Space Technology Development in Nigeria

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Historical Perspective of the Nigerian Space Programme
In 1976, Nigeria declared its space ambition to members of the Economic Commission for Africa and Organization of African Unity during an inter-governmental meeting in Addis-Ababa.

In 1988 the National Council of Ministers’ approved the establishment of a National Centre for Remote Sensing.

NASRDA was established in 1999 with the clear mandate to:

“vigorously pursue the attainment of space capabilities as an essential tool for the socio-economic development and the enhancement of the quality of life of Nigerians”.

NASRDA is to achieve this mandate through:

- research,
- rigorous education,
- engineering development,
- design and manufacture of appropriate hardware and software in space technology.
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- Power
- Education
- Security
- Communications
- Agriculture
- Finance
- Manufacturing
- Health
- Transportation/Aviation
- Inter Min/Agency Tech Support

Space capability
Nigeria’s Space Policy/ NASRDA Act

Approved Space Policy in 2001.

- Established the “National Space Council” chaired by Mr. President.
- Technical Advisory Committee.
- International Cooperation Committee.
- Established six Operational Centres

NASRDA Act signed in to law in 2010.
The thrust of the Nigeria Space Policy is the:

- Development of Human Resources and Capacity.
- Natural Resources Management.
- Defence, Security, Law Enforcement.
- Study of the Earth and its Environment.
- Space Communication and Applications.
- Education and Training.
- Promotion of International Cooperation.
Objective of Policy

Enhance the development of Space Science & Technology, in five major areas:

• Basic Space Science and Technology.
• Remote Sensing.
• Satellite Meteorology.
• Information & Communication Technology.
• Defence and Security.
NASRDA AND ITS PRESENT OPERATIONAL CENTRES
FEC in 2005 approved a 25 Year Roadmap

- **PHASE ONE:** 2005 – 2013
- **PHASE TWO:** 2014 – 2022
- **PHASE THREE:** 2023 – 2030

**Three Main Goals of the Roadmap:**

- Produce a Nigeria Astronaut
- Launch a satellite manufactured in Nigeria.
- To build and launch a Nigerian made satellite from a launch site in Nigeria on a launch vehicle made in Nigeria.
25-Year Roadmap (2005-2030) Timeline

**ROAD MAP TO NIGERIA’S SPACE MISSION**

- **2030**: Launch of Nigerian Satellites from Nigerian Launch Pad (2030)
- **2028**: Large Scale Commercialization of Space Technology & Know-how (2028)
- **2026**: Spin-Off of Allied Industries – Electronics, Software etc. (2026)
- **2025**: Development of Rocketry/Propulsion System (2025)
- **2018**: Development and Building of Made in Nigeria Satellites (2018)
- **2015**: Training of Nigerian Astronauts (2015)

**MILESTONE**
NIGERIA’S SMALL SATELLITE PROGRAMME
NigeriaSat-2 and NigeriaSat-X MCC

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| Detailed Resource Inventory of Nigeria | • Scale: 1:100,000  
• Saved Nigeria over N2 Billion |
| Satellite Atlas of Nigeria | • Images used to produce first ever Nigerian Satellite Atlas |
| Domestication of GIS technology through Collaboration | • 15 GIS / Remote Sensing laboratories established in Nigerian Universities |
| Donation of Satellite Imageries to Nigerian Universities | • Over 3000 Images donated  
• Worth over N3 Billion Naira |
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| **Know How Technology Training** | • NX Designed and built by Nigerian Engineers and Scientists  
• Images currently downloading at the Ground Station in Abuja  
• Patented Space Technology Knowledge Transferred to Nigerians |
| **Donation of Satellite Imageries to Nigerian Universities / INEC** | • NX images to 18 Nigerian Universities for Research  
• INEC for Delimitation of Constituencies  
• Worth over N2.5 Billion Naira |
| **Detailed Resource Inventory of Nigeria** | • Scale: 1:50,000  
• Scale: 1:25,000 for South West of Nigeria  
• Would save Nigeria about N4 Billion |
| **Support to Armed Forces and National Security** | • Images of North-East  
• Images of Mali for Peace Keeping Operations  
• Vulnerability Maps of Nigeria Major Cities |

