

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE SMART CITIES
SUMMIT NIGERIA, 2017 HELD AT TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL,
ABUJA FROM 8TH – 9TH 2017**

1.0 Preamble

1.1 The Federal Ministry of Communications in conjunction with Messrs Afritex Initiatives (Consultants to FMC), and the Organized Private Sector, hosted a Smart Cities Summit Nigeria [SCSN] with the theme: ‘Leveraging on Technology Solutions to Improve Efficiency of Cities’ at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja from the 8th – 9th of August, 2017. The Summit was declared open by the Acting President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, SAN GCON while the keynote address was delivered by the Honourable Minister of Communications, Barrister Abdu-Raheem Adebayo Shittu while the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Arc. Sonny Echono, FNIA delivered the welcome address.

1.2 In attendance were members of the National Assembly, State Governors including His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, Governor Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, Muhammad Musa, Minister of FCT, Aminu Bello Masari Governor of Katsina, Honourable Ministers of Labour and Productivity, Information and Culture, Federal Capital Territory, Honourable Ministers of State for Budget & National Planning, Environment, Chief Executives of Agencies and Parastatals in-charge of ICT at Federal and State levels, international blue-chip companies, representatives of professional bodies, city planners, security agencies, NGOs, academia and development organizations.

1.3 The Summit was supported by several State Governments, various Federal MDAs and private sector enterprises including HUAWEI Technology, the Title Sponsors for the SCSN. A total of 1,700 visitors, 215 delegates registered and attended the Summit, while 13 organizations exhibited several innovative products and services tied to the smart cities initiative.

1.4 Objectives

The main objective of the summit was to look at the preparedness of the country, the challenges and best approach to adopt in the quest for a Nigerian Smart City Development. Additionally, the summit was expected to advise government on the best international practice to prepare policy road maps for mainstreaming smart city initiatives into the urban development policy and regulatory framework in Nigeria

