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Abuja, Nigeria (January 23, 2010) – ITAN, the Information Technology Association of Nigeria, <http://www.itan.org.ng>, announced the hiring of Mr. Oluwole Owolabi as Chief Operating Officer and Head of World Information Technology Service Alliance's Africa Regional Secretariat (WITSA.ARS, <http://www.witsa.org/>). He will be responsible for the effective day-to-day running of ITAN, and the performance of ITAN businesses (the ITAN Consult), as dictated by the overall strategy agreed by the ITAN National Executive Council (NEC). In addition,

Oluwole heads the WITSA Secretariat Africa Regional office by maintaining an ongoing dialogue with the WITSA Headquarter.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Oluwole's background and expertise come on board," said Dr. Jimson Olufuye, President of ITAN. "Oluwole will be a perfect fit for us, as we rapidly grow our association." "We plan to establish ITAN Consult (the soon to be established business arm of ITAN) in the next few months," said Dr. Olufuye.

Oluwole was the CEO / Managing Director with Accenttech Corporation (UK), and former Chairman ITAN Strategic Initiative Committee (ISIC). Oluwole Owolabi is a pro-active technical thinker; and a visionary. He has exceptional leadership quality and a track record of achievement in implementing change successfully. He has more than 20 years of experience in the information technology in telecommunications, healthcare, finance, retail and media industries. Oluwole is a certified international ICT programme manager with experience in Enterprise solutions and infrastructure architecture management.

Oluwole has extensive experience in project justification, budgeting, and execution to reflect government policy, business objectives and goals. He has excellent knowledge of change management in the public sector (governments) that involves complex and multi-disciplinary technical modelling and integration assignments. He has played leading roles in organisations that are a unique blend of content, media, data, integration, and technology.

Oluwole obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from University of Lagos, Nigeria, in 1988, and a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Andrews University, Michigan, USA in 1994. At University of Lagos, Oluwole was elected member of the executives of the Students' Union cabinet during 1983/84 academic sessions, and represented over 43,000 students' interests with the university authority, and National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS).

Oluwole started his career with the prestigious international research institute in Nigeria, IITA, International Institute of Agriculture, in 1988/89 during his NYSC national service. He has lived and worked in United States of America, United Kingdom and Nigeria. He has travelled around the world and has had significant interactions with policy makers, national and regional ICT associations, senior business leaders, as well as civil society participants to create a platform that can showcase ICT's power to enable, empower and enrich organizations.

He is a PRINCE2-certified technical solution architect with a very strong systems design, capacity planning, change management, quality review and support, budget management, staff management, procedural documentation, development, problem analysis and resolution, procurement, contractor-vendor relations and proposal review background, bringing industry credentials and strength in the areas of Project Management (conceptual to implementation).

Oluwole's interests are chess, reading and strategic thinking. He is married with children.