

**Enhancing National Development and Growth through
Combating Cybercrime/Internet Fraud: A Comparative
Approach**

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ABSTRACT The study was enhancing national development and growth through combating cyber crimes/internet fraud. National development and growth hinge on the people having the right perspective towards others, organizations, industry and government. The absence of this is an automatic threat to the economy and invariably to the growth and development of any nation. The young adults' perception should be guided to enhance growth, through having respect for other peoples information and materials. In order to find out if cyber crimes exists among young adults in Edo State, Nigeria, a comparative study of young adults perception of cyber crime in two Local Government Areas of Edo State namely: Esan (Central and West) was conducted. The study was guided by three hypotheses. Random samples of 200 subjects were selected from the four centres used for the study where 50 subjects were also selected. The research design was a comparative one. A questionnaire titled: "CSYAPCCS" "Comparative Study of Young Adults Perception of Cyber Crimes Scale" was used to gather information from the respondents. The data collected was analysed using the t-test to find out if differences existed. Recommendations were made based on the findings.