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Image Map of Borno State from NX

Legend
- Rivers
- Roads
- Settlement
- Waterbody

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Vegetation Density Map of Sambisa Forest from NX

MAP OF SAMBISA SHOWING VEGETATION DENSITY

Legend
NDVI
Value
High : 0.2
Low : -0.2

- Forest
- Water_holes
- Localities
- Road
- Rivers
- Floodable areas

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Digital Elevation Model for Sambisa Forest
Capacity Building
Capacity Building

Know How Technology Training

NigeriaSat -1
• 15 Engineers

NigComSat-1
• 55 Engineers

NigeriaSat-2
• 27 Engineers
• 10 M.Sc. Awarded by University of Surrey

NIGERIASAT-X designed & built by Nigerian Engineers using SSTL Facilities
Capacity Building

Know How Technology Training

NIGERIASAT-2 (Nigerian Engineers @ work using SSTL Facilities)
Capacity Building

NX Engineers
Capacity Building

Know How Technology Training

NIGERIASAT-X designed & built by Nigerian Engineers using SSTL Facilities

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Capacity Building

Know How Technology Training

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The programme consists of 5 CubeSats belonging to:
- Japan,
- Nigeria,
- Ghana,
- Mongolia and
- Bangladesh

Space X Falcon9 Rocket launched the satellites from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, USA on June 6th 2017.

The Satellites were deployed into lower orbit (460km) from the ISS on the 7th of July 2017.

Satellites are for capacity building.

Owned by NASRDA in collaboration with Federal University of Technology, Akure.

The programme was introduced by the Japanese government and implemented by the Japanese Space Agency through the Kyushu Institute of Technology.
The Ground Station

- One of the Ground Station for the Satellite developed at NASRDA.
- The Ground Station Equipment include:
  - Cross Yagi-Uda antennas (2m and 70cm), Icom Transceiver,
  - Yeasu Antenna Rotator, PC with Satellite tracking software.
- The Antenna development completed by NASRDA Engineers/Scientists.
- The programme is focused on engaging students and general public in space exploration, satellite technology and satellite communications, thereby strengthening the human resource development required for the implementation of the national space programmes.
Establishment of Institute of Space Science and Engineering (ISSE)

- The Institute of Space Sciences & Engineering (ISSE) was established in Abuja on 2nd June, 2015 in accordance with (NASRDA) Act 2010.
- It is a unique postgraduate Institute set to address the growing needs of Space scientific knowledge and innovations in Nigeria and Africa continent at large.
- The Institute is a collaborative project with the African University of Science and Technology.
- ISSE will offer programmes leading to the award of MSc and PhD.
- The first set of students expected in 2018.
Capacity Building

Total Number of Publications (Journals, Proceedings & In-review) is over 500
Some Research Outcomes Connected To Small Satellite Projects
NAVIGATOR PRO43-Completed

- It provides complete and clear voice instructions, which makes navigation easier. It is simple and understandable.

- It pronounces street names during navigation, making your drive easy.

- The NASRDA Pro43 offers you a unique new navigation experience.

- NASRDA Navigator Pro43 provides you with the EXCLUSIVE SATELLITE views, display your current location, and it is a high resolution touch screen.
Cubesat Structure: Ongoing

• Design & Fabrication of “An Experimental Model of Cubesat Structure And Various Components”.

