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11th February 2022

The Director-General  
National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)  
11, Sokode Crescent, Off Dalaba Street  
Zone 5, Wuse,  
Abuja, Federal Capital Territory.



Dear Sir,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: ACCESS TO NATIONAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION'S DATABASE BY SECURITY AGENCIES**

Paradigm Initiative is a non-profit social enterprise committed to the use of ICT opportunities to engage under-served youth and advocating for social justice in the face of technology, while promoting digital rights and ethics.

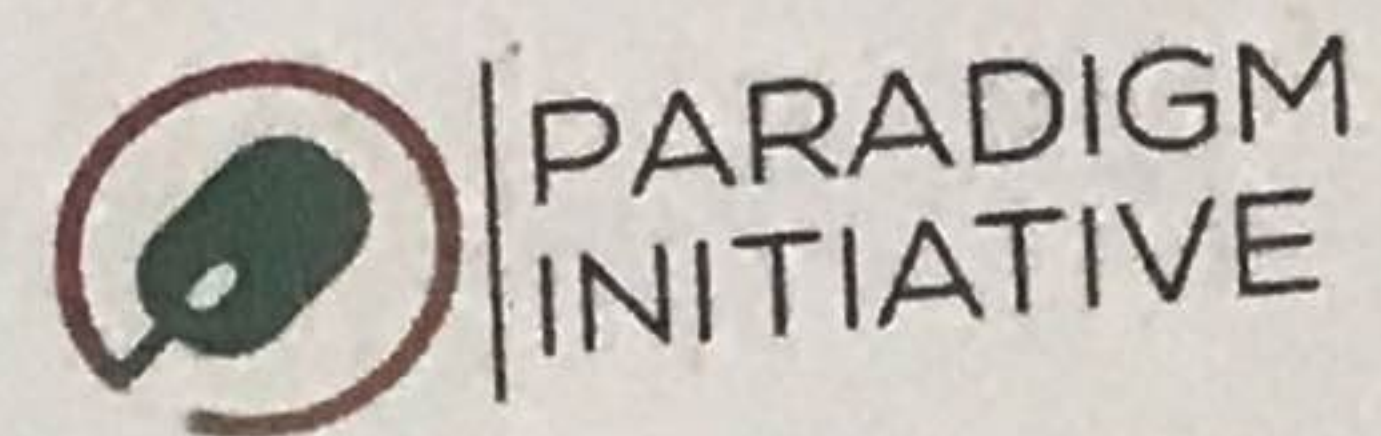
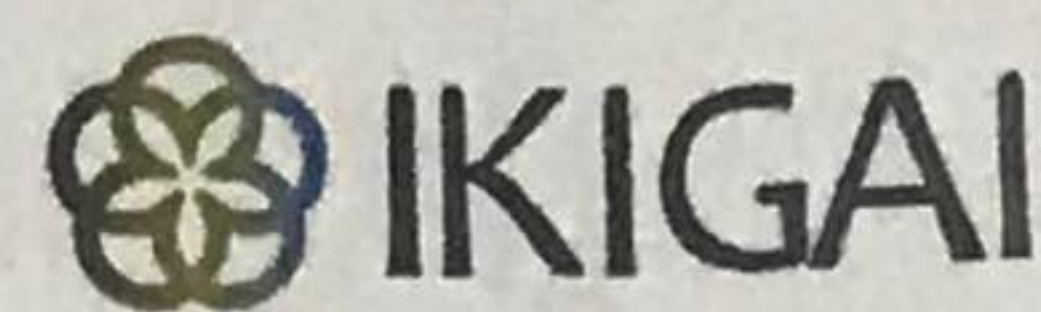
Ikigai Innovation Initiative (Ikigai Nation) is a non-profit organisation established to advance information technology policy in Africa. We promulgate diverse research on technology policy and legal frameworks across Africa. We also engage relevant stakeholders and advocate for better policies for the ecosystem at large.

Pursuant to Section 1(1) and Section 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011, Paradigm Initiative and Ikigai Innovation Initiative requests the assistance of your office with the following information with regards to the recent news report that security agencies can now access subscribers' database with the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) through the Nigerian Communications Commission. The said statement was credited to the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy and was reported by Punch newspapers and other mainstream media outlets in Nigeria between February 4 to February 7, 2022.

1. What legal provisions were relied on to give such access to security agencies?
2. What legal provision gives the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria the power to give such access to security agencies?
3. What legal provision gives the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy the power to give such access to security agencies?
4. To what extent might this be in contravention to the rights to privacy guaranteed in the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended and the procedure for accessing subscribers data?
5. What are the legal and institutional safeguards in place to ensure accountability on the part of the security agencies who have been given access?
6. Is there any judicial or independent oversight around the working relationship between the NCC, NIMC and security agencies in Nigeria

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7. Is the list of security agencies granted this access available? If the list is not available, why?

We look forward to receiving the requested information within the stipulated seven days under the Freedom of Information Act, 2011.

Should you require any clarification regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact us by any of these email addresses; [policy@ikigaination.org](mailto:policy@ikigaination.org) or [hello@paradigmhq.org](mailto:hello@paradigmhq.org) or you may call any of these lines +234 806 0781 464 or +234 803 740 0339

Thank you for your anticipated positive feedback and kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. Adegoke".

A. Adegoke

For:

**Paradigm Initiative**

**Ikigai Innovation Initiative**

Cc:

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