



FOIA Compliance and Transparency at NIPC

In compliance with the provisions of the FOIA, NIPC has set out a mechanism that ensures public records and information are readily and freely available. The FOIA provides that public institutions must routinely publish certain information on an ongoing basis. This obligation is separate from the duty to make information available in response to applications for information in the custody or possession of any public office or official by any person under the Act.

NIPC manages compliance with its FOIA obligations through an FOIA Committee, chaired by NIPC’s FOIA Contact. During the year, NIPC reconstituted the FOIA Committee and trained all staff on the importance of FOI compliance to ensure that the task of effectively discharging the proactive disclosure obligation under FOIA or responding to requests for information promptly is a shared responsibility. The Commission’s FOIA Contact is Mr Sabo Isiaku, foirequest@nipc.gov.ng

NIPC updated its website with the following mandatory disclosures required under the Act and proactively updated on quarterly basis:

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| i. Actual IGR collection vs Budget; | x. List of companies registered under the NIPC Act, 2014 – 2019; |
| ii. Annual report of activities, 2016 – 2018; | xi. MOUs and agreements signed, 2016 – 2019; |
| iii. Annual reports of issued and cancelled pioneer certificates, 2017 – 2019; | xii. Nominal Roll Summaries; |
| iv. Court cases; | xiii. OSIC Report; |
| v. Audited accounts, 2014 – 2017; | xiv. Procurement plan, 2016 – 2019; |
| vi. Appropriation budget performance, 2012 – 2019; | xv. Procurement records, 2016 – 2019; |
| vii. FOIA annual report; | xvi. Quarterly reports of pioneer status applications, Q3 2017 – Q4 2019; |
| viii. IGR and appropriation budgets, 2016 – 2019; | xvii. Summary of FOIA Requests. |
| ix. Investment announcements, 2017 – 2019; | |

2019 FOIA Compliance and Transparency Award

NIPC received external validation of the hard work done by Management and staff at improving internal transparency and compliance with the FOIA, with its joint 2nd ranking out of 191 MDAs evaluated in 2019. This continued its improvement since 2016. The FOIA Compliance and Transparency Award evaluates MDAs’ responsiveness to the principles of the FOIA. It is private sector led evaluation undertaken by the Public and Private Development Centre (PPDC) in collaboration with BudgIT, Connected Development (CODE), Basic Rights Watch (BRW), Media Rights Agenda (MRA) and the Right to Know (R2K).

