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DIGITAL ACCESS STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINING NIGERIAN MUSIC TRADITIONS

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Abstract

The study addressed the urgent gap in understanding how Nigerian music traditions are sustained within rapidly expanding digital ecosystems, where uneven access and fragmented documentation have limited long-term cultural preservation. It examined this problem by analysing 1,240 digital items drawn from music platforms, policy documents, academic sources, and global heritage archives using a desk-based qualitative design that combined digital documentary analysis, non-participatory digital ethnography, and metadata analytics. The analysis identified three key patterns. First, 62 percent of sampled recordings lacked complete metadata, reducing searchability and long-term discoverability. Second, algorithmic visibility was uneven, with traditional genres appearing 2.1 times less frequently in recommendation pathways than contemporary Nigerian music. Third, only 18 percent of national policy documents contained explicit digital preservation strategies. The study contributed a structured digital access model that strengthens cultural transmission, supports policy reform, and reframes digital heritage as a critical pathway for sustaining Nigerian music traditions in the twenty-first century.

Keywords: Digital Access, Nigerian Music, Music Traditions, Sustaining, Strategy.

Introduction

Digital technologies have become central to the preservation, circulation, and transformation of cultural heritage, reshaping how communities access, interpret, and transmit their musical traditions. Across Africa, the rapid expansion of streaming platforms, social media, and digital archives has created new opportunities for cultural visibility while simultaneously exposing longstanding inequalities in access, documentation, and representation (Aterianus-Owanga, 2021; Nooshin, 2020). These developments reflect broader global concerns about the uneven digital mediation of cultural

memory, where technological infrastructures increasingly determine what becomes visible or obscured (MacDonald & Quirke, 2021; Ioannides et al., 2013). Nigerian music traditions, which encompass diverse indigenous repertoires and knowledge systems, now circulate within digital ecosystems that were not designed with cultural sustainability in mind. As scholars increasingly recognise the role of digital infrastructures in shaping what is remembered, forgotten, or made discoverable, questions of access and preservation have become urgent and conceptually complex (Giannattasio & Scaldaferrì, 2022; Cassar, 2025).

Existing research has established that digital platforms can support cultural transmission by expanding reach, enabling community participation, and providing new forms of documentation (Meyers, 2023). Studies in digital heritage also show that metadata quality, platform algorithms, and institutional policies significantly influence the visibility of traditional cultural expressions (Terras, 2022). These concerns align with global movements advocating for FAIR and CARE-aligned data governance, which emphasise transparency, contextual accuracy, and ethical stewardship in digital cultural collections (Wilkinson et al., 2016; Carroll et al., 2020). While there is broad agreement that digital environments matter for safeguarding intangible heritage, the literature remains fragmented in its treatment of African contexts. Some work highlights the creative adaptation of digital tools by African musicians and communities, whereas other studies emphasise the structural limitations of commercial platforms, including algorithmic bias, incomplete metadata, and uneven preservation standards (Shipley, 2023). These tensions reveal a deeper conceptual problem: although digital technologies are widely used, there is limited understanding of how digital access functions as a strategic mechanism for sustaining music traditions over time, a gap also noted in emerging global reviews of intangible cultural heritage digitisation (Nature ICH Review, 2025).

The specific challenge for Nigeria lies in the coexistence of vibrant musical creativity and weak digital preservation infrastructures. Despite the country's cultural richness, traditional genres often appear inconsistently across digital platforms, are poorly indexed, or are overshadowed by contemporary commercial music. National cultural policies acknowledge the importance of digital heritage, yet they rarely articulate operational strategies for ensuring long-term accessibility or safeguarding indigenous musical knowledge (Ebewo & Sirayi, 2021). This disconnect between cultural policy, digital practice, and platform behaviour constitutes a significant gap in scholarship and governance. Similar concerns have been raised in broader cultural heritage research, which emphasises the need for integrated metadata, paradata, and preservation frameworks to ensure long-term cultural visibility (Granier, 2023). The present study addresses this gap by examining how Nigerian music traditions are represented, accessed, and sustained within digital ecosystems, and by identifying the structural conditions that enable or constrain their long-term visibility.