• Develop Fabrication Capacity
Embedded Prototyping Kit (EPK)

- For Computer Aided Control

For Monitoring of Space Weather; Earth Movement
Environmental pollution and Soil Monitoring (EPSM) Station

Portable stand – alone wireless surveillance system

High Precision GPS System
AUTOMATED LAUNCH CONTROL SYSTEM: Completed

System Specification
- Remote control of Mechanical System
- Rocket Launch and Hydraulic Automation
- Remotely operated ignition system
- Developed by NASRDA Scientists and Engineers
- Microcontroller based system

APPLICATION AREAS:
Launch and control of Rocket System, Mechanical System and Autonomous Control Mechatronics.
Gully Erosion Mapping in South Eastern Nigeria

EROSION SITE IN ANAMBRA STATE

EROSION SITE IN ABIA STATE

EROSION SITE IN IMO STATE

EROSION SITE IN ENUGU STATE
Classification of Gully Erosion in some States in Nigeria

CLASSIFICATION OF GULLY EROSION IN ANAMBRA STATE FROM NIGERIASAT-1 IMAGE DATA

CLASSIFICATION OF GULLY EROSION IN IMO STATE FROM NIGERIASAT-1 IMAGE DATA

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Flood Hazard Mapping of the Kainji Lake

Map of Nigeria showing the Kainji lake

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Flood Hazard Mapping of the Kainji Lake
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Lokoja was one of the flooded areas during the 2012 flood.

NASRDA visited the flood area and produced a flood plain and vulnerability map for the affected areas.

The map was used by NEMA to rehabilitate those affected by the flood.
Over the past three decades the FCT has recorded a tremendous decrease in vegetal cover.

The proportion of vegetal cover records of 1986, 2001 and 2016 are 79.5%, 69.4% and 47.3% respectively.

The major landuse changes are vegetation to bare surface, vegetation to buildup and bare surface to vegetation.

Human activities such as clearing of land for agriculture and infrastructures coupled with an unprecedented increase in the build up areas has led to enormous depletion of the vegetal cover in FCT.
The National Population Census will soon be conducted.

NASRDA is currently using dysemetric approach to estimate the population distribution using FCT as sample area.

The dysemetric methods revealed the variation in population density more realistically across the FCT(Phases 1-3).

This information will go a long way to aid policy/decision makers in allocating resources appropriately to the citizenry.

This will also serve as input into the forthcoming National Census.
Desertification in Northern Nigeria is currently responsible for the loss of livelihood affecting 35 million people.

NASRDA conducted a study in Katsina State to ascertain the sensitivity of the environment to desert conditions in the state. The findings show the variability of different areas of the state to desert conditions. These findings are essential for policy prescription. The policy interventions by the Government (e.g. Great Greenwall Development Agency) will vary from the northern parts of the state to the southern part. In the past, the same policy prescription is applied to the entire state.
Major Infrastructural Development
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Assembly Integration, Test and Design Center (AITDC) – Extent of Civil Works

- Civil works – 52% Completed
- Mechanical Design Laboratory – Work in Progress
Major Infrastructural Development

Space Museum

Planetarium

To Promote Interest in Science and Mathematics in Nigeria

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CONCLUSION

Nigeria investment in small satellites have helped the country to leapfrog its Space Programme most especially in the area of:

• Capacity building in Space Science and Technology
• Capability building in Space Science and Technology
Nigeria Communication Satellite

- NigComSat-1R launched in December 2011.
- Commissioned January 2012.

Expected Contribution to National Economy

- Retain over $300M Annually in Nigeria and Increase GDP.
- Reduce Tariffs on GSM Phone Services.
- Reduce Tariffs on Satellite Television Broadcasting Services.
- Link the Rural Areas with Telephone Services.
- Promote E-Commerce and E-Government.
Communication Satellite (NigComSat-1)

Before the Commercial handover the NigComsat-1 was deorbited. Replaced 2011

**Executive Communication**
- Established Secured communication links between Mr. President and the Governors and other top security personnel

**Tele-education**
- National Open University

**Bandwidth Provision**
- e.g. Nigerian Army
Telemedicine

- Initiated in 2006 in collaboration with Ministry of Health
- Took medical facilities to unreached rural areas in the six geopolitical zones
- NASRDA also has six fixed remote bases at FMCs and Two Federal University Teaching hospitals
- Bagged an African Award in 2009 during the AU summit in Addis-Ababa for the deployment of telemedicine to accelerate the achievement of MDG’s goals.
- AU also recommended and endorsed this initiative for the rest of Africa