on the integration of Artificial Intelligence into design processes and advanced spatial analysis, provided a valuable platform for DSN to engage with emerging trends shaping the future of geospatial intelligence and smart systems. The summit also highlighted the increasing relevance of Location-Enabled Digital Twins in driving urban resilience.





Moving beyond static mapping, these dynamic and predictive models offer cities the ability to simulate, monitor, and respond to changes across critical sectors such as public health, education, and infrastructure. This presents a significant opportunity for DSN to contribute to Nigeria's Smart City initiatives by leveraging advanced tools and frameworks to support data-driven urban planning and decision-making.

Furthermore, discussions emphasised the urgent need to bridge the "research-to-reality" gap, particularly within the geospatial ecosystem. Insights from national leadership pointed to the underutilisation of valuable research outputs. DSN is well-positioned to address this challenge by translating academic research into practical solutions through applied data science, precise mapping, and advocacy for open data systems.

This approach strengthens DSN's role as a catalyst for transforming theoretical knowledge into scalable, real-world impact. Our participation at the Esri UC has broadened DSN's operational horizon, moving beyond the established strength in the health and education domains towards new, high-growth sectors such as energy and logistics optimisation.

By merging our AI prowess with world-class geospatial tools, we are not just analysing what exists but building the models that will predict the future of Nigerian governance, commerce, and social impact.

Participation at 2025 IndabaX Nigeria hosted at the Summit University, Offa, Kwara State.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its commitment to Nigeria's AI ecosystem as a sponsor and active participant at IndabaX Nigeria 2025, held from 15–18 July 2025 at Summit University, Offa, Kwara State. Convened under the theme "Empowering Nigeria's AI Ecosystem for Sustainable Development," the conference brought together over 300 AI researchers, practitioners, innovators and students, with participation spanning more than 30 tertiary institutions and the wider African AI community.

Through its presence, DSN reinforced its focus on AI talent development, community building and knowledge exchange, engaging participants across a programme of technical workshops, research and project showcases, expert discussions and ecosystem networking.

The engagement further positioned DSN within the broader effort to deepen local AI capacity and accelerate responsible, locally relevant innovation across Nigeria.







Representation at the Deep Learning Indaba 2025 held in Kigali, Rwanda

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) played a prominent role at the Deep Learning Indaba 2025 held in Kigali, Rwanda, which convened over 1,200 participants and marked the largest gathering of African AI practitioners to date. The event highlighted the rapid maturation of Africa's AI ecosystem, with DSN actively contributing to key conversations and innovations shaping the continent's AI trajectory.

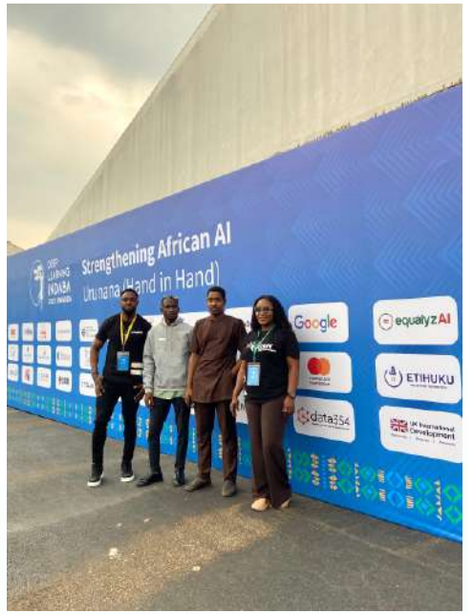
DSN's impact was particularly evident in the Deep Learning Indaba Community Challenge, where two of its communities—DSN Abuja and DSN FUTA—emerged as Top 5 finalists from a pool of 30 submissions across Africa. Their solutions, addressing critical issues such as cancer misdiagnosis and waste management, were recognised for their innovation, relevance, and potential for real-world impact.

This achievement underscores DSN's continued commitment to fostering community-driven innovation and positioning Nigeria as a leader in Africa's AI landscape. The finalist teams also earned the opportunity to showcase their projects live at the Indaba, competing for funding and continental scale. In addition to community recognition, DSN team members contributed to the conference's research discourse through poster presentations reflecting cutting-edge work in AI for African contexts.



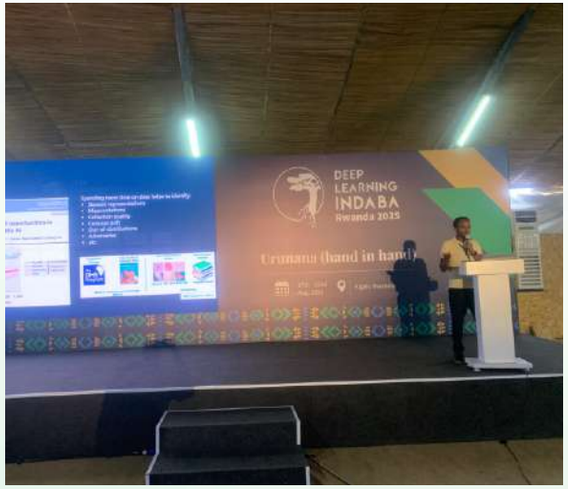
These included: “Seeds, Contexts and Tongues: Decoding the Drivers of Hallucination in Large Language Models,” co-authored by Ewezu Ngim Ngim et al.; “Human-AI Collaboration in Yoruba STEM Education: Challenges of Trust, Usability, and Translation in Low-Resource Learning Contexts,” co-authored by Olanrewaju Lawal et al. in collaboration with NITDA and the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy; and “Mapping Thirst: GEONLP Hotspot Detection from Citizens and Media Signals for Equitable Water Distribution in Nigeria,” co-authored by Gideon George et al. Overall, DSN’s participation at Deep Learning Indaba 2025 reflects its strategic role in advancing inclusive AI, promoting African languages, and supporting high-impact research and community innovation.

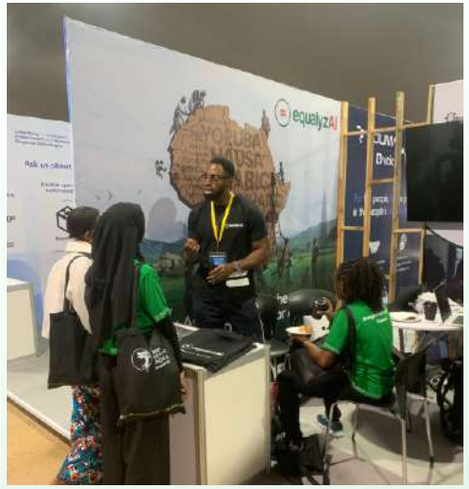
The organisation’s strong presence at the event reinforces its position as a key contributor to the growth and global relevance of Africa’s AI ecosystem.













Design, technical execution, coordination, and participation in the 2026 Microsoft AI Skills Week

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) played a pivotal leadership role in the successful delivery of Microsoft AI Skills Week 2026 across both Abuja (20–24 April 2026) and Lagos (5–7 May 2026), demonstrating its capacity to design and execute large-scale, multi-stakeholder AI programmes. Across both engagements, DSN mobilised over 600 participants, convened high-level government, industry, and development partners, and reinforced its position as a critical bridge between AI policy, innovation, and capacity building in Nigeria.



The Abuja edition focused on RegTech innovation and national AI policy alignment, while the Lagos edition extended this impact into the telecommunications sector through targeted, industry-specific innovation challenges. A major achievement across both locations was the successful execution of two high-impact hackathons.

In Abuja, the RegTech Hackathon processed over 90 applications from more than 300 participants, producing five finalist teams, with Nexus SafeSphere emerging as the overall winner. In Lagos, DSN served as Technical Facilitator for the AI4Telco Hackathon, where over 20 teams developed AI-driven telecommunications solutions, culminating in Team Overclock (DSN track) winning first place with a real-time customer intelligence system for churn prediction and retention.

These innovation pipelines highlight DSN's strength in talent identification, solution incubation, and translating ideas into scalable, deployment-ready products. DSN's thought leadership and policy influence were prominently demonstrated through the AI Impact Summit in Abuja and the AI in Action Summit in Lagos, which collectively engaged over 270 stakeholders.

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria contributed strategic insights through national-level engagements, including the unveiling of the Post-National AI Summit Impact Report, while Emmanuel Enemakwu, Enterprise Technical Solution/Products Consultant and Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions) played critical roles in technical evaluation, mentorship, and judging across both hackathons.

Additionally, Aanu Oyeniran Business Development Lead actively contributed as a speaker during the Lagos summit, articulating DSN's model for transforming hackathons into sustainable innovation pipelines, while also leading programme execution.

The successful delivery of both editions was driven by strong operational coordination and strategic engagement by DSN team members, particularly Oluwatobi Olayanju, Business Analyst and Aanu Oyeniran, who managed stakeholder relations, programme logistics, and post-event follow-ups, including ministerial engagements and international collaboration efforts such as the Deep Learning Indaba 2026 sponsorship initiative. Overall, Microsoft AI Skills Week 2026 (Abuja and Lagos) solidified DSN's role as Africa's leading AI ecosystem orchestrator—capable of convening diverse stakeholders, driving sector-specific innovation, and aligning grassroots talent development with national and global AI priorities.









Advancing Inclusive AI Through Voice Technology: DSN Showcases Innovation at ICT4D 2026

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) demonstrated its commitment to advancing inclusive Artificial Intelligence through the participation of Olamide Shogbamu, Project Coordinator, AI Technical Solutions, at the ICT4D 2026 Conference held from 20–22 May 2026 at the Trademark Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The conference brought together global stakeholders across technology, development, and humanitarian sectors, with strong focus areas including Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Artificial Intelligence as key drivers of sustainable development. A key highlight of DSN's engagement was Olamide Shogbamu's session titled "Voice as the Next Frontier for Inclusive Conversational AI in Low-Resource Language Contexts."

In this session, he positioned voice technology as a critical bridge for expanding AI access to underserved communities, particularly those with limited literacy or digital access. His presentation provided valuable insights into the opportunities within low-resource language ecosystems, while also addressing core challenges such as limited datasets, tonal and dialectical complexities, and the need for strong security and authenticity frameworks in voice-based AI systems. Beyond his speaking engagement, Olamide actively participated in technical sessions, workshops, and strategic discussions throughout the conference, contributing to conversations on AI governance, digital inclusion, and the development of locally relevant technology solutions. His role in documenting key insights and engagements



further ensured that DSN captured valuable learnings and opportunities for future collaboration and innovation within the global development ecosystem. Overall, Olamide Shogbamu's participation at ICT4D 2026 significantly enhanced DSN's visibility and thought leadership in inclusive AI.

His contributions reinforced the organisation's strategic focus on developing human-centred, accessible, and scalable AI solutions, while positioning DSN as a key player in advancing voice-enabled technologies and digital inclusion across Africa.

Participation and Presentation at the ICT4D Conference 2026

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) reinforced its leadership in advancing inclusive and responsible Artificial Intelligence through high-level participation at the ICT4D 2026 Conference held from 20–22 May 2026 at the Trademark Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

The organization was represented by Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery who led three high-impact sessions focused on building AI systems that reflect African realities while delivering scalable development outcomes. These engagements positioned DSN at the forefront of critical conversations on language inclusion, intelligent systems, and ethical digital infrastructure.

In the session on Resourcing African Languages for NLP in MERL, DSN highlighted the urgent need to address the underrepresentation of African languages in AI systems, emphasising that this gap is both a technological and developmental challenge. Drawing from DSN's work in health and governance, including chatbot deployments and policy intelligence solutions, Chinazo Anebelundu demonstrated how language barriers limit adoption and impact.

The session advanced a shift from "English-first AI" to "context-first AI," advocating for voice-enabled systems, localised datasets, and participatory design approaches that preserve cultural nuance and



improve decision-making across sectors.

During the session on AI as a Navigator and Thought Partner for Complex Analysis and Planning, DSN showcased its innovative approach to building context-aware AI systems tailored for African environments. DSN emphasised the role of agentic AI, voice-first technologies, and offline-capable systems in enabling access for underserved populations.

The session highlighted practical applications across health, agriculture, financial inclusion, and governance, demonstrating DSN's commitment to developing solutions that adapt to real-world constraints such as low connectivity, limited digital literacy, and diverse linguistic contexts. In the final session on The Ethics of Digital Public Infrastructure, DSN addressed critical issues around inclusion, governance, and digital sovereignty.

Chinazo Anebelundu underscored the risks of exclusion within public digital systems, particularly for populations lacking formal identification or access to digital tools, and advocated for more inclusive design frameworks. The session further emphasised the importance of transparency, accountability, and local ownership in AI-driven infrastructure.

Through these engagements, Chinazo Anebelundu played a pivotal role in amplifying DSN's thought leadership, strengthening its strategic positioning, and advancing practical pathways for building inclusive, ethical, and Africa-centred AI systems.





4.12

Participation at the AI-Compute Roundtable hosted by AI Skills and Compute Africa (AISCA)

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) actively contributed to continental AI policy discourse through participation in the AISCA African AI Policy Roundtable Series Lagos Session, held on 21 May 2026 at NITHUB, University of Lagos. Representing the organisation, Rotimi Oluwasesan, Cloud/DevOps Engineer engaged alongside a select group of policymakers, researchers, and innovation leaders in a high-level, closed-door working session focused on shaping Africa's AI governance landscape.

The Lagos convening, the final session in a three-country series (following Nairobi and Kigali), uniquely integrated multi-stakeholder perspectives to address critical themes including AI regulation, data and intellectual property ownership, and sovereign compute infrastructure. Drawing from DSN's practical experience, Rotimi provided a practitioner perspective on infrastructure and regulatory gaps, highlighting the operational challenges posed by data residency requirements in Nigeria.



He emphasised the disconnect between policy expectations and the current lack of local GPU compute capacity, which compels organisations like DSN to rely on foreign cloud infrastructure resulting in increased costs and slowed innovation cycles.

The session further examined Africa's position in the global AI ecosystem, surfacing key structural gaps including limited access to compute, low representation of African data in global AI training datasets, fragmented policy frameworks, and weak commercialisation pathways for research outputs.

DSN's participation reinforced its role as a bridge between research, policy, and real-world AI deployment, ensuring that emerging frameworks are grounded in local realities. Importantly, insights from the Lagos session will contribute to a consolidated African AI Governance Position Paper, informing AISCA's ongoing policy engagement across the continent.



This positions DSN within a broader coalition shaping the future of AI governance in Africa. Through this engagement, DSN continues to advance its commitment to enabling a robust national and continental AI ecosystem, while advocating for policies that support innovation, equitable access, and sustainable development.



4.13

Technical coordination and execution of the hackathon and awards presentation at the 2026 edition of the Annual BlueChip AI Summit

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) participated in the Bluechip Data and AI Summit 2026, held on 10 June 2026, at Eko Hotel and Suites, Lagos. The summit convened a diverse audience of AI professionals, data practitioners, business leaders, and technology enthusiasts through keynote sessions, panel discussions, technical breakout sessions, and a hackathon challenge.

As a strategic partner and technical implementation lead for the hackathon, DSN played a central role in shaping the event's outcomes by mobilising its talent community, providing technical coordination and execution of the hackathon, and supporting the awards presentation at the 2026 edition of the Annual BlueChip AI Summit. DSN was represented by Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead, Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery and Tejumola Asanloko, Community and Programme Analyst. Aanu Oyeniran led partnership coordination and stakeholder engagement with Bluechip Technologies, ensuring seamless collaboration and alignment of objectives.









Chinazo Anebelundu provided technical oversight and strategic direction for the hackathon, ensuring high-quality solution development and delivery. Tejumola Asanloko supported community mobilisation, participant coordination, and documentation of event proceedings, contributing to effective programme execution and reporting.

A major highlight of DSN's involvement was the successful execution of the hackathon, which attracted strong participation from DSN's community members, further demonstrating the organisation's capacity to nurture and deploy AI talent at scale. The top-performing teams, Team Foresight, Team Orbit, Team Inference, and Team Human-Centred AI were recognised and presented during the summit, showcasing innovative, real-world AI solutions.

The event also featured insightful discussions on AI adoption and digital transformation, alongside hands-on technical sessions that provided participants with practical learning opportunities. The summit reinforced DSN's strategic positioning as a leading AI talent development and ecosystem-building organisation in Africa.

The partnership with Bluechip Technologies enhanced DSN's visibility within the technology ecosystem and highlighted the growing demand for practical AI applications and collaborative innovation platforms. Overall, the engagement underscored the importance of partnerships in advancing AI skills development, fostering industry collaboration, and accelerating the growth of a robust AI ecosystem.









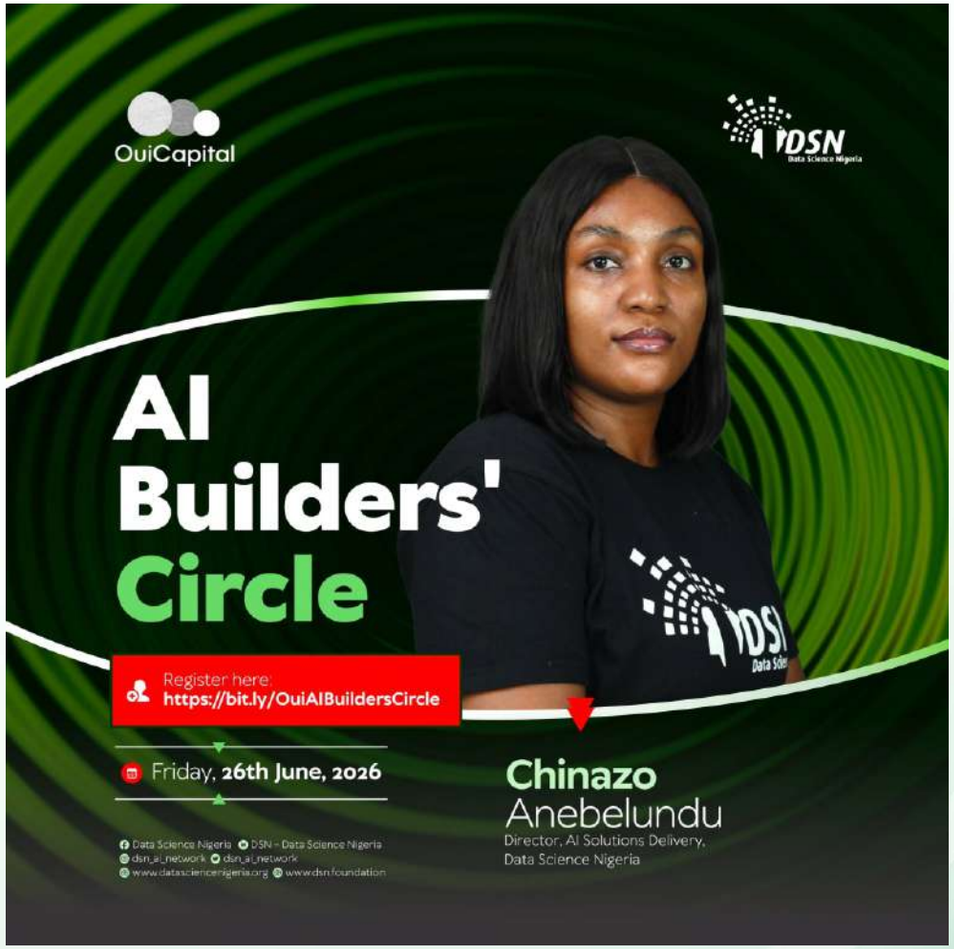
4.14

Representation at the AI Builders' Circle, Oui Capital HQ, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria

The next phase of AI growth in Africa will not be defined by access to tools alone, but by the strength of the networks, conversations, and opportunities that enable innovators to transform ideas into impactful solutions.

Recognising the importance of ecosystem collaboration in driving AI advancement, Data Science Nigeria continues to engage with founders, engineers, builders, operators, and industry leaders who are shaping the future of Artificial Intelligence across the continent. As part of this commitment, Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery, participated in the AI Builders' Circle organised by Oui Capital, joining leading voices across the ecosystem to explore the realities of building AI companies in Africa, including emerging opportunities, scaling challenges, partnership opportunities, and lessons from the innovation journey.

The engagement reinforced the need for stronger connections between AI builders, investors, and ecosystem stakeholders to accelerate the development of homegrown AI solutions that address Africa's unique challenges and unlock new possibilities for growth.



4.15

Representation as part of the Nigerian delegation at the ECOWAS HCD AI Youth Forum in Lomé, Togo, in commemoration of the ECOWAS 50th Anniversary celebration.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) participated in the ECOWAS Human Capital Development (HCD) Youth AI Summit held from 12–14 May 2026 in Lomé, Togo. The summit, organised as part of the 50th Anniversary of ECOWAS, convened youth leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and development partners from across West Africa to advance discussions on Artificial Intelligence (AI) adoption, digital skills, and innovation for economic growth.

DSN was represented by Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions) who contributed to key engagements and knowledge-sharing sessions throughout the event. Across the three-day summit, DSN's presence reinforced its leadership in AI capacity building and policy advocacy within the region.

A major highlight was DSN's delivery of a session on "Data Literacy: The Key to Leveraging AI," which emphasised the importance of foundational data skills as a critical enabler for AI adoption. The presentation showcased DSN's ongoing initiatives in democratising AI education, including its learning programmes and commitment to last-mile data literacy skilling.

This contribution aligned strongly with the summit's objective of equipping young entrepreneurs with practical tools to build sustainable, AI-driven solutions. Furthermore, Chimaoge Esotu actively contributed as a panellist during the session on "Training in Artificial Intelligence: Tools for Youth and Young Entrepreneurs."



Her participation provided practical insights into scalable and localised approaches to AI training, highlighting DSN's model of cascading learning, mentorship, and solution-driven innovation.

Through this engagement, DSN amplified its voice in regional conversations on building inclusive AI ecosystems, while also strengthening collaborations with stakeholders across government, academia, and the private sector.

DSN showcased its achievements and thought leadership in AI development across Africa. Key outcomes from the event, including the emphasis on youth-driven innovation, regional collaboration, and the integration of AI into entrepreneurship closely align with DSN's mission to build Africa's AI talent pipeline and drive responsible AI adoption.

The organisation's participation further solidified its role as a key contributor to shaping AI policy, education, and innovation across the ECOWAS region



4.16

Co-sponsorship of the 2026 edition of IndabaX Nigeria, including exhibition booth participation and corporate presentation.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its position as a leading force in Africa's AI ecosystem through its active partnership and representation at IndabaX Nigeria 2026, held on 13 May 2026 (virtual) and 14 May 2026 (physical) at the University of Ibadan, Oyo State.

The hybrid event, themed "Building Scalable AI That Works: From Research to Deployment in Resource-Constrained Environments," convened over 190 participants, including researchers, practitioners, and academic leaders. DSN's presence at the event reinforced its commitment to advancing accessible AI education and fostering collaboration across Nigeria's growing AI community.

Representing DSN at the event, Community and Programme Analyst, Tejumola Asanloko and Victor-Femi Erastus O. played key roles in stakeholder engagement and knowledge dissemination. During the virtual sessions, they engaged with global contributors presenting cutting-edge research, while also participating in discussions highlighting the role of women in AI.

On the physical day, their coordination and active presence ensured strong visibility for DSN, contributing to meaningful interactions with participants, organisers, and institutional leaders.



A major highlight of DSN's participation was its presentation, which showcased the organisation's mission, ongoing free AI training programmes, and measurable community impact. The session emphasised inclusivity and accessibility, resonating strongly with attendees.

The integration of real-life testimonials proved particularly impactful, prompting immediate engagement as several participants completed the "Inspire Others" testimonial form on-site, while others sought further information after the session, demonstrating sustained interest in DSN's initiatives.

The event also recorded notable achievements for the DSN community, as the DSN chapter at Olabisi Onabanjo University emerged as top performers in the conference hackathon, winning an all-expense-paid tour to the Republic of Benin.

DSN's participation significantly enhanced its visibility within Nigeria's AI ecosystem, strengthened academic and research linkages, and reinforced its role as a catalyst for talent development and innovation.





4.17

Participation as a special guest at the 29th Annual Conference of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), represented by Emmanuel Enemakwu, Enterprise Technical Solution/Products Consultant demonstrated its growing influence within Nigeria's financial and innovation ecosystem through its participation in the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (CIS) 29th Annual Conference, held at the Los Angeles Event Centre.



The conference, themed "Capital Markets in a Digital, Ethical, and Sustainable Era: Charting Pathways for Economic Transformation," convened key stakeholders across government, regulatory bodies, and the private sector. DSN's presence reinforced its commitment to advancing ethical, data-driven innovation and supporting the evolution of Nigeria's capital markets.

Throughout the two-day engagement, DSN actively participated in high-level discussions focused on the intersection of digital innovation and ethical practices within the financial ecosystem. Key sessions explored the role of Artificial Intelligence, blockchain technologies, and emerging financial instruments such as green bonds and digital securities in driving market growth. The conference also provided critical insights into the progress of the Capital Market Masterplan (2015–2025) and highlighted the importance of regional integration across African markets, positioning DSN to align its solutions with evolving industry needs.

A major highlight of the conference was the emphasis on youth engagement and capacity building, with dedicated sessions designed to inspire and equip the next generation of capital market professionals. DSN leveraged these engagements to deepen its understanding of talent development opportunities and strengthen its positioning in bridging the gap between AI innovation and financial sector applications.

The organisation was also recognised as a special guest at the Gala Night,

reflecting its growing relevance and strategic importance within the broader ecosystem. DSN's participation was marked by proactive engagement and effective representation, ensuring maximum value was derived from both days of the conference.

Through strategic networking, stakeholder interactions, and active knowledge acquisition, the attending team contributed to strengthening DSN's visibility and partnerships within the capital market space. Overall, the engagement provided valuable insights into emerging trends around ethical finance, ESG alignment, and digital transformation, further reinforcing DSN's role as a key enabler of sustainable, technology-driven economic growth in Nigeria.



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Representation at the Africa AI Village during the 80th United Nations General Assembly through Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi's invitation to serve as Pillar Lead for Markets and Models in New York, USA

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria served as the Pillar Lead on "Market and Models, in the Africa AI Village at the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), held on 22 September 2025, in New York." a strategic role focused on amplifying Africa's AI use cases and strengthening pathways for commercialisation and scale.

In this capacity, Dr. Adekanmbi contributed to guiding discussions among policymakers, innovators, and industry leaders on building sustainable markets for AI-driven solutions. His leadership helped frame conversations around investment readiness, ecosystem collaboration, and the practical deployment of AI technologies to solve real-world challenges across the continent.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) attained a significant global milestone through its participation in collaboration with esteemed partners including the





African Union, UNICEF Generation Unlimited, the Commonwealth, and Smart Africa, the convening spotlighted Africa's growing leadership in Artificial Intelligence.

DSN's inclusion in this high-level platform reflects its increasing recognition as a key contributor to shaping Africa's AI ecosystem and advancing innovative solutions across critical sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture, and financial inclusion.

Through this participation, DSN played a pivotal role in advancing dialogue on inclusive AI governance and the development of scalable, homegrown innovations. The organisation's contribution emphasised the importance of creating enabling environments that support responsible AI adoption while unlocking economic opportunities.

By engaging with global stakeholders, DSN further strengthened its network of partners and positioned itself as a bridge between local innovation and international collaboration. Overall, DSN's presence at the UNGA Africa AI Village underscores its strategic influence in shaping Africa's AI narrative on the global stage.

Dr. Adekanmbi's contribution as Pillar Lead not only elevated the organisation's visibility but also reinforced its commitment to driving impactful, market-ready AI solutions. This achievement marks a critical step in DSN's journey to position Nigeria and Africa as leaders in the global AI ecosystem.

High-level policy engagement at Meta's 2025 Global Innovation and Policy Flyout at the Menlo Park Headquarters, California

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria participated at Meta's 2025 Global Innovation and Policy Flyout held at Meta's headquarters in Menlo Park, California. The high-level gathering brought together technology leaders, policymakers, and researchers to examine emerging developments across artificial intelligence, immersive computing, wearables, and intelligent messaging.

Discussions highlighted a significant shift towards more accessible, intuitive, and human-centred technologies, with assistive AI increasingly positioned as a tool for expanding participation and enabling more people to create, contribute, and benefit from technological advancement.

Dr. Adekanmbi contributed DSN's perspective on culturally grounded and inclusive AI, sharing the organisation's data-community ecosystem model and its approach to human-in-the-loop reinforcement learning, guided by the Cultural Grounded Index and Human-Centric Index.

DSN also highlighted its application of Llama-based models to develop locally relevant solutions, including uLearn, a contextualised learning platform supporting education in Nigerian schools. The engagement provided an opportunity for DSN to exchange insights with global technology stakeholders while demonstrating how locally grounded AI can address the realities of communities that face limited access to devices, connectivity, and digital platforms.









The engagement reinforced DSN's commitment to ensuring that Africa's diversity and unique contexts are reflected in the development of emerging AI technologies. By advocating for practical, accessible, and culturally relevant AI solutions, DSN continues to position itself as a bridge between global technological innovation and Africa's local needs.

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi's participation further strengthened DSN's international visibility and created opportunities to advance conversations around inclusive AI development, responsible innovation, and the deployment of solutions that can deliver impact at the last mile.

Representation at the 13th General Meeting of the National Council on Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy (NCCIDE), Jos, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) represented by Nasiba Muhammad Ladan, Project Assistant recorded a strong and strategic presence at the 13th National Council on Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy (NCCIDE) Technical Meeting held from 8 -13 December 2025 in Jos, Plateau State. Themed "Accelerating Inclusive Digital Transformation: Bridging the Gaps and Fostering Sustainable Growth through Innovation," the convening brought together key stakeholders across government, private sector, academia, and civil society.

DSN's participation reinforced its leadership role in shaping Nigeria's digital transformation agenda through innovative, AI-driven governance solutions. At the meeting, DSN presented a comprehensive memorandum focused on advancing AI-powered governance, highlighting flagship solutions such as GovLLMiner and the GenAIGov Assessment Platform.

