

## **Press Release on Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI): The new imperative for education and training in Nigeria**

Are Nigerian scientists equipped for the future of work? The Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS) is organizing a stakeholders' workshop to tackle this issue of national significance. This workshop, taking place on the **4th and 5th of November, 2019**, in **Lagos**, is aimed at addressing the **impact of big data and emerging technologies on education and training in the science disciplines in Nigeria**.

The continued dominance of the new era of big data and AI in modern society has ushered in a new paradigm in terms of the skill-set required of Nigerian professionals in science, technology, and engineering fields. There is a need for a new direction for training and education provided by tertiary institutions in Nigeria. This calls for a definitive and affirmative action plan, if Nigeria is to keep its place as a feedstock of up-to-date skilled professionals in the science disciplines. To this end, the NAS is convening this stakeholders' workshop to bring together relevant stakeholders- policymakers, heads of tertiary institutions, professional bodies, and the private sector- to propose a new direction for science training and education in Nigerian tertiary institutions.

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