Title of Article: The Impact of Internet Services on the Research Output of Academic Staff of Selected State Universities in South-Western Nigeria

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Abstract: This study investigated the utilisation of Internet services and their impact on teaching and research output in two purposively selected private universities in South-Western Nigeria. Both quantitative and qualitative methods were used for data collection. Questionnaires were administered to 214 academic staff, selected through simple random sampling technique. In-depth interviews complemented the quantitative data. The utilisation of Internet services aided 54.3% of the respondents to publish their works, 61.6% to attend conferences and 74.2% to teach. Two thirds of the respondents reported that the utilisation of Internet services had also improved their quality of teaching (77.5%) and research output (79.1%). Most of the respondents used Internet services to meet the requirements for career advancement, especially promotion. Internet services or facilities were found to have contributed to the increase in teaching and research outputs of academic staff of the universities in the study and had the potential for enhancing the teaching and research outputs of respondents in the future.