

KW-IRS, EDUCATION MINISTRY STRENGTHEN TIES FOR IMPROVED REVENUE AND SERVICE DELIVERY



The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, alongside some members of the Service's management team, on Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025, paid a courtesy visit to the Honorable Commissioner for Education and Human Capital Development, Dr Lawal Olohunbebe.

The visit aimed to congratulate the Commissioner on his assumption of office and discuss strategies to foster a stronger and mutually beneficial relationship between the Ministry and KW-IRS. The discussions focused on enhancing service delivery and improving the State's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) while ensuring quality education remains accessible to all.

During the engagement, both parties emphasized the need for collaboration in revenue generation, particularly through fees associated with the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) and the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE).

The Executive Chairman also commended the impressive performance of public schools in the State at the annual Tax Club Quiz Competition, which is a reflection of the current reforms in the education sector by His Excellency, the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON.

The Commissioner applauded the thoughtfulness and continual support of KW-IRS, promising to ride on existing collaboration and initiatives that would improve IGR collections for the State. He however pleaded with the Service on the closure of recalcitrant schools due to non-payment of taxes, stating that it could have adverse effects on the students.

In her response, Omoniyi promised to give adequate awareness and notice before embarking on enforcement of defaulting schools that have shown intention not to comply.

The meeting was attended by the KW-IRS Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla, and some staff of both agencies.



INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION FOR REVENUE GROWTH: KW-IRS VISITS MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT



In a bid to promote revenue growth in Kwara State, the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, paid a working visit to the Honourable Commissioner for Transport, Hon. Lafia Aliyu Kora Sabi, in his office on Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025.

Omoniyi congratulated the Commissioner on his new role and stated the need to strengthen the relationship between KW-IRS and the Ministry to promote revenue growth for the State. She emphasized the importance of collaboration in areas such as vehicle inspection systems, reviewing all platforms across the State, and improving the compliance in revenue collection by transporters.

There were discussions on the importance of continued registration and licensing of Okada and Tricycle Riders in the State through the issuance of rider permits, as well as a proposal to introduce the Park and Pay system to correct parking issues and promote revenue growth.

The Commissioner appreciated the visit and affirmed that the inter-agency collaboration will make significant positive changes in revenue growth and transportation development, ultimately benefiting the people of Kwara State.

Present at the meeting were the Ministry's Director, Personnel, Finances and Supply and Ag. Permanent Secretary, Hajia Medinat Ajao; Director, Road, Rail and Waterways, Mr. Oyinloye Solomon; and KW-IRS Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla, among other officials from both Agencies.

KW-IRS BOSS PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO COMMISSIONER FOR PLANNING &

The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, paid a courtesy visit to the Honorable Commissioner for Planning and Economic Development, Hon. Mary Ronke Arinde, at her office on Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025.

Shade Omoniyi congratulated the Commissioner on her change of portfolio which is an attestation to her versatility and resourcefulness. She stated that the purpose of the visit was to enhance collaboration on budgeting and planning with a view to improving the IGR growth of the State.

The Commissioner in her response appreciated the visit, and restated the Ministry's commitment to working together with KW-IRS towards improved budget process and enhancing revenue mobilization for Kwara State.

In attendance at the meeting were KW-IRS Director, Accounts and Finance, Omolara Ojulari, Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla, as well as the Ministry's Director, Planning, Alimi K.B, Director, Debt Management, Ibiyinka Olatunde, among others.



KW-IRS MARKS INTERNAL AUDIT AWARENESS MONTH



As part of efforts to promote accountability and professionalism in public service, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) joined organizations across the world to commemorate the Internal Audit Awareness Month from 6th to 8th May, 2025.

In celebration of the awareness month, the Internal Audit Department of the Service organized a one-day training session and embarked on a department-to-department outreach to sensitize staff on the role and value of internal auditors, while correcting misconceptions surrounding audit function in public institutions.

Giving the opening remarks at the training, the Head, Internal Audit, Yinka Usman explained that the International Internal Audit Awareness Month is observed globally to recognize the importance of internal auditing, showcase achievements, and foster collaboration with stakeholders.