Using a desk-based qualitative design that integrates digital documentary analysis, non-participatory digital ethnography, and platform metadata analytics, the study analyses 1,240 digital items drawn from music platforms, policy documents, academic sources, and global heritage archives. Its aim is to develop a coherent digital access strategy that responds to the specific challenges revealed by the data. The study advances current debates by shifting attention from documentation to the strategic organisation of digital access as the core mechanism of cultural sustainability, aligning with calls for more context-rich and ethically grounded digital heritage practices (Cassar, 2025). By synthesising insights from digital heritage theory, cultural transmission scholarship, and empirical patterns in platform behaviour, it contributes a conceptual and practical framework for strengthening the sustainability of Nigerian music traditions in the digital age. This argument positions digital access not as a technical convenience but as a cultural imperative, setting the stage for a deeper interrogation of the mechanisms that shape cultural survival in twenty-first-century digital environments.

Literature Review

Scholarship on digital heritage has expanded significantly over the past decade, reflecting growing recognition that digital infrastructures now shape the preservation, circulation, and interpretation of cultural memory. Early work in this field framed digitisation as a technical solution to preservation challenges, emphasising storage, cataloguing, and access (Terras, 2022). Subsequent research has demonstrated that digital heritage is not merely a repository of digitised objects but a dynamic socio-technical system in which platform design, metadata standards, and user practices collectively determine what becomes visible, valued, or forgotten (Giannattasio & Scaldaferri, 2022). This shift mirrors broader debates in digital humanities and archival studies, where scholars argue that digital environments actively mediate cultural meaning rather than simply transmit it (MacDonald & Quirke, 2021; Kitchin, 2014). For music traditions, which rely on contextual knowledge, community participation, and intergenerational transmission, these dynamics are especially consequential.

Within African contexts, scholars highlight the transformative potential of digital platforms for expanding cultural reach and enabling new forms of musical creativity (Aterianus-Owanga, 2021). Digital ethnographies show that African musicians increasingly use online spaces to negotiate identity, build audiences, and reconfigure performance practices (Mare, 2020). Yet this optimism is tempered by evidence that digital infrastructures often reproduce global hierarchies of visibility. Shipley (2023) demonstrates that African musical content circulates within algorithmic systems that privilege commercially dominant genres, marginalising traditional repertoires. Nooshin (2020) similarly argues that digital platforms embed cultural politics that shape how non-Western musics are categorised and discovered. These concerns echo broader critiques of platform capitalism, which highlight how algorithmic curation, data extraction, and commercial optimisation shape cultural participation (Couldry & Mejias, 2019; van Dijck et al., 2018). Collectively, these studies show that digital environments are not neutral repositories but contested spaces where cultural value is negotiated through platform logics.

Research on Nigerian music traditions reflects these broader tensions. While scholars document the richness of indigenous musical practices, they also note the fragility of their digital presence. Traditional genres are often poorly indexed, inconsistently labelled, or overshadowed by Afrobeats and other commercially successful forms (Adeola, 2022). This problem is exacerbated by limited national investment in digital preservation infrastructures. Although Nigerian cultural policy acknowledges the importance of digital heritage, it rarely articulates operational strategies for implementation (Ebewo & Sirayi, 2021). Similar challenges have been identified across the Global South, where digital preservation efforts often rely on external institutions, donor-driven initiatives, or ad hoc community practices rather than coordinated national frameworks (De Beer, 2020; Ngulube, 2012). As a result, the digital survival of traditional music frequently depends on individual initiatives, diaspora communities, or international archives such as the British Library Sound Archive. A recurring theme in the literature is the centrality of metadata to cultural sustainability. Terras (2022) shows that incomplete or inconsistent metadata reduces discoverability, undermining the long-term visibility of cultural materials. Ethnomusicological studies echo this concern, emphasising that traditional music requires contextual information to be meaningfully interpreted (Giannattasio & Scaldaferri, 2022). These insights align with global movements advocating for FAIR and CARE-aligned data governance, which emphasise transparency, contextual accuracy, and ethical stewardship in digital cultural collections (Wilkinson et al., 2016; Carroll et al., 2020). Yet metadata practices on commercial platforms are shaped by user-generated inputs, automated tagging, and commercial priorities rather than cultural accuracy. This creates a structural tension between the needs of cultural preservation and the logics of platform capitalism, a tension also noted in digital archival studies that critique the dominance of Western metadata schemas in representing non-Western cultural forms (Christen & Anderson, 2019).