These solutions were designed to enhance policy accessibility, improve institutional efficiency, and ensure secure and responsible AI adoption across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies. While the Council did not adopt DSN's memorandum for further collaborative refinement, the decision underscored the relevance and transformative potential of DSN's approach, with a recommendation for joint collaboration with key institutions including NITDA and ICAN to enable standardised nationwide deployment.

A major highlight of DSN's participation was the recognition of its state-level deployments. "Ask Kaduna" emerged as 1st Runner-up in the e-Government Implementation category, while "KANGEN" secured 2nd Runner-up in the Digital Technology and Human Development category.



These recognitions validate the real-world impact of DSN's solutions in improving citizen engagement, strengthening service delivery, and advancing digital capacity across states.

The outcomes further demonstrate growing trust and readiness for large-scale adoption of DSN's innovations. DSN's participation at NCCIDE 2025 strengthened its strategic positioning as a key enabler of inclusive digital transformation in Nigeria, with clear pathways for collaboration, policy influence, and nationwide scaling of its AI solutions.



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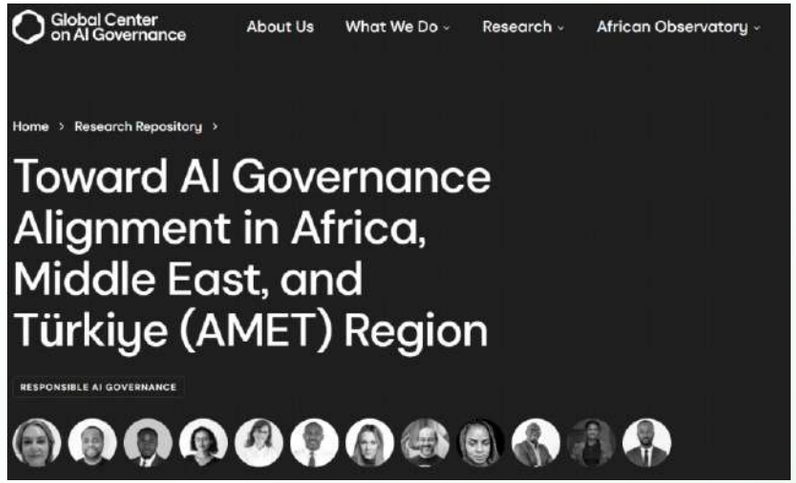
Contribution to Meta's AMET AI Governance Whitepaper and participation in a high-level policy roundtable on AI governance and regulatory framework for the AMET region in New York, USA

Data Science Nigeria strengthened its leadership in global AI policy by contributing to the development of the Responsible AI Governance Whitepaper: Toward AI Governance Alignment in Africa, the Middle East and Türkiye (AMET) Region.

The landmark publication spans 19 countries and provides a strategic framework for advancing responsible, inclusive and contextually relevant AI governance across the region. The whitepaper was led by the Global Centre on AI Governance, co-developed by a consortium of 11 leading AI governance experts, including Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria with support from Meta.

The report introduces the concept of Tiered Sovereignty, a governance model that enables countries to safeguard their data, digital assets and national AI priorities while remaining connected to global innovation ecosystems. More than a policy publication, the whitepaper presents a practical roadmap for balancing national sovereignty with international collaboration, enabling governments to foster innovation, strengthen public trust and unlock sustainable economic opportunities through responsible AI adoption.

Data Science Nigeria's contribution reflects its growing influence in shaping AI governance beyond technical innovation. By participating in the development of frameworks that inform regional and global AI policy, the organisation continues to champion governance models that are ethical, inclusive and responsive to the unique needs of emerging economies.





Participation in the MacArthur Foundation Stakeholder Session on AI Development in Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) participated in a multi-stakeholder engagement session convened by the MacArthur Foundation at the University of Lagos, focused on advancing inclusive, sustainable, and locally relevant AI development in Nigeria. The session brought together leaders from academia, civil society, research institutions, and the private sector to examine the evolving AI landscape and identify priority areas for ecosystem growth.

Discussions during the plenary and panel sessions emphasised the need for increased investment in local AI research, strengthened capacity building and infrastructure, and the creation of an enabling environment that supports long-term innovation and scalability. A key theme was the importance of building a sustainable talent pipeline, ensuring that AI practitioners are not only developed but remain actively engaged in contributing to the ecosystem through mentorship, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.

Representing DSN, Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting), Oluwaseun Nifemi contributed to thematic discussions on Language AI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), providing insights into the opportunities and challenges shaping indigenous language technologies in Nigeria. The session highlighted critical gaps, including limited digitisation of linguistic data, underrepresentation of minority languages, fragmented data ecosystems, and skill shortages in advanced linguistic annotation and phonetics.



DSN's contribution reinforced the importance of community-driven data development, structured collaboration, and open data-sharing frameworks to accelerate progress in language modelling and AI innovation.

The discussions also underscored the strategic importance of preserving indigenous languages within emerging AI systems, particularly as voice-based technologies continue to redefine access, literacy, and digital inclusion.

The engagement further identified opportunities for bottom-up language empowerment, targeted funding for underrepresented languages, and stronger policy support to enable equitable AI development. These insights align closely with DSN's ongoing work in building local capacity and developing context-aware AI solutions.

Through this participation, DSN continues to play a leading role in bridging research, policy, and implementation, contributing to national conversations that shape the future of AI while advancing inclusive and sustainable innovation across Nigeria.

DSN Representation at the NDPC Roundtable Session on Children's Online Safety

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), duly represented by Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead participated in a high-level multi-stakeholder roundtable on Children's Online Safety, convening government leaders, industry stakeholders, and civil society to address emerging risks in digital environments.



The session underscored child protection online as a national priority, requiring coordinated action across policy, technology, and community systems. Discussions focused on the increasing exposure of children to harmful content, cyberbullying, online grooming, and digital addiction, with emphasis on strengthening regulatory frameworks, institutional accountability, and public awareness.

A key highlight was the presentation of findings from a nationwide consultation on social media regulation for children, providing an evidence base for Nigeria's evolving policy direction. The findings revealed strong public support for regulation, heightened concern for children's online safety, and a growing call for stricter age thresholds and platform accountability.

Aanu Oyeniran contributed practical, implementation-driven insights drawing from the organisation's nationwide programmes. Leveraging its experience as a leading implementing partner, DSN highlighted real-world impact on digital skills capacity building initiatives and online safety and digital wellness programmes delivered in partnership with TikTok.



These contributions reinforced the critical need to complement policy frameworks with scalable, community-driven education and capacity-building interventions. The roundtable further emphasised a duty-of-care approach for technology platforms, alongside stronger age-verification mechanisms and privacy safeguards.

It also reinforced the importance of sustained collaboration among policymakers, educators, parents, and technology providers to ensure effective and inclusive outcomes. Through its active participation, DSN continues to play a pivotal role in shaping responsible digital ecosystems, bridging policy and practice, and advancing national efforts to safeguard children in the digital age.







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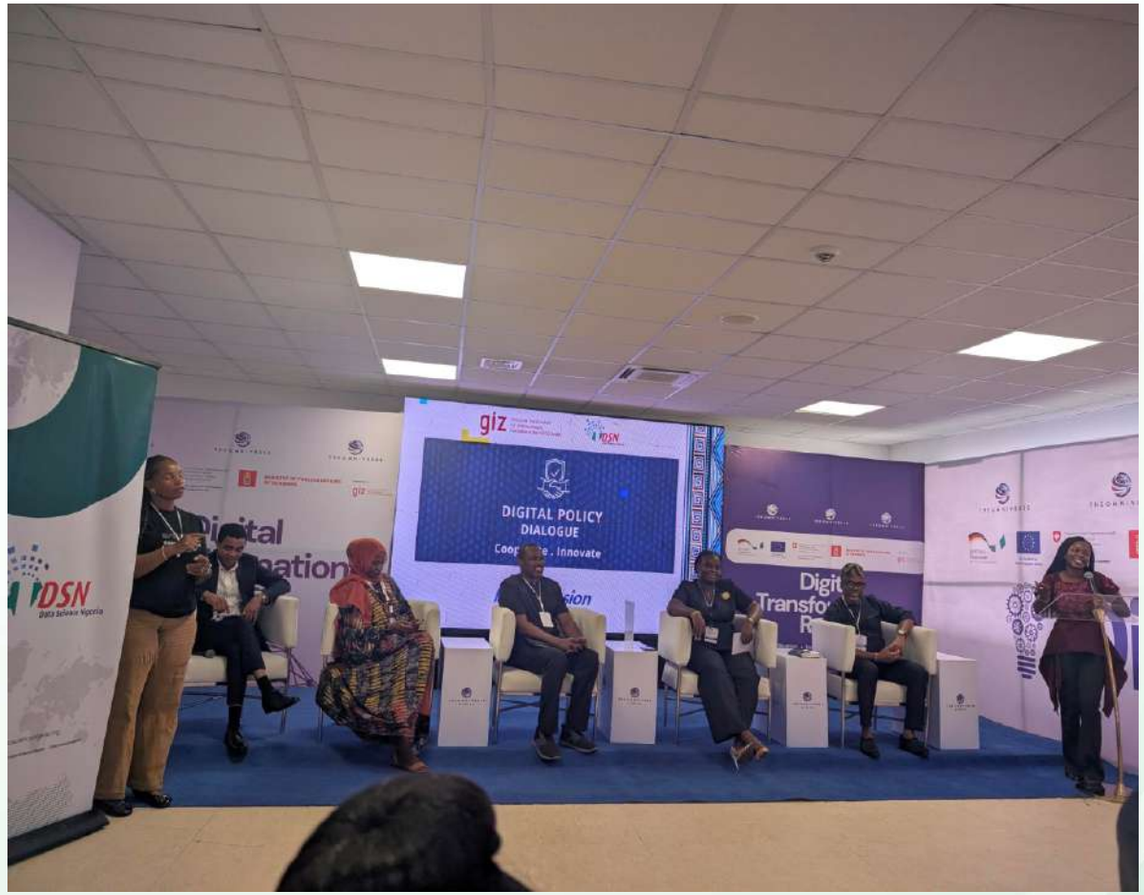
Panel participation at the Policy Dialogue on AI Ethics and Governance, Omniverse Africa Summit 3.0

As artificial intelligence continues to reshape industries, economies, and societies, Data Science Nigeria remained at the forefront of conversations shaping how the technology is governed responsibly. During the year, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria participated in a high-level panel on AI Ethics and Governance at the Omniverse Africa Summit 3.0, organised by GIZ Nigeria.

The session convened policymakers, ecosystem leaders, and technology experts to examine the policies, frameworks, and collaborative approaches required to ensure AI development remains ethical, inclusive, transparent, and accountable.

The organisation's participation was further strengthened by the presence of Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery, and Oluwaseun Nifemi, Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting) who delivered a presentation on Nigeria's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy.

Their contribution highlighted the country's strategic vision for AI development and underscored the importance of coordinated implementation, stakeholder collaboration, and responsible innovation in advancing Nigeria's AI ecosystem.



Collectively, these engagements reinforced Data Science Nigeria's commitment to shaping responsible AI adoption beyond technology development by actively contributing to policy discourse, national strategy, and multi-stakeholder dialogue.

Through sustained thought leadership and strategic participation in regional and national governance conversations, we continue to champion AI systems that create inclusive, ethical, and sustainable impact across Africa.





5.8

Participation in the Nigeria Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Methodology Report Workshop and UNESCO AI Ethical Impact Assessment Tool Session, Abuja, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its leadership within the national AI ecosystem through its participation in the launch of the Nigeria Artificial Intelligence (AI) Readiness Assessment Methodology Report, held at Rockview Hotel, Abuja, with representation from Oluwaseun Nifemi, Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting).

The convening brought together key stakeholders from government, international development organisations, academia, and the technology ecosystem to assess Nigeria's AI landscape and define strategic pathways for ethical and responsible AI development.

The report was positioned as a critical decision-making framework to guide policy, identify ecosystem gaps, and prioritise actionable interventions required to advance Nigeria's AI capabilities.

The assessment highlighted Nigeria's progress across key dimensions, including the development of policy frameworks, growth in technical talent, and increased innovation within the private sector. Notably, Data Science Nigeria was recognised twice in the report as a critical driver of the country's AI ecosystem.





DSN's work in local-language AI modelling, indigenous dataset development, and the establishment of a robust AI learning ecosystem was acknowledged as a major contribution to building inclusive, locally relevant, and globally competitive AI solutions.

During the engagement sessions, Oluwaseun Nifemi contributed to discussions on ethical AI development by highlighting DSN's efforts in collecting ethically sourced data and advancing AI accessibility in last-mile communities. This contribution reinforced the organisation's commitment to ensuring that AI systems are developed and deployed responsibly, with strong consideration for inclusivity, transparency, and societal impact.

In addition, DSN provided valuable feedback on the practical application of ethical AI frameworks within Nigeria's local context, emphasising the need for adaptability to support developers and institutions. Overall, DSN's participation further solidified its role as a thought leader and strategic partner in shaping Nigeria's AI readiness, strengthening governance frameworks, and driving sustainable ecosystem growth.



Participation at the Nigeria AI Laboratory Privacy by Design Workshop, NitHub, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) participated in the Privacy by Design Workshop hosted by the Nigeria AI Research Laboratory at the NITDA Hub, University of Lagos. The workshop convened key stakeholders to strengthen practical understanding of Privacy by Design (PbD) and Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs), with a focus on their application within AI systems across both international and Nigerian regulatory contexts.

DSN was represented by Rashidat Sikiru, Data Analyst/ ML Engineer and Mubarak Ojelade, Legal Associate who actively engaged in technical sessions and discussions aimed at advancing responsible data practices in AI development. The workshop opened with remarks by Dr. Kemi Omotubora, who underscored the growing importance of embedding privacy within AI systems as they increasingly influence decision-making processes.

She emphasised the need for organisations to move beyond compliance and adopt privacy as a core design principle. Across the sessions, participants explored Privacy by Design as a proactive, system-level approach that integrates privacy considerations throughout the AI lifecycle—from data collection and model development to deployment and continuous monitoring.

Facilitated by Professor Subhajit Basu, discussions highlighted the necessity of designing AI systems that are transparent, accountable, and aligned with core data protection principles such as lawfulness, fairness, transparency, and data minimisation. Key insights also addressed the evolving nature of privacy risks in AI, including large-scale data processing, automated inference, system opacity, and feedback loops that may influence long-term outcomes.



Participants emphasised the importance of mapping data flows across AI systems, ensuring clarity on data ownership, control, and risk distribution at every stage. Further sessions led by Dr. Iheanyi Nwankwo examined regulatory perspectives, drawing comparisons between European frameworks—where Privacy by Design is a legal requirement—and Nigeria's evolving data protection ecosystem under the Nigeria Data Protection Act (NDPA) and GAID 2025. Discussions reinforced the need for early integration of privacy into system architecture, as well as shared accountability across data controllers, processors, and technology providers.

The workshop also provided in-depth guidance on conducting effective DPIAs as a continuous risk management tool, rather than a one-time compliance exercise. Emphasis was placed on cross-functional collaboration, ongoing monitoring, and the use of measurable indicators to ensure sustained privacy protection.

Through its participation, DSN contributed to critical conversations on responsible AI development, reinforcing its commitment to promoting ethical data practices, strengthening technical capacity, and supporting the development of AI systems that are both innovative and privacy-conscious.



5.10

Participation as a speaker at Second Plenary, Kano Social Influencers Summit 2025, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its leadership in advancing responsible Artificial Intelligence through its participation in the 2025 Kano Social Influencers Summit (KANSIS2025), held on 22–23 October 2025 at the Grand Central Hotel, Kano. The summit, themed "Toward a More Inclusive Governance of AI," convened diverse stakeholders to drive conversations around inclusive, accountable, and equitable AI systems.

DSN's presence at the second plenary underscored its commitment to shaping ethical AI discourse and influencing governance frameworks within Nigeria and across Africa. Representing DSN, Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery delivered a compelling presentation on "Ethical Considerations in the Deployment and Governance of AI." The session highlighted the importance of fairness, transparency, accountability, and data privacy in AI systems, while also drawing on global standards such as the UNESCO AI Ethics Framework and OECD principles.

Chinazo Anebelundu further emphasised Africa-specific considerations, including the need for locally relevant datasets, inclusive participation, and stronger governance structures to mitigate bias and ensure equitable outcomes. A key highlight of DSN's contribution was the practical articulation of governance models and actionable steps for deploying ethically grounded AI solutions.



The presentation showcased DSN's work in Nigeria as a case study, demonstrating its role in developing context-specific AI systems and promoting responsible innovation. By outlining clear frameworks for risk assessment, transparency, and accountability, DSN reinforced its position as a thought leader driving both policy conversations and real-world implementation of ethical AI practices.

Chinazo Anebelundu's participation was instrumental in positioning DSN at the forefront of inclusive AI governance discussions. Her contribution not only amplified DSN's expertise but also strengthened partnerships with key stakeholders committed to ethical AI adoption. Overall, DSN's engagement at KANSIS2025 reflects its ongoing commitment to ensuring that AI systems are developed and deployed in ways that are inclusive, human-centred, and aligned with Africa's unique socio-economic context

5.11

Service as Track Chair and Facilitation of 'Harnessing AI for Public Good: Balancing Innovation and Responsibility' at ICEGOV 2025

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria demonstrated exceptional thought leadership on the global stage through his speaking engagement at the 18th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV 2025), held from 4–7 November 2025 in Abuja.

As Track Chair for the session titled "Harnessing AI for Public Good: Balancing Innovation and Responsibility," he led high-level discussions on the role of Artificial Intelligence in advancing inclusive governance, reinforcing DSN's commitment to ensuring that technological innovation delivers meaningful societal impact.

In his capacity as Track Chair, Dr. Adekanmbi guided conversations that explored how AI can be leveraged to drive social progress while embedding ethics, equity, and accountability at the core of its deployment. His leadership brought together policymakers, researchers, and industry experts to examine practical frameworks for responsible AI adoption, positioning DSN as a key influencer in shaping both policy and implementation strategies for AI governance at national and international levels.

A key highlight of his engagement was the breakout session held on 5 November 2025 at the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja, where he facilitated an in-depth dialogue on the intersection of innovation and responsibility in AI deployment. Through this session, Dr. Adekanmbi provided actionable insights on how AI systems can be designed and implemented to address societal challenges while maintaining transparency, fairness, and inclusivity.



His contribution further strengthened DSN's reputation as a leader in advancing ethical and human-centred AI solutions. Overall, DSN's participation at ICEGOV 2025, led by Dr. Adekanmbi, represents a significant milestone in the organisation's efforts to shape Africa's AI narrative on the global stage. His contribution not only elevated DSN's visibility but also reinforced its mission to champion responsible innovation, foster strategic collaborations, and ensure that AI remains a force for public good and sustainable development













Generative AI for Governance Platform Development

6.1

Field GPU deployment for AI for Governance Projects in Kano State

The Data Science Nigeria (DSN) team conducted a technical deployment visit to Kano State to support the implementation of the AI Kano GPU workstation, aimed at strengthening the state's capacity for Artificial Intelligence and data-driven innovation.

During the visit, the team engaged with officials from the Kano State Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MSTI) and the Kano Internal Revenue Service (KIRS), where the workstation is to be permanently hosted and managed. The engagement enabled a joint assessment of the server infrastructure and operational environment required for the system's deployment.

Following the assessment, the DSN team initiated the configuration and customisation of the AI Kano platform, including the development of an optimised system architecture, enhanced data management pipelines, and a multi-tenant vector database with role-based access for various ministries, departments and agencies.

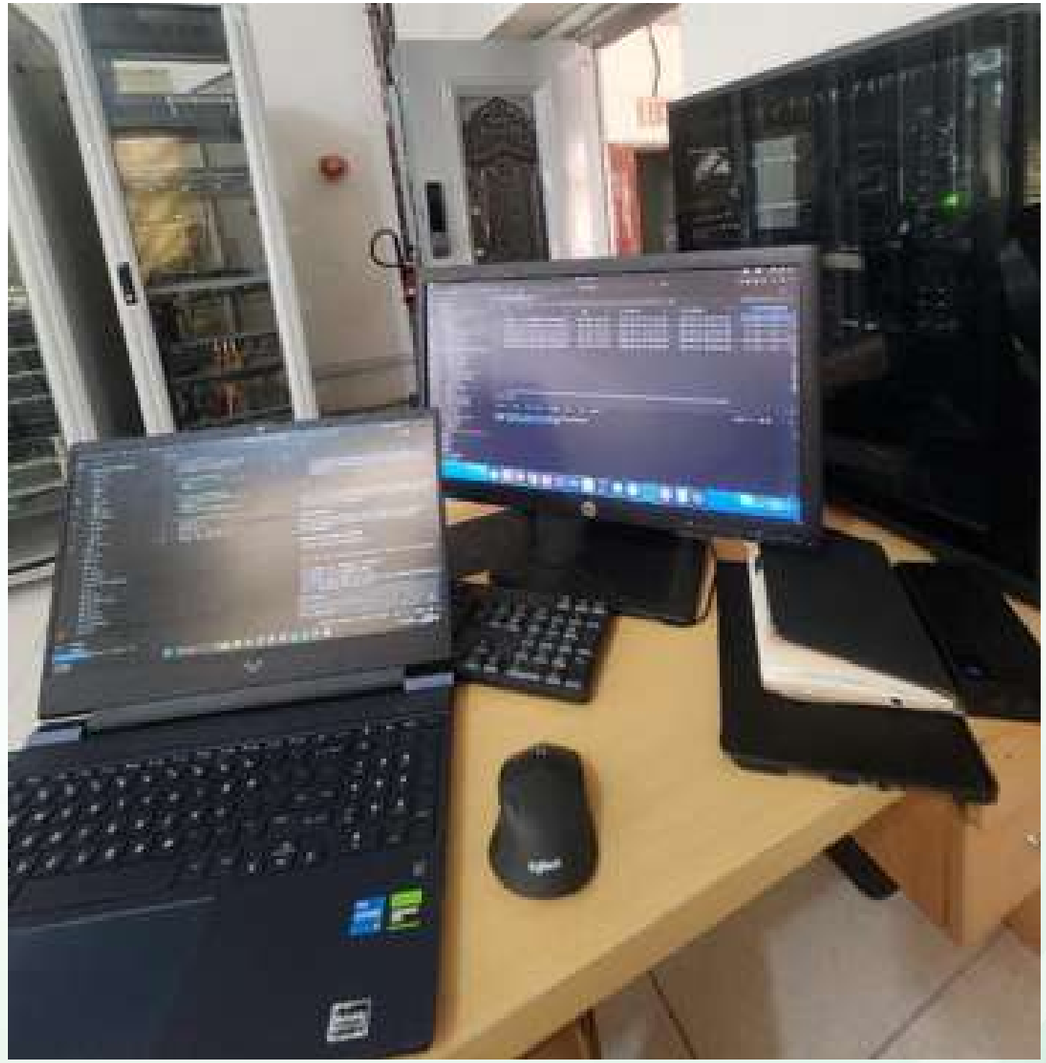
The team also updated backend and frontend applications and began developing an administrative portal to support advanced model fine-tuning and improved system performance. During the final deployment phase, the team encountered software dependency and network infrastructure limitations that affected external system accessibility.



After evaluating several connectivity options, a secure tunnelling solution was recommended as the most practical and cost-effective approach to enable public access to the platform. The deployment engagement also included plans for technical training and documentation to ensure sustainable system management by the KIRS and MSTI teams.







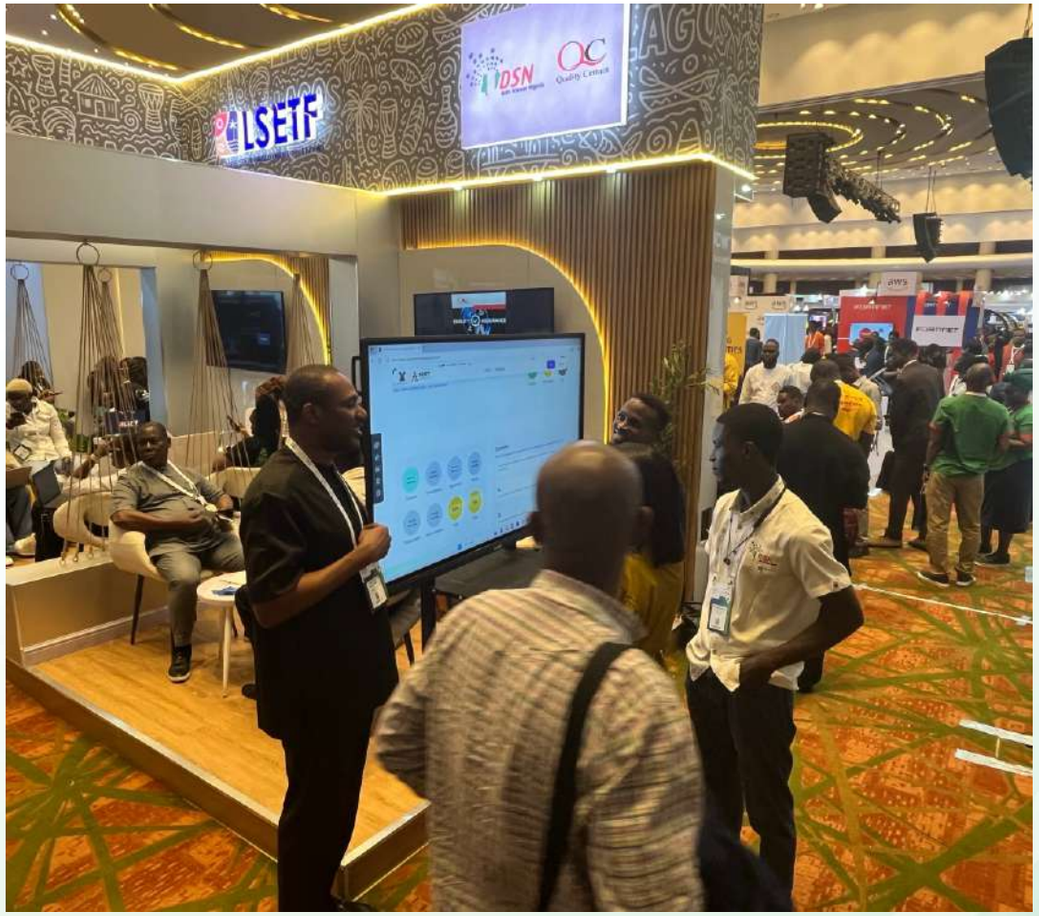
6.2

Development and delivery of the Lagos State Generative AI Playbook for the Lagos State Government

Data Science Nigeria strengthened its position as a thought leader in Nigeria's artificial intelligence ecosystem with the publication of the GenAI Governance Playbook for Nigeria, a comprehensive body of knowledge examining the ecosystem developments, organisational governance practices, and policy direction of Generative AI in the country.

The report addressed a critical gap in Nigeria's AI landscape: while GenAI adoption has grown rapidly across financial services, healthcare, agriculture, media, and education, many organisations have lacked practical, context-specific guidance for governing its responsible use. This publication distilled findings from extensive desk-based research alongside direct engagement with stakeholders across the ecosystem, positioning DSN's work not merely as commentary on Nigeria's GenAI moment but as an actionable resource for organisations navigating it.

The playbook's development reflected DSN's commitment to evidence-based, participatory research. The team conducted semi-structured interviews with stakeholders drawn from a broad cross-section of institutions spanning AI and data science, cloud infrastructure, HealthTech, AgriTech, digital marketing, academia, and legal services — capturing real-world perspectives on GenAI use, governance practices, and regulatory gaps.



This was complemented by a rigorous peer review process, with a draft version of the report shared with independent industry experts and academics for technical validation, strengthening the analytical soundness and practical relevance of the final publication.

Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery played a central role in this process, contributing to the research, development, and finalisation of the report — work that helped ensure the playbook's findings and recommendations are both rigorous and grounded in the lived realities of Nigerian organisations deploying GenAI systems. Beyond diagnosing the state of GenAI adoption and the risks organisations face — including data quality constraints, regulatory fragmentation, and the growing prevalence of unsanctioned "shadow" AI use by employees — the report's most significant contribution was the introduction of the STANDARD governance model, a practical framework designed to guide public and private sector organisations towards responsible GenAI development, deployment, and oversight.

This model, tested and refined through stakeholder interviews and expert review, gives Nigerian institutions a concrete tool for translating governance principles into everyday operational practice, regardless of how national AI regulation ultimately evolves. Through this work, DSN reinforced its role at the intersection of AI research, policy, and practice in Nigeria — producing not just analysis, but a usable roadmap for organisations, regulators, and practitioners alike. The playbook stands as a marker of DSN's continued investment in shaping a responsible, well-governed AI ecosystem in Nigeria.



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GEOSPATIAL AI



DSN Data Science Nigeria

Harnessing Geospatial AI for Social Impact and Public Good

7.1

Execution of GeoST4R RMNCHN Transition workshop and associated fieldwork in Kano State, Nigeria

Another defining milestone of the year was the successful execution of the GeoST4R RMNCHN project Transition. This initiative focused on integrating advanced geospatial tools into the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child Health, and Nutrition framework in Kano State.

DSN's role was pivotal in ensuring a functional tool for health data interaction and seamless technical handover, fostering state ownership, and validating effective digital tools through intense field activities. The transition included full chatbot code migration, live dashboard deployment, API keys acquisitions support and a bi-weekly post-deployment support strategy with the Kano State Primary Health Care Management Board (KSPHCB).

In collaboration with other stakeholders, Pathfinder International and NatView Foundation, we brought together key Monitoring, Evaluation and Planning officers to tailor the Decision Support Dashboard for Zero-Dose Mapping, HR oversight, and zonal accessibility. In addition, we facilitated a three-day intensive workshop for state health workers, focusing on the Geographical Microplanning Tool (GMT) and GeoST4R ChatBot.