He emphasized the need for staff to appreciate the contributions of internal auditors and support ongoing efforts to enhance transparency and organizational growth.

The training featured paper presentations on key topics including essentials of audit report writing, fraud prevention, detection and control, as well as skills required of an auditor. Participants also engaged in a robust question-and-answer session.

On his part, the Director, Admin and Operations, Yusuf La-Kadri, commended the internal auditors for upholding professionalism and advised them to broaden their perspective by embracing self-development and continuous learning. He stressed that auditors must keep up with regulatory changes and possess working knowledge of all aspects of the organization to perform effectively.

Furthermore, the Director, Legal and Compliance, Shehu Mogaji, urged the auditors to always ensure that credible evidence is provided when handling fraud-related cases, thereby ensuring fair and just disciplinary processes.

There were also commendations, words of advice and encouragement to staff of Internal Audit department by the Directors MDAs and Income Tax, Omotayo Ayinla and Mohammed Usman respectively, and other speakers. In her closing remarks, Titilayo Oginni appreciated the commitment and feedback of all staff who participated in the awareness program, noting that their contributions reflect the spirit of collaboration and excellence that KW-IRS upholds.

Attendees at the training include members of the top management team, selected Heads of Departments and staff of Internal Audit Department.

KWASAA AG. GENERAL MANAGER PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO KW-IRS



The Executive Chairman congratulated the Ag GM on his appointment and wished him success in his new role, while looking forward to a good working relationship with him at the helm of KWASAA.

The newly appointed Acting General Manager (GM) of the Kwara State Signage and Advertisement Agency (KWASAA), Toba Adeyeye, in company of the Honourable Commissioner for Communications, Bola Olukoju, paid a courtesy call on the KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, at the Corporate Head Office of the Service on Monday, 19th May, 2025.

Introducing the Ag. GM, Hon. Olukoju stated that the visit became necessary due to the need to foster collaboration between KW-IRS and KWASAA, to ensure that both agencies work more closely together for optimum revenue generation for the State. She also commended KW-IRS for its willingness to collaborate with other MDAs in the State.

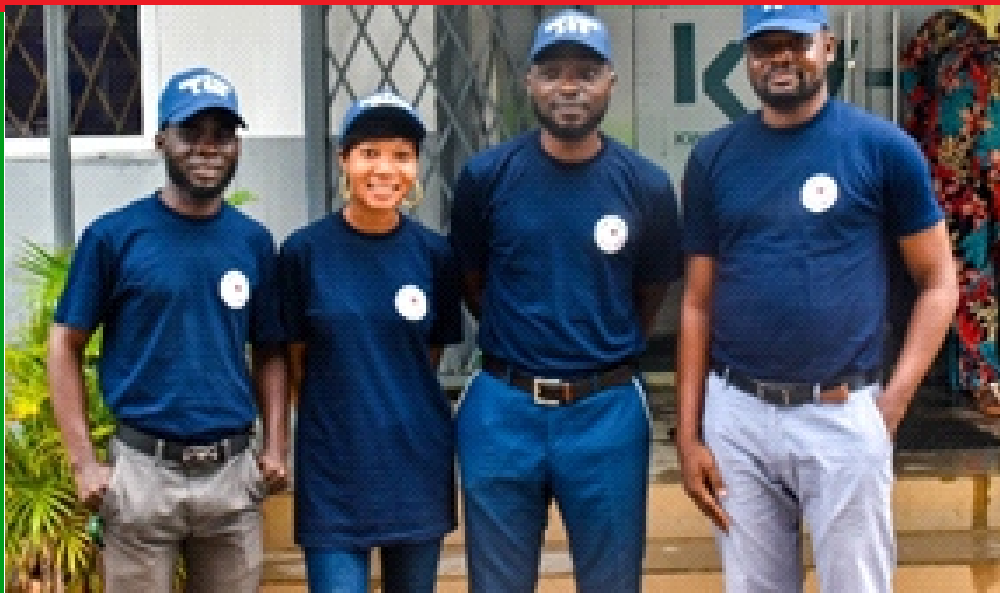
The new Ag GM applauded the Service on the continuous efforts towards boosting Kwara IGR. Adeyeye shared his vision and innovative strategies to ensure a complete restructuring of KWASAA in line with global standards and highlighted some peculiarities of the agency with respect to the harmonized billing system of KW-IRS. He therefore expressed his readiness to partner with the Service in the interest of the State.

