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African Digitization Stories

Thursday June 5, 2025

Agenda

Introduction of presenters

Discussion

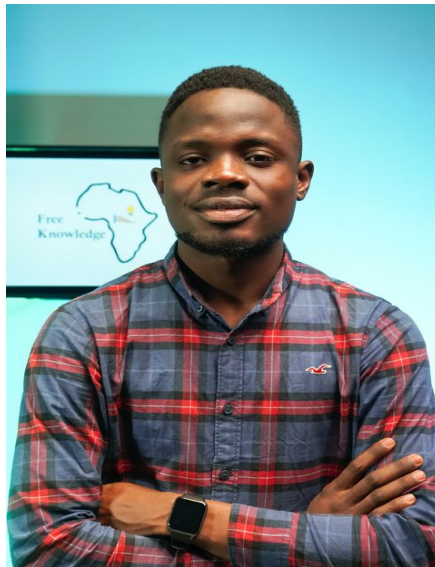
Questions

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Discussion

- Can you tell us about the project?
- How long has it been in existence?
- What motivated you to create these tools?
- What kind information do you have on them?
- What are the challenges you've experienced in creating these tools?



Free Knowledge Africa: Our Journey

Our Story

Why did we start Free Knowledge Africa?

- Identified a gap: Limited access to African historical knowledge
- Passion for digital preservation and open knowledge
- Vision: To make cultural works freely accessible

Impact Goal: "We believe knowledge should be free, and history should be preserved for future generations."

What We Have Achieved So Far:



- ❑ Reached out to Libraries, Archives, and Cultural Heritage Institutions
- ❑ Partnered with institutions to digitize historical works
- ❑ Organized advocacy training for librarians, legal experts, and historians
- ❑ Established a growing GLAM open-access community in Nigeria

Impact So Far

- Digitization of Nigerian Pre-colonial and Post-colonial Newspapers
- Training events with over 200 professionals in attendance
- Publicdomain.ng website



2023 Public Domain Day Celebration at the National Library of Nigeria, Kwara State Branch



Free Knowledge Africa Team at the Plateau State ICT Development Agency



Free Knowledge Africa Team at the National Museum Jos



Free Knowledge Africa Team at a cultural heritage site in Gunning Village, Pilgani, Langtang North, Plateau State



Public Domain and Historical Knowledge Training at the National Library of Nigeria, FCT Branch



2024 Public Domain Day Celebration in collaboration with National Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and Nigerian Copyright Commission



Open Sharing and the 21st Century Librarian training at the National Library of Nigeria headquarters, Nigeria

Challenges Faced During the Project

- **What We Faced:**
 - Bureaucracy in institutions
 - Limited funding for large-scale digitization
 - Need for capacity-building among librarians and stakeholders
- **How We Overcame Them:**
 - Advocacy & stakeholder engagement
 - Training & workshops for knowledge-sharing
 - Exploring partnerships for financial support

Innovations & Opportunities in GLAM

Trends Shaping GLAM Digitization:

- ◆ Open-access archives & digital repositories
- ◆ AI & machine learning for automated indexing
- ◆ Collaborative knowledge-sharing networks

Opportunities for Collaboration:

- ◆ Grants & funding for digitization projects
- ◆ International consortiums for knowledge exchange

Public Domain Digitization Project

Public Domain Digitization Project is an initiative by Free Knowledge Africa, in partnership with Libraries and Cultural Heritage Institutions, dedicated to making public domain works accessible to all.

Our mission is to digitize, preserve, and share Nigeria's rich cultural and historical heritage, allowing anyone to explore and learn from these valuable resources.

What is on publicdomain.ng?



- ❑ Nigerian Newspapers in the Public Domain
- ❑ Nigerian Government Publication Collection
- ❑ Nigerian History in Pictures
- ❑ Books on Nigeria's Literary Heritage
- ❑ Nigerian Public Figure Portraits

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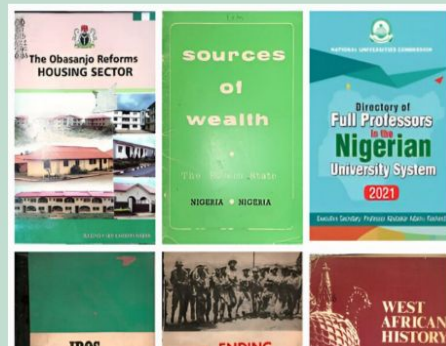


Nigerian Newspapers in the Public Domain

<https://publicdomain.ng/nigerian-government-publications-collection/>



Nigerian Government Publications Collection



Nigeria's History in Pictures



Future Plans

- Have a search engine and AI agent feature that can bring out key stories in history by searching keywords
- To create a comprehensive database of all public domain works in Nigeria
- To expand this initiative to other African countries

Call to Action – Join Us!

Ways to Get Involved:

- Participate in ongoing projects
- Suggest collaborations & partnerships
- Share expertise to strengthen the community

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