This event was followed by a 7-day field exercise across Bebeji, Gezawa, and Kumbotso LGAs, validating data at dozens of facilities, from local health posts to primary health centres despite localised security challenges. This engagement successfully shifted the GeoST4R project from a partner-led initiative to a state-owned asset, empowering Kano State with the spatial intelligence needed for equitable healthcare delivery.



7.2

Collaboration with WorldPop and the University of Southampton on AI-Powered Geospatial Intelligence

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) duly represented by Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria and Chinazo Anebelundu Director, AI Solutions Delivery advanced its commitment to leveraging Artificial Intelligence for sustainable development through a strategic engagement with WorldPop and the University of Southampton.



The three-day technical and strategic working session focused on the co-development of an AI-powered geospatial intelligence solution aimed at addressing critical socioeconomic challenges across Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).

This initiative aligns with key Sustainable Development Goals, including No Poverty, Good Health & Wellbeing, and Decent Work & Economic Growth, positioning DSN at the forefront of data-driven solutions for inclusive economic transformation. A major achievement from the engagement was the alignment on the development of a GeoSLM (Geospatial Small Language Model), designed to deliver actionable geo-economic intelligence for small businesses and underserved communities.

The proposed solution integrates high-resolution population, mobility, and socioeconomic datasets with DSN's applied AI and machine learning capabilities to enable market intelligence, demand estimation, and supply chain optimisation. This reinforces DSN's strength in translating complex datasets into scalable, real-world digital solutions that support governments, development partners, and enterprises.

The engagement also established a strong foundation for responsible and ethical AI deployment, with clear considerations around data governance, privacy, and regulatory compliance. Both parties emphasised the importance of integrating ground-truthing systems, community-level data validation, and inclusive data sourcing to ensure accuracy and contextual relevance. DSN's expertise in building human-centred AI systems was instrumental in shaping discussions around governance frameworks, commercialisation pathways, and capacity building for both public and private sector stakeholders.

DSN's leadership team played a critical role in driving the success of the engagement by contributing technical insights, aligning research priorities, and defining implementation pathways for the proposed solution.

Their participation ensured that the collaboration moves beyond research into a scalable, impact-driven initiative, with clear next steps including the development of a joint concept note, execution of partnership agreements, and exploration of commercialisation opportunities.

This collaboration further strengthens DSN's position as a key enabler of AI-powered socio-economic innovation across Africa.





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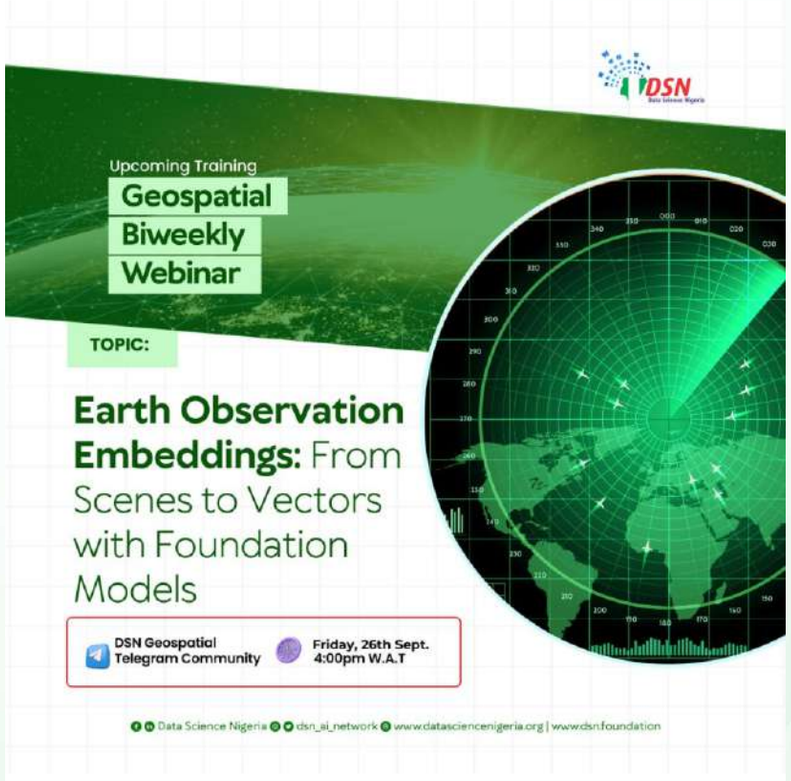
Hosting of the Geospatial Bi-Weekly Webinar Series and the Maiden Geospatial Quarterly Webinar Series Focused on Advancing Knowledge in Geospatial Artificial Intelligence (GeoAI)

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) further advanced its commitment to building geospatial capacity through the successful hosting of its Geospatial Community Bi-Weekly Webinar Series, including the maiden Quarterly Training Session delivered via the DSN General Telegram Community platform.

The initiative provided a structured learning environment for community members to deepen their understanding of spatial data analysis while fostering continuous engagement and knowledge sharing. This series has become a valuable platform for equipping participants with practical, industry-relevant skills and strengthening DSN's geospatial talent pipeline.

The session featured contributions from multiple tutors, including Olumide S. Ogungbemi, a geospatial professional affiliated with Oregon State University and GIS & Data Analyst at eHealth Africa, who led a session on "Careers and Opportunities in the Geospatial Field." Alongside other facilitators, he provided insights into career pathways, technical skill requirements, and real-world applications of geospatial technologies.

The collective contributions of these tutors enriched the learning experience, reinforced DSN's collaborative approach to knowledge delivery, and ensured participants gained diverse perspectives essential for growth in the geospatial ecosystem.



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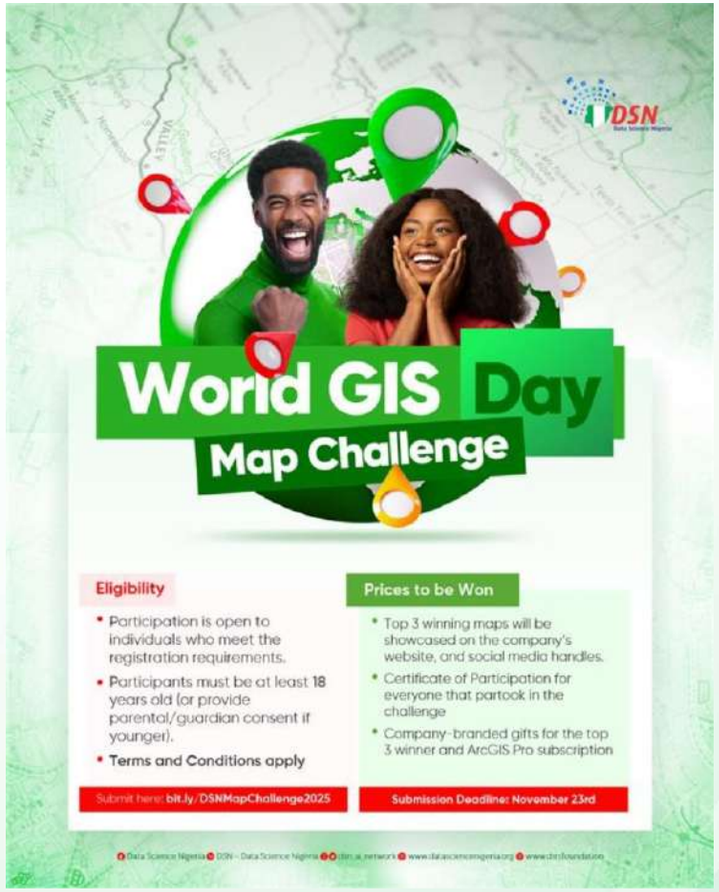
Coordination of the World GIS Day 2025 Map Challenge and Geospatial Community Quarterly Training Session

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) successfully hosted the World GIS Day 2025 Map Challenge alongside its Geospatial Community Quarterly Training Session, reinforcing its commitment to advancing geospatial intelligence and digital mapping skills across its community.

The initiative provided a dynamic platform for participants to apply Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools in solving real-world problems, telling impactful data-driven stories, and showcasing innovative mapping solutions.

Through this engagement, DSN further strengthened its role in promoting geospatial literacy, creativity, and technical excellence among emerging talents. The event also encouraged active participation and knowledge sharing within the DSN ecosystem, with staff and community facilitators contributing to training sessions, mentorship, and coordination of the challenge.

Their efforts ensured seamless execution and enhanced participant experience, while fostering collaboration and innovation within the geospatial community. Outstanding participants were recognised through opportunities such as feature placements on DSN platforms, access to professional tools like ArcGIS Pro, and certification, reflecting DSN's continued investment in talent development and capacity building in the geospatial domain.





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Leading on Digital Public Infrastructure

8.1

Strategic meeting on the adoption of DiCert by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN).

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) advanced its strategic role in strengthening digital public infrastructure through a high-level engagement with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN) on 5 February 2026 at the Council's headquarters in Abuja.

The meeting, attended by key stakeholders including representatives from the Gates Foundation, NMCN leadership, and Capacity Connect, focused on reviewing progress, addressing implementation challenges, and defining actionable next steps for scaling a national digital certification and credentialing initiative for healthcare practitioners.

During the engagement, DSN, represented by Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery and Oluwatobi Adeyokunnu, Software Engineer provided critical insights into the existing inefficiencies within NMCN's credentialing system, including prolonged certificate issuance timelines, fragmented data systems, and reliance on third-party infrastructure.

The team clearly articulated the need for a centralised, interoperable digital platform to enhance efficiency, reduce risks of forgery, and improve data sovereignty. Their contributions helped align stakeholders on the problem definition and established DSN as a preferred technical partner for the initiative. A key achievement from the meeting was the co-development of a forward-looking vision for a comprehensive digital MCPDP (Mandatory Continuing Professional Development Programme) platform. This includes capabilities such as digital learning management, proctored examinations, automated certification issuance, and integration with licence renewal systems.



DSN also proposed advanced features such as cryptographic verification, and AI-enabled access to credential databases. These recommendations were well received and reflect DSN's commitment to delivering secure, scalable, and context-aware digital solutions.

Chinazo Anebelundu played a pivotal role in leading technical discussions and documenting outcomes, while Oluwatobi Adeyokunnu contributed to stakeholder engagement and solution articulation, ensuring clarity on both strategic and operational requirements. Their combined efforts facilitated productive dialogue with NMCN leadership, including the Registrar, and helped define a clear pathway for collaboration.

Overall, this engagement reinforces DSN's position as a key enabler of digital transformation in the public sector, with tangible progress towards modernising professional certification systems in Nigeria.

8.2

Launching of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Startup Programme

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) successfully delivered a high-impact AI + Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Startup Residency Programme in collaboration with CcHub and DIAL, bringing together innovators, policymakers, and technical experts to co-create scalable, inclusive digital solutions.

The two-week residency, held from 4–15 August 2025, provided a structured platform for startups across sectors such as financial inclusion, maternal health, agritech, and health microfinancing to develop AI-enabled solutions aligned with public sector needs.

Through intensive workshops, mentoring sessions, and stakeholder engagements, DSN reinforced its leadership in bridging innovation with governance and real-world application. A key achievement of the programme was the successful onboarding and capacity development of nine startups, including XChangeBOX, Clafiya, and Evet Africa, who were guided through problem discovery, solution design, and sprint planning.

The residency integrated critical themes such as Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA), ethical AI adoption, and human-centred design, with active participation from ecosystem partners including CcHub, DIAL, the Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC), and the Lagos State Ministry of Health. These engagements ensured that solutions developed were not only technically sound but also compliant, inclusive, and aligned with national data governance priorities.



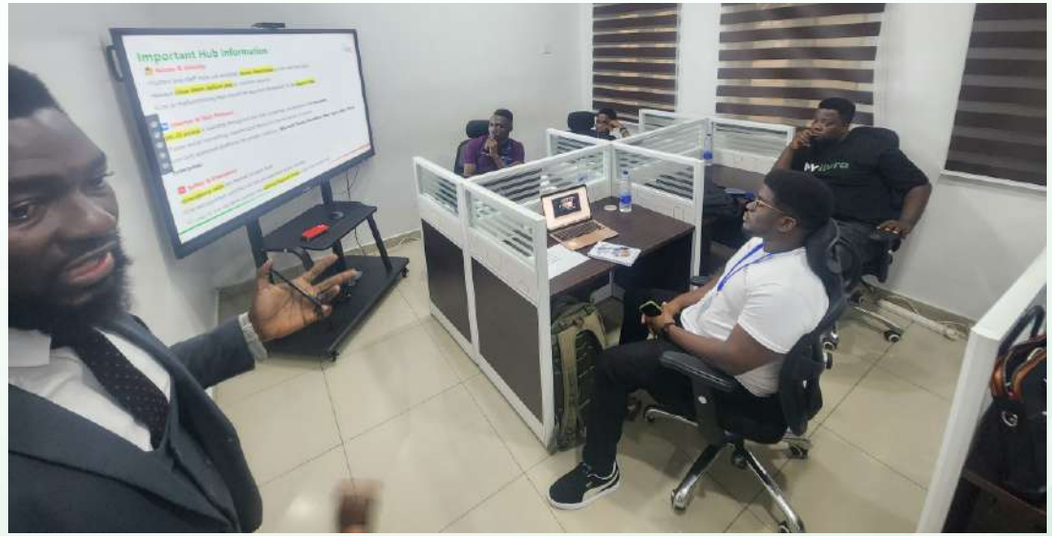


DSN's multidisciplinary team played a central role in the success of the residency programme. Oluwaseun Nifemi, Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting) led overall coordination, ensuring seamless execution of activities and stakeholder alignment. Emmanuel Enemakwu Enterprise Technical Solution/Products Consultant drove product strategy, supporting startups in defining use cases, prioritising features, and aligning solutions with public sector needs.

Muhammad Abiodun Sulaiman, Solution Architect/ML Engineer guided AI system design and deployment, while Ewezu Ngim Ngim, Data Analyst/ML Engineer provided data-driven insights and impact analysis.

Ahmad Ibrahim Ismail, AI-DPI Lead offered strategic advisory on ethical AI, regulatory alignment, and public infrastructure integration. Further strengthening delivery, Ayoleyi Lurogho, Oluwatosin Oyero, and Fathia Alliu, UI/UX Designers ensured user-centred and inclusive design across solutions, while Saadat Olorunishola, Senior Quality Assurance Engineer maintained quality assurance, compliance, and robustness of outputs.

The programme concluded with a structured sprint planning and stakeholder review session, positioning participating startups for continued development and potential scale. Overall, the residency programme demonstrated DSN's commitment to fostering innovation ecosystems, advancing ethical AI deployment, and enabling scalable digital public infrastructure solutions across Nigeria.



8.3

Global Recognition and Advancement in Digital Public Infrastructure Innovation at Race to Onboard Hackathon

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) achieved international recognition through its contribution to the development of DiCert, a digital solution created for the Gates Foundation, which emerged as a winning project at the Global Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Hackathon.

Building on this success, DSN team members were further selected as winners of the Race to Onboard Hackathon, in recognition of their direct contributions to the solution's design and implementation. This milestone highlights DSN's growing impact in the Digital Public Infrastructure ecosystem, demonstrating its capacity to develop scalable, innovative solutions that address global development challenges.

The recognition also reflects the strength of DSN's technical expertise and its commitment to building high-impact, locally relevant, and globally competitive digital solutions. Participation in the Race to Onboard initiative provided DSN representatives with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of emerging trends in DPI, while engaging with a global network of innovators, policymakers, and ecosystem leaders.

This exposure supports DSN's strategic objective to lead in the development and adoption of Digital Public Infrastructure solutions across Africa. Through this achievement, DSN continues to strengthen its position as a key contributor to the global digital innovation landscape, driving forward solutions that enable inclusive growth, digital transformation, and sustainable development.





8.4

Review of the OpenG2P solution and participation in the OpenG2P Academy knowledge exchange

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) continued to strengthen its leadership in advancing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) through strategic capacity building and product evaluation initiatives. As part of this effort, DSN actively engaged with the OpenG2P Academy to deepen its understanding of globally recognised Government-to-Person (G2P) solutions.

This engagement aligns with DSN's commitment to delivering scalable, interoperable, and inclusive digital systems that enhance service delivery and drive socio-economic impact across Nigeria and Africa.

Representing DSN, Ahmad Ibrahim, AI-DPI Lead undertook a comprehensive review of the OpenG2P platform, providing critical insights into its architecture, technical capabilities, and strategic relevance to DSN's AI-DPI portfolio.



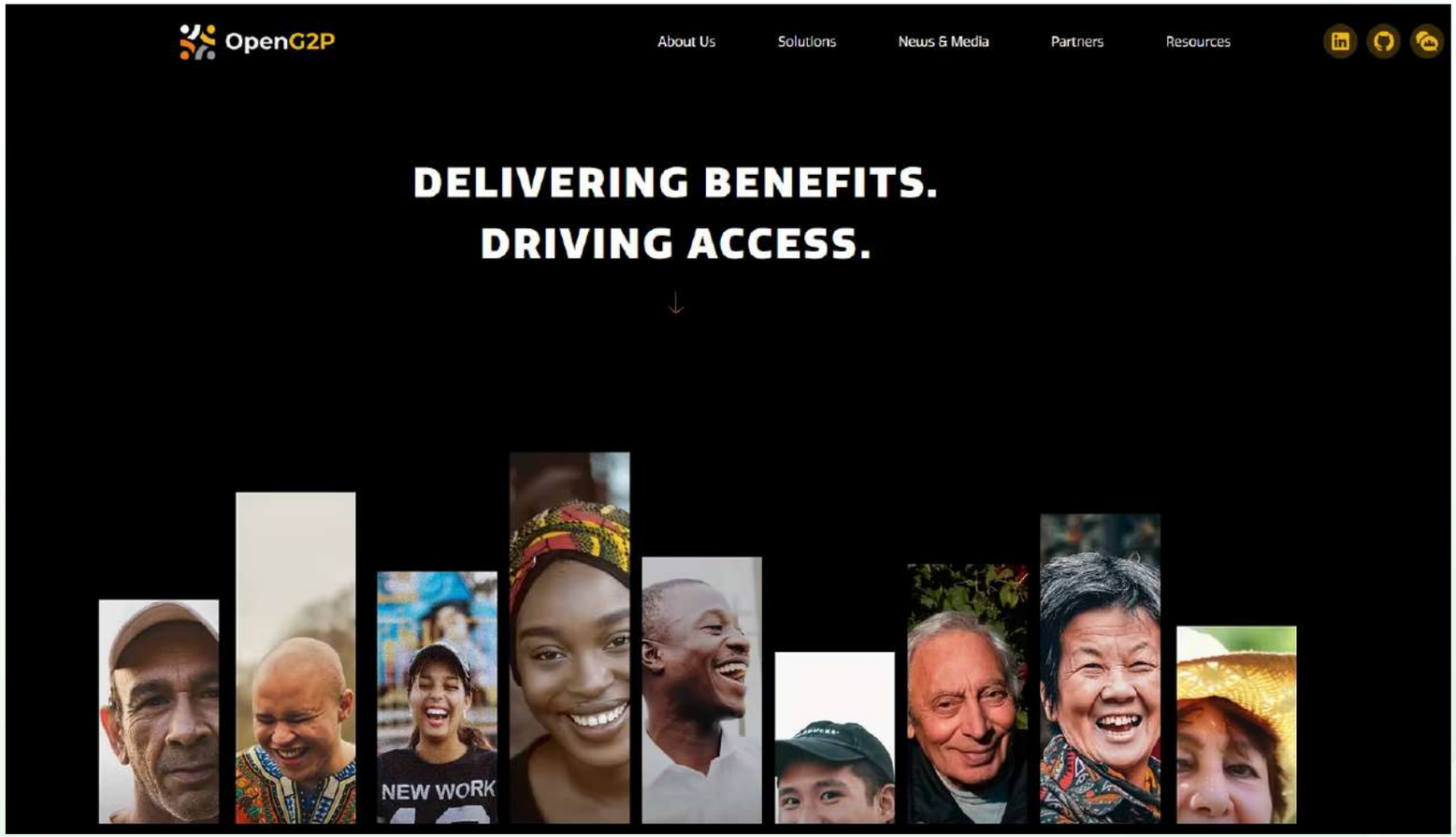
His work highlighted OpenG2P as a vital applied layer within the DPI ecosystem, transforming foundational components such as digital identity, payments, and data exchange into tangible citizen services—particularly in the area of social protection and welfare delivery.

His analysis further emphasised the platform's modular and interoperable design, enabling seamless integration with existing systems such as MOSIP, and positioning DSN to deliver end-to-end implementation of G2P solutions. A key achievement from this engagement was the identification of OpenG2P as a "ready-to-deploy" solution within DSN's expanding DPI toolkit, alongside platforms such as DHIS2, Sunbird RC, and DIGIT.

This positions DSN to accelerate deployment timelines, enhance programme reach through AI-powered multilingual and multipurpose enhancements, and ensure higher accuracy and efficiency in service delivery. Additionally, Ahmad's insights underscored the importance of leveraging OpenG2P's secure, cloud-native, and API-driven infrastructure to enable transparent, auditable, and scalable disbursement systems for both government-led and donor-funded programmes.

Overall, this initiative reinforces DSN's strategic positioning as a key enabler of inclusive digital transformation and public service innovation. Ahmad Ibrahim's contribution was instrumental in bridging global DPI innovations with DSN's local implementation strategy, ensuring readiness for upcoming projects, including MOSIP-aligned deployments.

Through this engagement, DSN continues to demonstrate its capacity to integrate global best practices with locally relevant solutions, ultimately driving sustainable impact in digital governance and social protection systems.



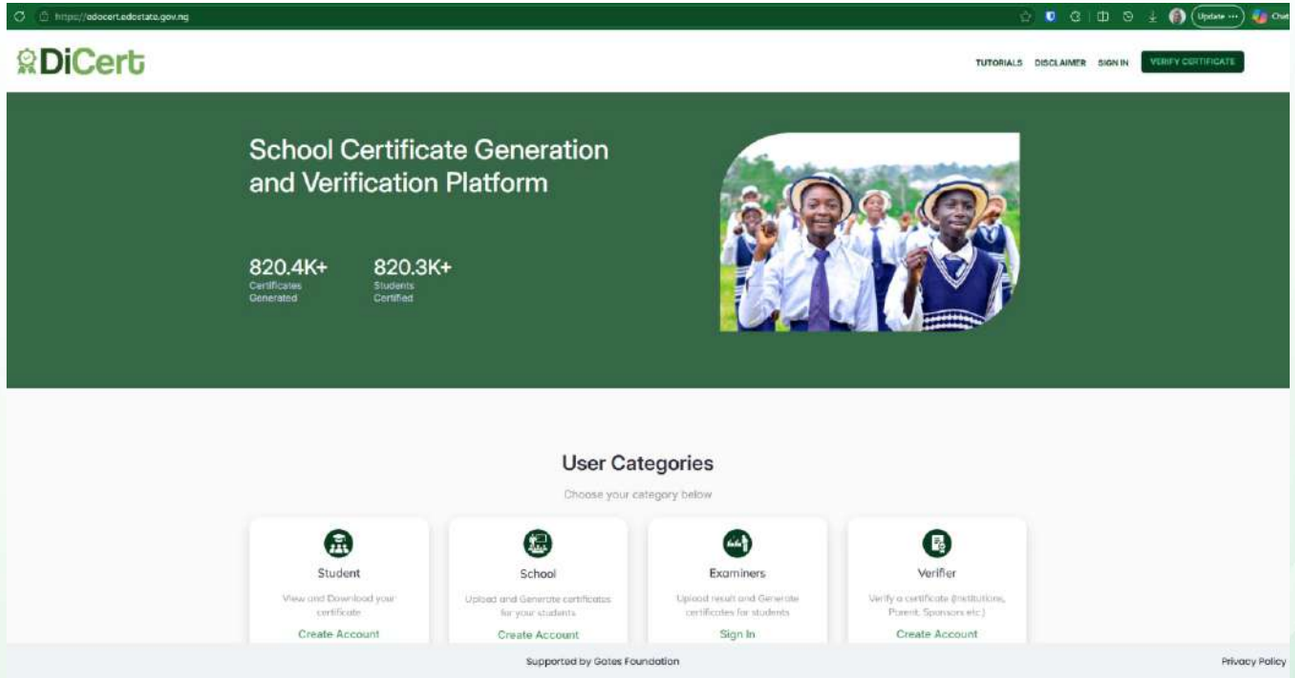
8.5

Featured Media Coverage: EdoCert Registry and Credentialing DPI, a Gates Foundation–Edo State Government Initiative

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), led by our Project Team Lead Uyi Briggs and Project Assistant Edugie Iruobe, played a key role in supporting the Deloitte-led Edo DiCert Impact Assessment conducted across Edo State from 17 - 18 July 2025. The assessment, which covered Edo South, Edo Central, and Edo North senatorial districts, was aimed at evaluating the usability, accessibility, and overall impact of the Edo DiCert platform in public secondary schools.

Through strategic engagement with the Ministry of Education and direct interaction with schools, the exercise reinforced DSN's commitment to leveraging digital solutions to improve education systems and data-driven governance. Across multiple school visits, the Edo DiCert platform was widely recognised as a transformative tool that has significantly reduced the processing time for student result certification, verification, and authentication.

Schools in Edo South, including Imaguero College, Idia College, and Benin Technical College, reported improved efficiency, ease of use, and increased student satisfaction. The platform's simplicity and effectiveness in enabling seamless access to academic records highlight DSN's achievement in deploying practical, scalable digital solutions that enhance transparency and service delivery within the education sector.



The assessment also provided critical insights into areas for improvement, particularly in rural communities across Edo North and Edo Central. Key challenges identified included limited access to internet connectivity, inadequate digital infrastructure, low device availability, and the need for increased capacity-building for teachers and students.

These findings present an opportunity for DSN and its partners to deepen impact through targeted interventions such as expanded training programmes, improved platform features (including transcript generation), and enhanced accessibility for underserved communities.

DSN's participation was instrumental to the success of the engagement by supporting field coordination and stakeholder engagement across the senatorial districts, ensuring effective collaboration with Deloitte and school representatives.







Promoting Gender Inclusion: Ladies in AI, Driving Diversity and Equity

9.1

Gold sponsorship and participation in the 3rd Annual Uzemi Leadership Summit

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) participated as a key partner and sponsor at the Uzemi Leadership Summit 3.0, themed "Her Edge: Learning AI, Leading Forward," an initiative focused on equipping women in technology with the knowledge, leadership capacity, and networks required to thrive in the evolving digital economy.



The summit convened a diverse audience of women in tech, industry leaders, and ecosystem partners, reinforcing the importance of inclusive participation in the future of Artificial Intelligence. The event commenced with an engaging opening session anchored by Oluwaseun R. Olusegun, which featured interactive activities and recognition of sponsors, including DSN.

This was followed by a welcome address from Mrs. Olatomiwa Williams, Founder of Uzemi Foundation, who highlighted the organisation's mission and emphasised the importance of confidence and boldness in leadership, encouraging women to take initiative without seeking permission.

The keynote address, delivered on behalf of Her Excellency Mrs. Bamidele Abiodun, First Lady of Ogun State, underscored the importance of a growth mindset, collaboration, and inclusive leadership in driving sustainable impact.

The session reinforced the need to create enabling environments for women to lead and innovate within the technology ecosystem. A central feature of the summit was the panel session titled “The AI Shift,” which explored the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence across industries.

Discussions highlighted AI’s influence on the creative sector, its role in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and the importance of women as value-driven innovators. Speakers emphasised the need for partnership-driven innovation and the application of AI to address real-world customer needs.

The summit also featured a fireside chat with Dr. Folashade Femi-Lawal, which provided valuable insights into career growth, resilience, and leadership. The session emphasised continuous learning, adaptability, and authenticity as critical drivers of success in the AI and technology landscape, while also reinforcing the accessibility and relevance of AI across all sectors.

A hands-on Copilot Prompt-a-thon further demonstrated the practical application of AI, with participants developing innovative solutions using Microsoft Copilot. The competition encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and technical application, with top-performing teams receiving awards in recognition of their solutions. DSN’s participation was marked by a focused presentation delivered by Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions) and Omotowa Oluwatobi Shalom, Data Analyst highlighting the organisation’s mission, structure, and nationwide impact in building AI capacity.



The presentation introduced DSN's learning communities, including initiatives such as Ladies in AI, and showcased the AI-powered Family Planning Chatbot, a multilingual solution designed to improve access to health information. Attendees were encouraged to engage with the tool, driving awareness and adoption. In addition, DSN announced plans to expand its grassroots engagement through the launch of the DSN Ikorodu Community, aimed at fostering local AI learning, mentorship, and collaboration.

Through its collaboration with the Nigeria AI Collective, DSN also highlighted the National AI Hackathon focused on healthcare innovation, providing participants with access to extensive datasets, including over 3,000 hours of Nigerian voice data, as well as compute resources to support model development. DSN's engagement at the summit reinforced its leadership in advancing AI education, fostering inclusive innovation, and strengthening partnerships within the ecosystem.

The event highlighted critical themes such as the importance of confidence in leadership, the central role of AI in future innovation, and the need for continuous learning, collaboration, and purpose-driven engagement for women in technology.



Panel participation at DataFest Africa's Women in AI Session

At DataFest Africa 2025, Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery contributed to the panel session "Breaking Every Barrier: How African Women Conquered Global AI Despite the Odds," where she provided expert insights into building and leading globally competitive AI careers from an African base. In addition to sharing her journey, she addressed key technical and leadership questions, offering practical guidance grounded in her experience leading multidisciplinary AI teams.

In response to a question on the specific technical skills she prioritised when transitioning into AI leadership roles, Chinazo Anebelundu emphasised the importance of building a strong foundation in core AI domains. She highlighted expertise in machine learning, data engineering, and software engineering principles as critical enablers, alongside specialisation in emerging areas such as Generative AI, Large Language Models (LLMs), and MLOps.