Omoniyi explained that KW-IRS is the sole agency responsible for collecting all revenue accruing to the Kwara State government, but does not have access to it. She added that automation of processes has enabled the Service to eradicate cash collection across the State, thereby largely blocking revenue leakages. She assured that the Service is open to accommodate the peculiarities of KWASAA in its automation drive.

Also speaking at the meeting, the KW-IRS Head, Parastatals, Abayomi Ajiboso welcomed the new Acting GM, he expressed optimism that KWASAA will witness appreciable progress under his leadership.



KW-IRS SENSITIZES TAXPAYERS ON STAMP DUTY



As part of efforts to enhance tax compliance through continuous advocacy, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) embarked on a week-long Stamp Duty sensitization campaign in Ilorin the State capital between 12th and 16th May, 2025.

Leading the campaign, the KW-IRS Commissioner for Stamp Duties, Abubakar Abdulmumini explained that the aim of the sensitization program was to educate taxpayers in the State, especially traders, business owners and individuals involved in executing contracts, agreements and other applicable transactions on the importance and benefits of stamp duty compliance in business transactions under the Law.

The campaign team visited some major markets and streets within the Ilorin metropolis including Mandate, Ipata, Oja Tuntun, Gegele, Yoruba Road and Taiwo Isale, engaging traders and individuals on the benefits of Stamp Duty which include document authentication and admissibility in court, prevention of fraud and disputes, access to loans and mortgages, among others.

The widespread awareness sparked constructive engagement between the traders and the campaign team, as many individuals were able to get accurate responses to Stamp Duty-related issues on the spot.

The team also visited some KW-IRS offices within Ilorin to ensure that staff have proper understanding of Stamp Duty in order to adequately sensitize taxpayers whenever the need arises in the line of duty.



KW-IRS Holds Strategic Training For Staff On Integrated Tax Intelligence And Revenue Optimization



In a bid to further enhance capacity for efficient tax administration and revenue mobilization, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) held a two-day workshop titled "Integrated Approach to Tax Intelligence, Fraud Detection and Customer Engagement for Revenue Optimization" for members of its workforce between Tuesday, 20th and Wednesday, 21st May, 2025 at its Corporate Head Office in GRA, Ilorin.

The workshop, which was facilitated by Adeyemi Owoeye and Muyiwa Aderibigbe of Moore Bishop & Rooks, commenced with an opening address by the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, who emphasized the importance of data-driven decision making, fraud detection mechanisms, and taxpayer-centric strategies as vital components of modern tax administration. She reiterated the agency's commitment to innovation, transparency, and capacity development.

KW-IRS Directors, Accounts and Finance, Omolara Ojulari; Legal and Compliance, Shehu Abdullahi; Income Tax, Mohammed Usman, and Admin and Operations, Yusuf La-Kadri were present during the opening session to encourage participants to give all the required attention to the training.

The facilitators delivered in-depth sessions on leveraging technology for tax intelligence, advanced methods in fraud detection, and modern approaches to customer engagement. Participants were exposed to case studies and practical tools to strengthen their roles in revenue administration and enforcement.

The training was brought to a close with remarks by the Director, Admin and Operations, Yusuf La-Kadri, who appreciated the facilitators and participants for their active involvement. He urged staff to apply the knowledge gained towards enhancing service delivery and maximizing revenue generation for the State.





KW-IRS Receives Unilorin and Kwasu Students On Educational Excursion

As part of its mandate to foster tax education among the younger generation, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) hosted students from the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) and Kwara State University (KWASU) on an excursion program centered on tax enlightenment and public finance, on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025, at its Corporate Head Office, G.R.A, Ilorin.