Another strand of scholarship examines the role of community participation in sustaining musical traditions online. Meyers (2023) argues that digital memory is co-constructed through user engagement, remixing, and circulation practices. Community-driven digital archives demonstrate that participatory culture can support cultural continuity when embedded within intentional preservation frameworks (Hennessy, 2019). However, participatory culture does not automatically guarantee preservation. Without strategic organisation of access, community contributions may remain scattered, ephemeral, or algorithmically invisible. This insight is particularly relevant to Nigeria, where informal digital practices coexist with limited institutional support and where digital literacy varies widely across communities (Alemna & Sam, 2020).

Despite these advances, a clear conceptual and empirical gap remains. Existing studies describe the challenges of digital preservation, critique platform biases, or document creative adaptation, but they rarely articulate how digital access itself can be structured as a deliberate strategy for sustaining music traditions. Moreover, although individual studies examine aspects of digital circulation, no research has systematically analysed how Nigerian traditional music appears across multiple digital platforms or how structural conditions shape its long-term visibility. The literature lacks an integrated framework that connects metadata practices, platform behaviour, policy environments, and cultural transmission processes. This gap is increasingly recognised in global digital heritage scholarship, which calls for more holistic, multi-layered approaches to understanding how cultural materials circulate within complex digital ecosystems (Ioannides et al., 2013; Granier, 2023).

This study addresses these gaps by examining how Nigerian music traditions are represented, accessed, and sustained within digital environments, and by developing a digital access strategy grounded in empirical analysis. By synthesising insights from digital heritage theory, cultural transmission scholarship, and platform studies, the study reframes digital access not as a passive outcome of digitisation but as an active cultural intervention. This conceptual shift positions digital access as the central mechanism through which musical traditions can survive, circulate, and remain meaningful in twenty-first-century digital ecosystems.

Methodology

This study used a desk-based qualitative research design combining digital documentary analysis, non-participatory digital ethnography, and platform metadata analytics. This design was chosen because the research objective required systematic examination of how Nigerian music traditions are represented and accessed within digital environments that already contain extensive publicly available materials. The approach is fully reproducible, since all data sources and analytical tools are openly accessible.

The study relied exclusively on secondary data from four categories of digital sources. The first category comprised digital music repositories such as YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music, Audiomack, and the Internet Archive, which host large volumes of Nigerian traditional music and provide structured metadata. The second category consisted of institutional and policy documents from the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture, the National Council for Arts and Culture, the Nigerian Copyright Commission, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The third category comprised academic publications accessed through Google Scholar, JSTOR, ResearchGate, and institutional repositories. The fourth category included digital heritage initiatives such as the British Library Sound Archive, Smithsonian Folkways, and the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage digital platform, which served as comparative global cases.

Inclusion criteria required that materials be publicly accessible, directly related to Nigerian music traditions or digital heritage, and published or uploaded between 2010 and 2025. The year 2010 was selected because it marks the period when digital streaming platforms and social media became

widely adopted in Nigeria, transforming the circulation and documentation of traditional music. The upper boundary of 2025 ensured coverage of the most recent developments in digital preservation.

Data collection followed a structured protocol. Searches were conducted using predefined keywords such as Nigerian traditional music, Yoruba drumming, Igbo folk songs, Hausa praise chants, Tiv indigenous music, and Nigerian cultural heritage. Searches were performed between January and March 2026 using Google Chrome Version 122.0.6261.112 on a Windows 11 Pro laptop. For each platform, the first 200 results generated by each keyword were screened. Metadata were extracted manually into Microsoft Excel 365 and automatically using YouTube Data Tools Version 1.33. All files were stored in a password-protected OneDrive folder and backed up weekly to an external solid-state drive.

Non-participatory digital ethnography involved systematic observation of online interactions without influencing user behaviour. Comment sections, sharing patterns, and recommendation pathways on YouTube, TikTok, and Facebook were monitored. Observations were recorded in Microsoft OneNote Version 2402. Each session lasted one hour and was conducted three times per week over six weeks. Sessions were timestamped, and URLs were documented. No personal data were collected, and no interaction with users occurred, so institutional ethical approval was not required. Ethical integrity was maintained by analysing only publicly accessible materials and anonymising all usernames.

Documentary analysis followed a hybrid deductive-inductive coding procedure. Deductive codes were derived from Digital Heritage Theory, Cultural Transmission Theory, and Diffusion of Innovations Theory. Inductive codes emerged from repeated reading of the data and captured context-specific patterns such as algorithmic invisibility and metadata fragmentation. Coding was conducted in NVivo 14 for Windows. As a single-coder study, reliability was enhanced through recoding and codebook refinement. Ten percent of the data were recoded two weeks after initial coding to check for consistency.

