

## **Summary of ngNOG 10, University of Nigeria, 02nd-09th November,2015**

ngNOG 2015 workshop, the 10th anniversary in the annual series of the Nigerian Network Operators' Group (ngNOG) Workshops and Meetings, was successfully held at the University of Nigeria (UNN, Nsukka) from 02-09 November, 2015.

Fifteen Institutions and Organizations participated in the five parallel tracks of the 2015 ngNOG workshop in Nsukka. The workshop was declared open by the Vice Chancellor Prof Benjamin Benjamin Ozumba who was represented by the University DVC. The Vice Chancellor and his lovely wife were however present at the celebratory dinner to express their support and congratulate the ngNOG community as it concluded the 10th successful workshop.

As always, participants got hands-on training and solved relevant practical problems in their tracks, in addition to discussing topics of interest at the general evening discussions. Topics included SSL/TLS certification, Data Security, Self-development and career progression in ICT. The ngNOG meeting was a success with presentations from supporting organizations like Bandwidth Consortium , MEEDS Networks , Google and Main One . Participants, instructors and the University Library received copies of books donated by ngNOG's indefatigable partner NSRC .

After a week of technical events, participants were treated with a stress relief sight-seeing visit to the Ogba Ihuezi Ogbunofia Ndiuno Cave and waterfall. Earlier in the day, instructors defeated participants in a keenly contested football match. Pictures from the event can be viewed [here](#)

The first domesticated (AfNOG -fashioned) country NOG in Africa, ngNOG has successfully trained at subsidized cost, over 800 Network Engineers & Librarians from eighty-eight (88) Higher Education Institutions and organizations across Nigeria.

Starting with a pre-NOG workshop in Ibadan; several locations in Nigeria have since played host to the annual workshops and meetings: from the Hill city of Jos, to Canaanland, from Opobo kingdom to Ogba Ihuezi Ogbunofia Ndiuno Cave & waterfall, from the ancient Benin City to Ile-Ife, from Mainland hotel to Hotel 17, from the city of Kanawa to Ilorin hospitality, the community keeps growing.

Through the years, as is the case with all human endeavor, the ngNOG workshop & meetings have had their moments of success, failure, celebration, disappointments and reflections. A meeting point and source of inspiration to so many, a strong human network continues to grow out of our face-to-face meetings and online community interaction.

While increasing an interest in ICT-related policies that affect people, the event has also grown a community of experts with diverse ICT skillsets. After ten years, the ngNOG among others aims towards strengthening collaboration with stakeholders, introducing industry certification, and holding additional workshops to further reduce travel distance for participants.

This journey would never have been possible without the contributions of the Grantors, Sponsors, Individuals, Government organizations, Higher Education Institutions, Private organizations, Instructors, Participants, Organizers, Host Institutions who have through the years supported this event either financially, with words of advice, ideas and or with a positive critique. Some had supplied the ngNOG event with equipment, books, T-shirts, pens, venue, others by Instructing, organizing, or as participants.

For this and to you all, we say a big Thank you and look forward to seeing you in the Federal Capital Territory for the next edition in October 2016.