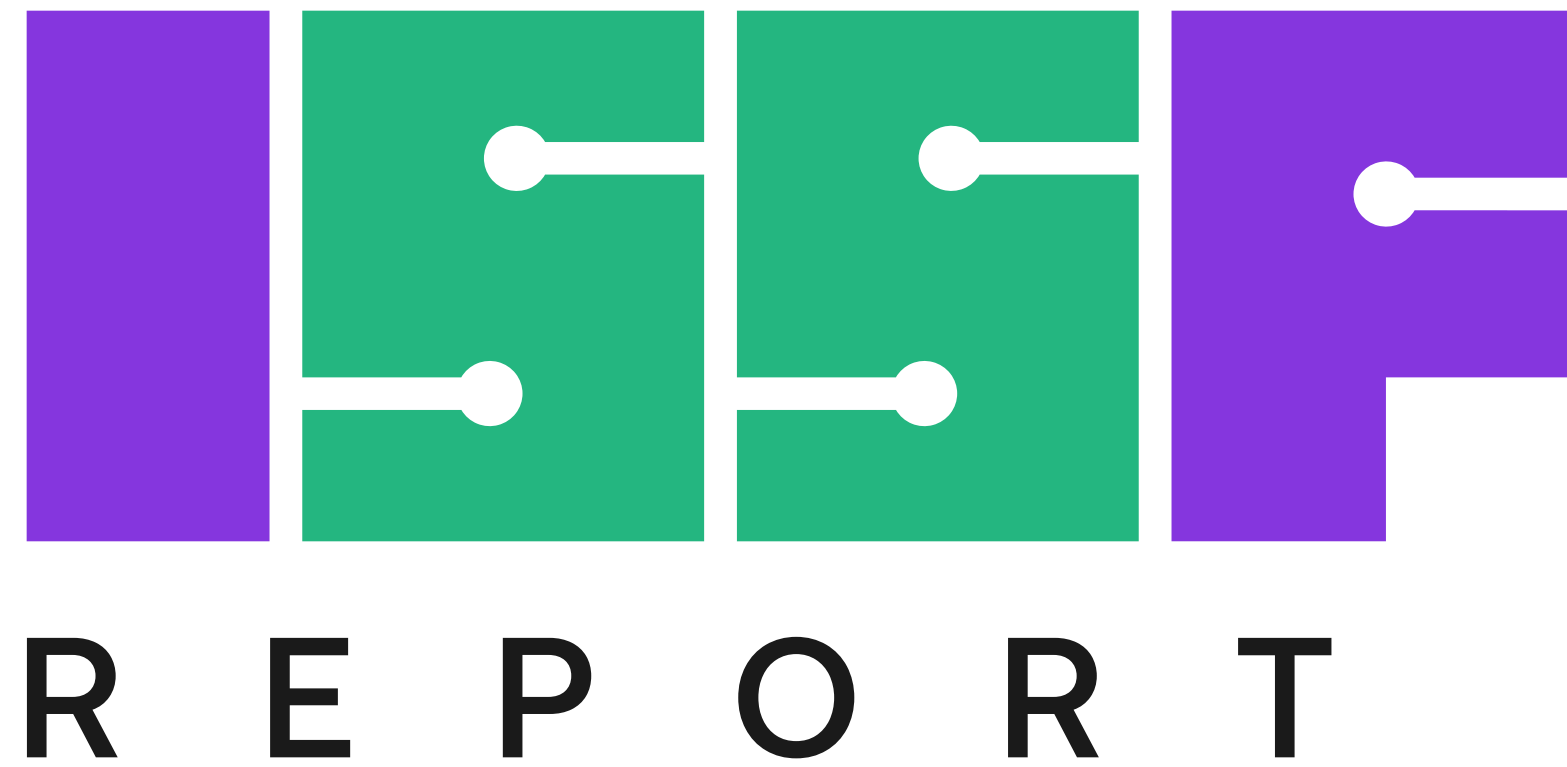




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A multi-stakeholder platform that facilitates the discussion of
online safety and public policy issues pertaining to the Internet

About

Protecting children and young people is a shared responsibility and it is upon all relevant stakeholders to ensure a sustainable future for all. For that to happen, policy makers, tech companies, parents, educators, youth organizations, industries, government agencies and other stakeholders must come together to ensure that young people are protected online.