Welcoming the students, the Director, Admin and Operations, Yusuf La-Kadri, described KW-IRS as a citadel of practical learning in Kwara State, highlighting the Service's relevance to academic research. He noted that several academic theses have been developed using the operations and structure of KW-IRS as case studies, thus positioning the Service as a resource center for students and researchers.

The Head, Corporate Planning, Mohammed Audu alongside some staff of the department gave a comprehensive overview of the Service's operational framework, processes, and its economic impact on the development of Kwara State. Audu further encouraged the students to spread the knowledge gained by enlightening members of their communities on the importance of taxation to societal development.

The students appreciated the facilitators, asking tax-related questions and making enquiries on matters relevant to their academic and professional interests, after which they were taken on a tour of some departments within the Revenue House.

KW-IRS HOSTS NBA ILORIN BRANCH ON TAX AWARENESS PROGRAM



The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), on Wednesday, 18th June 2025, hosted members of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Ilorin Branch to a one-day tax sensitization and engagement program themed “Strong Synergy with NBA in the drive of taxation in Kwara State” at the Ilorin Innovation Hub, G.R.A, Ilorin.

The program, according to the KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, while delivering her opening remarks, is timely and pertinent to fostering a more mutual and productive working relationship with the legal community in the State.

She described the sensitization program as one of the special series in the KW-IRS stakeholders engagement program that is geared towards improved service delivery, bridging communication gaps, and a forum where clarity is provided to major growing legal concerns that bothers directly on the association, taxation as an obligation and KW-IRS as the sole revenue agency in the State.

Shade Omoniyi, while also emphasizing the importance and urgency of aligning the perspectives of both legal practitioners in the State and the Service, acknowledged their various contributions to the economic stability of the State over the past years. In her remarks, she reiterated the Service commitment to economic viability, improved IGR drive with full adoption of automation and introduction of modern-day technology that will assist transparency, prudence, and accountability in revenue administration.

The sensitization program featured a series of paper presentations from KW-IRS executives, focusing on ethical work relations between KW-IRS and the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA); Business ethics of taxation by taxpayers, tradition and legal basis of tax assessment and payment.

The program also analyzed the legal framework of taxation in Nigeria, and the need for the legal practitioner's umbrella body in the State to encourage ethical working relationships with KW-IRS, among other discussions.





The session featured a questions and answers sessions, where participants sought clarity on various tax-related matters as they relate to tax laws and policies.

The Director, Income Tax, KW-IRS, Mohammed Usman, while delivering his closing remarks, appreciated members of the Nigerian Bar Association, (NBA) for their active participation and insightful contributions during the program. He emphasized the critical role of legal professionals in shaping a tax-compliant society through their clarity in the interpretation and advocacy of tax laws.

Usman assured continued partnership with the NBA as a means to further deepen public awareness of legal tax obligations. He also expressed KW-IRS readiness for more collaborative efforts with professional bodies to enhance revenue growth, accountability, and promotion of transparency in tax administration in the State.

The event had in attendance members of the KW-IRS top management team, selected Heads of Departments, and representatives from the Service.



KW-IRS RECOVERS FIVE STOLEN VEHICLES



The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) has recorded tremendous feats in the discovery and recoveries of five stolen vehicles from the year 2023 to date, out of which four have been successfully handed over to the rightful owners while the fifth which was recently recovered on 30th May, 2025 is currently being processed.

The five vehicles recovered over the past few years are two Toyota Corolla, one Toyota Sienna, one Mazda Premacy, and a Toyota Matrix, which were separately reported stolen from Plateau, Ondo, Ogun, and Oyo States within the years.

The thefts were discovered during the standard verification protocols established by KW-IRS using its Vehicle Management System (VMS) platform created for registration and renewal of vehicle documents, when users of the vehicles presented the particulars and the Motor Licencing Officers observed that the vehicles had been reported stolen.

