

# People's Expectations in Technology-Driven Society

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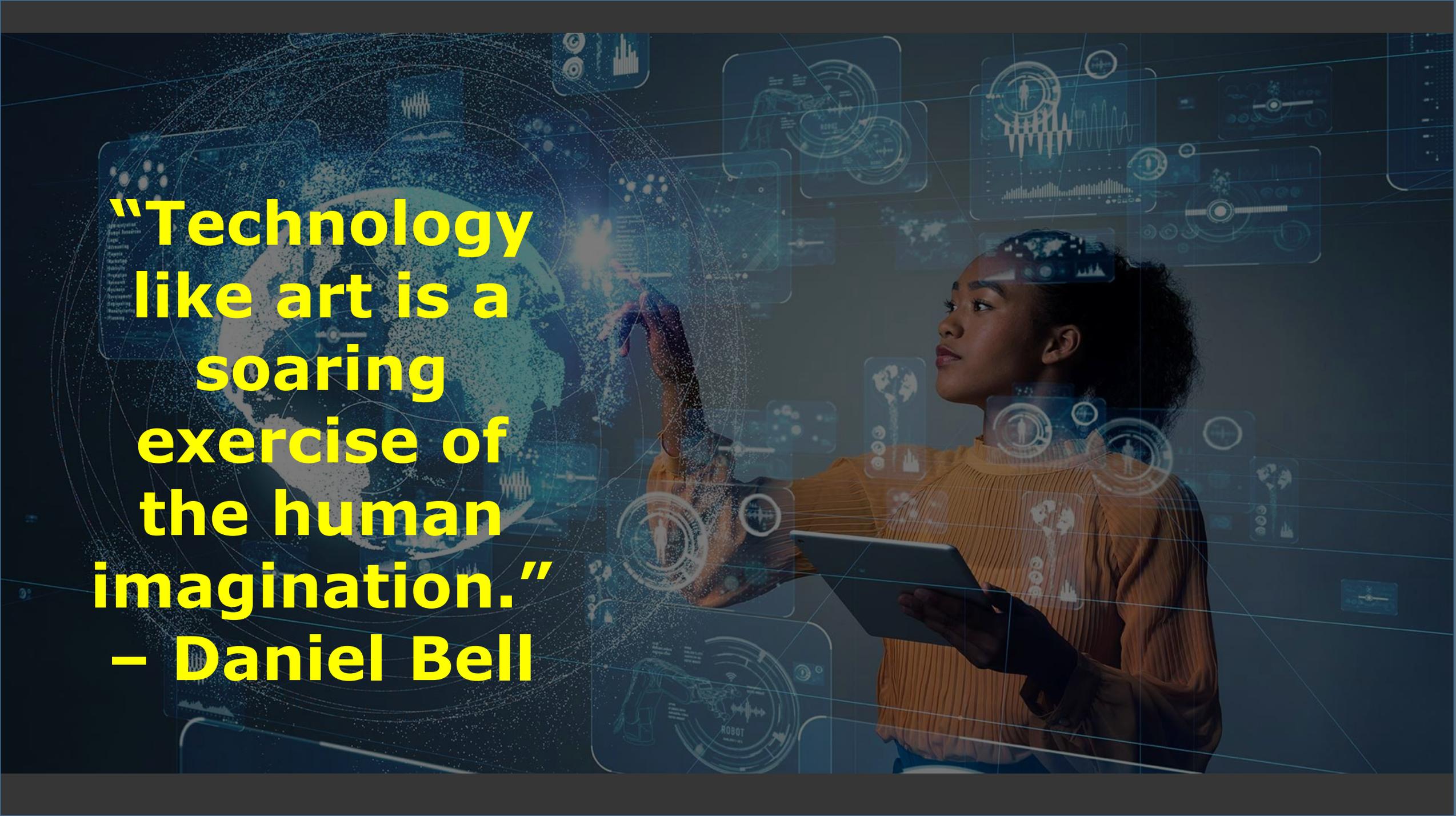


Hon. Hakeem Dickson is a political activist, safety consultant, and tech-savvy sexagenarian from Surulere, Lagos, Nigeria. Hon. Dickson holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the Thomas A. Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey, U.S.A and two Master's Degrees in Business Administration specialising in Accounting and Finance, respectively, both from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, New Jersey, the U.S.A in 1983 and 1985. He was a tax adviser and auditor at Coopers and Lybrand CPA, Newark, New Jersey, USA.

He was also the chairman of the Surulere Local Government at the inception of the 4th Republic - 1999 to 2002. From 2016 until 2019, he was Director-General of the Lagos State Safety Commission.