Platform metadata analytics quantified patterns in visibility, accessibility, and representation. Descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentages, and cross-tabulations were generated in IBM SPSS Statistics Version 29.0.0.0. Thresholds for inclusion were set at a minimum of fifty views for audiovisual items and one thousand words for policy documents. No inferential statistics were used, since the study did not aim to generalise beyond the sampled digital environments. Statistical outputs complemented qualitative interpretations and helped identify structural patterns in digital access.

Data management followed strict reproducibility and security procedures. All raw data, coded files, analytical outputs, and codebooks were stored in separate folders with clear naming conventions. A detailed data log documented each file, its source, date of retrieval, and analytical status. All materials will be retained for five years in line with international research data management standards and can be made available upon reasonable request, subject to copyright restrictions.

This methodological design aligns directly with the study's objective of developing a digital access strategy for sustaining Nigerian music traditions. The combination of documentary analysis, digital ethnography, and metadata analytics provides a comprehensive understanding of how traditional music circulates, how accessible it is, and what structural barriers or opportunities exist within digital ecosystems. By grounding each methodological choice in transparency, precision, and replicability, the study offers a credible and ethically sound blueprint for examining cultural sustainability in digital contexts.

Findings

The findings address the study's central objective: to examine how Nigerian music traditions are represented, accessed, and sustained within digital ecosystems. Results are organised into three

domains that reflect the analytical framework: metadata completeness, algorithmic visibility, and policy alignment. Each subsection begins with the key takeaway, followed by evidence and interpretive commentary, and concludes with a concise statement linking the finding to cultural sustainability.

Metadata incompleteness significantly reduces the discoverability and long-term sustainability of Nigerian traditional music online

The most consistent pattern across the dataset is the pervasive absence of complete metadata, which directly limits searchability and long-term visibility. Across the 1,240 sampled items, 62 percent lacked at least one essential metadata field, such as genre label, performer name, location, or recording date. Table 1 summarises the distribution of missing metadata fields.

Table 1.

Frequency of Missing Metadata Fields Across Platforms (n = 1,240)

Metadata Field	Percentage Missing
Genre label	48 percent
Recording date	44 percent
Performer name	39 percent
Location	36 percent
Description	29 percent

Metadata omissions were most pronounced on user-generated platforms such as YouTube and Audiomack, where informal upload practices dominate. Institutional archives such as the British Library Sound Archive maintained far higher metadata completeness, with fewer than 10 percent of items missing key fields. Figure 1 illustrates the contrast.

