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# About the e-RIGHTS Project

Enhancing Digital Rights in Nigeria (e-RIGHTS) project is a European Union and Avocats Lille Solidarité funded project, implemented in Nigeria by Avocats sans Frontières France in partnership with the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) and Spaces for Change (S4C).

The project is aimed at promoting the rights of Nigerians in the digital sphere, harnessing opportunities and addressing challenges provided by new technologies.

The project will respond directly to the needs of Nigerian youths, activists, journalists, online news platforms, bloggers, social media influencers, human rights defenders, and active citizens to have access to a free and open internet. <u>Click here to learn more</u>



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#### Raising Awareness of the Public on Digital Rights - ASF France Hosts Online conversation on digital rights

As part of efforts aimed at raising public awareness on digital rights, ASF France hosted a Twitter Spaces event on the 31st of July 2024 titled "The Future of Digital Privacy: Navigating Rights and Risks in the Age of Big Data." The conversation attracted over 100 participants, who engaged with insights from Femi Amele, Program Director at Dataphyte Foundation, and Linda Obaji, Legal Officer at the Nigeria Data Protection Commission. The discussion focused on the challenges and opportunities of digital world, in today's data-driven privacy highlighting the importance of protecting personal information and upholding digital rights.

This event marks the beginning of a continuous initiative by ASF France under the eRIGHTS project, aimed at improving public knowledge on digital rights. By fostering ongoing dialogue and education, ASF France is committed to empowering individuals to navigate the complexities of the digital age with greater awareness and confidence.

#### e-RIGHTS Partners Convene the Fourth Digital Rights Policy Drafting Workshop for Digital Rights Experts

e-RIGHTS Partners on the 23rd of July, 2024 convened the fourth Digital Rights Policy Drafting Workshop, gathering digital rights experts to collaboratively shape policies that protect and promote digital rights in our increasingly digital world. This workshop is part of ongoing efforts to ensure that digital rights are effectively safeguarded and prioritised in policy-making processes.

The expert group is now in the policy drafting process, aiming to present an effective policy for the protection and advancement of digital rights in Nigeria.

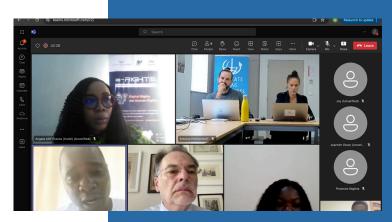
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#### Raising Awareness of Young People and Children on Digital Rights

On the 2nd of July 2024, Spaces for Change in partnership with Avocats Sans Frontières France and Spaces for Change (S4C) held a sensitisation on internet safety and security for students of Urban Development Secondary School, Alvana Model Secondary School, Madonna Model Secondary School, Holy Ghost College, and Boys Model Secondary School in Imo State.

Students were empowered with tools and techniques to help them stay protected during engagements in the digital space.



#### ASF France hosts the Fourth e-RIGHTS project steering committee meeting

On the 31st of May 2024, ASF France convened the Fourth project steering committee meeting in Abuja, Nigeria. The hybrid meeting was attended by project implementing organisations, partners and critical stakeholders.

The project steering committee meeting provided a platform to review the project outcomes so far in line with pre-set targets and mitigate implementation challenges while developing and adopting strategies aimed at ensuring efficient project delivery.





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## ASF France Partners with Digital Rights Advocates to Sensitise the Public on Digital Rights via Online Videos

ASF France has teamed up with Nigerian digital rights advocates to release online videos educating the public on digital rights, including privacy, freedom of expression and data protection. Click <u>here</u> to watch our latest video with Nigerian digital rights influencer, Eromosele Adene AKA Eromz.

# Upcoming Activities - Innovative Ways to Enhance Digital Rights in Nigeria.



- Convene an online conversation to improve the knowledge of the public on digital rights
- Launch the upgraded Closing Civic Spaces e-platform to enable reporting and tracking of digital rights violations in West Africa under the e-RIGHTS project.
- Release more advocacy videos by e-RIGHTS digital rights advocates which would shape online behaviour of Nigerian social media users.
- Hold a digital rights content creation contest for Nigerian women.
- Hold a digital rights content creation contest for secondary school students in FCT Abuja, Imo, Kano and Lagos States.
- Launch a situation room for government authorities, digital rights experts and digital activists to engage and strengthen digital rights in Nigeria.





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