She noted that beyond technical proficiency, systems thinking and the ability to design end-to-end AI solutions were essential in preparing for leadership responsibilities. Addressing how she balances technical depth with executive responsibilities, Chinazo Anebelundu explained that effective AI leadership requires a dual mindset.

She maintains sufficient technical depth to guide architecture, evaluate solutions, and mentor teams, while also focusing on strategic oversight, stakeholder management, and aligning AI initiatives with organisational goals.





She underscored the importance of building strong teams and empowering specialists, allowing her to operate at

both the technical and executive levels without compromising impact. On the topic of evaluating and implementing cutting-edge technologies such as LLMs and Generative AI in enterprise settings, Chinazo Anebelundu outlined a structured, impact-driven approach.

She emphasised the need to assess technologies based on real business value, scalability, ethical considerations, and alignment with local context. She highlighted the importance of piloting solutions, validating use cases, and ensuring robust MLOps frameworks for deployment and monitoring.

Additionally, she stressed responsible AI practices, particularly in ensuring that solutions are inclusive, context-aware, and sustainable. Her contributions reinforced the importance of combining deep technical expertise with strategic leadership, while adopting a pragmatic and responsible approach to innovation.

Chinazo Anebelundu's participation further demonstrated DSN's leadership in advancing globally relevant AI capabilities and shaping conversations around inclusive and impactful AI development.



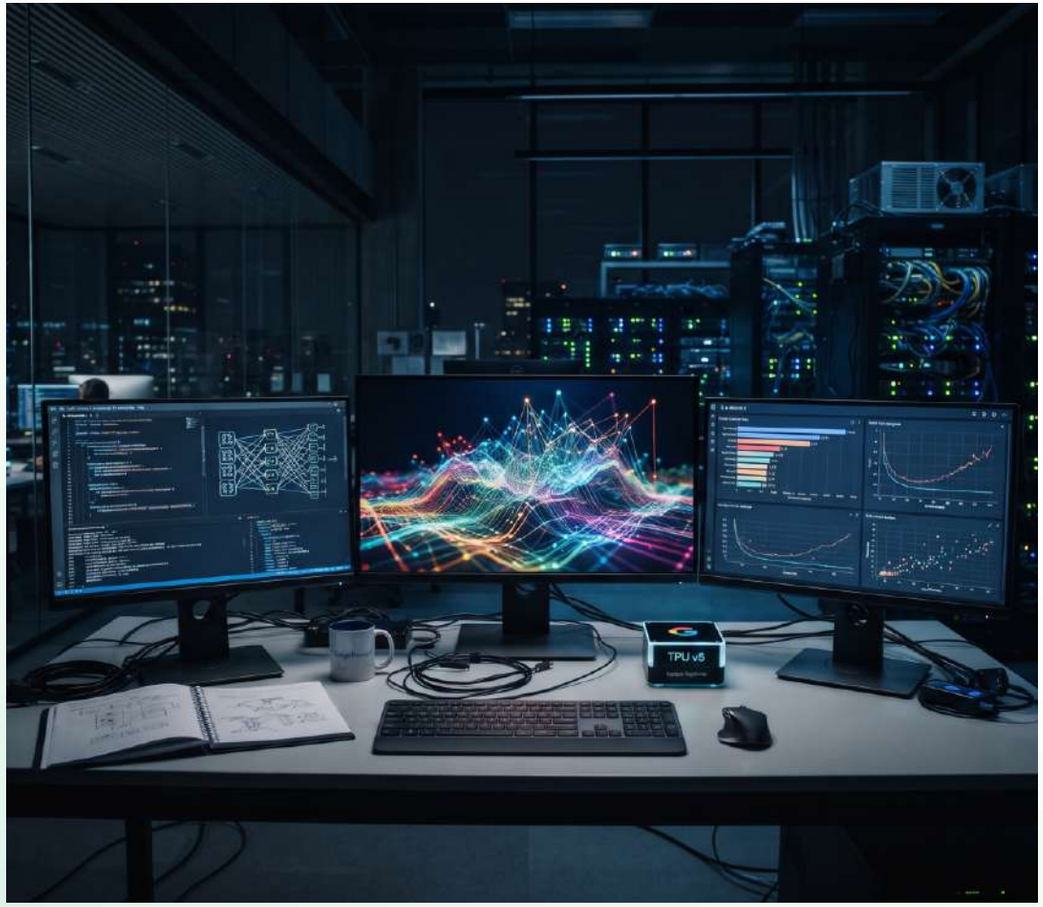
Panel participation at the Google Research Virtual Community Forum on Generative AI for Low-Resource Languages

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) continued to demonstrate its leadership in advancing inclusive Artificial Intelligence through active participation in global conversations on language equity and social impact. At a recent international community panel on Language Inclusion in AI for Social Impact, DSN contributed to critical discussions on how emerging technologies can better serve underrepresented and low-resource language communities.

The engagement reflects DSN's strategic commitment to ensuring that AI systems are accessible, culturally relevant, and responsive to the diverse linguistic landscape of Africa. Representing DSN, Rashidat Sikiru played a key role in articulating the organisation's perspective on inclusive AI development.

Her contributions emphasised the importance of designing AI systems that go beyond direct translation to incorporate cultural and contextual realities. She highlighted DSN's experience in working within resource-constrained environments, advocating for the development of models that are locally grounded and capable of addressing real-world challenges faced by indigenous language speakers.





Her insights reinforced DSN's position as a thought leader in building socially responsible AI solutions. The panel also explored the opportunities and limitations of Generative AI in supporting local languages, as well as the critical need for high-quality, representative datasets.

DSN's participation underscored the importance of community engagement in AI development, particularly the involvement of native speakers in data creation, validation, and system design. Through this contribution, DSN showcased its ongoing efforts to promote community-driven innovation and strengthen the ecosystem for language technology development across Africa.

Overall, the event highlighted the growing global recognition of linguistic diversity as a key factor in responsible AI deployment. DSN's engagement not only strengthened international collaborations but also reinforced its commitment to bridging language gaps in digital technologies. By continuing to invest in local language data, partnerships, and inclusive innovation,

DSN is well-positioned to drive impactful AI solutions that empower underserved communities and support sustainable digital transformation.

9.4

Commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child to empower future female leaders

As part of the global celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child 2025, Data Science Nigeria (DSN) hosted 50 girls from four secondary schools (Prudence City College, Sabo Junior Secondary School, Wesley Girls High School, and Aje Comprehensive Junior School) at its Yaba Hub on 10 October 2025, for an inspiring day of learning, innovation, and discovery, designed to show them that technology is a space they can actively engage in and shape.

The day featured interactive sessions on Artificial Intelligence (AI), including hands-on demonstrations of robotics and machine learning, as well as an introduction to DSN's AI-powered U-Learn platform, which highlights how AI can enhance education through personalised learning and automation.

A standout moment was a panel discussion with DSN female professionals, Faiza Sani, Northern Nigeria Technical Project Lead, Tobiloba Oyeniran, Brand and Communication Analyst and Temitola Ajekiigbe, Legal Officer who shared their career journeys and encouraged the girls to stay curious and embrace opportunities in tech.

Link to blog post: https://datasciencenigeria.medium.com/data-science-nigeria-marks-international-day-of-the-girl-child-with-a-bold-ai-learning-experience-00b69e6b1965





Participation at the Female Founders & Funders Programme Demo Day at the Civic Centre, Lagos

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) was represented by Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions) at the Demo Day of the second edition of the Female Founders and Funders Programme, an initiative designed to support women entrepreneurs and investors in the technology ecosystem.



The programme, implemented by the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) through its Lagos Innovates platform in partnership with AfriGloCal VC and supported by the GIZ Digital Transformation Centre, culminated in a showcase event marking the completion of an intensive eight-week capacity-building journey.

The cohort comprised 17 female startup founders and 20 aspiring female funders who were equipped with critical skills through workshops, mentorship, and peer learning to scale businesses and access funding opportunities. The event featured strong participation from government, private sector leaders, development organisations, and the broader innovation ecosystem, reinforcing a shared commitment to advancing inclusion and strengthening opportunities for women in technology.

Opening remarks from key stakeholders highlighted the programme's growing impact, the importance of building a pipeline of women leaders and investors, and the role of collaborative ecosystems in enabling women-led enterprises to thrive. A major highlight of the Demo Day was the live pitch session, where six promising startups presented innovative solutions across sectors including housing, healthcare, education, mobility, and sustainable fashion.

Wakamedics emerged as the overall winner, with Hub Pharm Africa and Ule Homes securing second and third positions respectively, receiving funding support to accelerate their growth. The quality of presentations reflected strong market insight, innovation, and resilience among the participants. The event also featured a fireside chat on funding and investment, as well as panel sessions exploring critical themes such as the intersection of fintech and banking, and the future of digital retail in Africa. These discussions provided valuable insights into navigating the evolving business landscape and accessing growth opportunities.

The programme concluded with closing remarks emphasising that empowering women is not only a social imperative but also a driver of economic growth and innovation. DSN's participation in the event further underscores its commitment to supporting inclusive innovation and strengthening the broader technology ecosystem by engaging with initiatives that empower underrepresented groups, foster entrepreneurship, and drive sustainable impact.

9.6

Participation at the Microsoft AI Skills for Women with the Ministry of Women Affairs in Abuja

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) further strengthened its commitment to inclusive capacity building and digital empowerment through its participation in the Microsoft AI Skills for Women initiative, held on 30 March 2026 as part of the "Give to Gain Summit" organised by the Federal Ministry of Women's Affairs.

The high-level event, which commemorated International Women's Day and unveiled the Nigerian Families First initiative, convened over 500 participants across public and private sectors. DSN's involvement reinforced its strategic role in advancing digital inclusion, particularly for women, in alignment with national development priorities.

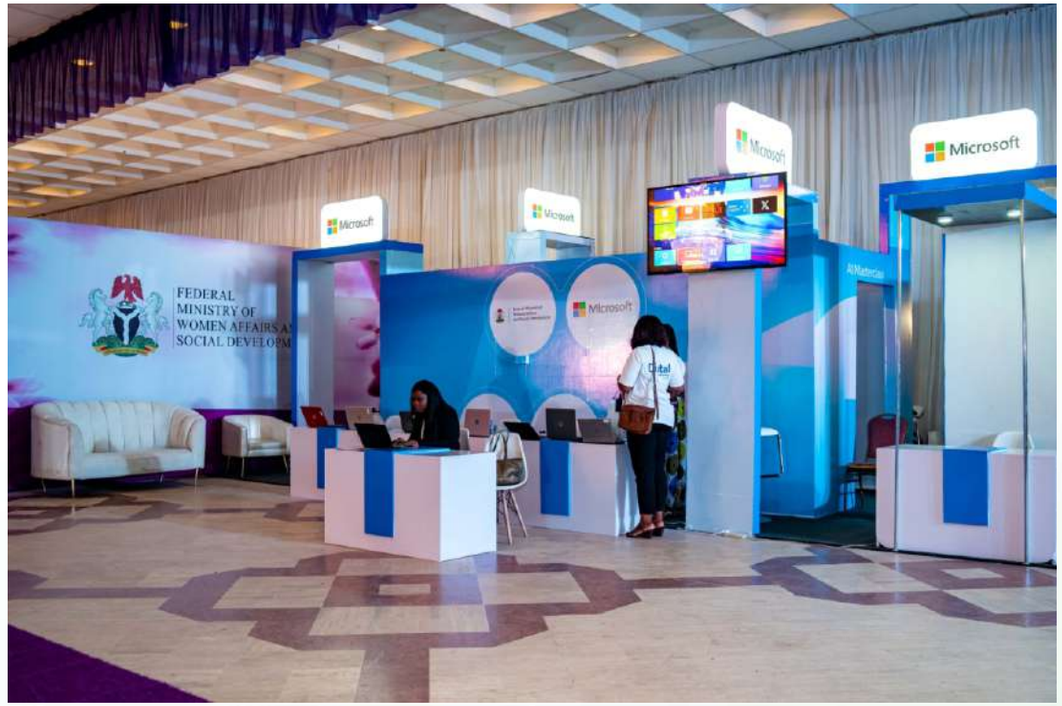
As the technical partner to Microsoft, DSN played a pivotal role in delivering hands-on training sessions focused on digital literacy and the practical application of AI tools for workplace productivity. The training was structured to provide participants with foundational and intermediate skills, enabling them to leverage tools such as Microsoft Copilot for presentation development in PowerPoint, data analysis in Excel, and content creation using Microsoft Designer.



Through this intervention, DSN successfully trained 116 participants across seven cohorts, equipping them with relevant digital competencies to enhance their professional and entrepreneurial outcomes. A key highlight of the engagement was the visibility and endorsement received from national leadership, including a visit to the learning booth by the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, represented by Hajiya Fatima Abbas Tajudeen, alongside Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, Honourable Minister of Women's Affairs.

Their engagement underscored the importance of scaling digital skills acquisition among women and encouraged participants to cascade knowledge within their respective communities and workplaces, thereby ensuring sustainability and broader impact. The successful delivery of this initiative reflects DSN's continued leadership in bridging the digital skills gap and fostering inclusive access to emerging technologies.

Through strategic partnerships and targeted interventions, DSN remains at the forefront of enabling women and underserved groups to actively participate in Nigeria's evolving digital economy, contributing to long-term socio-economic growth and innovation.







Panel participation at the Executive Women in Leadership Programme hosted by Teknowledge in partnership with Uzemi and Microsoft

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its commitment to inclusive leadership and gender representation through its participation in the Executive Women in Leadership gathering in commemoration of International Women's Day on 5 March 2026, in Victoria Island, Lagos. The high-level event, hosted by Teknowledge in partnership with Uzemi and Microsoft, convened distinguished C-suite women leaders across sectors to engage in meaningful dialogue, leadership reflections, and forward-looking discussions on innovation. DSN's presence at this exclusive forum underscores its dedication to promoting diversity and supporting women in leadership within the data science and technology ecosystem.





Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery represented DSN at the event, contributing to strategic conversations and knowledge exchange on leadership and emerging technologies. Through her participation in panel sessions and the Agentic AI workshop, she engaged with global thought leaders, gaining valuable insights into executive leadership, resilience, and the future of AI-driven innovation. Her representation not only strengthened DSN's visibility within influential networks but also reinforced the organisation's commitment to empowering women leaders and fostering inclusive growth in the AI and data science space.

9.8

Community partnership representation at the WITESA 5.0 Women in Technology and Engineering Summit and Awards, Lagos.

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its ecosystem engagement and commitment to inclusive technology development by serving as a Community Partner for the Women in Technology and Engineering Summit & Awards (WITESA) 5.0, held on 23–24 June 2026 at the MUSON Centre, Lagos.

The summit, themed "5 Years of Tech Fire: Women Igniting Africa's Innovation Revolution," convened over 2,000 stakeholders across the continent, including innovators, policymakers, and technology professionals. DSN's partnership role enabled the organisation to amplify awareness within its community, mobilise participation, and support broader conversations on gender inclusion, innovation, and digital transformation in Africa.

Through this collaboration, DSN contributed to expanding access to high-impact opportunities for its network of professionals, researchers, and emerging technology leaders by actively disseminating event information and encouraging engagement with the summit's activities.

The organisation's involvement underscores its commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion within the tech ecosystem while supporting platforms that recognise and elevate women's contributions to Africa's innovation landscape. This strategic partnership further positions DSN as a key enabler of collaborative growth and knowledge exchange within the continent's evolving technology space.





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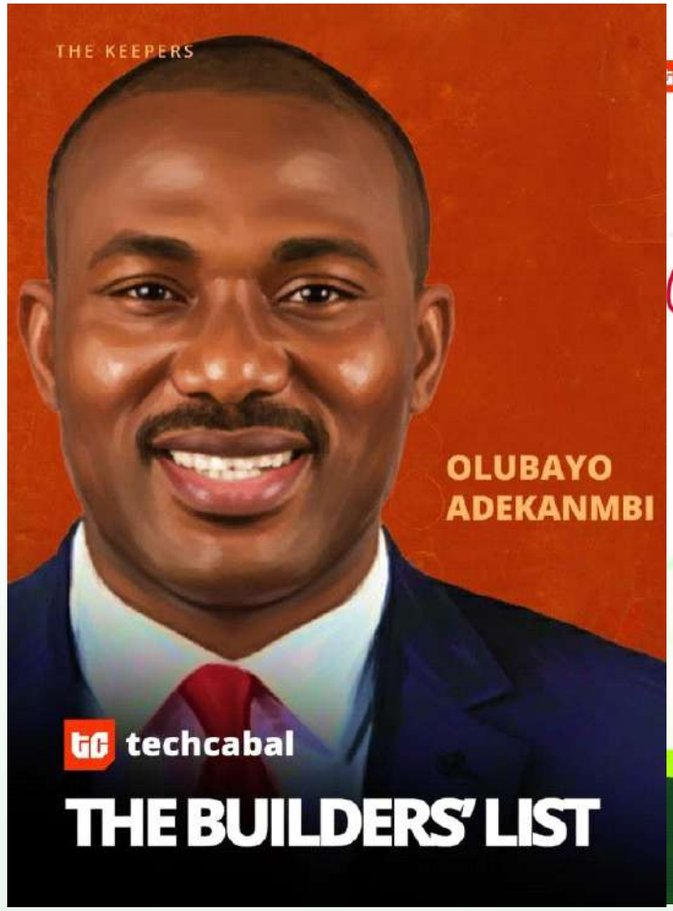
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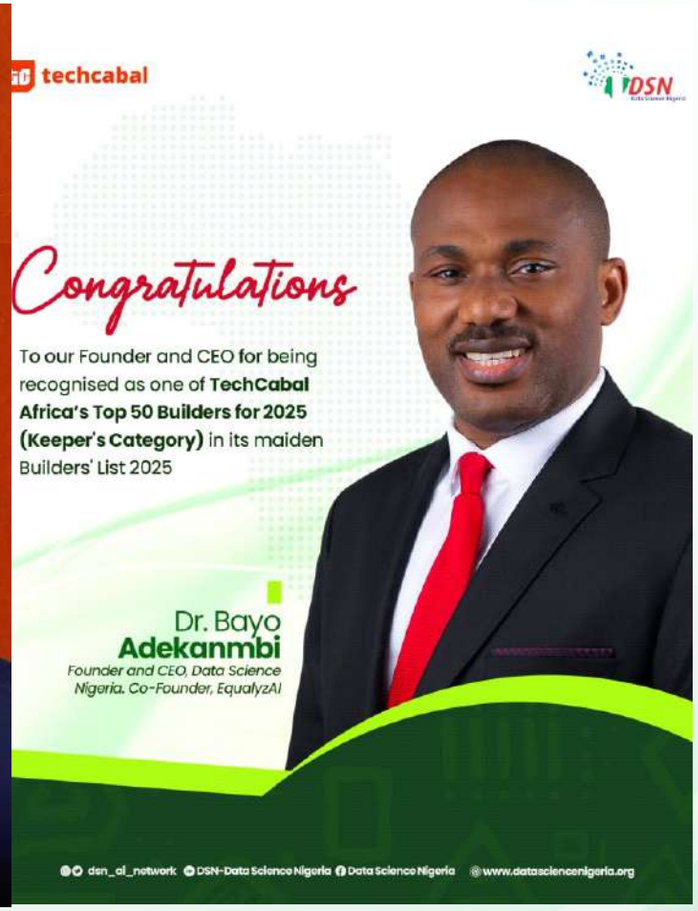
Recognition as one of Africa's Top 50 Builders in the maiden Builder's List by TechCabal

In 2025, DSN's commitment to advancing inclusive and impactful Artificial Intelligence gained further recognition through the inclusion of Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria in the inaugural edition of TechCabal's The Builders' List 2025 an annual index celebrating influential leaders shaping Africa's technology ecosystem.

Recognised in the Keepers category, Dr. Adekanmbi was acknowledged for his sustained efforts in building AI solutions, talent ecosystems, and innovation frameworks that address Africa's unique challenges while creating opportunities for broader participation in the digital economy.

This recognition reflects his continued leadership in driving responsible AI development, strengthening Africa's position in the global technology landscape, and advancing DSN's vision of leveraging Artificial Intelligence to improve lives across emerging markets.





Keynote address at the KPMG Digital Summit on AI for inclusive innovation and building Africa's future

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria delivered the keynote address at the KPMG Nigeria Digital Summit 2025 on 25 November 2025 on "Artificial Intelligence for Inclusive Innovation: Building Africa's Future through Data and Innovation." In his keynote address, Dr. Adekanmbi highlighted AI's potential to accelerate Africa's economic transformation across critical sectors, including healthcare, telecommunications, banking and agriculture.

He emphasised the importance of building the foundational infrastructure required for AI at scale, particularly access to quality and localised data, compute, cloud infrastructure, connectivity and effective governance frameworks. The session also highlighted the need to develop an AI-ready workforce through education, reskilling and STEM-focused programmes, while leveraging Africa's youthful population and growing digital ecosystems to strengthen the continent's position in the global AI landscape. Dr. Adekanmbi was also a panellist on "The Future of Work in the Age of AI," sharing insights on how automation is reshaping employment, productivity and workforce requirements.

The discussion examined the opportunities and risks associated with AI-driven transformation, including job creation, potential







displacement and the urgent need for continuous upskilling to prepare workers for emerging roles. His contribution reinforced DSN's broader focus on building human capacity alongside technological advancement, ensuring that AI adoption translates into meaningful opportunities for individuals and organisations.

The summit provided DSN with a valuable platform to share its experience and perspectives with key stakeholders across the technology, business and professional services ecosystem.





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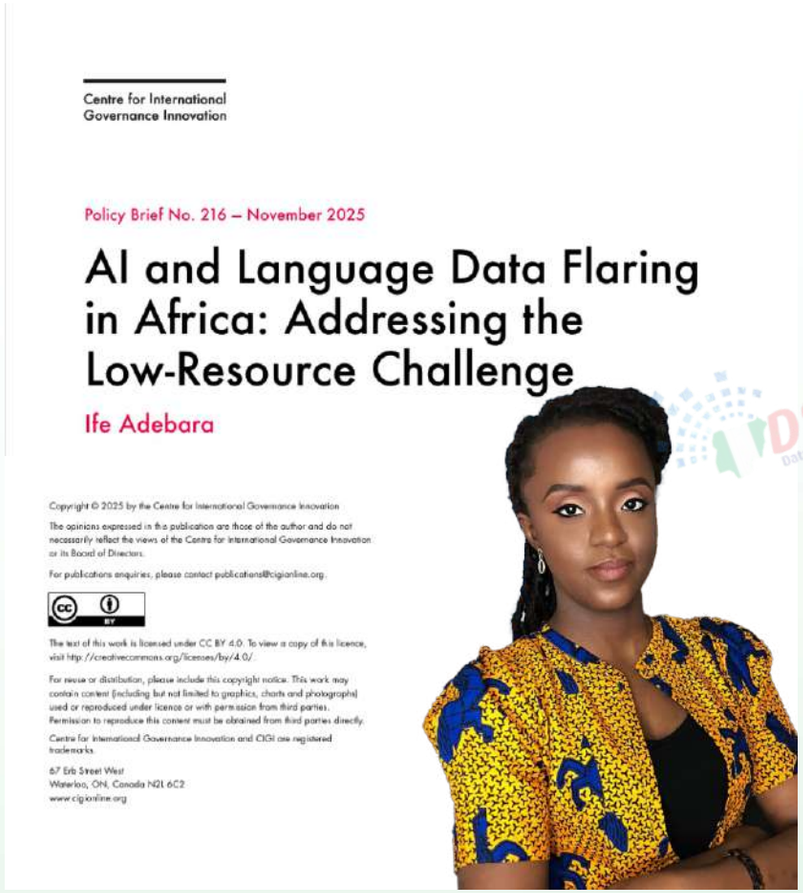
Publication of a new policy brief for the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) regarding data access guidelines

Dr. Ife Adebara, Chief Technical Officer of Data Science Nigeria authored a new policy brief for the Centre for International Governance Innovation focused on language data access and its importance to Africa's digital future.

The brief examines the challenge of language data flaring and highlights the need for stronger policies that integrate African languages into national digital strategies, support language documentation, and promote inclusive AI development. This contribution reinforces DSN's commitment to advancing African language technologies and ensuring that Artificial Intelligence systems better understand and represent African communities.

Read the policy brief here:

https://www.cigionline.org/static/documents/no.216_Adebara.pdf



10.4

Feature on the Oxford University podcast exploring Africa's evolving employment landscape.

As Africa navigates the rapid transformation of the global workforce, the question of how young people can build sustainable careers in an AI-driven economy has become increasingly critical. Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria explored this theme during a conversation with Oluwatamilore Oni on the Oxford Martin School Podcast, Africa, Which Way Employment? The discussion examined the evolving relationship between Artificial Intelligence, employment, and economic opportunity across the continent.

The conversation highlighted the role of AI in expanding access to new career pathways, the importance of forward-looking policy frameworks, and the need for ecosystems that support innovation while promoting responsible AI adoption. Dr. Adekanmbi emphasised that preparing Africa's workforce for the future requires more than technical skills alone. It requires building the right mindset, strengthening digital capabilities, and creating enabling systems that allow young Africans to participate meaningfully in the emerging AI economy.

Through platforms like these, Data Science Nigeria continues to contribute to conversations shaping Africa's AI future, advocating for inclusive talent development, responsible innovation, and scalable solutions that position the continent's youth for success in the future of work.

Watch the full episode here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glKme2TTolI



10.5

Keynote address at the LBS Africa Retail Congress on the future of retail and technology

At the Africa Retail Congress organised by Lagos Business School, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria highlighted the strategic role of data in enabling businesses to make smarter, more targeted decisions and unlock new growth opportunities.

Speaking alongside leading industry experts, Dr. Adekanmbi emphasised that there is no universal approach to leveraging data for business transformation. He noted that the depth and granularity of business insights determine an organisation's ability to identify market gaps, understand customer needs, and uncover opportunities for differentiation. "There is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to the use of data to make business decisions. The more detailed you are, the more retail you can become."

His session reinforced the importance of building data-driven capabilities that allow businesses to move beyond assumptions, gain deeper visibility into their operations, and apply AI-powered insights to improve efficiency, customer experience, and competitiveness.

Through engagements like this, DSN continues to contribute to conversations shaping the future of AI adoption, data-driven innovation, and business transformation across Africa.

Link to Excerpt: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ea5MBKjfyyY







10.6

Speaking engagement at the Global Data and AI Virtual Tech Conference on Indigenous Intelligence

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) reinforced its position as a global thought leader in Artificial Intelligence through its participation in the Global Data & AI Virtual Tech Conference 2025, where the organisation contributed to advancing critical conversations on inclusive and context-aware AI systems. This engagement highlights DSN's growing influence in shaping global AI discourse, particularly in the area of developing solutions that reflect the linguistic and cultural diversity of emerging markets.

A key highlight of the conference was the participation of Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria who delivered a featured session on "Designing AI That Thinks in Local Dialects: Powering the Future with Indigenous Intelligence." In his presentation, Dr. Adekanmbi shared DSN's pioneering work in African language intelligence, emphasising the importance of building AI systems that understand and process indigenous languages.

His contribution showcased practical case studies and innovations that demonstrate how localised AI can drive inclusion, accessibility, and real-world impact. Through this session, Dr. Adekanmbi engaged a global audience of industry experts, researchers, and policymakers in an interactive talk and Q&A format, providing insights into the strategic role of indigenous intelligence in scaling AI adoption. His thought leadership underscored the need for AI systems that are not only technically advanced but also socially relevant and ethically grounded.







This contribution further positioned DSN as a key voice in promoting equitable AI development and bridging the gap between global innovation and local realities. Overall, DSN's participation in the conference marks another important achievement in its journey to shape the future of AI from an African perspective. The impactful presentation by Dr. Adekanmbi strengthened the organisation's global visibility and reinforced its commitment to developing scalable, inclusive AI solutions.

This milestone continues to advance DSN's mission of positioning Nigeria and Africa as leaders in the global AI ecosystem.

10.7

Panellist at the Northwestern University Chicago USA Roberta Buffett Institute's 2026 spring symposium on Brave New Futures

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its global thought leadership in Artificial Intelligence through its participation in the Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs' Spring Symposium on Brave New Futures held on 9–10 April 2026. The symposium convened global experts, policymakers, and innovators to explore the future of work, technology, and society.

DSN's presence at this prestigious platform underscores its growing influence in shaping global conversations on AI, particularly from an African perspective, and reinforces its commitment to positioning the continent as an active contributor to the future of work.

A key highlight of the engagement was the contribution of Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria who shared critical insights on the evolving relationship between AI and work in emerging markets. Drawing from DSN's experience across Nigeria and Africa, he articulated a three-layered framework for AI-driven transformation: enabling grassroots participation in AI data creation, embedding AI into existing work to enhance productivity, and ultimately redefining work through adaptive, interdisciplinary skill sets.

His thought leadership introduced the concept of transitioning from "codes to nodes," emphasising the importance of interconnected knowledge and continuous learning in the AI era.





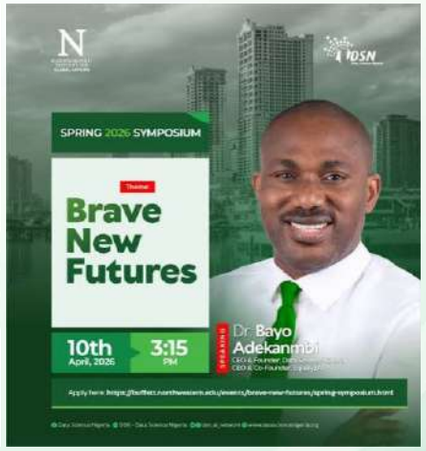
Through this engagement, DSN showcased its practical contributions to building inclusive AI ecosystems, particularly in areas such as local language data development, AI-enabled workforce transformation, and the emergence of AI extension roles across sectors like agriculture. Dr. Adekanmbi's insights highlighted DSN's on-ground impact in democratising AI access and creating pathways for Africans to actively participate in and benefit from global technological advancements. Overall, DSN's participation in the symposium marks a significant achievement in advancing its global visibility and influence.

