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- The Current NITPA efforts are borne out of the UN Digital Divide Network
- Goal is to introduce indigenous elements in the development process, using a bottom-up approach along with the top-down approach to African development
- Problem with past efforts is that Capacity Building is not the focus, instead focus is on “development” – a phrase which forgets that sustainability requires a dedicated human resource, something that most African nations do not have.
- The Nigerian IT Professionals in the Americas has over 350 members with varied IT backgrounds
- Focus for the past 2 years is on:
  - \*\* Grooming of indigenous skills and resources
  - \*\* Helping technology transfer – Best practices
  - \*\* Infrastructure development
  - \*\* Education (University and Secondary)
  - \*\* Youth Development and empowerment
  - \*\* Knowledge Incubation
  - \*\* Policy Initiatives
  - \*\* Health improvement using ICT
  - \*\* Sensible utilization of digital resources
- Current Projects of NITPA Include:
  - \*\* The Nigerian Skills Bank ([www.nigerianskillsbank.org](http://www.nigerianskillsbank.org))
  - \*\* The Nigerian Knowledge database ([www.nigeriaitworld.org](http://www.nigeriaitworld.org))
  - \*\* Computer In School Program
  - \*\* Training the trainers (In country)
  - \*\* Policy Intervention (on Best practices on IT)
  - \*\* Web authoring and publication, in collaboration with Nigerian educators
  - \*\* Networking through Conferences.
- Nigeria is the best nation in Africa for ICT investment
- Nigerian government commitment to ICT is unquestionably the strangest among nations of equal size and experience around the globe
- Capacity building is the key and NCC in Nigeria has kicked off [Nettel@Africa](mailto:Nettel@Africa) as a means of addressing the issue of building support skills for the industry.