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**To: All Deposit Money Banks / General Public**

### **CIRCULAR ON THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE ENROLMENT OF NIGERIAN BANKS' CUSTOMERS IN DIASPORA FOR BANK VERIFICATION NUMBER (BVN) ISSUANCE**

As part of its efforts towards the full implementation of the BVN Project, the Central Bank of Nigeria, in collaboration with key stakeholders in the Nigeria banking industry, has finalised the guidelines for the enrolment of Nigerian banks' customers in diaspora.

Nigerian banks' customers in diaspora could present themselves for enrolment for the BVN, without travelling to Nigeria, through the following ways:

#### **1. Use of Foreign Based Nigerian Banks**

The first option is for the customers of Nigerian banks to present themselves to the offshore branches/ subsidiaries of any Nigerian Deposit Money Bank (where such facilities have been made available) for the enrolment for the BVN. The deployment of scanners and other devices to these locations have started in earnest.

Nigerian banks abroad are expected to capture necessary data, generate a BVN and communicate same to the customers. Thereafter, the Customers are expected to forward the assigned BVN to their banks, for linkage with their accounts. A web portal to achieve this linkage to bank accounts has been developed and deployed, while the process of such linkage will be made available by NIBSS to all those enrolled abroad.

All Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) with branches/subsidiaries abroad, are by this Circular enjoined to work with NIBSS to ensure a seamless implementation of this option.

#### **2. Use of a Consultant- Online Integrated Solutions (OIS)**

The above mentioned company has been engaged to establish stations for data capture and generation of BVN at a fee of GBP 30 (thirty pounds or its equivalent) per transaction, payable by the customer. The company is expected to capture necessary data for online transmission to NIBSS, who would thereafter generate the BVN and communicate same to the customer. The customer may approach OIS for the BVN, where the communication from NIBSS is not received within 48 hours after the enrolment. Thereafter, Nigerian Banks' Customers in diaspora are expected to forward their BVN to their banks for linkage with their accounts, as in option 1 above.

The plan is to rollout this operation in twelve (12) locations in the first phase. These locations are: London, Leicester, New York, Atlanta, Washington DC, Houston, Johannesburg, Beijing, Shanghai,

Guangzhou, Dubai and New Delhi. The second phase will include locations with a high demand for service, based on online feedback, while remote locations with lower concentrations of Nigerians will be accommodated through scheduled sessions for defined periods.

The addresses of the enrolment centers for phase 1 and possible Go-Live dates are as stated below:

S/No.	City/Country	Address	Possible Go-Live Date
1	Washington DC, USA	Washington (11900 Park Lawn Drive, Suite 160, Rockville, MD)	Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
2	Dubai,UAE	Dubai (2907 Platinum Tower Cluster 1, Jumeirah, Lake Towers)	Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
3	Johannesburg, South Africa	No. 6 Bolton Road, Rose Bank, Johannesburg. SA	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
4	Beijing, China	Unit 1, Suite 1801, Kun Sha Building, 16XIN Yuan Li Str. Chaoyang District, Beijing, PRC	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
5	Shanghai, China	(RM 2025, 22/F, Catic Building, 212 Jiangning Road, Jing'an District, Shanghai, PRC).	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
6	Guangzhou, China	Unit 27/28, 41 <sup>st</sup> Floor, R&F To-Win Building, 30 HUAXIA Rd, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, PRC	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
7	New Delhi, India	Plot No. 4, Ground Floor, Institutional Area, Malcha Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021, India	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
8	Atlanta, USA	918 Holcomb Bridge Roswell, Atlanta	Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
9	London, UK	56-57 Fleet Street, City of London EC4Y 1JU	Enrolling already
10	Leicester, UK	The Peplum Center, Orchardson Avenue, Leicester LE4 6DP	Enrolling already
11	New York, USA	To be determined (TBD)	TBD
12	Houston, USA	To be determined (TBD)	TBD

For updates on the go-live dates, please visit the following websites: [www.nibss-plc.com.ng](http://www.nibss-plc.com.ng) or [www.bvn.com.ng](http://www.bvn.com.ng). Please note that information on other enrollment centres not listed above will be communicated soon.

All customers intending to register through Online Integrated Solutions (OIS) must first book and confirm an appointment at [www.oisservices.com](http://www.oisservices.com), in order for them to be attended to at the OIS offices.

Please be guided.

  
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