

Investors, IT professionals and the entire Nigerian citizenry can now heave a sigh of relief following the release of Nigeria's IT policy.

The policy which was released last month in Abuja by the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Turner Isoun, covers a wide range of the nation's economic and IT infrastructure development. These include; agriculture, trade, commerce & finance, human resources development, national security & law enforcement, and health. Others are, urban & rural development, arts, culture & tourism, and governance.

With the release of this policy and that of the telecoms, which has somewhat given an insight to government thinking on the development of the Information Communication Technology (ICT), one



At last, an IT Policy for Nigeria

can safely say Nigeria is on the verge of launching itself firmly into the information superhighway.

An interesting aspect of the policy to investors in IT is the proposed tax holiday for a period of between 3 to 7 years to wholly owned Nigeria solution providers. Duty free incentives for investors who import IT

components and software tools set up for the sole purpose of exporting the finished IT products and services.

Interesting times you might say. Why? Because things are looking up.