By contributing to high-level discourse on the future of work and AI, the organisation continues to shape narratives that position Africa not only as a beneficiary but as a key architect of the evolving digital economy. This engagement further reinforces DSN's mission to drive sustainable development through inclusive innovation, talent development, and thought leadership in Artificial Intelligence.









10.8

Panellist at the AI-DPI Nexus: The Future of Public Interest Technology

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its global thought leadership in public interest technology through active participation in the AI-DPI panel at the India AI Summit. The session, titled "The AI-DPI Nexus: The Future of Public Interest Technology," convened leading experts to explore how artificial intelligence and digital public infrastructure can be effectively integrated across data, technology, governance, and people.

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria contributed as a panellist, bringing practical insights from Nigeria's AI ecosystem to a global policy and innovation audience. During the session, Dr. Adekanmbi played a prominent role in the rapid-fire and discussion segments, providing expert perspectives on critical issues such as driving private sector innovation through government platforms and ensuring consent within AI-enabled systems. His contributions emphasised the importance of inclusive, ethical, and scalable AI frameworks that align with public infrastructure goals.

DSN's participation not only elevated its international visibility but also reinforced its commitment to shaping policies and partnerships that advance responsible AI adoption for societal impact



10.9

Panel participation on Consumers at the Core Building AI with a Consumer-Centric Approach at Chase Advisors in collaboration with Consumer Voice and Consumer Education and Research Centre (CERC)

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its global thought leadership in responsible AI through active participation at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 held in New Delhi. Representing the organisation, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria served as a panel speaker at the session titled "Consumers at the Core: Building AI with Consumer-Centric Approach" on 17 February, 2026.

The discussion convened global experts to examine how key principles such as inclusion, transparency, accountability, privacy, and accessibility can be embedded into AI systems to better serve and protect consumers. DSN's representation at this high-level forum underscores its growing influence in shaping ethical AI discourse on the global stage. As a panellist, Dr. Adekanmbi contributed DSN's practical insights on developing inclusive and impactful AI solutions within emerging markets, highlighting the importance of balancing innovation with consumer protection and public trust.

His participation facilitated meaningful engagement with international policymakers, industry leaders, and researchers, strengthening DSN's global partnerships and visibility. This engagement further reinforces DSN's commitment to advancing consumer-centric AI governance and positioning Nigeria as a key voice in the development of responsible and equitable AI systems.



Panel participation at the Global South–South Dialogue: AI for All – Reimagining Global Cooperation

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its global engagement and thought leadership in artificial intelligence through its participation in a high-level closed-door workshop on South-South collaboration, held on 18 February 2026, on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit in New Delhi.

The workshop, convened by leading global institutions including the Gates Foundation and its partners, brought together key stakeholders across government, academia, industry, and development organisations to explore scalable AI solutions within the Global South. DSN's representation at this strategic forum highlights its growing influence in shaping conversations around inclusive and contextually relevant AI deployment across critical sectors such as agriculture, healthcare, education, and governance.

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria representing DSN, made significant contributions to the workshop's strategic and collaborative sessions, actively engaging in discussions focused on identifying practical pathways for cross-border partnerships and innovation. His participation in country-level working groups and dialogues on responsible AI, enabling environments, and inclusive design ensured that DSN's expertise and perspectives were well represented in shaping the shared roadmap for South-South collaboration. This engagement not only reinforced DSN's commitment to advancing responsible AI adoption but also positioned the organisation as a key partner in driving impactful, collaborative solutions across emerging economies.



Panel participation at the AI Summit Nigeria, Abuja

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) demonstrated strong thought leadership and policy influence through its participation at the AI Summit Nigeria 2026, held on 16 June 2026 at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja. Convened by NINA JOJER Africa in partnership with Microsoft, the summit brought together senior government officials, including ministers, heads of MDAs, regulators, and technology partners, to accelerate Nigeria's transition from AI policy to practical implementation.

DSN's presence at this high-level convening reflects its continued role as a trusted adviser and key contributor to Nigeria's digital transformation agenda. A major highlight of the event was the keynote framing presentation delivered by Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria (DSN) speaking on "From Policy to Progress: Accelerating Responsible AI Adoption for Nigeria's Digital Decade," Dr. Adekanmbi set the analytical tone for critical discussions on translating national AI strategies into actionable outcomes.

His presentation, delivered as the framing address for Session 2, challenged prevailing assumptions around digital sovereignty, emphasising the need for realistic, costed, and context-aware approaches to building and sustaining AI infrastructure in Nigeria and across West Africa. Dr. Adekanmbi's contribution drew on his dual expertise as both a researcher and practitioner, highlighting DSN's work in building AI systems, contributing to the National AI Strategy, and shaping policy through participation in Nigeria's AI Policy Expert Group.



His insights addressed key issues such as infrastructure limitations, compute capacity, data governance, and the influence of global technology platforms. By framing these challenges within practical timelines and investment realities, he provided policymakers and stakeholders with a clear pathway for advancing Nigeria's digital sovereignty ambitions. Overall, DSN's engagement at the AI Summit Nigeria 2026 reinforced its position at the forefront of AI policy, research, and implementation in Africa.

The contribution of Dr. Adekanmbi not only elevated DSN's visibility among top government and industry leaders but also strengthened its role in shaping actionable, responsible, and scalable AI adoption. This achievement underscores DSN's commitment to bridging the gap between policy and practice, driving sustainable innovation, and positioning Nigeria as a leader in the global AI ecosystem.



Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi Conferred with Fellowship of the Nigerian Marketing Research Association (NiMRA)

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) recorded a notable leadership and industry recognition milestone with the conferment of Fellowship of the Nigerian Marketing Research Association (NiMRA) on Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria. This prestigious honour reflects his outstanding contributions to the advancement of marketing research and his continued commitment to excellence within Nigeria's data and innovation ecosystem.

The recognition not only highlights Dr. Adekanmbi's personal achievements but also reinforces DSN's growing influence in shaping data-driven decision-making and research standards across sectors.

Dr. Adekanmbi's recognition as a Fellow underscores DSN's broader impact in bridging data science, research, and policy, while fostering a culture of evidence-based innovation. Through his leadership, DSN continues to champion the integration of advanced analytics and AI into marketing research and national development strategies. This achievement serves as a testament to the organisation's commitment to thought leadership and excellence, further positioning DSN as a key contributor to Nigeria's evolving research and data ecosystem.

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi named among Africa's Top 25 Leaders in AI in Healthcare Voices by (AI4SID)

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria was named among the Top 25 AI in Healthcare Voices in Africa 2026, a curated spotlight unveiled by Artificial Intelligence for Social Impact & Development (AI4SID) recognising leaders shaping health innovation across the continent.

The recognition placed Dr. Adekanmbi alongside a select group of individuals advancing AI-powered diagnostics, digital health infrastructure, research, and responsible AI deployment in Africa affirming DSN's continued influence at the intersection of artificial intelligence and public health impact.

The spotlight specifically highlighted two of Dr. Adekanmbi's health-focused innovations: SpotOn, a geospatial AI platform that maps rural health facilities to improve access and planning, developed with the support of a $1.3 million grant from the Gates Foundation; and PrescribeWrite, a tool that digitises handwritten prescriptions to reduce medication errors and improve patient safety.

Both solutions reflect DSN's broader philosophy of building AI that addresses practical, on-the-ground challenges in under-resourced health systems, rather than pursuing innovation for its own sake. This recognition adds to a growing body of external validation for DSN's work in applying AI to Africa's most pressing development challenges. It reinforces the organisation's standing not merely as a builder of AI talent, but as a producer of deployed, measurable health solutions — from geospatial infrastructure mapping to tools that directly reduce clinical risk.

Being named alongside other continental leaders working on cervical cancer detection, multilingual patient interfaces, and low-resource clinical AI systems situates DSN's contributions within a wider movement towards locally-shaped, data-driven health transformation in Africa.

For DSN, the honour underscores the real-world reach of work that began as a talent-development mission and has since matured into a portfolio of applied AI products with direct health and social impact. It stands as a marker of the organisation's ongoing commitment to ensuring that AI innovation in Nigeria and across Africa translates into tangible improvements in healthcare access, safety, and equity — and it strengthens DSN's platform for continued collaboration with global partners and health innovators shaping the continent's AI-powered future.



Dr. Ife Adebara: Thought Leadership and Research Impact

Dr. Ife Adebara, Chief Technical Officer of Data Science Nigeria continued to strengthen the organisation's technical leadership and contribution to the development of inclusive, Africa-centred artificial intelligence.

A researcher with over seven years of experience spanning Natural Language Processing (NLP), linguistics and language policy, Dr. Adebara's work focuses on addressing the underrepresentation of African languages and communities in modern AI systems. Her research and leadership reflect DSN's commitment to developing technologies that respond to the realities, languages and needs of African communities.

Dr. Adebara's research has made significant contributions to African language technology, including the development of deep learning technologies covering more than 500 African languages and language varieties. Her work through projects including AfroLID, Serengeti and Cheetah has advanced the development of multilingual AI systems and contributed to making computers and digital technologies more accessible to African language speakers.

Her research promotes an Afrocentric approach to technology development, emphasising that decisions around what technologies are developed, how they are built, evaluated and deployed should be informed by the needs and contexts of local communities.



As a thought leader, Dr. Adebara has contributed to global conversations at the intersection of AI, language inclusion, ethics and policy, with research published at leading venues including ACL, EMNLP and COLING.

She has also engaged with international organisations and policy institutions, including UNESCO initiatives on Indigenous Languages and the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

Her expertise and research have received international recognition, including the AI for Good DE&I AI Leader of the Year Award (2023), recognition among IRCAI's Global Top 100 Outstanding AI Projects under UNESCO auspices, and a Canada CIFAR AI Chair. Beyond academia and research, Dr. Adebara serves as Co-founder and Chief Technical Officer of EqualyzAI, where she leads the development of agentic AI systems grounded in extensive African language datasets.

Her work has received international media and industry attention, including features in Nature, The Atlantic, MIT Technology Review and CBC News. Through her research, technical leadership and policy engagement, Dr. Adebara continues to advance DSN's vision of building AI infrastructure and solutions that are inclusive, culturally aligned and relevant to Africa, while strengthening the continent's representation in the global AI ecosystem.



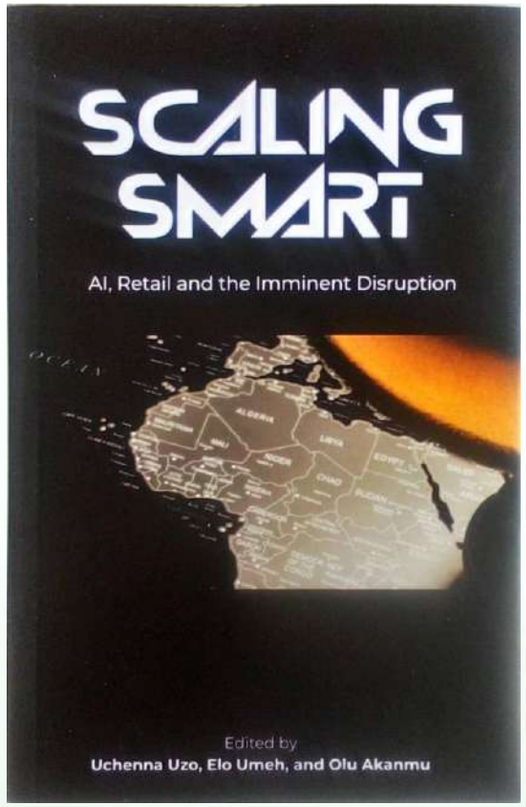
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Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi's contribution to "Scaling Smart: AI, Retail & Imminent Disruption" Book

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria contributed to the book titled "Scaling Smart: AI, Retail, and the Imminent Disruption," published by Pan African University Publishing Press to author the chapter, "The Next 5 Years: Trends and Predictions," where he provided forward-looking insights on the evolving role of artificial intelligence in driving innovation and transformation within the retail sector.

His contribution to this publication reflects his expertise and leadership within the data science ecosystem, as well as DSN's broader commitment to advancing knowledge and practical applications of AI. Through this chapter, he brings strategic perspective on emerging trends, bridging the gap between Africa's fast-growing technology landscape and real-world business challenges.

This achievement not only elevates DSN's thought leadership profile but also reinforces its role in influencing policy, innovation, and the future direction of AI-driven transformation across industries.





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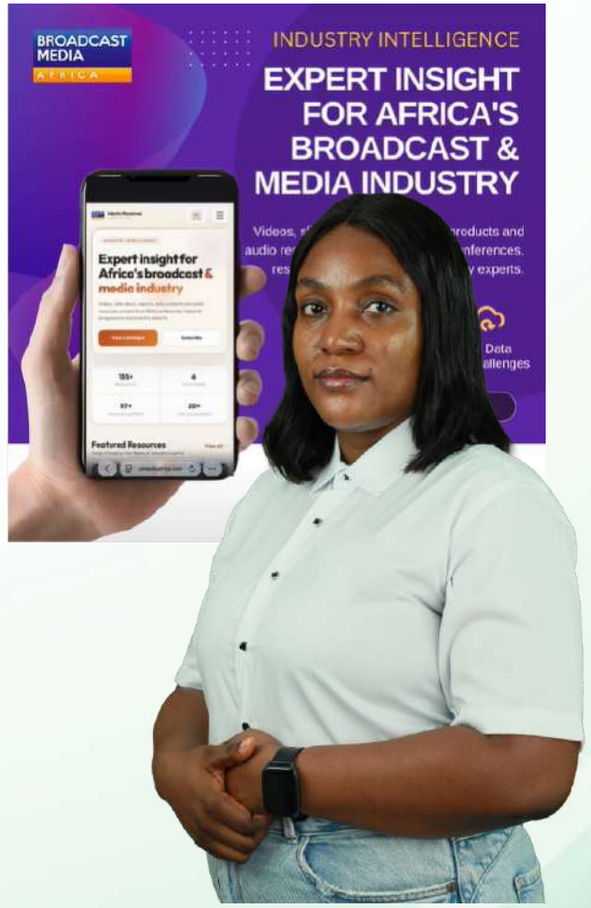
Participation in Broadcast Media Africa Webinar on AI and Broadcast Compliance

Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery represented Data Science Nigeria (DSN) as a speaker at the Broadcast Media Africa Webinar, themed "AI and Broadcast Compliance: What Players Must Know About Emerging Regulations." During the session, Chinazo Anebelundu contributed to discussions on the growing intersection between Artificial Intelligence, broadcasting, and regulatory compliance, highlighting the need for media organisations to consider compliance alongside the adoption and deployment of AI-powered technologies.

Her contribution examined the emerging regulatory environment and the implications for broadcasters integrating AI into content creation, production, distribution, and other areas of their operations. She also brought attention to the importance of understanding AI governance requirements, accountability, transparency, and responsible deployment as regulatory expectations around AI continue to evolve.

The discussion emphasised that broadcasters and other media players need to remain informed about emerging regulations and proactively assess how their use of AI aligns with applicable legal, ethical, and industry requirements. Chinazo Anebelundu's participation provided a platform for DSN to share its perspective on responsible AI adoption and governance, while engaging with industry stakeholders on practical considerations for navigating regulatory changes. The session further positioned DSN as a contributor to conversations shaping the responsible integration of AI across the media and broadcast industry.

The engagement strengthened DSN's visibility within the broadcast and media sector and reinforced its commitment to advancing AI governance, regulatory awareness, and responsible AI adoption across industries.



10.17

Podcast Feature: Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi on The Cause Effect 4.0

As part of our commitment to democratising Artificial Intelligence across the continent, our organisation continued to advance critical conversations on Africa's AI future through the Cause Effect 4.0 Podcast.

In Episode 6, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria joined host Celina Lee, Founder of Zindi Africa, for a strategic dialogue on the role of small language models in building locally relevant, accessible AI. Central to the conversation was a question that captures our mission: whether AI can be designed to explain complex subjects—such as agricultural financing—in ways that semi-skilled farmers in remote African communities can genuinely understand and act upon.

The episode also examined the thinking behind our initiative to close the AI accessibility gap by developing models that reflect the languages, contexts, and realities of underserved communities.

Together, the discussion underscored our conviction that Africa's AI future depends not only on technological capability, but on inclusion, comprehension, and real-world impact at the grassroots level.

The full episode is available at:

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Baobab & Beakers Podcast Feature on Leveraging Data and AI for National Development

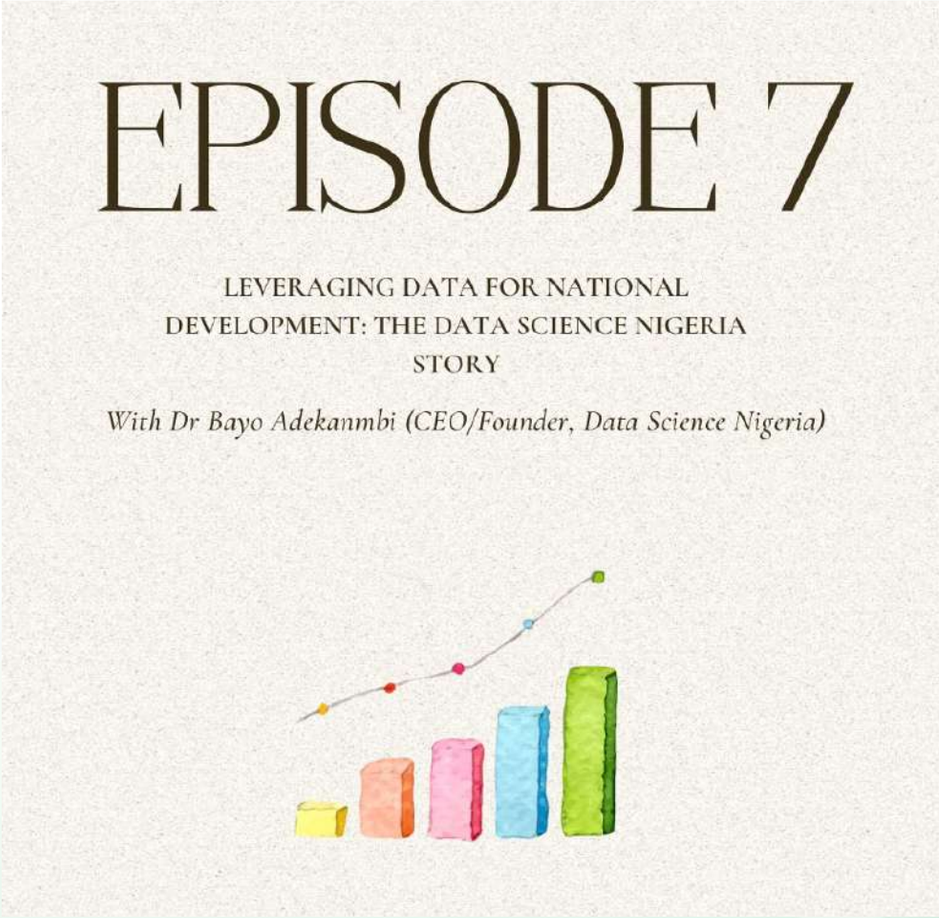
A thriving AI ecosystem built around Nigeria's unique context has the potential to transform local challenges into scalable solutions, drive innovation, and unlock new pathways for economic growth. Beyond technological advancement, AI serves as a strategic enabler for national competitiveness, productivity, and inclusive development.

In this pursuit, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria joined Oreoluwa Adesalu on the Baobab and Beakers Podcast to discuss the role of data in shaping Nigeria's development trajectory. The conversation, titled Leveraging Data for National Development, explored how data-driven innovation and locally relevant AI solutions can address societal needs and create measurable impact.

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi highlighted the importance of building an AI ecosystem that is original, authentic, and inclusive—one that leverages Nigeria's strengths, reflects its realities, and empowers communities through locally developed intelligence. As Nigeria continues to position itself in the global AI landscape, developing homegrown AI capabilities remains critical to driving sustainable growth and ensuring technology delivers meaningful value for its people.

Listen to the full episode:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/5eoJX23SIVSGr1BVYFcTd4?si=Q7Ufvs3pSZq4noYXkamXdw



Nigeria Health Watch Podcast Feature: Digital Pathways to Better health for Young People

As part of our commitment to advancing inclusive digital health innovation, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria featured on the latest episode of the Break It Down Podcast hosted by Nigeria Health Watch, where he explored the transformative role of technology in improving healthcare access and outcomes for young people in Nigeria.

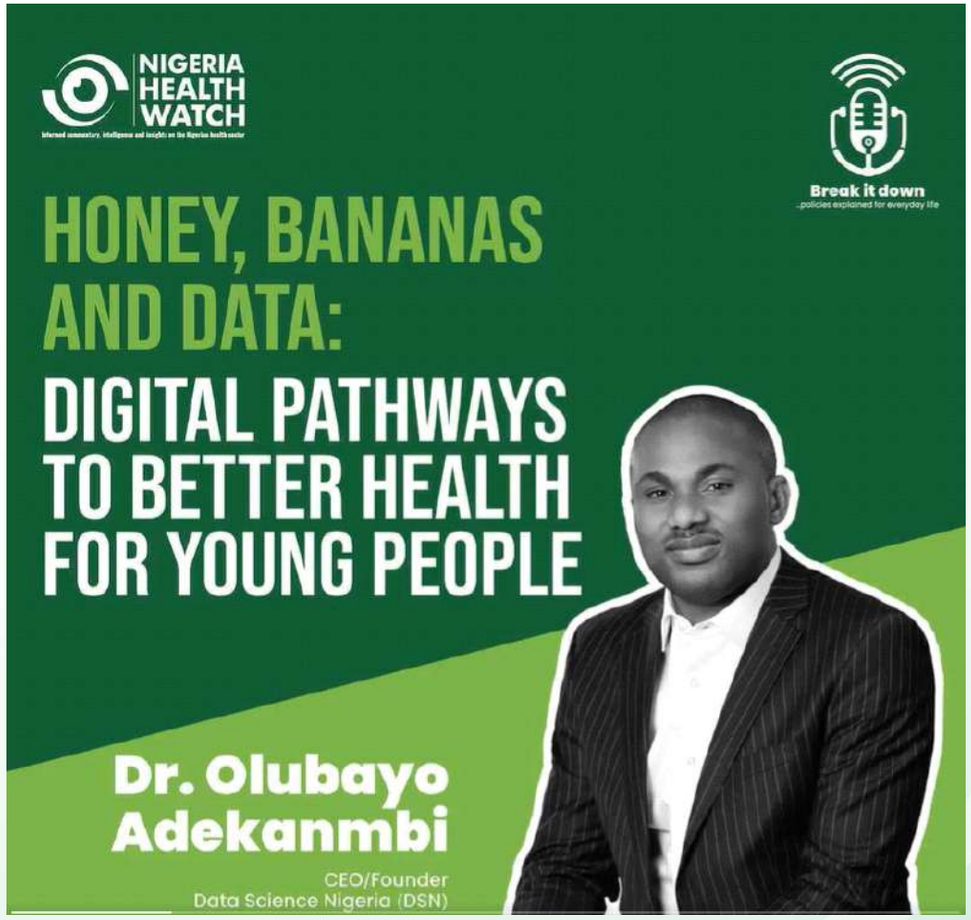
The conversation highlighted the growing impact of digital platforms on addressing critical health information gaps, particularly in the area of sexual and reproductive health. A key focus was the Honey & Banana platform, developed by Data Science Nigeria with support from the Gates Foundation and strategic partners.

The platform leverages data, behavioural insights, and accessible digital engagement to connect young people with trusted health information and support systems. This engagement further reinforced our strategic positioning at the intersection of Artificial Intelligence, data innovation, and public health transformation.

It also demonstrated how locally driven digital solutions can help break longstanding barriers to healthcare access while creating healthier, more informed opportunities for the next generation.

The full podcast episode is available on

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxnU5F-nZQg



Presentation at the Financial Week 2025 on AI for Agro-Processing and Value Chain Intelligence

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) continued to demonstrate its leadership in applying Artificial Intelligence to critical sectors through its participation in Financial Week 2025, held at the Landmark Centre, Lagos. As part of the event, DSN contributed to Stack A4: AI for Agro-Processing and Value Chain Intelligence, a focused session exploring the transformative role of AI in agriculture across Africa.

This engagement aligns with DSN's mission to deploy data-driven solutions that address real-world challenges and drive sustainable economic growth. Representing DSN, Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery shared expert insights on how Artificial Intelligence is revolutionising the agricultural sector.

Her presentation emphasised the growing intersection between AI, agriculture, and fintech, highlighting how intelligent systems can enhance agro-processing efficiency, optimise value chains, and enable smarter decision-making for stakeholders. She also addressed key opportunities and challenges in adopting AI within Africa's agricultural ecosystem, reinforcing the importance of context-driven innovation.



A key achievement from this engagement was DSN's contribution to shaping industry dialogue on building a more resilient and technology-enabled agricultural sector.

By showcasing practical applications of AI in agro-processing and value chain intelligence, DSN strengthened its position as a thought leader at the forefront of digital transformation in Africa.

The session further highlighted DSN's capacity to bridge innovation with impact, particularly in sectors critical to food security and economic development. Chinazo Anebelundu's participation was instrumental in amplifying DSN's expertise and advancing conversations around AI-driven agricultural innovation.

Her contribution not only elevated DSN's visibility at a high-level industry platform but also fostered strategic engagement with stakeholders across technology, agriculture, and finance.



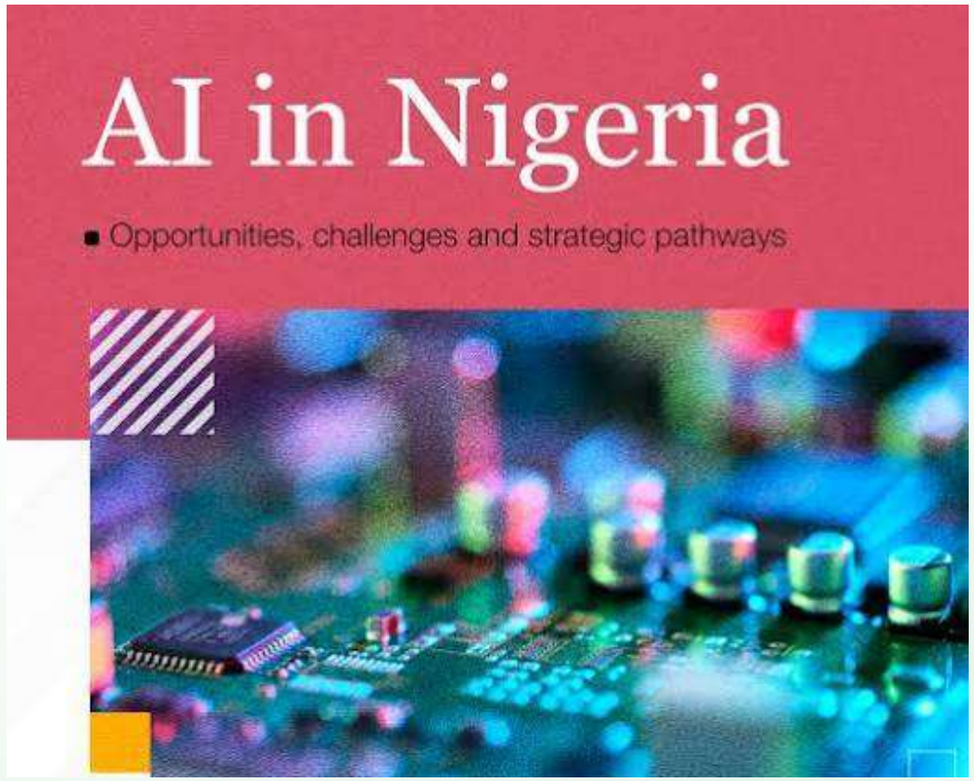
Data Science Nigeria Feature in 'AI in Nigeria –Opportunities, Challenges and Strategic Pathways' written by Lagos Business School, Microsoft, and PwC

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) was featured in the Lagos Business School (LBS) whitepaper, AI in Nigeria – Opportunities, Challenges and Strategic Pathways, a publication examining Nigeria's evolving artificial intelligence ecosystem, its sectoral opportunities, adoption challenges and strategic pathways for responsible AI development.

The whitepaper positions AI as a significant opportunity for Nigeria to drive productivity, innovation, inclusive economic growth and solutions to local challenges. DSN's contribution to the publication came through a thought-leadership statement by Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria featured in the Agriculture section of the whitepaper.

Dr. Adekanmbi emphasised that AI can solve complex problems collaboratively with humans, with applications spanning healthcare, agriculture and governance, while highlighting the role of collaboration with global organisations in leveraging AI for social impact.

The inclusion of DSN in the whitepaper reflects the organisation's growing recognition as a contributor to Nigeria's AI ecosystem and its broader advocacy for AI that addresses real-world African challenges.