The Internet Safety Stakeholders Forum is an empowering event bringing together young people, parents, teachers, representatives from various youth organizations, tech companies and all stakeholders. The workshop aims to unite key stakeholders from various sectors to discuss the latest trends, challenges, and best practices in internet safety.

Overview

The Internet Safety Stakeholders Forum is a platform that facilitates the discussion of online safety issues and public policy issues pertaining to Internet safety.

The ISSF was one of the most important outcomes of Virtually Safe's Africa Online Safety Fund in 2022, after carrying out various projects funded by Impact Amplifier and Google.org, the team realized there was a need for a forum where internet stakeholders can meet to discuss issues and progress around the internet.





In May 2024, Virtually Safe hosted the first Internet Safety Stakeholders Forum. During the workshop, there were engaging panel discussions on topics which included digital well-being, online betting, social media grooming, and strategies to combat online harassment. It featured keynote speeches, networking sessions, fun online safety games with Virtually Safe's online safety board game (Bambi) and distribution of online safety materials and resources to participants

Problem

The Internet has become an integral part of our daily lives, revolutionizing the way we communicate, work, learn, and access information. It has broken down geographical barriers, enabling global connectivity and the exchange of ideas at a disruptive scale.





This transformative power has not only ushered in a new era of innovation, economic growth, and societal advancement, but has also brought about unprecedented challenges such as cyberthreats, privacy concerns, and persistent digital divides. To harness the benefits and address those challenges effectively, effective solutions are essential and require all stakeholder's involvement.

Solution

The Internet Stakeholders Forum is a multi stakeholder event which involves inclusive dialogue and collaboration among individuals, government representatives, businesses, civil society, tech communities, educators, parents and young people. This approach ensures that digital policies and regulations are both inclusive and adaptable to the rapidly evolving digital landscape, promoting a secure, equitable, and innovative digital ecosystem that we aspire to positively impact our lives.

