



Engr. Aliyu Abubakar Aziz has over 30 years of post qualification experience in engineering, Information Technology, and management. He is currently the Director General/CEO of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), prior to which he served as the Director of Information Technology/National Identity Database department.

Previously, Engr. Aziz was a Director in the office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) where he served in the Presidential Implementation Committee, charged with implementing Government Decisions on Consumer Credit System, National Outsourcing Initiative and Harmonization of Identification Schemes in Nigeria. The committee oversaw the setting up of the National Identity Management Commission in 2007, of which he later became a pioneer staff.

Engr. Aziz has also provided visionary leadership in identifying and promoting successful and award-winning e-government initiatives during his time as an Information Technology Adviser to the FCT Minister. He also served as Technical Chairman on the Presidential Committee on Harmonisation of ICT which resulted in the formation of Galaxy Backbone, a government agency that establishes and maintains a unified IT infrastructure for Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Federal Government.

Engr. Aziz also served as Deputy Director, Information Technology at Bureau of Public Enterprises, which successfully restructured and executed the Nigerian Government's privatization policy. Here, he had oversight of the agency's IT strategy, frameworks and implementation.

In addition to his work in public sector, Engr. Aziz started his career as a Graduate Assistant in the Civil Engineering department of Ahmadu Bello University. He went on to hold key leadership roles in private firms such as Afri-Projects Consortium, Integrated Engineering Associates, and Mai & Associates, where he pioneered and supervised the delivery of successful Management Information Systems and customized engineering software projects.

Engr. Aziz currently holds memberships in several professional bodies including Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and Nigerian Institution of Structural Engineers (NIStructE). He is also a strong believer of continuous education. Therefore in addition to his B.Eng. in Civil Engineering and M.Sc. in Structural Engineering from Ahmadu Bello University, he has numerous specialized certifications from Harvard, Stanford, IMD, Lagos Business School and other universities globally. He is married with children, and in his spare time, is an avid reader and technology enthusiast who keeps up with coding practice and online trainings related to Information Technology and engineering.