

Professional Ethics and Discipline in Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)



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“Look for 3 things in a person - intelligence, energy, and integrity. If they don’t have the last one, don’t even bother with the first two.”

 EntrepreneurshipFacts.com

Warren Buffett



Introduction

Overview:

The **Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)** is the leading professional body for **IT Practitioners** in Nigeria.

Purpose:

To promote ethical conduct, professionalism, and discipline among members to advance IT practice and protect public interest.

Objective of Presentation:

Explore **NCS's Ethical Framework, Disciplinary Measures**, and their **Impacts** on the IT profession in Nigeria.



About The NCS

- ❑ **Founded:** 1978 as the Computer Association of Nigeria (COAN), renamed NCS in 2002.
- ❑ **Mission:** Advance IT science and practice, promote education, research, and professional integrity.
- ❑ **Membership:** Open to all IT professionals, students, and organizations, with categories like Fellow (FNCS), Member (MNCS), Associate (AMNCS) and Affiliate membership.



Role 1

Advocate for IT professionals.

Role 2

Set standards for education and practice.

Role 3

Uphold ethical conduct as outlined in the **NCS Code of Professional Conduct** and the **Constitution & Chapters' Bylaws**.

Downloads

 Annual Reports & Accounts	 Other Documents
Annual Reports & Accounts (2023-2024)	The Constitution of Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)
Annual Reports & Accounts (2022-2023)	Code of Ethics and Professional Conducts
Annual Reports & Accounts (2021-2022)	State Chapters' By-Laws
Annual Reports & Accounts (2020-2021)	Membership Application Form
Annual Reports & Accounts (2019-2020)	

Professional Ethics in NCS

Definition:

Ethics in NCS refers to moral principles guiding IT professionals' behavior to ensure integrity, trust, and societal benefit.

NCS Code of Conduct:

A formal document outlining ethical obligations, aligned with global standards of Code of Ethics.

Core Ethical Principles:



Integrity

Upholding honesty in professional practice.



Competence

Maintaining high standards of knowledge and skills.



Confidentiality

Protecting sensitive data and respecting privacy.



Public Good

Using IT skills to benefit society and minimize harm.



Fairness

Avoiding bias and ensuring equitable access to technology.

Key Ethical Responsibilities

Professional Competence:

Continuously upgrade skills to meet industry demands.

Data Privacy:

Safeguard sensitive information, addressing concerns like cyberbullying and data misuse in apps.

Transparency and Accountability:

Ensure systems are fair, transparent, and interpretable, especially in AI development.

Social Responsibility:

Promote technologies that address Nigeria's challenges, such as digital divide and cybersecurity.

Collaboration:

Engage with stakeholders to align IT practices with ethical standards.

Disciplinary Framework in NCS

Purpose:

Maintain professional integrity and public trust in IT practitioners.

Ethics and Disciplinary Committee:

- ❑ A dedicated committee under the National Executive Council (NEC).
- ❑ Responsible for enforcing the Code of Conduct and addressing breaches.
- ❑ Chaired by a senior member with experience in ethical oversight.

Disciplinary Process:

- ❑ **Complaint Lodging:** Members or the public can report unethical behavior.
- ❑ **Investigation:** The committee investigates allegations with transparency.
- ❑ **Sanctions:** Range from warnings to suspension or expulsion from NCS.
- ❑ **Appeals:** Members can appeal decisions through a defined process.

Role of Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN)

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Overview

CPN is the regulatory body for IT professionals, complementing NCS.

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Functions

- ✓ Register and license IT professionals and organizations.
- ✓ Set standards for education and practice.
- ✓ Enforce ethical compliance and discipline violators.

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Collaboration with NCS

Ensures members are registered with CPN and adhere to both organizations' ethical standards.

Challenges in Upholding Ethics

Solution

NCS promotes advocacy, training, and partnerships to address these issues.

Digital Divide

Limited access to technology creates ethical challenges in ensuring equitable IT benefits.

Cybersecurity Threats

Rising cyberbullying, data breaches, and unethical data use.

AI Ethics

Need for ethical AI development to avoid bias and ensure transparency.

Cultural Context

Aligning global ethical standards with local Nigerian values.

NCS Initiatives for Ethical Practice



Conferences & Workshops

Events like SmartEco 2024 promote ethical IT solutions.

Training Programs

Capacity building to enhance ethical competence.



Policy Advocacy

Collaborate with government to develop ethical IT policies.

Public Awareness

Educate stakeholders on ethical IT use and the digital divide.



Research and Innovation

Encourage ethical AI and cybersecurity initiatives.

Case Study: Ethical IT in Nigeria



Scenario

An NCS member develops an app that collects user data without consent, leading to privacy breaches.

Response

- ✓ NCS Ethics Committee investigates the complaint.
- ✓ Member is found in violation of the Code of Conduct.
- ✓ Sanctions include mandatory ethics training and temporary suspension.

Outcome

Reinforces the importance of privacy and ethical data handling, aligning with NCS's commitment to public trust.

Benefits of Ethical Practice in NCS



- ❑ **Professional Credibility:**
Enhances trust among clients, employers, and the public.
- ❑ **Career Advancement:**
Ethical members gain recognition and leadership opportunities.
- ❑ **Societal Impact:**
Ethical IT practices drive sustainable development and innovation.
- ❑ **Global Alignment:**
Positions NCS members as competitive professionals on international standards.



Conclusion



Summary

NCS plays a pivotal role in fostering professional ethics and discipline through its Code of Conduct, disciplinary framework, and initiatives.

Call to Action

IT professionals should join NCS, uphold ethical standards, and contribute to a smarter, ethical digital economy in Nigeria.

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Visit
www.ncs.org.ng
for membership and resources.

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