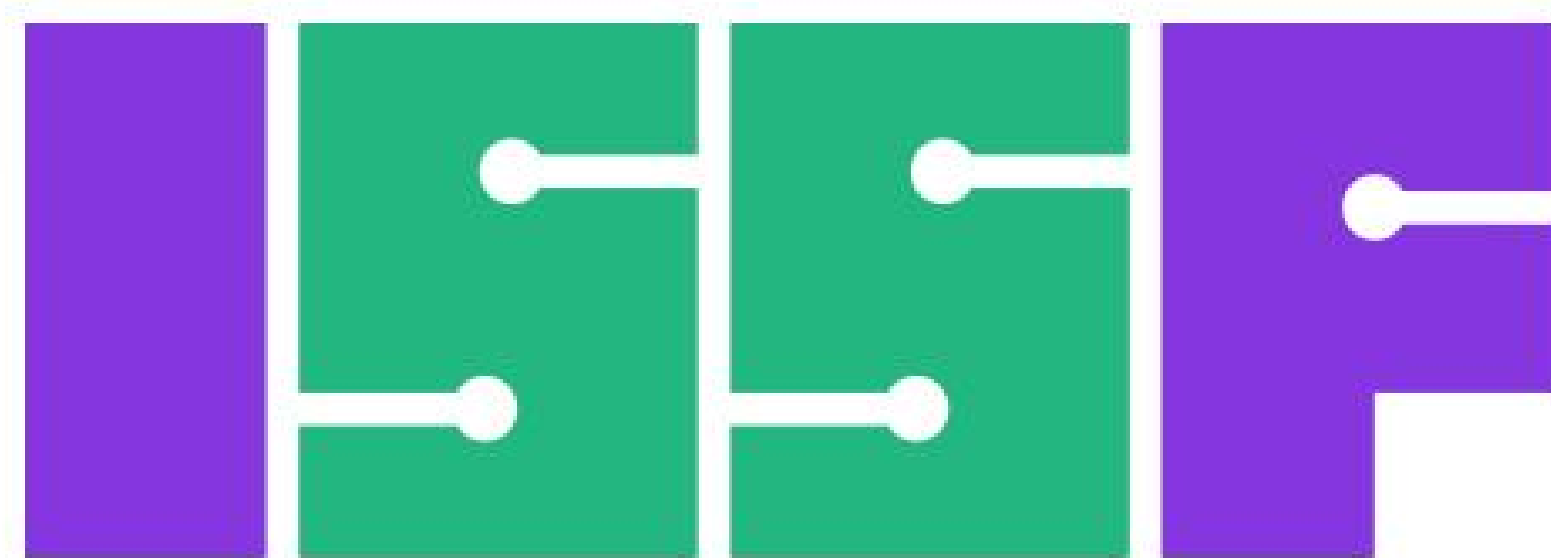


THE ISSF AT A GLANCE





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Internet Safety Stakeholders Forum

A platform that facilitates discussions on Internet Safety issues for young people, parents and educators



17th May, 2024



11am



Lagos, Nigeria.

Register to attend

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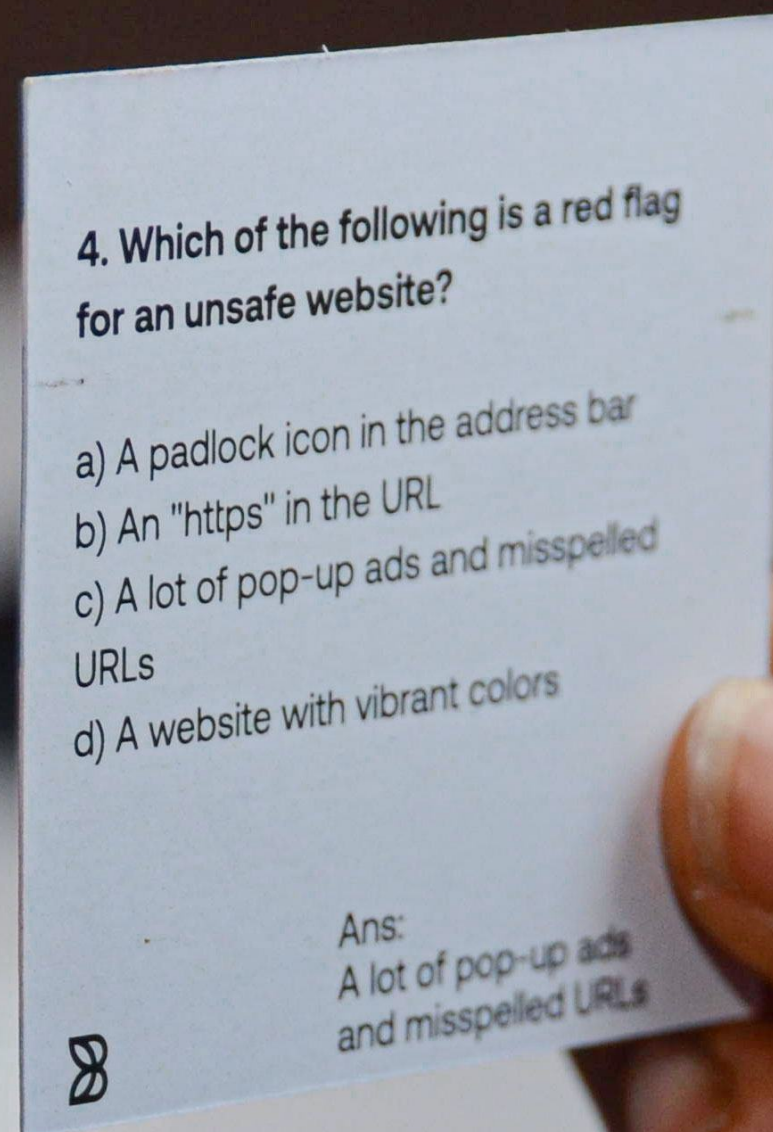
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- **Oluwafisayo David Oke**
CEO Gamble Alert
- **Chinemenma Iheoma Umeseaka**
- **Ebere Okonkwo**
Founder, Mycarebuddy
- **Chinenye Adeleye**
- **Success Tawo**
Cybersafe Foundation



Opening session

The session started with the introduction of online safety materials which includes the online safety lessons for student, The adventure of Chimamanmanda and Yusuf (a story book that explores online harms and digital encounters especially for kids) and participants were thrilled playing the Bambi Online Safety Board Game created by Virtually Safe.