Dickson was part of the driving force behind Vision Zero in Africa, a vision dedicated to ensuring zero accidents in workplaces around the world. Dickson is both a social and ecological humanist with a passion for the Anthropocene and climate change.

Hon. Dickson also campaigns for tech-driven solutions to climate change and total workplace safety. He is currently the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer of Total Workplace Safety Management Systems, a top-tier and world-class health and environmental safety consulting firm in Lagos, Nigeria. He is happily married with children.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored, ribbed sweater, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the right. She is holding a tablet in her left hand and reaching out with her right hand towards a large, glowing globe. The background is a dark blue, futuristic digital space filled with various data visualizations, including line graphs, bar charts, and circular diagrams. The overall atmosphere is one of high-tech innovation and data analysis.

**“Technology  
like art is a  
soaring  
exercise of  
the human  
imagination.”  
– Daniel Bell**

# What is a technology-driven society?

**A technology-driven society is one in which technological innovations facilitate or aid all forms of human interaction, communication, and engagement.**

It is a type of society where the businesses of the society are aided by technical and interdependent applications and hybrid software that allow for the smooth running of day-to-day activities.

# What is a technology-driven society? (Contd.)

A technology-driven society also utilises technology, especially information and communication technology (ICT), to harness its human and natural resources.

A technology-driven society is a global village on its own. It annexes the communicative and efficiency-facilitating power of various forms of technology to promote governance, leadership, education, livability, and sustainability within society.



# The Positive Impacts of a Technology-Driven Society

It ensures all-round development in politics, governance, and general administration

It facilitates financial transparency and  
prudence

It improves the economy via connectivity.

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It helps facilitate biomedical and allied health research that improves standards of living and life expectancy, such as in obstetrics, oncology, pediatrics, psychology, dietetics, etc.

It has improved security, including nuclear and biosecurity.

A technology-driven society is a breeding and thriving space for entrepreneurs and start-ups.

# When Technology Meets Government: E-Government in Perspective



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# What is E- Government?

And what does it have to offer  
Nigeria?

# What is E-Government?

E-government is the short for electronic government.

It is the use of technological communications devices, such as computers and the Internet, to provide public services to citizens and other persons in a country or region.

Electronic government refers to a system in where technology is adopted to make processes, transactions and all other forms of government service delivery efficient and cost-effective. This system also promotes transparency and quality service delivery.

**A society which adopts and implements e-government is a technology-driven society. It is a kind of society which utilizes the power of technology to solve its own problems and possibly, that of its neighbours.**

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# **The Impact of Technology on Various Sectors in Nigeria**

## **Impacts and Prospects**

# Governance, Politics & Administration



Good Health and Wellbeing constitute the third Sustainable Development Goal. With technology, a healthy nation can be achieved.

Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Switzerland, and Australia have the highest life expectancy rates in the world. Contrary to this, Nigeria in has one of the lowest life expectancy rates in the world at 61.4 years in 2022. Nigeria also has one of the poorest healthcare sectors in the world.

However, countries with excellent healthcare systems and higher life expectancy are driven by technology. Nigeria too, can get there if the power of technology is harnessed its products are evenly and judiciously distributed across the country.

# Agriculture and Agronomy



Technology will improve the systems of agriculture with agronomic technology which often aids the expansion and scope of agriculture from plantation to the production of finished goods.

Technology will help farmers access global farm markets, boost trade, and interact effectively in the community of farmers.

It will also help curb national, continental and global hunger crisis., which is the number one goal of Sustainable Development.

# Education

*Expect:*

- ❖ Quality and qualitative education.
- ❖ Access to global libraries and data bases.
- ❖ Global standard education.
- ❖ State-of-the-art facilities and equipment.



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# Climate Change

The world is currently feeling the catastrophic impacts of climate change. Rivers are drying up; polar icebergs are melting too. The wildfires in Australia and Spain and the flooding of Pakistan are cataclysmic evidence of effects of climate change.

The role of technology in averting this disaster is in three broad perspectives:

STUDY

PREDICT

PREVENT

Technology provides the affordances to study, predict and be able to prevent climate change. The world is ours and if we do not act swiftly and intelligently, we may lose it completely.

# Conclusion

In conclusion, a technology-driven society is that which promotes sustainability and liveability. As individuals and a people, what we should expect from a technology-driven society is positivity and advancement. While, technology may have its negative consequences, they only arise when we use it for the wrong cause or when it gets into the hands of the wrong person. Technology does not work in isolation, it needs people. It is the responsibility of you and I to make the world a better place.

**THANK**

**YOU**

