

CYBERCRIME IN NIGERIA: AN ANALYSIS OF THE CYBERCRIME (PROHIBITION, PREVENTION ETC) ACT, 2015

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**Abstract**

In an increasingly globalised world, the benefits of the internet cannot be debated. The interconnectivity and speed of Internet Communication Technology (ICT) has made a tremendous impact on the ecosystem. This impact includes the banking, commercial, transportation sectors and individual daily use. However, the internet creates a massive increase in cybercrime. Cybercrime is a national and global issue that requires urgent attention. Enhancing cybersecurity and achieving a safer cyberspace requires a comprehensive approach. There has to be a synergy of technical measures, the law and its enforcement. There exists a legal framework of cybercrime in Nigeria. The question is, are the laws effective? Adequate and effective legislation is the foundation to fight cybercrime effectively. This paper examines the Cybercrime Act 2015, which is the principal legislation on cybercrime in Nigeria. The objective of this research is to highlight the gaps in the law. The paper adopts a doctrinal method of legal research. It canvasses for the review of the Cybercrime Act to ensure its effectiveness to keep up with the speed of technological changes.