

NIGERIA INTER-BANK SETTLEMENT SYSTEM PLC

BACKGROUND

Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System (NIBSS) Plc was incorporated in 1993 and is owned by all licensed banks and discount houses in Nigeria including the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). It commenced operations in June 1994. NIBSS has put in place modern world-class infrastructures for handling inter-bank payments in order to remove the bottlenecks and settlement delays associated with high value and retail transactions in the money market as well as inter-bank foreign exchange deals. NIBSS also operates an automated clearing technology that facilitates the clearing of cheques, electronic funds transfer, Automated Direct Credits and Automated Direct Debits.

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

NIBSS Plc was established with the following major objectives:

- To carry on business as a service-oriented institution that provides a mechanism for same day clearing and settlement of inter-bank transfers and payments
- To provide the infrastructure for the automated processing and settlement of transactions between banks
- To provide the framework for elevating the level of efficiency in funds transfer generally whilst at the same time reducing the risks associated with uncertainties in receiving value for payment and difficulties in maintaining efficient treasury operations and effecting timely reconciliation thereof
- To initiate and develop an integrated nationwide network for the electronic or paperless funds transfer and settlement of transactions, among others.

STRUCTURE

Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System is owned equally by all licensed banks in Nigeria, and the Central Bank of Nigeria. Discount Houses operating in Nigeria also hold substantial shares.

The Board of NIBSS at every point comprises of Central Bank of Nigeria as the Chairman, representatives of Banks, Discount Houses as Directors and the Managing Director/CEO.

MODE OF OPERATION

NIBSS operation is supported with the best Information and Communication Technology offerings, Automated and On-line Systems as well as effective information and data transmission security practices to deliver world-class services. Operational and Credit Risks in funds transfer across financial institutions are adequately mitigated by NIBSS operations.

FUNDS TRANSFER AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM: A client/server Funds Transfer Settlement System (FTSS) is installed to automate Inter-Bank treasury operations, the NIBSS FastFunds and Settlement services. This has facilitated paper-less inter-bank clearing and settlement processes.

AUTOMATED CLEARING OPERATIONS: Automated Clearing operations are conducted daily with an Electronic Cheque Presentment technology provided by the NCR Corporation. The technology facilitates electronic presentation of clearing items over a highly-secure wireless Virtual Private Network (VPN), the banks are able to obtain clearing reports and files through the same VPN after every clearing session from the comfort of their offices.

AUTOMATED CLEARING OF DIRECT CREDITS AND DIRECT DEBIT INSTRUMENTS (giro AND ACH): The processing and settlement of third party (corporate and individual) funds transfer is undertaken through the mechanism of the NIBSS Fastfunds, NIBSS Electronic Funds Transfer and the Bulk Clearing Services {Automated Direct Credit (ADC) and Automated Direct Debit (ADD)}.

NIGERIA CENTRAL SWITCH: Based on the mandate given by the Bankers Committee, NIBSS is in the process of evolving the Nigeria Central Switch (NCS). NCS will facilitate interconnectivity and interoperability of EFT Switches in Nigeria; it will serve as the national gateway for payments services.

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