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Worldwide opposition to 5G includes elected officials who DO NOT want it because of risks to [biological health](#), cybersecurity (see [1](#), [2](#)), [environmental health](#), privacy, safety, and more. Many cities and countries have taken action against 5G including [banning it](#), issuing moratoriums, passing ordinances and resolutions, etc. (see [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)). Kudos to Nigerian officials for choosing to protect their citizens as well.

From [Environmental Health Trust](#):

*The Senate of Nigeria has directed the Federal Government to suspend the planned deployment of the Fifth Generation Network until the issue of health and safety is investigated. The motion was sponsored by Sen. Uche Ekwunife (PDP Anambra), who in her lead debate said there were growing concerns about the current status of 5G network in Nigeria.*

*A rapidly growing list of governments are investigating 5G amidst the growing awareness of health and environmental impacts. Many are suspending deployment while the issue is examined. Examples include [Slovenia](#), [Nigeria](#), [PaPau New](#)*

Guinea, Belgium, Netherlands, and Australia. Over 415 Cities in Italy, several Cantons in Switzerland, and several municipalities in the United Kingdom and Ireland have passed resolutions to halt the roll out.

There is a large and growing body of scientific evidence indicating that the densification of 5G and small cells will create serious health and environmental impacts due to the increased radiofrequency radiation exposure. [Read published research HERE.](#)

Thanks to Environmental Health Trust for also including a statement by the Nigerian Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami),

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Following growing concerns over the health implications of the 5G network, the Nigerian Government said it has not issued any licence for the deployment of the 5G network in the country. Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim stated that government would always take the welfare, health and security of the public into account while considering the deployment of any technology.

His [statement](#) reads “The attention of my office has been drawn to the public concern about the health implications of the deployment of Fifth Generation Mobile Networks (5G) in Nigeria. Based on available records at my office and the earlier report received from the regulator, I would like to clarify as follows:

i. The National Frequency Management Council (NFMC), of which I am the Chairman, has not deliberated on or released any bulk frequency spectrum for the deployment of 5G;

*ii. No license has been issued for the deployment of 5G in the country;*

*iii. A 3-month study trial commenced on the 25th of November, 2019 in order to critically review and study the health and security implications of deploying 5G in Nigeria;*

*iv. As part of the study trial process, I directed the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to ensure that a team of experts, security agencies and other stakeholders fully participate in the trial process and my office also invited these agencies to participate in the trial; and The trial process has been concluded and the study and reporting process is currently ongoing.*

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*Government will not act on the speculations only, but rather we will take an informed decision on 5G after due consultation with experts and the public. I have also directed the NCC to engage citizens on any questions or concerns they may have regarding 5G.*

*I wish to thank the general public for reaching out to us on this issue. We advise you all to remain rest assured that government will always take the welfare, health and security of the public into account while considering the deployment of any technology.*

*Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami), FNCS, FBCS, FIIM  
Honourable Minister of Communications and Digital Economy*

*4th of April 2020*

*["5G Wireless Expansion: Public Health and Environmental Implications"](#) is a research review that documents the range*

*of reported adverse effects of RF and millimeter waves—effects range from cancer to bacteria growth changes to DNA damage. The study concludes that “a moratorium on the deployment of 5G is warranted” and “the addition of this added high frequency 5G radiation to an already complex mix of lower frequencies, will contribute to a negative public health outcome ... from both physical and mental health perspectives” ([Russell 2018](#)).*

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