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What actually is a Data Centre? It is the location that is the focal point of all operations in a modern IT environment. All the servers are located in the Data Centre, all network links from PCs to servers terminate in this room, and all applications run here. Thus, it is the heart of the IT operation and therefore must be very well conceived and implemented if any project to computerise a government office is to be successful.

This European Union initiated project includes 3 Economic and Financial Crimes Commission data centres, two in Abuja and one in Lagos. It also includes 8 other smaller server rooms for other EFCC locations and 10 server rooms for Nigerian Federal High Court locations. In any computerisation project, if infrastructure and data centres or server rooms are implemented well, then future issues with sustainability will be minimised. If these items are not implemented well, then stability will be very low and the project must fail.

For this particular project, the Information Technology Service of UNODC is using best practices developed over years of experience. (ITS actually provides services to governments in 41 countries at this time). This experience has now been formalised in an infrastructure implementation process that we call goIDM (government office Infrastructure and Data Centre Model). This model is being applied to all 21 sites in Nigeria covered by this EC-funded project. The chief architect of this model is Alain Nkoyock, who is the in-country manager of this activity. The model is also now being applied in the regional Gulf Centre for Criminal Intelligence in Doha, Qatar, and a variant of it in the new country of Kosovo

Key Elements of the goIDM model include:

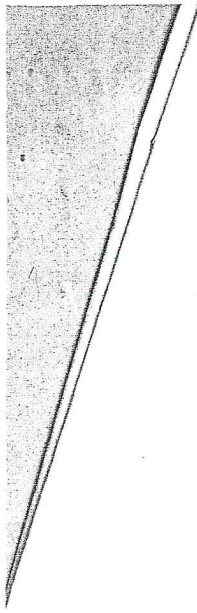
1. Careful design process
2. A clear focus on stability and sustainability

Implemented using:

1. Industry standard equipment
2. In fact, the same equipment as used by UNODC in its own offices
3. Small, inexpensive components as building blocks (cost effective and easy to replace)
4. No customised equipment (off-the-shelf)
5. Long life time equipment/cabling
6. Redundancy

Results thus far (starting from zero – there was not even a building on this site when UNODC started the IT part of this project - thanks to EFCC for building the structure):

1. Two data Centres complete in the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission in Abuja and Lagos

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- My officers and i are determined to ensure the best use of this centre in our daily activities.

**THANK YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS!**