

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 AM			Early Registration
9.30 AM	YAHAYA MAIKORI	Partner - Law Allianz	Keynote
9.45 AM	TROY PELSHAK	Global Investment Group	Keynote
10:00 AM	OPEN MIC/ GENERAL DISCUSSION		
11.30 AM	RAY YOUSSEF	Paxful	Platform Presentation
12.00 PM	FRED IGBINEDION	Afrimart	Delivering Credible ICOs
—	Duane Noble	USI-Tech	Platform Presentation
12.30 PM	SAMUEL BENEDICT	Abjcoin	Platform Presentation
1.30 PM	DICKSON NSOFOR	Kora Foundation	Profiting from ICOs
—	<i>Peter Moradeyo</i>	<i>Xchangerate.io</i>	Crypto-Trade to Wealth
—	BASHIR AMINU	Cryptogene	Platform Presentation
2.30 PM	Elliot Hoffman	Paxful	Coin Discovery & Investing
—	<i>Nnamdi Chukwuebuka</i>	<i>Bitpaya</i>	Securing your digital asset
3.30 PM	<i>Isioma Ebigwei</i>	<i>Corion Platform</i>	Platform Presentation
—	SHIREEN RAMJOO	Liquid Crypto-Money	Cryptofinance
—	POLYCARP GUMWOS	USI-Tech	Cryptocorruption
4.30 PM	<i>Chimezie Chuta</i>	<i>StartUPBits.fund</i>	Mining Profitably
—	<i>Kofi Akosah Adusei</i>	<i>Africa Blockchain University</i>	Platform Presentation
5.30 PM	Soala Bobmanuel Orupabo	DIGITAXI UK.	Platform Presentation
—	IKOKPU NDFREKE	<i>Bitpaya</i>	Choosing right Crypto Investments
—	<i>Bami Jinadu</i>	<i>Crossservice Logistics</i>	Profitable Crypto Investments

Day 2 features **High Level Content** designed specifically for serious investors. Content includes:

- ICOs & Cryptofinance track, exploring regulation, ICO tools, and changing venture capital models.
- Crowdfunding, Cryptocurrency, Bitcoin, Altcoins, payments and more.
- Developing Blockchain Applications and Blockchain Technologies.
- Trading Cryptocurrencies for profit like a pro. Hidden truths unveiled.

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BLOCKCHAIN & CRYPTOCURRENCY: Exploring The Legal Landscape.

Blockchain technology as envisaged has brought its disruptive nature into our financial system ushering in a new type of currency known as digital or virtual currency - this has steadily caught on in Nigeria with various publications seeming to point at Nigeria as the largest market in Africa; the reasons are not farfetched, the informality and ease of use of this currency aligns perfectly with our financial culture.

Globally speaking the legality or otherwise of this phenomenon depends on the country; it ranges from regulated, unregulated, restricted to outrightly banned. Some countries classify virtual currency (VC) as money and legal, some classify it as an asset and legal, while in some it's neither illegal nor legal, and have no legal frameworks in place.

For example Russia, Ecuador and Bangladesh have outrightly banned bit coin (a type of VC); in China, bitcoin is illegal for commercial use but legal for private purposes. In the United Kingdom like most countries, virtual money is still unregulated i.e. it has no legal framework in place.

Back home the Central Bank of Nigeria has proactively set up an industry committee to articulate a road map for blockchain & cryptocurrency regulation though it has also cautioned the populace, while Nigeria Deposit Insurance Company (NDIC) categorically stated that bitcoin is not legal tender.

As the CBN looks at this new development, they need robust consultations with key stakeholders and related institutions. Some of the key issues for determination however include the application of the extant tax regime especially VAT and how to plug the holes that enable tax evasion; how to protect people from scams and children/vulnerable people from sale of drugs, enforcement against unethical and illegal activities, plug holes that encourage the hiding of assets, proceeds of corruption, money laundering and the financing of terrorism – which Nigeria is already notorious for.

Other critical issues for consideration are how to create unique identification, which protects people from the loss of private keys as well as creating digital rights for IP protection.

Though this industry is in its infancy and still subject to a lot of debate about the pro and cons, one thing is certain – “it is unstoppable” and can certainly become a tool in the hands of CBN for the promotion of its regional trade objectives like ECOWAS and NEPAD as well as promote Nigeria's cash less economy policy.

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