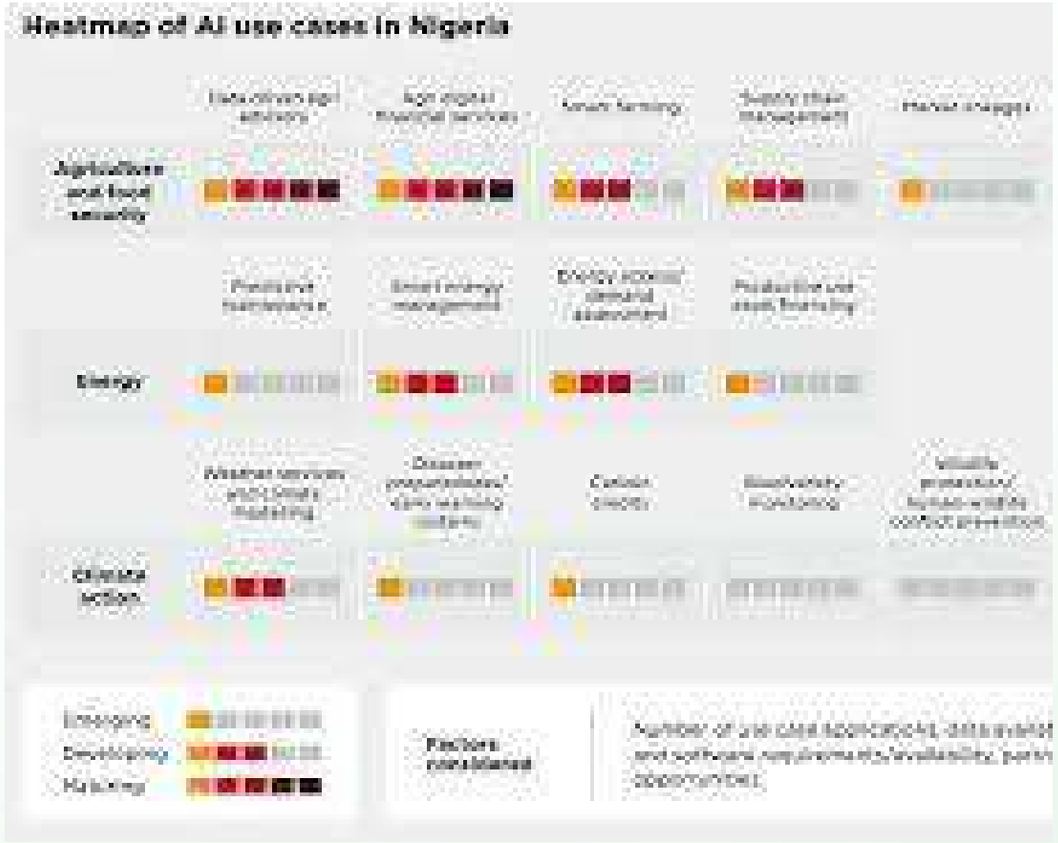


The publication's discussion of AI in agriculture highlights how intelligent technologies can improve planting decisions, crop-yield prediction, climate insights, crop management and precision agriculture, while also showcasing the potential of AI to improve efficiency across Nigeria's agricultural value chain. This recognition further strengthened DSN's thought-leadership profile and visibility within national conversations on AI adoption and its role in sustainable development.

Dr. Adekanmbi's contribution reinforced DSN's perspective that the future of AI in Nigeria should be shaped not only by technological advancement, but also by collaboration, human expertise and the pursuit of measurable social and economic impact.

Read the white paper here:

https://www.lbs.edu.ng/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/ai-in-nigeria-whitepaper.pdf



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

PRODUCTISING KNOWLEDGE



DSN Data Science Nigeria

Productising Knowledge: Research and Locally Relevant Solutions for Global Challenges

Advancing Hausa Voice AI Research for Global Health Benchmarking

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), in partnership with EHA Clinics, advanced the development of a Hausa Voice Benchmarking Project under the AI for Global Health Benchmarking Initiative led by The Agency Fund and Endless Health. The initiative focused on developing a research-ready, non-synthetic Hausa voice dataset to support the benchmarking and evaluation of Large Language and Multimodal Models in global health applications.

DSN's contribution centred on technical design, methodology development, data engineering, quality assurance, benchmarking, and model evaluation, while EHA leads project implementation, ethics, IRB processes, field operations, grant management, and funder liaison. The dataset comprised of at least 1,000 input-output pairs from a minimum of 100 real human participants, with audio recordings and transcriptions, comprehensive metadata, and documentation on the data collection process, demographics, biases, limitations, and preprocessing.

The project also incorporated strong ethical and governance requirements, including participant consent, data rights, privacy safeguards, and ethical review for the collection and use of biometric voice data. Through this collaboration, DSN is contributing its technical expertise to the development of locally relevant Hausa-language AI resources, strengthening the availability of high-quality African language datasets for responsible AI research, benchmarking, and potential global health applications.



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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



DSN Data Science Nigeria

Strategic Partnerships: Collaborating for Socio-Economic Impact and Growth

Hosting of the CcHub Delegation for an AI Startup Lab inspection

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) further strengthened its leadership in advancing AI-driven innovation by hosting the CcHub delegation for an AI Startup Lab inspection, building on the success of its high-impact AI + Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Startup Residency Programme delivered in collaboration with CcHub and DIAL.



This engagement served as a strategic platform to demonstrate DSN's capabilities in designing and implementing scalable, inclusive AI solutions, while reinforcing its role as a trusted partner in Nigeria's digital innovation ecosystem. The visit also enabled deeper alignment with ecosystem partners on advancing AI adoption and digital public infrastructure development.

The inspection highlighted the outcomes of the two-week residency programme held from 4–15 August 2025, which convened innovators, policymakers, and technical experts to co-create solutions across key sectors including financial inclusion, healthcare, and agriculture. DSN showcased its structured approach to innovation, combining technical excellence with governance frameworks such as ethical AI, data protection, and human-centred design.

This not only demonstrated the robustness of DSN's methodology but also affirmed the organisation's commitment to delivering solutions that are practical, compliant, and impactful in real-world settings.

12.2

Hosting of the Gombe State Digital Economy and Innovation Council (GOSIDEC) delegation at the hub

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) advanced its strategic partnership and government engagement efforts through a high-level meeting with representatives of the Gombe State Government on 25 March 2026, held at the DSN AI Hub in Lagos. The engagement brought together key stakeholders from the Gombe State Digital Economy and Innovation Council (GOSIDEC), a newly established agency tasked with driving digital transformation in the state. The meeting reflects DSN's growing role as a trusted adviser and implementation partner for public sector digital innovation initiatives across Nigeria.

During the session, DSN representatives including Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery and Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead supported by Oluwaseun Nifemi, Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting), Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions) Faiza Sani, Northern Nigeria Technical Project Lead, Emmanuel Enemakwu, Enterprise Technical Solution/Products Consultant, Ahmad Ibrahim Ismail, AI-DPI Lead, and Gideon George, Data Analyst/ML Engineer, provided a comprehensive overview of the organisation's capabilities.



The team highlighted DSN's expertise in AI strategy development, capacity building, language technology, and the deployment of digital solutions for government institutions. Their contributions were instrumental in demonstrating DSN's readiness to support large-scale, impact-driven programmes aligned with national and subnational digital transformation agendas.

A key outcome of the meeting was the strong interest expressed by the GOSIDEC delegation, led by Dr. Al'ameen Barambu, Director General of Gombe State Information Technology and Digital Economy Commission (GOSIDEC) and Dr. Ahmed Magem, Executive Director of E-Governance for the Gombe State Information Technology and Digital Economy Commission (GOSIDEC), in establishing a long-term partnership with DSN.



The proposed collaboration prioritises capacity building, with an initial target to equip at least 1,000 individuals, particularly youths and women in Gombe State with critical digital and AI skills. Additional areas of interest include the deployment of language technology and other innovative solutions to enhance public service delivery and citizen engagement.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both parties aligned on next steps towards formalising the partnership. DSN recommended the development of a structured concept note to define the scope, delivery model, and implementation framework for the proposed initiatives.

This engagement underscores DSN's strategic positioning at the forefront of Nigeria's digital transformation journey, reinforcing its commitment to building inclusive, scalable, and sustainable AI-driven solutions in collaboration with government partners.

12.3

Hosting Qhala at the DSN AI hub

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) recorded a strategic milestone by hosting the Qhala Team at the DSN Hub, following a successful delivery of an Artificial Intelligence 101 Masterclass designed specifically for executives and policymakers. This initiative reflects DSN's commitment to strengthening AI literacy at the leadership level, equipping decision-makers with the foundational knowledge required to drive inclusive, ethical, and effective AI governance across sectors.

The visit is a collaborative effort between the DSN Team and the Qhala Team, whose contributions were instrumental in delivering a well-structured and impactful learning experience. DSN staff played key roles in coordinating the engagement, hosting the session, and ensuring seamless knowledge transfer, while the Qhala Team provided expert insights tailored to policy and executive audiences.

The partnership underscores DSN's growing influence in bridging the gap between technical innovation and policy development, positioning the organisation as a key enabler of responsible AI adoption and governance.





12.4

DSN Partnership with EntrepriseNGR

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) advanced its strategic partnerships through a collaborative engagement with EnterpriseNGR to support the Youth of Enterprise (YOE) Internship Programme. This partnership is focused on integrating a structured technology training track into the programme, aimed at equipping interns with relevant digital and data skills.

As part of its contribution, DSN delivered a dual learning pathway comprising a Generalist Track and a Technical Track, ensuring inclusivity for participants with varying levels of expertise while strengthening the overall quality of talent development. As a key deliverable, DSN provided three introductory courses in data analysis to support foundational learning within the programme.

In addition, the team committed to expanding the curriculum with advanced, practical content, including End-to-End Financial Data Analysis and Visualisation using Power BI, End-to-End Insurance Analysis using Excel, and Generative AI for Workflow Optimisation.

These contributions highlight DSN's role in content development, technical advisory, and capacity building, reinforcing its commitment to developing industry-relevant skills and supporting the growth of a digitally skilled workforce.

12.5

DSN as Co-Creator of the NAIS@2 Compilation: Documenting Two Years of Progress in Nigeria's AI Ecosystem

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) co-created the NAIS@2 Compilation, documenting two years of progress following the launch of Nigeria's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy and highlighting the growing momentum across the country's AI ecosystem. The compilation illustrates how a clear national vision has fostered collaboration, investment, innovation, and coordinated action among government, academia, industry, and development partners.

It presents a curated record of key milestones, ecosystem developments, and flagship initiatives that reflect the Strategy's role as an enabling framework. More than a retrospective, the publication serves as both evidence of Nigeria's advancing AI landscape and a call for continued partnership, stronger execution, and sustained commitment to building an inclusive, globally competitive AI ecosystem.





Participation at the MTN MUSON Music Scholars Programme

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), represented by Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead, strengthened its strategic partnerships and stakeholder engagement efforts through its participation in the 18th Graduation Concert of the MTN MUSON Music Scholars Programme, held on 3 July 2025 at the MUSON Centre, Lagos.



The event, organised by the MTN Foundation in collaboration with the MUSON School of Music, celebrated 39 graduates who completed a fully sponsored two-year music diploma. DSN's presence at this high-profile event reinforced its commitment to supporting youth development initiatives and exploring cross-sector collaborations that drive capacity building in Nigeria.

A key highlight of DSN's participation was the opportunity to engage directly with the MTN Foundation leadership on ongoing and prospective collaborations. Discussions centred on the MTN Skills Academy Platform and broader opportunities to align on youth employability and digital skills development programmes.

The engagement was highly positive, with the MTN Foundation reaffirming its interest in deepening collaboration and confirming that DSN's proposal is under active review. This interaction marks a significant step forward in advancing a strategic partnership that aligns with DSN's mission of building Africa's data and AI talent ecosystem.

The event also provided valuable insights into impactful programme delivery, as evidenced by the exceptional performances showcased during the concert. The high standard of the graduates highlighted the effectiveness of sustained investment in skills development—an approach that strongly aligns with DSN's own model of training and empowering talent across sectors.

This reinforces DSN's continued commitment to partnering with organisations to deliver scalable, high-impact capacity-building initiatives beyond traditional technology domains DSN's participation not only strengthened its relationship with the MTN Foundation but also advanced conversations towards formalising collaboration on the MTN Skills Academy.

Moving forward, DSN will maintain close engagement to secure alignment on next steps and drive the implementation of impactful, youth-focused programmes.



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Enabling National AI, Data and Analytics Ecosystem

Moderation of the "Scratch to Scale": Building Robust AI Ecosystems at GITEX Nigeria

At GITEX Nigeria, Data Science Nigeria (DSN) contributed to key conversations shaping Africa's AI future through thought leadership, ecosystem engagement, and strategic partnerships. Across technical masterclasses led by NVIDIA and high-level discussions on scaling AI ecosystems, a clear consensus emerged: Africa's AI ecosystem is moving beyond potential to implementation.

Moderating the panel session, "Scratch to Scale: Building the AI Ecosystem," Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria asked industry leaders questions exploring the critical pillars required to accelerate AI adoption across the continent.

The discussions reinforced that sustainable AI growth depends on four interconnected foundations: developing world-class talent, expanding access to compute infrastructure, advancing locally relevant research, and enabling supportive policy frameworks.

A recurring theme throughout the event was the importance of designing AI solutions that address Africa's unique realities. Participants emphasised that solving local challenges with context-aware innovation will strengthen the case for greater investment, collaboration, and ecosystem support.



The engagements reaffirmed Data Science Nigeria's commitment to building an inclusive AI ecosystem where African talent, research, infrastructure, and governance converge to create solutions that reflect the continent's people, cultures, and economies.

As the ecosystem continues to mature, collaborative action remains central to ensuring Africa not only participates in the global AI revolution but helps shape it.





13.2

Moderation of “A Roadmap for AI Leadership” Session at GITEX Nigeria

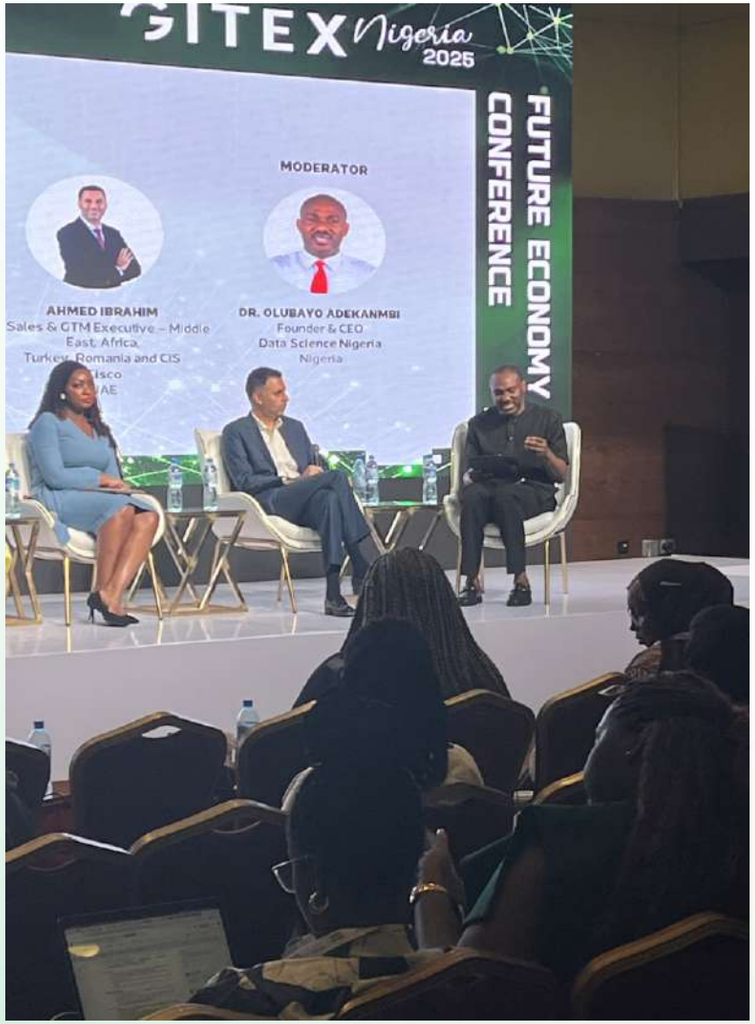
At GITEX Nigeria, Data Science Nigeria contributed to critical conversations shaping the country’s Artificial Intelligence trajectory. On Day 2 of the event, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria moderated a high-level panel session titled “A Roadmap for AI Leadership,” bringing together key voices from government, industry, development institutions, and technology ecosystems.

The session featured insights from Lola Aworanti-Ekugo (AI in Nigeria), Uyoyo Zino Edosio (African Development Bank), Ahmed Ibrahim (Cisco), and Sade Dada (Meta), who collectively explored the progress, challenges, and opportunities surrounding Nigeria’s five-pillar AI strategy.

The discussion highlighted the importance of coordinated policy execution, ecosystem collaboration, infrastructure development, talent advancement, and responsible AI adoption as critical enablers for Nigeria’s ambition to become a global AI leader.

The dialogue provided strategic perspectives on the actions required over the next four years to accelerate AI innovation, strengthen digital capacity, and position Nigeria as a leading force in the global AI landscape.




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Expert contribution at the Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited NIGCOMSAT Strategy Retreat

In November 2025, Data Science Nigeria continued to shape national digital transformation by contributing strategic expertise to the Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited (NIGCOMSAT) Strategy Retreat. Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria served as a resource person, supporting leadership discussions on positioning the organisation for sustainable growth within Nigeria's evolving digital ecosystem.

Held under the theme Aligning for the Future: Innovation and Sustainable Growth, the retreat convened NIGCOMSAT's management and staff to assess the organisation's strategic position, address emerging industry challenges, and develop actionable priorities for the future.

Discussions centred on enhancing operational efficiency, strengthening financial sustainability, accelerating service innovation, and fostering a resilient, high-performing organisational culture. Our participation reflects Data Science Nigeria's commitment to advancing institutional capacity and supporting public sector organisations with strategic insights that enable innovation, long-term competitiveness, and the effective delivery of digital infrastructure for national development.











Participation at the Future of Financial Services Summit 2.0

Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria provided strategic leadership and thought-provoking insights at the Future of Financial Services Summit 2.0 Executive Technology Panel titled "Powering the Future: AI, Payments and the Technology Behind Transformation," held on 19 November 2025.

The high-level session convened leading technology and financial services experts to examine how Artificial Intelligence, digital payments, and modern infrastructure are reshaping the future of banking. His participation positioned DSN at the forefront of conversations driving innovation, inclusion, and digital transformation across Africa's financial ecosystem.

During the panel, Dr. Adekanmbi highlighted the transition of AI from theoretical exploration to practical impact, showcasing how DSN is enabling measurable outcomes in corporate banking operations. He emphasised real-world AI applications in credit risk analysis, compliance monitoring, liquidity management, and customer engagement, demonstrating DSN's capacity to build intelligent, data-driven systems that enhance efficiency and decision-making within financial institutions.

His contributions reinforced DSN's role in advancing responsible AI deployment tailored to Africa's unique financial landscape. A central theme of his contribution was the importance of collaboration between technology firms and financial institutions.

Dr. Adekanmbi advocated for deeper partnerships that position organisations like DSN as co-creators of innovation rather than service providers. He underscored the



need for interoperable systems, ethical AI frameworks, and inclusive digital infrastructure to ensure that technological advancements translate into broad-based economic growth and financial inclusion. Overall, DSN's participation in the session reflects its continued leadership in shaping the future of AI-driven financial services.

Through Dr. Adekanmbi's contribution, the organisation strengthened its influence as a trusted partner in building resilient, intelligent, and inclusive financial ecosystems, further advancing its mission to drive sustainable digital transformation across Africa.



Participation at the Termii Elevate 4.0 Developer Track

Uche Edwin represented Data Science Nigeria (DSN) as a featured speaker at Elevate 4.0, contributing to the Developer Track breakout session titled "Building AI-Powered Communication Tools for Africa," held at The Zone Tech Park, Gbagada, Lagos, in August 2025. His participation underscored DSN's growing influence in shaping practical AI applications across the continent, particularly in the area of communication technologies.

The session provided a strategic platform to engage with a diverse audience of developers, engineers, and product teams, further strengthening DSN's visibility within the African tech ecosystem. In his presentation, Uche Edwin shared deep technical and practical insights drawn from DSN's experience in developing locally relevant AI solutions.

He emphasised the importance of designing communication tools that are inclusive, scalable, and tailored to Africa's linguistic and socio-economic diversity. By highlighting real-world applications and deployment strategies, his contribution demonstrated DSN's leadership in building AI systems that address accessibility gaps and enhance digital interaction across underserved communities.





The session also featured a dynamic exchange of ideas through a panel discussion and Q&A, where Uche Edwin engaged alongside other industry leaders, contributing DSN's perspective on the future of AI-powered communication. His input reinforced the need for collaboration, innovation, and responsible AI development to drive sustainable growth within the ecosystem.

This engagement further positioned DSN as a key contributor to advancing technical standards and best practices in AI development across Africa. Overall, DSN's participation at Elevate 4.0 reflects its continued commitment to knowledge sharing, ecosystem development, and the promotion of inclusive digital transformation. Uche Edwin's contribution not only showcased DSN's technical expertise but also strengthened its role as a thought leader in the design and deployment of impactful AI solutions tailored to Africa's unique needs.

13.6

Participation at the official launch of the Nigeria AI Scaling Hub and the inauguration of the Scaling AI for Development Challenge

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) participated in the official launch of the Nigeria AI Scaling Hub (NAISH) and the unveiling of the Scaling AI for Development (SAID) Challenge, held at the Continental Hotel, Abuja. The event convened key stakeholders across government ministries and agencies, development partners, academia, AI innovators, startups, private-sector actors, and ecosystem enablers to advance Nigeria's transition from AI experimentation to large-scale deployment.

DSN was represented by Project Team lead Uyi Briggs and AI-DPI Lead Ahmad Ibrahim, who engaged with ecosystem leaders and contributed to strategic conversations on scaling responsible and inclusive AI solutions across the country. Notably, DSN was formally recognised for its technical support to the NAISH initiative, reinforcing its role as a trusted technical partner within Nigeria's AI ecosystem.

The launch introduced NAISH as a multi-stakeholder platform designed to connect critical actors across government, research, and industry to address real-world development challenges through AI. The unveiling of the SAID Challenge further established a structured pathway for matching validated AI solutions from Nigerian startups with priority needs identified by government MDAs, accelerating adoption in sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture, and public service delivery.





A central theme of the event was the urgent need to move beyond isolated pilots towards sustainable, large-scale AI implementation. Discussions emphasised the importance of national infrastructure, including locally hosted compute capabilities, as well as governance frameworks, institutional readiness, and cross-sector collaboration to enable meaningful impact.

DSN's participation and recognition at the launch highlight its strategic positioning as a leading contributor to Nigeria's AI scaling agenda. Through its expertise in applied AI, capacity development, and ecosystem building, DSN continues to support the development of locally relevant, scalable, and impactful AI solutions that address national priorities.

The event marked a significant milestone in Nigeria's AI journey, signalling a clear shift towards implementation, partnership, and measurable development outcomes, with DSN playing a key role in shaping this evolving landscape.



13.7

Participation in the National AI Collective Year 2 Planning workshop at the Lagos Business School

The Nigeria AI Collective convened a multi-stakeholder strategy meeting, bringing together representatives from the Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development, Data Science Nigeria (DSN), Lagos Business School, Pan-Atlantic University, Policy Innovation Centre, and one of the collective's funding partners; the Ford Foundation.

The session focused on reflecting on Year One achievements while aligning stakeholders on more ambitious priorities for Year Two. Key areas of commitment include strengthening collaboration across institutions, deepening research pipelines, advancing practical, scalable innovation, enhancing community engagement, and reinforcing inclusive governance frameworks that deliver value to all stakeholders.





13.8

Participation at the AI University Innovation Pods (AI UNIPOD) launch, University of Lagos

Data Science Nigeria, represented by Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery, Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead and Oluwaseun Nifemi, Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting), played a strategic role in Nigeria's advancing Artificial Intelligence ecosystem through its participation in the launch of the AI Unipod at the University of Lagos on 7 April 2026.

The initiative, led by the Federal Government in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), marks a significant step towards transforming tertiary institutions into hubs of innovation, enterprise, and research commercialisation. DSN's presence at this high-level event underscores its continued alignment with national priorities to accelerate AI adoption, talent development, and inclusive digital transformation.

A key highlight of the event was the formal recognition of DSN as a leading driver within Nigeria's AI ecosystem. The Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy acknowledged DSN as the coordinating organisation for the startup arm of the AI Collective, reinforcing its leadership in ecosystem coordination, venture development, and innovation scaling.

Additionally, DSN's contributions to AI capacity building and governance were recognised at the state level, particularly through the development of its AI Assessment Platform, which promotes fairness, inclusion, and ethical standards in AI deployment.

The event further emphasised the strategic importance of collaboration across government, academia, and the private sector in driving sustainable innovation. DSN is well-positioned to leverage this momentum by deepening its engagement with the AI Collective and partnering with institutions hosting UniPods to support capacity building, mentorship, and the translation of research into market-ready solutions. These opportunities align with DSN's mission to build a robust pipeline of AI talent while fostering innovation that addresses local and national challenges.





13.9

Participation at the Nigerian AI Collective Alignment Meeting with the Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy and Luminate Africa Lead in Abuja, Nigeria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), represented by Faiza Sani, Northern Nigeria Technical Project Lead played a strategic role in advancing national AI ecosystem development through its participation in the Nigerian AI Collective Alignment Meeting held on 27 January 2026 at Galaxy Backbone, Abuja.

The meeting, convened by the Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, brought together key partners and funders to assess progress, strengthen collaboration, and realign activities with the Collective's core mandate of fostering an inclusive and sustainable AI ecosystem in Nigeria.

The engagement reaffirmed DSN's position as a key contributor to policy dialogue and ecosystem coordination within the national AI landscape. During the session, the Honourable Minister emphasised the importance of collaboration, knowledge sharing, and strict alignment with the Collective's original framework, noting Nigeria's progress in AI readiness and the need for more coordinated efforts to sustain this growth.



DSN distinguished itself during the partner presentations and discussions, particularly through its clear articulation and implementation of the Community of Practice model.

This approach, which includes continuous stakeholder engagement, knowledge sharing through digests, and sector-focused activities such as the Health Sectoral Event, was recognised as a leading example of ecosystem-building within the Collective.

A key highlight of DSN's contribution was its ability to demonstrate practical, structured engagement that aligns with the Collective's vision. While broader discussions revealed gaps in synergy among partners, DSN's work was specifically acknowledged for its clarity, intentionality, and alignment with ecosystem development goals.

The organisation's efforts in fostering collaboration, driving engagement, and building platforms for knowledge exchange positioned it as a central player in strengthening the Collective's impact and ensuring more integrated execution going forward.

DSN's participation reinforced its leadership in shaping Nigeria's AI ecosystem and positioned the organisation to drive stronger collaboration and impact within the Nigerian AI Collective.



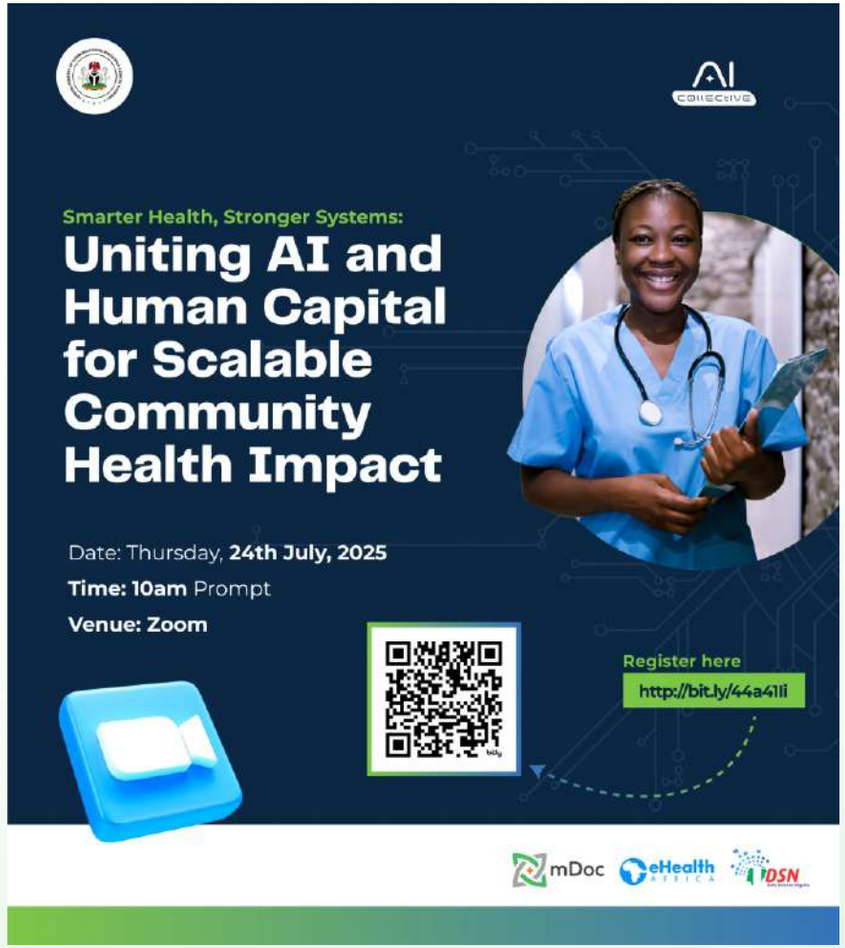
Hosting of the inaugural AI Collective Health Sectoral Convening

Data Science Nigeria (DSN), in partnership with AI Collective, mDoc, and eHealth Africa, hosted a virtual webinar titled "Smarter Health, Stronger Systems: Uniting AI and Human Capital for Scalable Community Health Impact" on Thursday, 24 July 2025.

The engagement brought together stakeholders interested in the intersection of artificial intelligence, human capital, and healthcare, with a focus on exploring how emerging technologies can contribute to stronger health systems and scalable community health impact.

The webinar reinforced DSN's commitment to leveraging AI and data-driven innovation to address critical challenges in the healthcare sector. Through the collaboration with AI Collective, mDoc, and eHealth Africa, DSN strengthened cross-sector engagement and created a platform for exploring practical approaches to integrating AI with human expertise to improve healthcare delivery.

The initiative further demonstrated DSN's role in fostering partnerships and promoting responsible, people-centred applications of AI for sustainable development and improved health outcomes.



13.11

Panel participation at the 5th International Conference on AI and Robotics on building sustainable AI-driven digital transformation infrastructure

At the 5th ICAIR Conference, hosted by MIRG-UNILAG at the University of Lagos, Data Science Nigeria, represented by our Product Lead, Uche Edwin spoke on a panel exploring AI infrastructure and startup innovation across Nigeria and the wider African market.