KW-IRS in collaboration with the Kwara State Police Command established contacts with the authentic vehicle owners and ensured the safe return of their vehicles. Separate appreciation letters as an acknowledgment of exceptional performance by the Service were sent by the owners after joyously receiving their vehicles.



In a statement issued at the KW-IRS Corporate Head Office in Ilorin, the Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, while assuring Kwarans and the general public of quality service delivery in revenue administration of the State, described the remarkable recoveries as one among many success stories of the Service and evidence of the commitment of its workforce to professionalism and due diligence in the execution of duties and responsibilities.

She also sought public cognizance of the KW-IRS VMS which she described as an institutionalized and integrated vehicle management platform that has earned the Service more credibility and recognition in vehicular issues since it was introduced.





KW-IRS HOSTS 2-DAY TRAINING ON ADVANCED POWERPOINT AND PRESENTATION TECHNIQUES

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) successfully organized a 2-day training session on Advanced Microsoft PowerPoint and Effective Presentation Techniques for members of its management team and other selected staff at its Corporate Head Office in Ilorin on 25th and 26th, June, 2025.

Renowned expert Abdlatif Adenekan facilitated the training, which aimed to enhance participants' presentation skills and proficiency in the use of PowerPoint.

KW-IRS Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, in her opening remarks, emphasized the significance of the training, highlighting the need for effective presentation skills to boost staff performance.

The training covered advanced PowerPoint features and effective presentation techniques, including design principles, animation, multimedia integration, storytelling, audience engagement, and body language.

By investing in staff development, KW-IRS demonstrates its commitment to delivering high-quality services to stakeholders.

The training concluded with remarks from the Director, Admin and Operations, Yusuf La-Kadri, and the Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, whose closing remarks emphasized the importance of applying the skills acquired.

Top management staff including the Director, Accounts & Finance, Omolara Ojulari, Director, Legal and Compliance, Shehu Mogaji, and Director, MDAs, Omotayo Ayinla, also attended the training.

Participants commended the Service for organizing the training which they described as informative, engaging, and relevant to their work.



KW-IRS CONCLUDES 2025 VIRTUAL TAX CLUB QUIZ

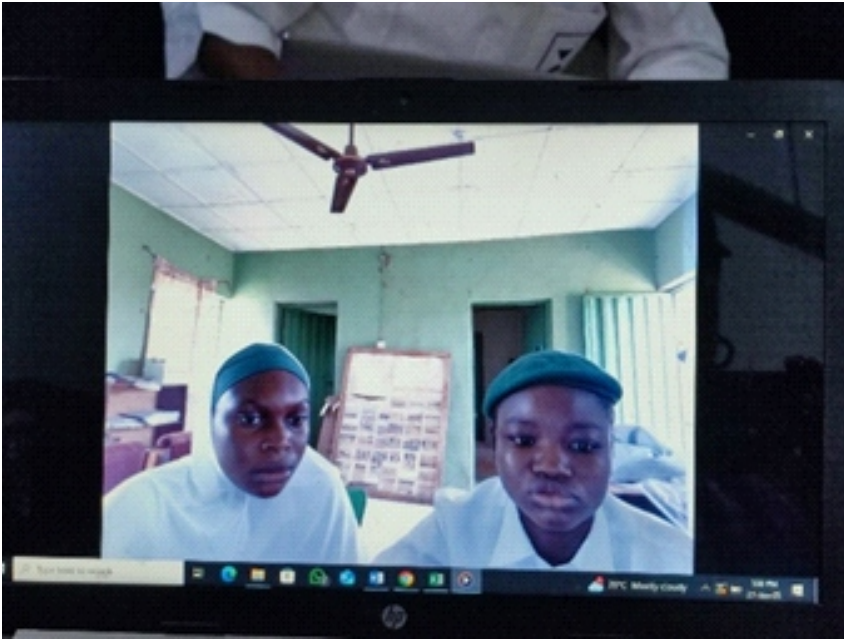


The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development has concluded the preliminary stages of the 2025 edition of the Tax Club Quiz Competition on Friday 27th June, 2025.

