



## REGULATORY UPDATE

# NEWSLETTER ON NOTAP TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND LOCAL VENDOR POLICY

On the 22nd of June 2023, the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP) established 64 Intellectual Property Technology Transfer Offices (IPTTOs) in various research and tertiary institutions across the nation. The primary objective of this initiative is to facilitate the patenting of Research and Development (R&D) outcomes, aimed at regulating the influx of foreign technology into Nigeria.

Furthermore, NOTAP has a local vendor policy, specifically geared towards fostering the growth of local participants in the ICT sector. This policy seeks to enhance the capacity of domestic players in software development. Consequently, several local entities have already begun exporting software to other African nations. In line with this, Dr. DanAzumi Mohammed Ibrahim, the Director General of NOTAP, expressed the office's commitment to supporting inventors and innovators in the process of patenting their research endeavors. NOTAP will facilitate this process at no cost, by managing the filing and payment of fees on their behalf at the Patent Registry, under the Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment.

Additionally, Dr. Ibrahim highlighted a recent collaboration on the NOTAP-Industry Partnership. This collaboration has resulted in the enhancement of five laboratories situated within research institutions and universities. The partnership has led to the creation of a technology storyboard aimed at fostering scientific and technological interest among children. Furthermore, a collaborative project focusing on local dairy development has been initiated in conjunction with Friesland Campina WAMCO.

In conclusion, the establishment of 64 IPTTOs by NOTAP, along with the implementation of the local vendor policy and various collaborative initiatives, underscores NOTAP's dedication to regulating technology acquisition, promoting local innovation, and fostering partnerships that contribute to the advancement of science and technology within Nigeria.