The session interrogated scalable pathways for business growth, with discussion converging on four levers. First, expanding compute access for researchers in both academia and industry, without which frontier work stays bottlenecked. Second, opening shared data infrastructure, referencing DSN's 3,000 hours of voice data compiled under the Gates Foundation-funded African Voices Project.

Third, stimulating experimentation within universities, with the UNDP Innovation Pod (recently launched at UNILAG) cited as a replicable model. Fourth, deepening ecosystem collaboration, where the Nigeria AI Collective was positioned as a viable coordination platform.

The engagement reinforced DSN's positioning as a convener of infrastructure, data, and talent for Africa's AI economy.







CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

RESEARCH & INNOVATION



AI Research & Innovation: Advancing Impactful Research through Paper Presentations and Awards

14.1

Acceptance of two research papers at the 6th African NLP Workshop (ACL 2025) in Vienna, Austria

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) strengthened its footprint in African AI research with the acceptance of two papers at the 6th Workshop on African Natural Language Processing (AfricaNLP 2025), held alongside the prestigious Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference in Vienna, Austria.

This recognition placed DSN's research alongside a highly competitive slate of submissions from across the continent's NLP community, with the workshop's organisers noting that only around 60 percent of submissions were accepted for the 2025 edition — underscoring the caliber of DSN's contributions.

Both papers tackled real-world health challenges, reflecting DSN's continued commitment to using AI not just as a technical pursuit, but as a tool for solving practical problems facing African communities.

The first paper, "Beyond Generalisation: Evaluating Multilingual LLMs for Yorùbá Animal Health Translation," co-authored by Godwin Adegbehingbe, Anthony Soronnadi, and Dr. Ife Adebara, examined how well multilingual large language models perform when translating animal health information into Yorùbá—a critical step towards ensuring that livestock farmers and veterinary workers in underserved, Yorùbá-speaking communities can access accurate health guidance in their own language.



The second paper, "Retrieval-Augmented Generation Meets Local Languages for Improved Drug Information Access and

Comprehension," authored by Ahmad Ibrahim Ismail, Bashirudeen Opeyemi Ibrahim, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi and Dr. Ife Adebara, tackled one of healthcare's most persistent and dangerous problems: medication errors caused by poor information retrieval.

The research combined Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), machine translation, and Text-to-Speech technology to deliver accurate drug information in Yoruba, Igbo, and Hausa — directly addressing a gap that disproportionately affects patients and healthcare workers operating in low-resource, multilingual settings.

Dr. Adekanmbi played a direct role in this research as a co-author of the drug information access paper, lending his expertise in AI and inclusive innovation to a project aimed squarely at reducing preventable harm in Nigeria's healthcare system. His involvement reflects DSN's broader institutional approach: research at DSN is not conducted at a distance from leadership, but is actively shaped and driven by it, ensuring that the organisation's scientific output remains closely tied to its founding mission of building AI that serves ordinary Africans in their own languages and contexts.

Taken together, these two accepted papers reaffirm DSN's standing as a serious contributor to the global conversation on African NLP, at one of the field's most rigorous and internationally respected venues. By presenting original research on animal health translation and multilingual drug information access,



DSN demonstrated that its work extends beyond talent development and product-building into publishable, peer-reviewed science — work that pushes the frontier of what AI can do for African languages while remaining firmly grounded in solving tangible health and agricultural challenges.

This achievement adds to DSN's growing body of research recognition and reflects the organisation's dual identity as both a builder of applied AI solutions and a genuine contributor to the academic advancement of African language technology

uLearn IRCAI Global Top 100 AI Innovations of 2025

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) achieved global recognition in 2025 with the inclusion of its flagship solution, uLearn, in the IRCAI Global Top 100 AI Innovations list. This prestigious recognition, led by the International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI), highlights impactful AI-driven solutions advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across regions. DSN's selection under SDG 4: Quality Education underscores its commitment to leveraging Artificial Intelligence to address critical educational gaps and drive inclusive learning outcomes in Nigeria and beyond.

The uLearn platform exemplifies DSN's innovation in applying advanced AI technologies to real-world challenges. Built using state-of-the-art models such as Llama 3 and Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), the solution delivers curriculum-aligned educational content in indigenous Nigerian languages.

By addressing the scarcity of localised and engaging STEM learning materials, uLearn enhances accessibility and inclusivity, particularly for underserved communities. This achievement reflects DSN's strategic focus on ethical AI deployment and its alignment with global standards for responsible and impactful innovation.





The development and recognition of uLearn were driven by the contributions of DSN's research and technical team, including key staff members such as Dr. Ife Adebara, whose work in African Natural Language Processing (NLP) and low-resource language modelling played a critical role in the platform's success.

The team's research contributions, alongside collaborative efforts in model development, data curation, and system design, ensured that the solution met both technical excellence and societal impact criteria set by IRCAI's Scientific Programme Committees and advisory bodies. Overall, DSN's inclusion in the IRCAI Global Top 100 AI Innovations of 2025 reinforces its position as a leading force in AI for social good. It demonstrates the organisation's ability to develop scalable, ethical, and locally relevant AI solutions that contribute meaningfully to global development priorities.

This milestone not only elevates DSN's international profile but also strengthens its commitment to advancing education, fostering innovation, and building sustainable AI ecosystems across Africa.

14.3

Best Paper Award at AfricaNLP 2026: “African Voices Nigeria” 2,500-hour ethically sourced speech dataset for four Nigerian languages, recognised at EACL 2026 in Morocco

Data Science Nigeria recorded a significant research milestone with. The award-winning paper, titled “African Voices Nigeria: 2,500 Hours of Ethically Sourced Speech Data for Four Nigerian Languages,” was co-authored by Dr. Ife Adebara, Oluwaseun Nifemi, Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Rashidat Damilola Sikiru, Ololade Anjuwon, Anthony Soronnadi, Olanrewaju Lawal, , John Emeka Eze, and Ewezu Ngim Ngim the award of Best Paper at the 7th AfricaNLP Workshop, held in conjunction with the 19th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL) 2026 in Morocco.

This recognition by the African NLP community underscores the organisation’s commitment to producing research that is both globally competitive and locally relevant. The study highlights the importance of developing high-quality, ethically sourced datasets to support the advancement of Artificial Intelligence solutions tailored to African contexts, particularly in the area of language technologies.


African Voices Nigeria: 2500 hours of ethically sourced speech data for four Nigerian Languages

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Abstract

African languages remain severely underrepresented in large-scale speech resources, particularly for spontaneous, naturally occurring speech that reflects real-world linguistic use. We present African Voices, a large-scale, ethically governed speech dataset covering four Nigerian languages, [2,500] hours of audio, and 2,865 speakers, with a focus on spontaneous and scripted speech across diverse sociolinguistic contexts. Unlike existing resources that primarily rely on read or scripted speech, African Voices captures natural variation in accent, dialect, register, and code-switching, accompanied by rich demographic and contextual metadata. We describe the data collection methodology, transcription and a principled governance framework designed to support responsible use of speech data in low-resource settings. We further provide baseline automatic speech recognition results across languages. African Voices enables research on robust and fair ASR and serves as a foundational resource for advancing NLP research in African languages.

...ness and our ability to study fairness, bias, and generalization across sociolinguistic groups (Bender et al., 2007; Besacier et al., 2015; Nakatumba et al., 2008; Koenecke et al., 2020).

To address these limitations, we introduce African Voices, a large-scale speech dataset designed to reflect the linguistic, demographic, and contextual diversity of African language use. It consists of 2500 hours of speech data collected from 2,856 diverse speakers across four languages - Hausa, Igbo, Nigerian Pidgin, and Yoruba. African Voices prioritizes spontaneous speech collected from speakers across age groups, genders, regions, and domains, and is accompanied by fine-grained metadata to support sociolinguistic and fairness-aware analysis. By grounding speech data in real-world linguistic contexts, African Voices enables principled evaluation of ASR systems beyond read speech benchmarks, supports analysis of demographic and dialectal performance disparities, and facilitates research on explainable and robust speech technologies for low-resource languages.

In addition to its technological objectives, the

“African Voices is a new ASR dataset for four Nigerian languages. It is a valuable contribution to the African ASR research community for several reasons. Its scale is sufficient for training competitive ASR models (2,500 hours across 2,865 speakers), it includes speaker-level metadata (enabling research on ASR fairness), and the data collection process is well documented. It is also distinct in containing spontaneous speech, as opposed to the readspeech more common in most ASR datasets.

Because of this, the dataset has the potential to support the development of ASR systems that perform well in realistic conditions, a critical gapin current low-resource ASR”

The achievement further reinforces Data Science Nigeria’s strategic focus on the localisation of Artificial Intelligence and its dedication to building inclusive and representative AI systems. By contributing to foundational research in African language datasets, the organisation continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of AI development on the continent, ensuring that innovation remains aligned with the realities and needs of local communities.

14.4

1st and 3rd Place Winners at the Deep Learning Indaba 2025 Community Challenge Competition

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) achieved a significant milestone at the Deep Learning Indaba 2025, with its affiliated communities securing 1st and 3rd positions in the highly competitive Community Challenge Competition. This accomplishment highlights DSN's sustained investment in grassroots capacity building and its success in nurturing a vibrant ecosystem of AI practitioners capable of delivering impactful, real-world solutions.

The recognition further reinforces DSN's role as a leading driver of AI innovation and talent development across Nigeria and the broader African continent. The winning performance was driven by the outstanding contributions of DSN community members, particularly from DSN Abuja, which clinched 1st place, and DSN Federal University of Technology Akure, which secured 3rd place.

These teams demonstrated strong technical expertise, collaboration, and problem-solving capabilities, reflecting the effectiveness of DSN's training programmes and mentorship structures. Their success serves as a testament to the organisation's commitment to empowering local communities to build scalable AI solutions tailored to African challenges. In addition to the competition success, DSN's leadership played an active role in shaping conversations at the event.



Dr. Ife Adebara, Chief Technology Officer, contributed as a panellist in discussions on advancing African Natural Language Processing (NLP), emphasising the importance of research collaboration, resource optimisation, and the development of inclusive AI systems.

This engagement not only elevated DSN's thought leadership profile but also strengthened partnerships within the global AI community. Overall, the dual achievement of securing top positions in the Community Challenge Competition underscores DSN's impact in building a pipeline of high-performing AI talent.

It also positions the organisation for greater continental influence, particularly as Nigeria prepares to host the Deep Learning Indaba 2026. DSN remains committed to leveraging these successes to deepen innovation, expand collaborations, and accelerate the adoption of AI solutions that drive sustainable development across Africa.





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ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



DSN Data Science Nigeria

Driving Organisational Excellence: Governance, Talent Development, and DSN Staff Capacity Building

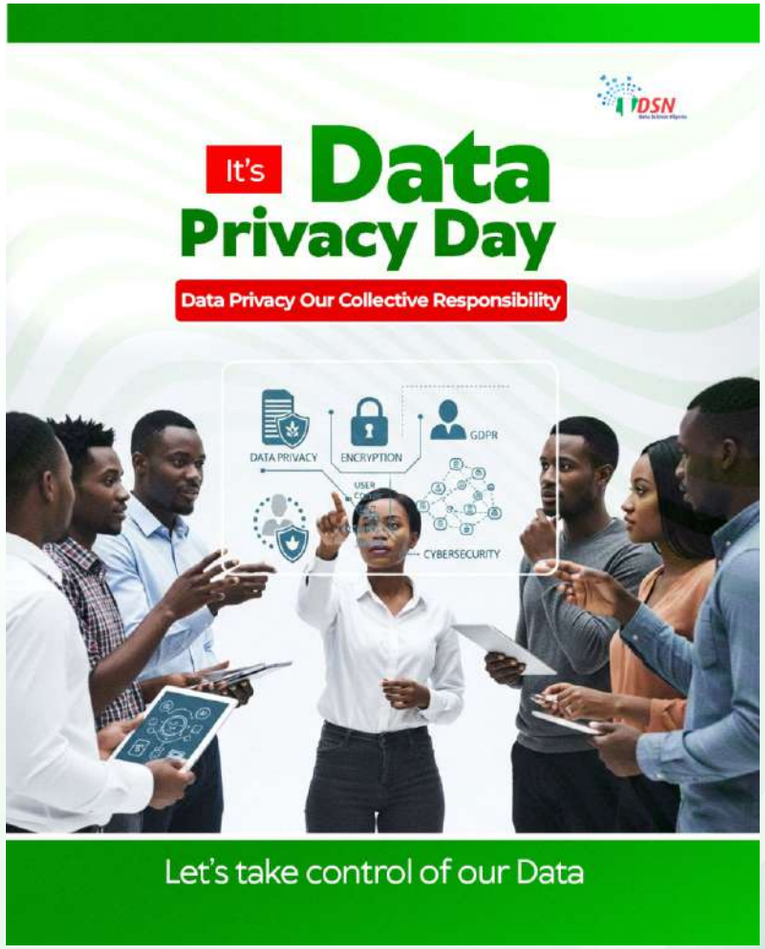
Execution of Open House sessions for staff on Data Privacy and Protection Training

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) reinforced its commitment to strong corporate governance and ethical standards through the successful delivery of a Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and Intellectual Property Workshop for staff. The session, facilitated by the organisation's Legal Consultant, Mr. Oluwashina, was designed to strengthen internal compliance culture, promote responsible conduct, and ensure alignment with global best practices in data protection and intellectual property management.

This initiative reflects DSN's ongoing efforts to build a resilient institutional framework that supports sustainable growth and responsible innovation. The workshop provided comprehensive guidance on confidentiality obligations, emphasising the critical importance of safeguarding sensitive organisational data and preventing unauthorised disclosures.

Staff were sensitised on the responsible use of company resources and the implications of data misuse, including potential breaches and misconduct. In addition, the session clarified DSN's intellectual property framework, reaffirming that all innovations, systems, and solutions developed within the organisation remain its exclusive property, thereby protecting the organisation's assets and competitive advantage.

A key focus area of the engagement was the management of Conflict of Interest (COI) and ethical workplace practices. Staff were guided on identifying, disclosing, and managing real or perceived conflicts, while reinforcing the importance of transparency and accountability.



The distinction between volunteerism and moonlighting was also clearly articulated to ensure that employees maintain a clear boundary between personal engagements and organisational responsibilities, thereby preserving productivity, trust, and professional integrity.

The session was effectively coordinated by the DSN team, with active participation from staff across various units, demonstrating a collective commitment to upholding ethical standards. The workshop outcomes have strengthened awareness, enhanced compliance readiness, and reinforced DSN's position as a responsible organisation that prioritises integrity, accountability, and ethical conduct in all its operations.

This initiative further supports DSN's broader mission of delivering impactful, trustworthy, and globally aligned AI and data solutions.

15.2

Celebration of Independence Day and internal staff social engagements

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) celebrated Independence Day at the office in a grand style. This is part of the organisation's commitment to promoting cultural identity, inclusiveness, and national pride. The event brought staff together in a spirit of reflection, unity, and shared pride in Nigeria's journey as a nation. The day's activities began earlier with an engaging treasure hunt conducted via the Business WhatsApp group. This interactive activity set an energetic tone for the celebration, fostering teamwork, collaboration, and excitement among staff even before the formal programme commenced.

The event proper began with a welcome address, followed by an inspiring goodwill message from Dr. Olubayo Adekanmbi, Founder and CEO of Data Science Nigeria. In his remarks, he reflected on the significance of Nigeria's Independence and commended the team for their dedication, creativity, and continued commitment to DSN's vision of building Africa's AI future.

The celebration featured a series of engaging and memorable segments. The Fashion Parade opened the event in grand style, with participants dressed as notable Nigerian figures, dancing into the training room to upbeat Nigerian music.











The colourful showcase was met with laughter and applause, highlighting the richness of Nigeria's history and contemporary influence. In the "Our Roots, Our Stories" segment, staff shared unique insights about their hometowns, reflecting Nigeria's vast cultural diversity. The storytelling session sparked moments of nostalgia, humour, and learning, deepening appreciation for the country's heritage.

The "Hidden Talents" showcase further added vibrancy to the celebration, as staff members presented creative performances ranging from storytelling to other artistic expressions. These performances underscored the diverse talents within the DSN team beyond their professional roles. Mrs. Toyin Adekanmbi, Executive Director of Data Science Nigeria presented special recognition and gifts to staff who won in their respective categories.

The celebration concluded with a shared meal in a warm and relaxed atmosphere, accompanied by music and light-hearted conversations. The Independence Day celebration was not merely a festive gathering, but a reaffirmation of DSN's commitment to unity, shared identity, collaboration, and purposeful impact, values that continue to guide the organisation's mission and culture.

Team Movie and Games Day: Fostering Connection and Collaboration

During the Q3 team bonding activities, the team came together for a mix of fun, learning, and collaboration. One of the highlights was watching the thought-provoking biographical film "Hidden Figures." The movie spotlighted the extraordinary contributions of African American women mathematicians at NASA, showcasing their determination, intelligence, and resilience in the face of societal barriers.



The screening inspired conversations about teamwork, problem-solving, and breaking barriers values that resonate deeply with the DSN culture of innovation and impact. In addition to the film, the team participated in interactive games designed to foster collaboration, creativity, and friendly competition. From problem-solving challenges to light-hearted quizzes, these activities encouraged staff to connect, communicate, and celebrate each other's strengths in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. The Q3 team bonding activities provided more than just entertainment; they strengthened interpersonal connections, reinforced the team's shared values, and reminded everyone of the power of collaboration and collective excellence in driving meaningful impact.





15.4

60-Day, 10,000-Steps Daily Walk Challenge: Promoting Mental Health and Wellness

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) reinforced its commitment to employee wellbeing and organisational productivity through the successful implementation of the 60-Day Health & Wellness Walk Challenge, which commenced on 4 May 2026. This initiative was designed to promote a culture of physical fitness, mental clarity, and team engagement across the organisation.

By encouraging consistent daily activity, the programme aligned with DSN's broader objective of fostering a healthier, more energised, and high-performing workforce. The challenge leveraged digital tools to drive participation and accountability, with staff members actively engaging through the Pacer app to track their 10,000 daily steps and monitor progress via a shared leaderboard.

The initiative not only promoted healthy competition but also strengthened collaboration and morale among team members, as participants encouraged one another and integrated wellness into their daily routines. The programme highlighted the positive impact of structured wellness initiatives on employee productivity, stress reduction, and overall workplace satisfaction.

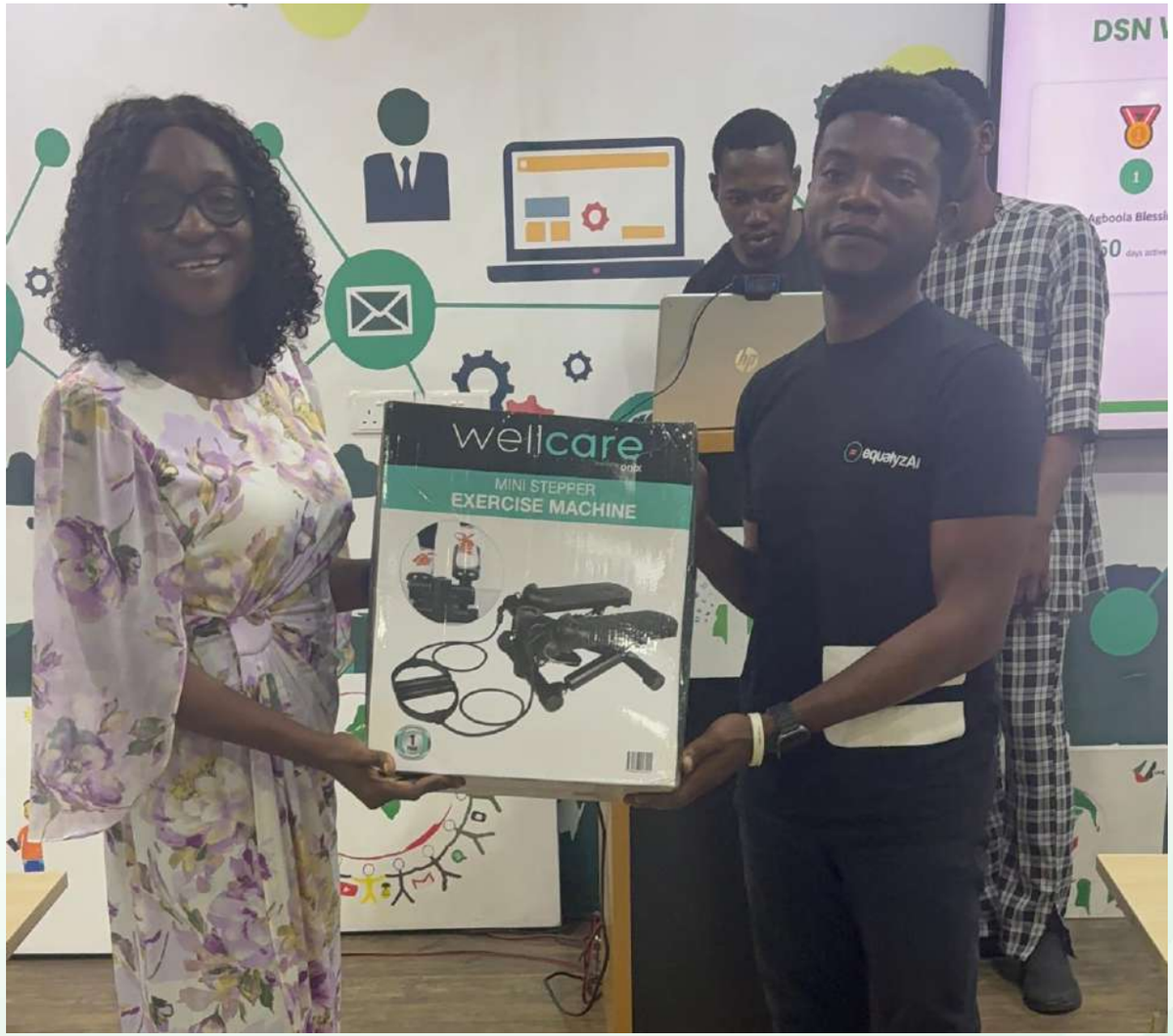
A key highlight of the challenge was the recognition of outstanding participants who demonstrated exceptional commitment and consistency. Blessing Agboola, Data Analyst/ML Engineer emerged as the top performer and was selected to represent DSN at the prestigious Deep Learning Indaba 2026, reflecting the organisation's commitment to rewarding excellence and investing in staff development.



Rotimi Oluwasesan, Cloud/DevOps Engineer secured second place, while Michael Folorunsho, Data Analyst Intern finished third, with all top participants exemplifying discipline, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the 60-day period. The successful execution of the initiative was supported by the HR team, who played a critical role in coordinating participation, providing guidance, and ensuring smooth implementation.

Overall, the DSN 60-Day Health & Wellness Walk Challenge stands as a testament to the organisation's holistic approach to staff development prioritising not only technical excellence but also the physical and mental wellbeing of its people, thereby driving sustained performance and organisational growth.





Employee Appreciation Day Celebration

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) reinforced its commitment to fostering a positive and people-centred workplace culture through the successful hosting of its Employee Appreciation Day Celebration. The initiative, organised by the HR Team, was designed to recognise staff contributions while strengthening engagement across the organisation.

The event commenced with thoughtfully curated opening activities, including personalised place cards and cakes placed at staff workstations, as well as an interactive Name Puzzle Banner that encouraged participation and created an atmosphere of excitement across the hub.

The arrival experience was carefully designed to enhance staff engagement and set a celebratory tone for the day. Light music and end-of-year highlight videos from previous celebrations were displayed across the hub, evoking shared memories and reinforcing team spirit. Staff were welcomed with light refreshments, while the Creative Team played a pivotal role in documenting the experience through photos and videos.







Their efforts ensured that key moments were captured and later amplified across internal communication platforms, sustaining engagement beyond the physical event. A major highlight of the celebration was the strong participation in engagement activities and the positive reception of internal communications. Personalised designs shared with staff generated significant interaction, with numerous acknowledgments and expressions of appreciation across communication channels.

The Admin Team coordinated the distribution of appreciation packages, ensuring inclusivity across all staff. The TGIF session further strengthened team bonding, with staff actively participating in recreational games such as soccer, chess, and board games. Notably, the active involvement of leadership during these activities contributed to a relaxed and inclusive atmosphere, while moments such as the celebration of Uche Edwin added a personal touch to the experience.

Overall, the initiative was a success with the majority of staff rating the event as excellent. The positive impact of shared media contents further emphasised the lasting effect of the engagement. The HR Team's coordination of the feedback survey and overall execution of the event demonstrated strong organisational capability in driving employee-focused initiatives.



Collectively, the Employee Appreciation Day Celebration reflects DSN's ongoing commitment to employee wellbeing, recognition, and the cultivation of a vibrant organisational culture that supports productivity and collaboration.

15.6

Support Staff Training Workshop and Specialised Security Team Training

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) continued to strengthen its internal capacity and operational excellence through the successful execution of a comprehensive Support Staff Training and Security Session held on 18 April 2026. The initiative brought together all support staff across administrative, facility, and security functions, reinforcing DSN's commitment to building a highly efficient, compliant, and pro objective of ensuring that its operational backbone is equipped to support its growing portfolio of AI-driven programmes and organisational activities.

The training covered critical areas including staff documentation, workplace policies, code of conduct, data privacy, cybersecurity, and operational reporting structures. Participants were equipped with practical knowledge on attendance standards, professional conduct, facility management, and basic technical skills for reporting and communication.

This holistic approach ensured that staff not only understood organisational expectations but were also empowered with the tools required to execute their roles effectively, thereby improving overall workplace productivity and service delivery. A key highlight of the session was the specialised security training facilitated by Mr. Lijoka Abraham, Chief Security Officer of Secure 24 Hours.



The session addressed previously identified security gaps and provided actionable strategies to strengthen access control, monitoring, and documentation processes within the facility.

Recommendations included the provision of a security scanner and improved tracking of items entering and exiting the premises, measures intended to strengthen DSN's safety and risk management framework.

The training recorded active participation from our Admin and Human Resource Team members, Temitola Ajekiigbe, Ijeoma Nwankwo, Olatunbosun Johnson and Mayowa Sholola, Chief Security Officer Baba Nelson Fadoju, Security Officers Olajide Orunbato, Babatunde Saheed, Emmanuel Ndubisi, Support Staff, Lukman Opeyemi, Sukurat Oyewole, Mrs. Yusuff Hawau, Drivers, Mr. Ige Olukunle, and Kehinde Dada, whose engagement contributed to the success of the session.

Their collective involvement reflects a shared commitment to continuous improvement and operational excellence. Overall, the initiative marked a significant milestone in strengthening DSN's internal systems, fostering a culture of professionalism, and ensuring a secure and well-coordinated work environment.



15.7

End-of-Year Review, Staff Recognition and Activities, Community Meet-Up

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) concluded the year 2025 with a highly impactful End-of-Year Engagement Week themed "Celebrating Our People, Our Journey, Our Promise," designed to reinforce organisational culture, strengthen collaboration, and align teams with the strategic direction for 2026.



The initiative brought together staff across functions through a structured and inclusive framework that emphasised reflection, innovation, and performance alignment. Staff were grouped into themed teams: Team Vision, Team Bold, Team Unity, and Team Spark, fostering collaboration and healthy engagement while driving both cultural and business-focused outcomes.

A key achievement of the engagement was the successful execution of structured team tasks, where staff collectively developed actionable improvement plans focused on workplace behaviour, professionalism, and service delivery. In parallel, teams generated innovative business ideas to strengthen DSN's product offerings, resulting in a pipeline of concept notes and pitch-ready solutions to support growth in 2026.

The Big Bets Review sessions further enabled a comprehensive evaluation of 2025 performance, highlighting successes, identifying execution gaps, and producing clear, team-level action plans aligned with organisational priorities for the coming year. The Performance Evaluation Week provided a strong foundation for individual and organisational alignment, with staff completing self-assessments, engaging in feedback sessions, and participating in KPI alignment workshops.

These activities ensured clarity on performance expectations and established measurable targets for 2026. The engagement week also featured a series of thematic activities including policy awareness sessions, innovation showcases, emotional intelligence workshops, and wellness programmes, which collectively enhanced staff awareness, strengthened core values, and improved overall team cohesion.

The programme was successfully coordinated through cross-functional collaboration, with contributions from the Admin, HR, and Leadership teams ensuring seamless execution and full participation, including remote staff through hybrid engagement tools. The week culminated in an outdoor team bonding session at JJT Park, Ikeja, where staff engaged in recreational activities that reinforced unity and celebrated collective achievements.

Overall, the End-of-Year Engagement Week demonstrated DSN's commitment to its people, strengthened internal culture, and positioned the organisation for a more aligned, innovative, and high-performing 2026. The year-end engagement also provided an opportunity for management to recognise and celebrate outstanding staff contributions through the DSN End-of-Year Awards.



The Staff of the Year recognition was awarded to Oluwaseun Nifemi, Technical Delivery Lead (Service and Consulting), Ahmad Ibrahim, AI-DPI Lead, Olanrewaju Lawal, Data Scientist/ML Engineer, Temitola Ajekiigbe, Legal Officer, Uyi Briggs, Project Team Lead, and Chimaoge Esotu, Technical Delivery Lead (Training and Solutions) among others, in recognition of their exceptional contributions and performance during the year. Ololade Anjuwon, Data Analyst Intern received the Rising Talent of the Year award for demonstrating outstanding potential and contribution.

Additional categories, including Best Team, were determined through staff voting, ensuring that colleagues also played a role in recognising the individuals and teams that made significant contributions to DSN's achievements in 2025.

As part of the end-of-year activities, DSN also hosted its End-of-Year Community Meetup on Thursday, 18 December 2025, providing a platform for the DSN community to reflect on the year and prepare intentionally for 2026.

The session focused on understanding emerging market trends, identifying how skills translate into real-world opportunities, and helping participants determine what skills and areas of focus would be most relevant in the coming year.