The preliminary rounds commenced on 23rd June 2025, following a coordinated mock test organized by KW-IRS for all registered schools to enable the students familiarize themselves with the online Computer-Based Test (CBT) format from the convenience of their respective schools.

A total of ninety-nine (99) schools from across the State registered for the competition, with eighty-eight (88) eventually participating in the online CBT preliminary stage. After the first round, forty (40) schools advanced to the second round.

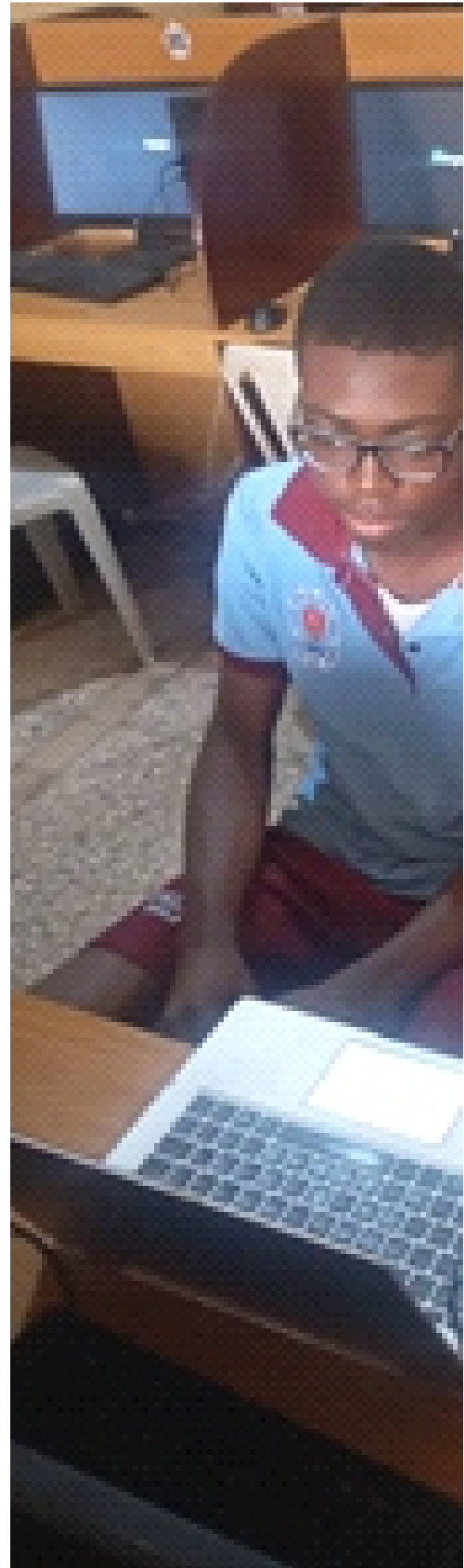
At the end of the two preliminary rounds, twelve (12) schools have qualified for the semi-final stage of the competition. The qualified schools, four (4) from each Senatorial District, are Osi Central Secondary School, Osi, Ansar Ud Deen College, Offa, Government Secondary School, Share, and Ansarul Islam Grammar School, Ijomu Oro from Kwara South; Deeper Life High School, Ilorin, Saint Anthony's Secondary School, Ilorin, Ebenezer High School, Ilorin and Roemichs International School, Ilorin from Kwara Central; Shepherd School, Lafiagi, Government Secondary School Ilesha Baruba, Government Secondary School, Lafiagi, and Unique College, Kaiama from Kwara North.



Speaking on behalf of the Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, the Convener of the KW-IRS Tax Club Advocacy Committee (TACAC), Funmilola Oguntunbi, commended the seamless execution of the online preliminary stages, emphasizing that the virtual format introduced in recent editions continues to reflect the Service's commitment to innovation and digital transformation. "Our transition to a virtual model has laid the foundation for the successful conduct of this year's preliminary rounds. It has made participation easier and more inclusive", she said.

