

Speech for EOY closure.

Intro excerpt

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Today, I want every data-driven mind out there to hear this clearly: brace yourself. A new era of technical advancement is coming in 2026 shaped by AI and we intend to be at the centre of it, not spectators on the sidelines.

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Greetings viewers, My name is Aminu Muhammed, and I serve as the Community Head of the BT-HUB Data Science Community.

Leading this community has been one of the most rewarding responsibilities I've carried. Over the year 2025, we've transformed curiosity into competence, and competence into measurable impact. Under my watch, the community has grown from a gathering of enthusiasts into a structured ecosystem where learning is practical, collaborative, and future-proof. We didn't just 'run sessions', we built capacity, nurtured talent, and created pathways for new data professionals to rise.

Our achievements speak for themselves. We hosted hands-on masterclasses, delivered mentorship programmes, and strengthened peer-learning culture. We ensured excellence wasn't an occasional visitor, it became the community's daily habit. Whether it was analytics, machine learning, programming, visualisation, or AI applications, we maintained a standard that pushed everyone a little further than they thought possible.

The journey so far? Remarkably eventful. We've moved from grassroots coordination to structured, quality-driven community development. And yes, it came with challenges, but we approached them like data scientists do: diagnose, analyse, improve, and deliver. That spirit has shaped everything we've built.

Our audience has grown from tens to hundreds, learners, professionals, undergraduates, researchers, and early-career analysts from across Nigeria and beyond. The impact is measurable: new careers launched, stronger portfolios created, and a network of individuals who no longer fear technology, but embrace it. We've trained and nurtured dozens of rising data professionals, equipping them with practical skills that stand firmly in the real world, not just in textbooks.

But 2026? That's where the momentum becomes a movement. Our plans include expanding our technical tracks, introducing Gen-AI-powered learning, strengthening our project-based ecosystem, launching our first Data Innovation Challenge, and opening more doors for mentorship, collaboration, and industry-focused training.

BT-HUB is ready for the future, and we're taking everyone willing to learn along with us. So stay tuned, stay prepared, and stay curious. The next phase isn't just growth; it's

transformation. And together, we'll build the next generation of African data professionals.