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#Digital Rights
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About the e-RIGHTS Project

Enhancing Digital Rights in Nigeria (e-RIGHTS) project is a European Union 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. [Click here to learn more](#)



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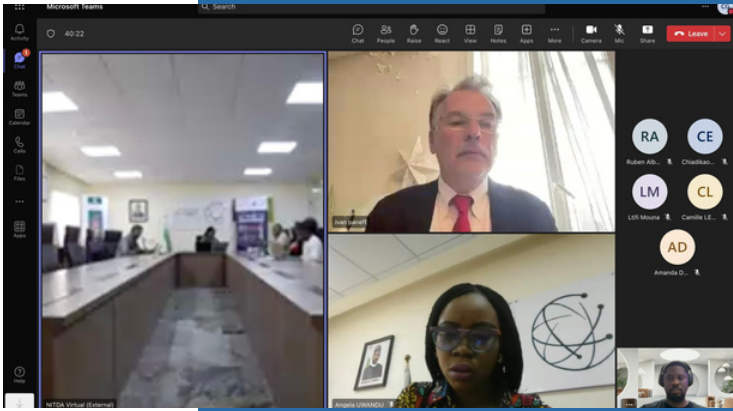
ASF France, CITAD & Spaces for Change for Change Launch the e-RIGHTS Project with support of the European Union

On the 29th of March, 2023, ASF France, CITAD and Spaces for Change launched the Enhancing Digital Rights in Nigeria (e-RIGHTS) project in Abuja Nigeria funded by the European Union.

As technology continues to play an increased role in everyday lives and interactions, it is important that Human Rights traditionally respected offline are also protected and respected in the online space.

The e-RIGHTS project will address core challenges of freedom of expression online, data protection and privacy, digital security, freedom of assembly and association online including the protection of vulnerable groups in the digital space. The Project will provide a safe digital platform for human rights defenders, to report and monitor issues of digital rights breaches including data privacy breaches, cyber threats, internet shutdown and threat to the social media space and to ensure prompt response to cases reported.





ASF France hosts the first e-RIGHTS Steering Committee Meeting

ASF France hosted the first steering committee meeting on the e-RIGHTS project on the 21st of July, 2023. The meeting took place at the NITDA HQ in Abuja, Nigeria.

In attendance were projects partners, key stakeholders & technical experts.

The hybrid meeting provided partners an avenue to develop strategic road maps and provide oversight of the e-RIGHTS project implementation



CONSULTATION WITH JOURNALISTS ON PRESS FREEDOM IN NIGERIA

ASF France and HRJN hosts Technical Consultation on Press Freedom in Nigeria

ASF France hosted a technical consultation with Nigerian Journalists on press freedom in Nigeria in collaboration with the Human Rights Journalists Network (HRJN) on the 16th of August, 2023.

The widespread of technology and digital media has caused the press to leverage technology to improve the scale and reach of information. This hasn't come without challenges as journalists continue to face oppression and intimidation as a result of their work.

The technical consultation was held to gather insights and recommendations aimed at improving press freedom in Nigeria. The results of this engagement will inform our programming efforts.



Nigeria's Data Protection Law

President Tinubu, on the 12th of June, 2023 signed the Data Protection Act into Law. The law seeks to protect the data of Nigerians as they engage online. Individuals who feel their data has been misused or breached can also seek redress under this new law. [Click here to get the law](#)

Upcoming Activities

- Training for online activists on digital rights, protection mechanisms and online security tools in Kano State.
- Training for online activists on digital rights, protection mechanisms and online security tools in Lagos State.
- Second e-RIGHTS steering committee meeting
- Training for digital rights technical expert group on international standards and EU norms
- Africa Internet Governance Forum 2023, Abuja, Nigeria
- Training for lawyers and Judges on International legislation and EU standards in the online space



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