

## PRESS STATEMENT

### Extension of NIN- SIM Integration Period and Cancellation of USSD and Verification Fees

The Honourable Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr. Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami), has approved the extension of the deadline on the ongoing NIN- SIM integration by a period of 3 weeks- 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for subscribers with the National Identification Number(NIN), and 6 weeks- 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for subscribers without the NIN.

The approval was conveyed after the review of all related activities by the Presidential Task Force on the integration of the National Identification Number (NIN) and Subscriber Information Module (SIM), chaired by the Honourable Minister, and had in attendance executive stakeholders in the sector including, the Director-General, National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), Engr. Aliyu A. Aziz, Executive Vice- Chairman- Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Prof. Umar G. Danbatta, DG- National Information Technology and Development Agency (NITDA), Inuwa Kashifu Abdullahi, Chairman ALTON, CEOs of MTN, Airtel, Ntel, Glo, Smile, and 9Mobile

Dr. Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami) and other stakeholders resolved to suspend all USSD and verification charges for

the duration of the extension to enable all Nigerians and legal residents to integrate their Sim card with the NIN without any financial obstacle.

NIMC, therefore, wishes to assure members of the general public that adequate measures are being put in place to enable citizens and legal residents to enroll and be issued the NIN.

Applicants are enjoined to comply with the Covid-19 safety protocols at NIMC enrolment centers nationwide.

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