The virtual session, held via Zoom and YouTube, reinforced the message that early positioning, continuous learning, and alignment with industry demand are essential to remaining relevant in a rapidly evolving technology landscape.



CELEBRATING MILESTONES



Celebrating Milestones & Institutional Advocacy

16.1

Celebration of International Mother Language Day 2026: Preserving Indigenous Languages in the Age of AI and launch of the Language Digitisation Playbook

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) recorded a major milestone in advancing inclusive and culturally relevant Artificial Intelligence through its participation in activities marking the 2026 International Mother Language Day in collaboration with Data.org. The event, themed "Preserving Indigenous Languages in the Age of AI," also marked the launch of the Language Digitisation Playbook—an initiative designed to transition African language preservation from theory into practical, scalable implementation.

This engagement reinforced DSN's leadership in driving community-centred AI innovation and promoting the inclusion of indigenous languages within the global AI ecosystem.

Following the launch, DSN successfully activated a robust, community-driven framework focused on language data collection and digitisation. The initiative led to the identification of 66 active minority dialects and the growth of a vibrant community of over 460 members. DSN provided targeted support to more than 60 individuals and dialect groups for Deep Learning Indaba submissions, resulting in 11 completed submissions and two acceptances.



These outcomes highlight DSN's commitment to capacity building and its role in enabling local contributors to participate in global AI research and innovation platforms.

A key achievement of the programme was the successful execution of the Train-the-Trainer model, which engaged over 60 participants across more than 20 technical hubs nationwide. Through structured training, development of a comprehensive hub manual, and community onboarding, DSN significantly improved participants' knowledge and confidence in language data collection.

Post-training results showed that over 90% of participants attained a strong understanding of the process, while 87% expressed confidence in initiating or contributing to projects. This demonstrates DSN's effectiveness in building a pipeline of skilled language data champions capable of sustaining long-term digitisation efforts.

The initiative was driven by the collective efforts of the DSN team, whose coordination, technical facilitation, and community engagement ensured the programme's success. Their contributions enabled seamless implementation across multiple engagement streams, including community mobilisation, technical training, and digital resource access.

Overall, DSN's work on the Language Digitisation Playbook positions the organisation at the forefront of ethical and inclusive AI development in Africa, creating scalable pathways for preserving indigenous languages while strengthening Nigeria's digital and data ecosystem.



16.2

Commemoration of the 9th anniversary of the organisation

Data Science Nigeria marked its 9th anniversary milestone in November 2025, a moment of celebration and an opportunity for deep reflection.

The anniversary provided an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on nine years of unwavering commitment to empowering one million AI talents across Africa. It reaffirmed our dedication to building a strong organisational culture anchored in excellence, integrity, collaboration, and meaningful community impact.



16.3

Honouring Pascal Dozie's Legacy through the Renaming of the AI School of the Year Award

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) recorded a significant milestone in its commitment to advancing AI education and honouring legacy contributions within Nigeria's technology ecosystem through the renaming of its prestigious annual AI School of the Year Award to the Pascal Dozie AI School of the Year Award. The renaming was carried out in commemoration of one year since the passing of Pascal Dozie, Founder of Diamond Bank and former Chairman of MTN, in recognition of his enduring support for DSN and his remarkable contributions to Nigeria's digital and innovation landscape. The initiative reflects DSN's commitment to preserving the legacy of visionary leaders while inspiring future generations of innovators.

As part of the 2025 award, DSN presented the Pascal Dozie AI School of the Year Award to the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) in recognition of the institution's outstanding commitment to AI capacity development, research, and community engagement. The award included $1,000 worth of AI books for FUTA, providing additional learning resources to support the university's AI education and capacity-building efforts.

The award further highlighted the tangible impact of DSN's interventions in academia through the provision of learning resources, capacity-building initiatives, and the establishment of AI-focused communities. The inclusion of the AI books as part of the award strengthens DSN's contribution to improving access to relevant learning materials within the academic environment.

Overall, the 2025 award reinforces DSN's commitment in honouring a legacy of excellence by institutionalising the Pascal Dozie AI School of the Year Award and supporting the recognition with $1,000 in AI books while investing in resources, communities, and partnerships needed to advance AI knowledge and innovation in Nigeria.



COMMUNITY IMPACT



Community Impact, Mentorship, and Collective Growth

17.1

Publication of Community Spotlights highlighting ecosystem achievements

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) continued to strengthen and expand its growing AI and data science community, recording significant achievements in talent development, innovation, and community engagement. A major highlight was the outstanding performance of DSN community members at the 2025 Deep Learning Indaba Community Challenge in Kigali, Rwanda, where they secured 1st and 3rd positions. DSN community members also demonstrated strong performance across the Microsoft AI Skills Week Hackathons in Lagos and Abuja, with Team Overclock winning the Lagos Hackathon with Voice IQ.

DSN's community programme achieved significant reach and impact during the year, engaging over 100,000 learners through AI Fluency, Data Science, and AI capacity-building programme. The community facilitated over 100 training sessions and events across local communities, alongside more than 10 mentorship sessions. Through initiatives such as Ladies in AI, DSN promoted greater gender inclusion in AI by providing dedicated learning, networking, and capacity-building opportunities, while the Geospatial community delivered specialised masterclasses and hackathons that enabled members to develop practical and specialised skills.



The organisation also expanded access to AI education and innovation opportunities through all-expenses-paid bootcamps for high-potential AI talents, continued research and innovation support, and dedicated Kids and Teens programme introducing younger learners to programming, AI, prompt engineering, and emerging technologies. These achievements demonstrate DSN's continued commitment to building an inclusive and high-impact AI ecosystem, while empowering individuals and communities with the skills, networks, and opportunities needed to participate meaningfully in Africa's digital and AI-driven future.





17.2

Presentation of the Pascal Dozie AI School of the Year Award and Academic Resources to the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA)

As part of DSN's Commitment at the 2025 DSN Bootcamp, the team paid an official visit to the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) for the presentation of the AI School of the Year Award and donation of academic resources. The delegation was received by key members of the university community, including the University Librarian representing the Vice-Chancellor, the Heads of Department of Computer Science and Data Science, Staff Advisers, the DSN Community Ambassador, and student community members.

During the ceremony, the university management expressed appreciation for the recognition and support extended by DSN. The Community Ambassador acknowledged the university's enabling environment, which contributed to the community's success, and extended gratitude to DSN for the award. The University Librarian highlighted the significance of the donated materials, particularly their relevance to students and their contribution to the university's upcoming accreditation exercises. The Staff Adviser delivered a keynote address and closing remarks, reinforcing the importance of sustained collaboration between DSN and the institution.

Representing DSN, our Business Development Lead, Aanu Oyeniran



provided an overview of the organisation, outlining the objectives of the AI School of the Year Award and the criteria for selection. He commended the university for fostering a thriving data science community and introduced DSN's range of products and solutions designed to support academic institutions, while also highlighting opportunities for deeper collaboration. Following the ceremony, the team proceeded to the Vice-Chancellor's office to formally present the award and donated materials.

The Vice-Chancellor received the team warmly and expressed enthusiasm about the recognition. She noted that the students' achievement would be formally acknowledged in the university's roll of honour and reaffirmed the institution's leading position among federal universities of technology in Nigeria. She further emphasised the timeliness of the donated resources in supporting the accreditation of the Data Science department.







17.3

DSN as official LLM Agent Challenge Hackathon Partner at Bluechip Data & AI Summit 2026

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) reinforced its strategic position within the AI and data ecosystem through its active participation in the Bluechip Data and AI Summit 3.0, where it served as the official Hackathon Partner. The summit brought together leading technology experts, AI practitioners, and innovators, providing a high-impact platform for knowledge exchange, industry collaboration, and talent recognition. DSN's involvement highlighted its continued commitment to nurturing data science talent and advancing AI innovation across Nigeria.

As part of its partnership role, DSN was represented by Chinazo Anebelundu, Director, AI Solutions Delivery, Aanu Oyeniran, Business Development Lead and Tejumola Asanloko, Community / Programme Analyst who played key roles during the summit. The team actively participated in presenting the hackathon winners, demonstrating DSN's leadership in talent development and its strong collaboration with ecosystem partners, including Bluechip Technologies' leadership. Their contributions ensured effective representation of DSN and reinforced its reputation as a key driver of AI capacity building.

A major highlight of the engagement was the strong performance of DSN community members, who made up a significant proportion of the hackathon participants. This underscores the strength, depth, and quality of DSN's talent pipeline. The hackathon recognised outstanding teams, with Team Foresight emerging as the 1st place winner, followed by Team Orbit in 2nd place, Team Inference in 3rd place, and Team Human-centred AI securing 4th place. These outcomes reflect the practical impact of DSN's continuous investment in developing highly skilled AI professionals capable of solving real-world problems.



Overall, DSN's participation at the Bluechip Data and AI Summit 3.0 significantly enhanced its visibility within the technology ecosystem and showcased the excellence of its growing community. By supporting innovation platforms such as the hackathon and celebrating emerging talent, DSN continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of AI and data science in Africa, while strengthening partnerships that drive sustainable growth and innovation.

17.4

NitHub and Meta Hackathon: Advancing AI in Healthcare through Mentorship and Ecosystem Support

Data Science Nigeria (DSN) continued to demonstrate its commitment to advancing practical applications of Artificial Intelligence in critical sectors through its participation in the NITHUB x Meta Hackathon – Hack for Health: Bots, Brains & Bandages! The event brought together innovators and developers focused on leveraging AI-driven solutions to address real-world healthcare challenges. DSN's involvement highlights its strategic role in fostering innovation, mentorship, and capacity building within Nigeria's growing AI ecosystem.



Representing DSN at the hackathon, AI- DPI Lead, Ahmad Ibrahim and Data Analyst/ML Engineer, Godwin Adegbehingbe served as mentors, providing technical guidance and strategic direction to participating teams. Through their engagement, they supported innovators in refining their Minimum Viable Products (MVPs), strengthening solution design, and aligning projects with practical healthcare applications. Their mentorship ensured that participants not only developed technically sound solutions but also gained a deeper understanding of deploying AI effectively in health-focused contexts.

A key achievement from DSN's participation was the tangible impact on participating teams, who benefited significantly from the hands-on mentorship, feedback, and industry insights provided. The session enhanced participants' capacity to translate ideas into scalable solutions, reinforcing DSN's mission of bridging the gap between AI innovation and real-world implementation. The collaboration with NITHUB and Meta further strengthened DSN's visibility and influence within multi-stakeholder innovation initiatives.

Ahmad Ibrahim and Godwin Adegbehingbe's contributions were instrumental in delivering value throughout the hackathon, as their expertise and commitment helped shape the quality of outputs produced by the teams.

Their engagement reflects DSN's broader objective of nurturing talent, supporting innovation ecosystems, and driving the adoption of AI solutions that address critical societal needs such as healthcare delivery.







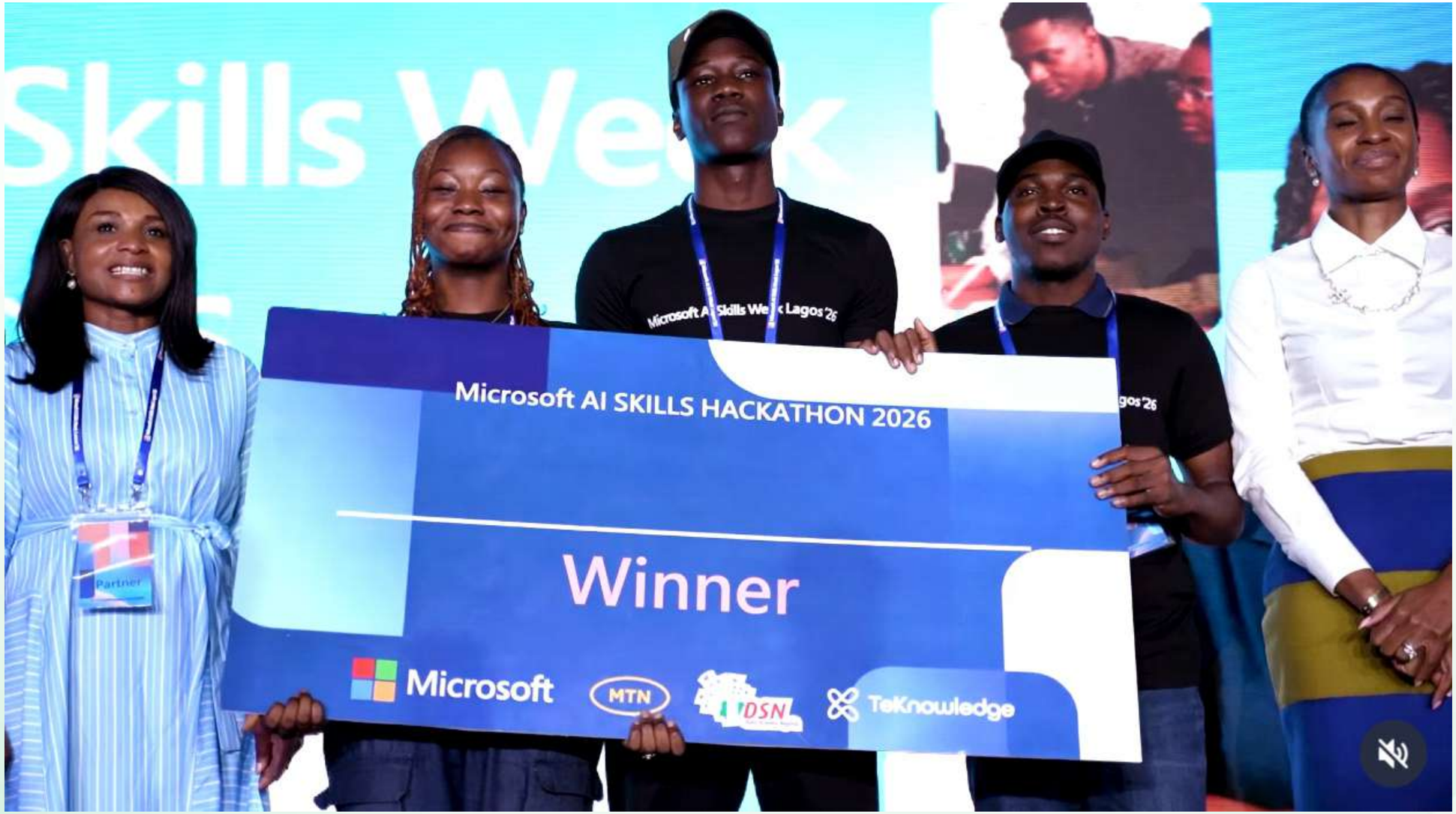
Celebrating Alumni Excellence and Innovation in AI Competitions

Data Science Nigeria community members continued to demonstrate excellence and innovation across national AI and technology competitions. Kenneth Idanwekhai and Team Nexus Botix secured 3rd place at the DOWA Startup Innovation Challenge, supported by NiDCOM, with Nexus Botix—an African-focused AI automation platform that enables multilingual customer support across English, French, Portuguese, Arabic, and local African languages.

Similarly, Team Overclock, represented by Akeem Jr Odebiyi, Abdulwahab Boluwatife Yusuf, and Blessing Esabu, emerged as the winning team at the Microsoft AI Skills Week (Lagos Edition) with their solution, Voice IQ, a real-time analytics platform designed to enhance customer support operations and customer retention. The team received prizes valued at $2,250 in recognition of their innovation and outstanding performance.






Microsoft AI SKILLS HACKATHON 2026
Winner
Microsoft
MTN
DSN
TeKnowledge
Partner

Two-Day NVIDIA Data Science & Cybersecurity Workshop at GITEX

As part of the strategic partnership between Data Science Nigeria (DSN) and NVIDIA, five technical workshops were successfully co-organised during GITEX Nigeria 2025 to deepen participants' understanding of AI, data science, and NVIDIA technologies. The workshops targeted students, developers, and faculty members, with DSN mobilising community members to actively participate.





The sessions covered key topics including Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) for Large Language Models, Accelerating Data Science Workflows with Zero Code Changes, NVIDIA NIM™ Microservices, Generative AI, and AI for All. Participants gained practical insights into NVIDIA technologies such as CUDA, NVIDIA Large Language Models (LLMs), the NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute (DLI), and Build.nvidia.com, equipping them with knowledge and resources to advance their AI learning and innovation journeys.

A key highlight was the introduction of NVIDIA Ambassadors in Nigeria, who provided participants with guidance on accessing NVIDIA tools, learning resources, and mentorship opportunities. Attendees were also introduced to the DSN Community, creating pathways for ongoing collaboration, mentorship, and professional development within Africa's largest AI learning ecosystem.





CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

UPSKILLING PROGRAMME



DeepTech_Ready / 3MTT — DSN's Flagship National Upskilling Programme

18.1

3MTT Nigeria Cohorts 1.0–3.0: Scaling Nigeria's Digital Talent Pipeline Through Nationwide Cohort Delivery with Google.org Support

The 3MTT/DeepTech_Ready Upskilling Programme is designed to empower 20,000 young Nigerians with foundational technical skills and job-ready competencies in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (AI). The programme is implemented under the 3 Million Technical Talent (3MTT) initiative of the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation, and Digital Economy, with support from Google.org, and is delivered by Data Science Nigeria.





The programme uses a cohort-based learning model and a localised curriculum that integrates structured learning, project-based training, expert mentorship and job-readiness support. Both beginners and advanced learners can choose from the following specialisation tracks: Advanced Data Analysis & Visualisation, Data Engineering, Data Science & Machine Learning, Geospatial; Data

Science and Natural Language Processing, Generative AI, No-code Machine learning Azure platform and No-code Machine learning WEKA platform.

The programme is being delivered across three cohorts. Recruitment and learner outreach were conducted through multiple communication channels, including social media platforms, BusinessDay, and Nairaland, partner hubs, community managers and partner organisations. Cohort 1 commenced on 31 January 2025, and trained 907 learners.

Cohort 2 commenced on 11 August 2025 and trained 14,345 learners.

The third and final cohort commenced on 2 March 2026 and has trained over 6,000 bringing the total number of learners trained under the programme to over 21,000.





DeepTech_Ready and WesOnline: Launch of a Digital Mentorship Platform

A critical pillar of the DeepTech_Ready Initiative is the development of a robust mentorship and technical enrichment ecosystem that enables immersive, project-based learning through direct engagement with global experts and industry leaders.

To achieve this, we partnered with WESOnline to design, coordinate, and implement the DeepTech_Ready Mentorship Network. By leveraging both diaspora and local expertise, WESOnline has played a central role in facilitating technical project-based learning, strengthening knowledge exchange, and supporting the infrastructure and content delivery required to serve DeepTech Fellows across the country.







The partnership was officially launched during a high-level engagement held alongside the 2025 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, USA, marking a significant milestone in our efforts to connect emerging talent with a global community of experts.

Through this collaboration, more than 1,500 DeepTech_Ready Fellows have been mentored by a network of 110+ experienced mentors, resulting in over 1,200 hours of mentorship sessions. The programme has provided fellows with valuable technical guidance, career development support, and exposure to real-world innovation challenges, strengthening their capacity to contribute to Nigeria's growing deep-tech ecosystem.







3MTT/DeepTech_Ready Upskilling Programme: Advancing Digital Skills Through Strategic Partnerships

To support the successful implementation of the 3MTT/DeepTech_Ready Upskilling Programme, strategic partnerships were established with organisations to provide specialised services across key stages of the programme.

WESOnline worked with the programme to implement the mentorship component by providing expert mentors, and LoubbyAI supported job readiness through job matching and engagement with host organisations. PenEdge increased programme visibility by providing communications, outreach and announcements, and X-Connect provided data grants to learners to enable continued participation in virtual learning activities.

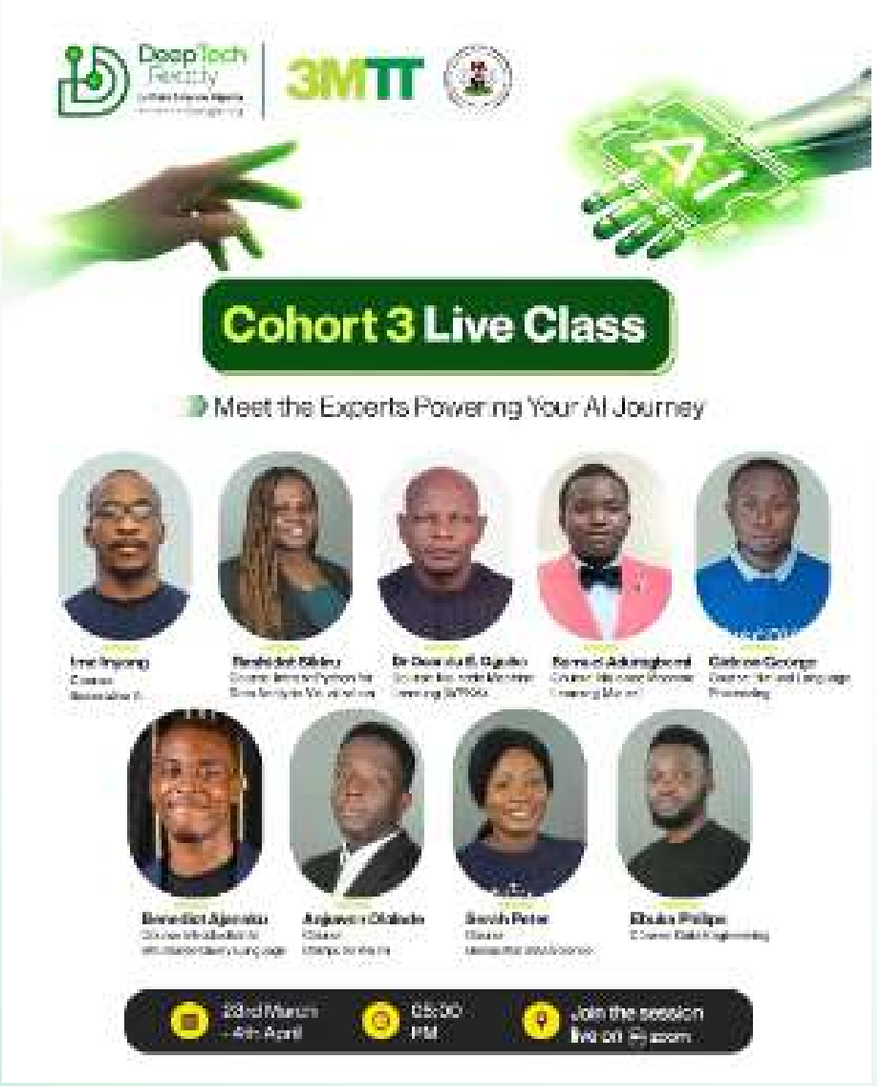
During the reporting period, the programme held 3 AMA sessions, 3 onboarding sessions, 80 live classes by tutors, 4 technical masterclasses, 3 specialisation info sessions, 9 feedback sessions, and 2 project-based live sessions to improve practical skills and project development of learners. More than 8,000 learners also received data grants to support their participation and improve their access to online learning resources.



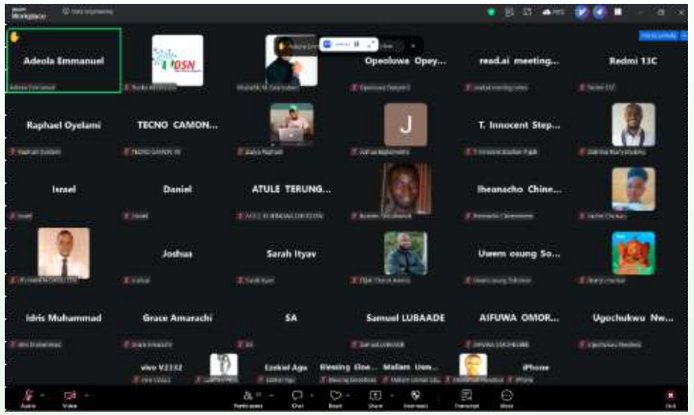







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DSN, Microsoft and 3MTT: Advancing AI Fluency Through Cohort 4 Training and Free AI Classes

DSN Free AI Classes in Every City 2026, implemented in partnership with Microsoft, successfully delivered a nationwide AI skilling programme aimed at equipping 5,000 Nigerians with foundational and applied Artificial Intelligence skills through a hybrid learning model.

The programme leveraged DSN's network of over 50 AI communities across Nigeria's 36 states and the FCT to provide localised mentorship, peer learning, and learner support, while integrating self-paced learning through the DSN LMS, Microsoft Learn, and Digital Skills Nigeria platforms.

Structured as a 4-week national learning campaign, the initiative was delivered across several cohorts, each running for five days and combining self-paced learning, practical exercises, and live mentorship sessions. Through this approach, participants gained hands-on AI knowledge, strengthened their digital competencies, and became part of a growing community of AI practitioners across the country.

The learning tracks are AI fluency, Python for Data Science and Machine Learning, Data Storytelling and Visualisation, and Introduction to prompt engineering

The programme reinforced DSN's commitment to democratising AI education and expanding access to digital skills, while supporting Microsoft's vision of building an AI-ready workforce in Nigeria.





Course Settings Participants Grades Activities ···



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Microsoft X DSN Free AI Classes 2026 Capstone Project

Late Submission ···

Overview Data Code Models Discussion Leaderboard Rules Team Submissions Settings

This competition has completed. This leaderboard reflects the final standings.

#	△	Team	Members	Score	Entries	Last	Solution
1	▲ 1	christopher obuchere		63288.02857	2	13d	
2	▼ 1	Hyscy		63363.29391	12	13d	
3	▲ 1	Zainyyy001		63524.17592	2	6d	
4	▼ 1	Asiya Sabiu Sulaiman		63579.02206	2	14d	



Financials

Total Income Resources (FY 2025/26)

	Amount	
Inflow	**NGN**	**USD**
Grants and Project Finance	1,762,224,038.25	1,224,977.38
Interest Earned	9,291,500.22	6,732.19
Total Income Resources	**1,771,515,538.47**	**1,231,709.57**

Clients, Donors and Sponsors (FY 2025/26)

	Amount	
Name	NGN	USD
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	734,633,414.85	500,000.00
Luminate	210,367,095.51	144,149.27
Pathfinder International	64,653,652.82	45,678.00
DKT International Nigeria	254,390,437.35	175,786.00
Facebook(META)	10,000,000.00	7,240.34
Mastercard Foundation	4,277,350.00	3,096.95
German Development Cooperation Digital Solutions for Sustainable developments in Nigeria (GIZ)	8,709,151.60	6,305.72
Microsoft	324,952,551.50	235,276.80
Data.org	28,132,096.44	20,000.00
Qhala Limited	15,460,153.67	10,592.91

Clients, Donors and Sponsors (FY 2025/26)

	Amount	
Name	**NGN**	**USD**
Sponsorship from Ladies in AI community	500,000.00	362.02
Sponsorship from MTN Nigeria Foundation	7,000,000.00	5,068.24
Sponsorship from Hyperspace Technologies Limited	2,000,000.00	1,448.07
Sponsorship from Google Ireland Limited	7,266,249.14	5,000.00
Donation from Raenest Inc	1,525,489.84	1,000.00
Donation from TechCabal	765,500.00	554.25
Revenue from Training/Other Income	87,590,895.53	63,418.81
Total	**1,762,224,038.25**	**1,224,977.38**

Expenses (FY 2025/26)

	Amount	
Name	NGN	USD
Staff Welfare	105,778,086.00	76,586.96
Office Security Expenses	3,908,800.00	2,830.11
Local Travel-Staff	23,405,896.62	16,946.67
International Travel-Staff	63,717,799.13	46,133.87
Payroll Expenses	42,568,624.27	30,821.14
Contract Staff	378,483,593.32	274,035.11
Research Expenses	354,649,404.10	256,778.34
Branding and Publicity	13,433,850.00	9,726.57
General and Administrative Expenses	11,705,483.72	8,475.17
Repairs and Maintenance	6,529,328.12	4,727.46
Electricity Bill	1,000,000.00	724.03

Expenses (FY 2025/26)

	Amount	
Name	NGN	USD
Rent	9,750,000.00	7,059.33
Telephone- Communication	125,300.00	90.72
Bank charges	16,236,528.39	11,755.80
Legal and professional fees	2,488,749.99	1,801.94
Event Expenses	25,850,327.78	18,716.52
printing and Stationery	1,358,350.00	983.49
Platform Subscription	113,432,992.00	82,129.38
Hotel and Accommodation (Travel)	23,497,737.50	17,013.17
Logistics and Transportation	32,104,408.17	23,244.69
Shipping and delivery expense	3,190,225.00	2,309.83
Utilities	260,000.00	188.25

Expenses (FY 2025/26)

	Amount	
Name	NGN	USD
Award Expenses	1,750,000.00	1,267.06
Health Management Organisation - Staff	6,104,655.31	4,419.98
Project Equipments	49,036,268.83	35,503.94
Video Coverage, Photograph & Interview	1,850,000.00	1,339.46
License and Certificate	823,987.50	596.60
Contract/ Consultancy	1,292,134,582.09	935,549.78
Audit Fee	400,000.00	289.61
Insurance expenses	3,343,205.41	2,420.60
Fuel (Diesel & Petrol)	5,237,690.00	3,792.27
Gift /Donation Expenses	21,293,824.75	15,417.46
Studio, Voice Over Recording	98,518,129.74	71,330.51

Expenses (FY 2025/26)

	Amount	
Name	**NGN**	**USD**
Membership Subscription	1,177,075.01	852.24
Data Subscription	52,753,588.00	38,195.41
Direct Assessment (Tax)	149,580.00	108.30
Internet expenses	321,328.00	232.65
Staff Career Development	11,989,805.10	8,681.03
Depreciation	23,960,300.04	17,348.08
Total Expenditure	**2,804,319,503.89**	**2,030,423.56**

Note:

During the reporting period, the Organisation incurred total project expenditure of N2.8 billion. Of this amount, approximately N1.4 billion relates to project funds that were received in prior reporting periods but remained unutilised at the end of those periods and were subsequently applied to eligible project activities during the current reporting period.



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