Representatives from the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development, Mrs. Roseline Ayansola, Mrs. Alaaya Idayat Olawale and Mrs. Felicia Bamidele, who were actively involved in backend monitoring and result analysis, commended all participating schools for embracing the challenge and praised the top twelve for their impressive performance. They also noted that this year's process has so far recorded remarkable successes, congratulating all schools that participated in the competition.

The semi-final stage is scheduled to hold virtually on 6th October, 2025, after which six schools will proceed to the grand finale, which will hold physically in Ilorin on 6th November, 2025. The winning schools will compete for the grand prize of ₦2.5 million.



10 PRACTICAL TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR WORK ETHIC

By Azeezat Olorunlambe, KW-IRS

10 Practical Tips To Improve Your Work Ethic

1. **Set Clear Goals:** Define both short-term and long-term goals. Clear objectives keep you focused and motivated.
2. **Establish a Routine:** Develop a daily work schedule and stick to it. Consistency builds discipline.
3. **Prioritize Tasks:** Use tools like to-do lists to manage your time effectively and focus on what matters most.
4. **Avoid Procrastination:** Tackle difficult tasks first. Break big projects into smaller, manageable steps.
5. **Be Punctual and Reliable:** Show up on time and meet deadlines. Dependability earns trust and respect from colleagues and managers.
6. **Stay Organized:** Keep your workspace tidy and your digital files in order. Clutter leads to distractions and inefficiency.
7. **Take Initiative:** Don't wait to be told what to do. Look for opportunities to contribute and take ownership of tasks.
8. **Practice Self-Discipline:** Train yourself to stay focused even when motivation wanes.
9. **Seek Feedback and Learn from Mistakes:** Regularly ask for constructive feedback and reflect on areas for improvement. Use failures as learning opportunities.
10. **Maintain a Positive Attitude:** A good attitude boosts productivity and morale. Approach challenges with optimism and a solution-focused mindset.



THE 10-MINUTE MORNING HABIT THAT FIGHTS DISEASE

By Bushirah Adeola Raji, KW-IRS

Stepping outside for 10 minutes each morning could be your best defense against diabetes, heart disease, and depression.

Why Morning Light Matters?

Your body runs on a 24-hour internal clock called your circadian rhythm. When this clock gets disrupted by irregular sleep, it doesn't just make you tired, it increases your risk of serious health problems.

Are You Aware?

Disrupted sleep cycles can mess with insulin sensitivity, making your body struggle to control blood sugar thereby leading to diabetes

Poor sleep timing prevents your blood pressure from naturally dipping at night, keeping your heart under constant stress

Sleep disruption is literally a diagnostic criterion for major depression and anxiety disorders

The Simple Fix

Get 10-15 minutes of morning sunlight within 2 hours of waking:

Go outside without sunglasses (don't stare at the sun directly)

Take your coffee outside

Walk to your car instead of going garage-to-garage

Walk the dog or do quick outdoor chores

Why It Works:

Morning light resets your internal clock, stops drowsy hormones, and tells your body it's time to be alert. This simple signal helps regulate blood sugar, supports heart health, and stabilizes mood.

The Bottom Line

In our indoor, artificial-light world, we have forgotten that our bodies are designed to sync with natural light. Ten minutes of morning sun costs nothing but could add years to your life.

Start tomorrow morning. Step outside. Your future self will thank you.

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DID YOU KNOW?

1. The Nigeria Tax Act, 2025 defines financial technology (FINTECH) as the development and use of software or technology as the primary and principal mode of providing financial solution or service.
2. According to the Nigeria Tax Act, 2025, the approved rates of Companies Income Tax are zero percent in the case of a small company, and 30% for any other company.
3. Expenses such as personal costs, fines, or non-business entertainment cannot be deducted when calculating your taxable profit.
4. The newly-signed four tax reform bills aim to modernize tax administration in Nigeria, enhance revenue collection and stimulate economic growth by promoting ease of doing business.
5. The Nigeria Tax Act, 2025 introduces new progressive tax bands, increasing the tax rate for individuals earning above 20 million annually, while reducing rates for those earning below 2 million.

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