The Bambi Board Game session lasted for 1 hour where we had 11 groups which comprised 4 people per group. The stakeholders had great conversations on online safety and encountered quizzes on online safety issues.

Panel Sessions

The panelist session was broken down into 2 sessions.

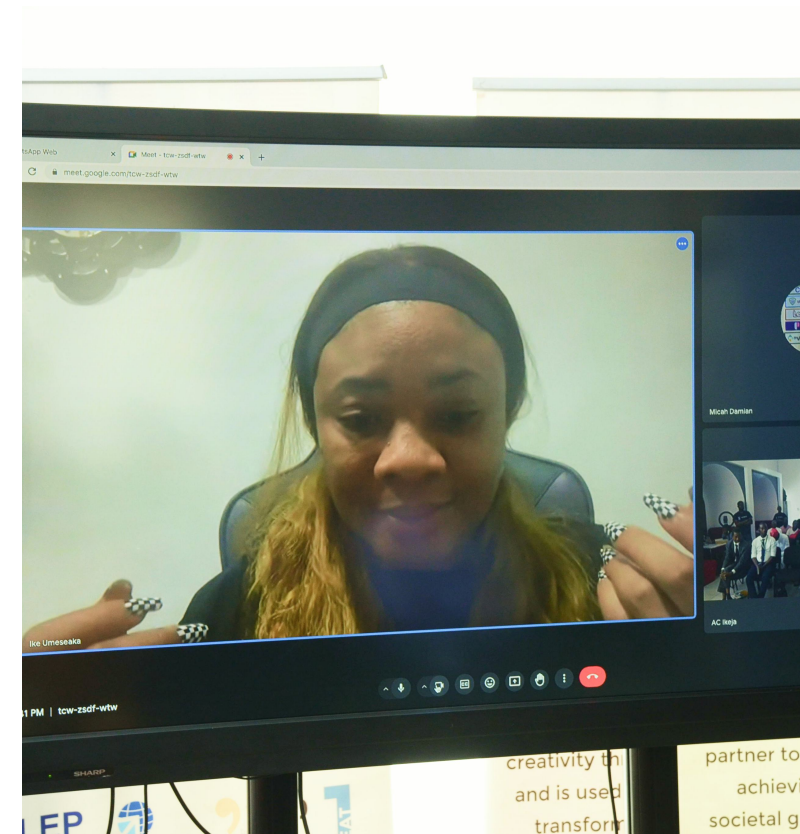
Panel 1:

The First Panel had Detiem Taiwo, a Cyber security enthusiast and programs manager of Cyber safe Foundation, Ebere Okonkwo, founder of a mental health care startup and Chichi Umeseaka ,a media executive.





Detiem Taiwo explored the Concept of cyber security and how organizations have to be conscious and become cyberaware.



Chichi Umeseaka shed light on online grooming, the signs and how to protect children from general online harms.



Ebere Okonwo explained what digital wellbeing is , how the internet can affect the mental health of individuals and steps to recover from these issues when they arise.

Panel 2:

The second panel session had Fisayo Oke, Founder Gamble Alert and Gaming Operations Manager, Dr. Chioma Nwakanma-Akanno, an healthcare physician, and Gabrael Odunsi, an ICT development Practitioner.



Fisayo Oke explained gaming operations and how they operate, the concept of online betting and its disadvantages urging the audience to be advocates of online safety.



Dr Chioma Nwakanma-Akanno explored creating a healthy balance between online and offline lives and effective strategies to combat cyberbullying and online harassment, both as a victim and a bystander.



Gabrael Odunsi focused on Child Sexual Abusive Materials and how social media platforms and tech companies be held accountable for preventing the spread of CSAM on their platforms urging the audience to raise awareness about the long-term impact of CSAM on victims and survivors.

Closing session

The Internet Safety Stakeholders forum ended with a networking session, a take home task and receiving great feedback from the attendees on the impact of the forum.



Feedback

“Thank you for organizing such an impactful event”

“We look forward to a 2.0 of this event”

“ As a speaker, i also learnt new things and why it's important to be advocate for online safety”





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