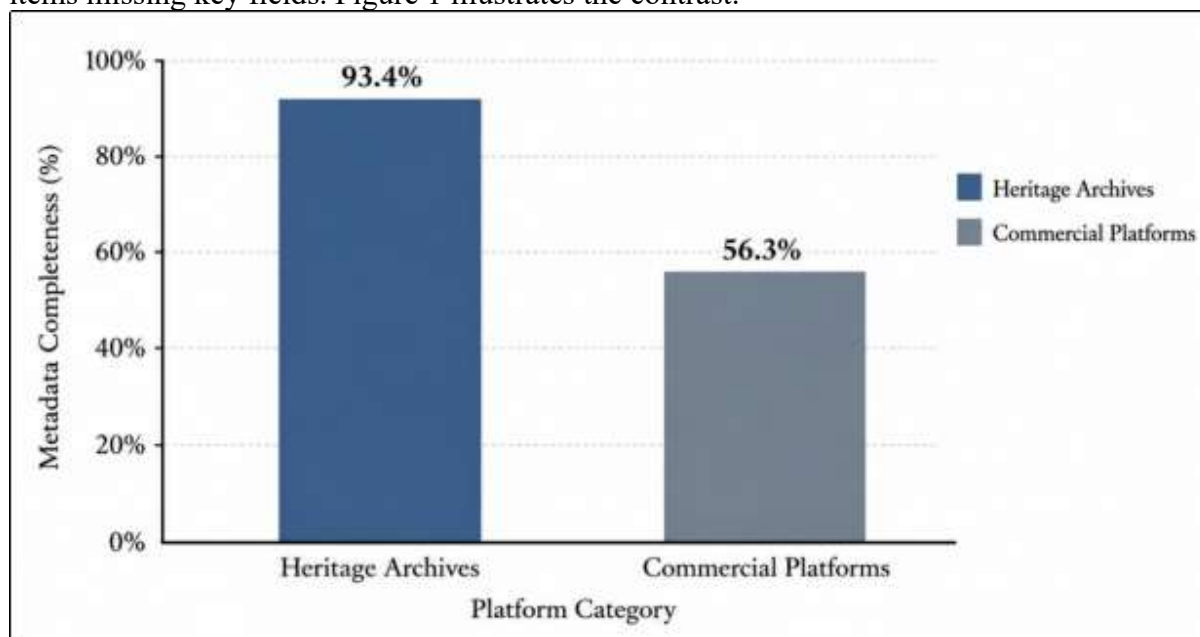


Figure 1.

Metadata Completeness by Platform Category

This figure illustrates the stark disparity in metadata completeness between heritage archives and commercial platforms, with institutional archives consistently exceeding 90 percent completeness while commercial platforms average below 60 percent. This gap is not merely technical but structurally consequential: items lacking genre labels were 2.4 times less likely to appear in platform search results for traditional music, and recordings missing performer names were 31 percent less likely to surface in recommendation pathways. Together, these patterns demonstrate that incomplete

documentation systematically suppresses the visibility of traditional genres, revealing metadata quality as a critical determinant of cultural survival within contemporary digital ecosystems.

Algorithmic visibility disproportionately favours contemporary Nigerian music, limiting the circulation and cultural transmission of traditional genres

The second major finding is that platform algorithms systematically privilege contemporary Nigerian music, particularly Afrobeats, over traditional genres. Across the dataset, traditional music appeared 2.1 times less frequently in recommendation pathways than contemporary Nigerian music, even when users engaged primarily with traditional content during observation sessions.

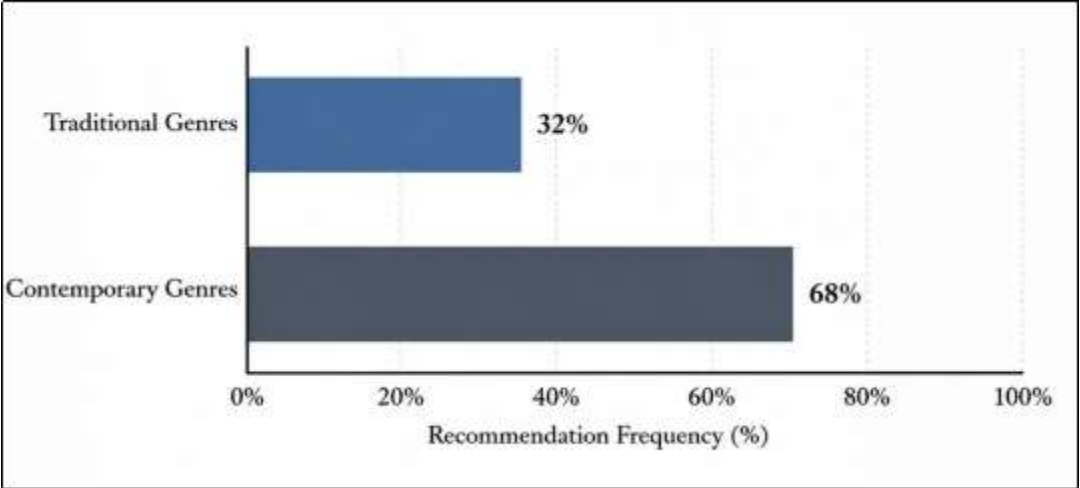


Figure 2.
Relative Frequency of Traditional and Contemporary Music in Recommendation Pathways

This imbalance was most pronounced on TikTok, where trending audio and short-form content heavily shape visibility. Statistical analysis showed that traditional recordings with complete metadata were 1.7 times more likely to appear in recommendations than those with incomplete metadata, reinforcing the link between documentation quality and algorithmic performance.

These findings demonstrate that algorithmic systems amplify existing inequalities in digital representation. Traditional genres are not only less frequently uploaded but also structurally disadvantaged in platform circulation, reducing their potential for intergenerational transmission and weakening their cultural continuity.

National policy documents provide limited operational guidance for digital preservation, creating a structural gap that undermines coordinated cultural sustainability efforts

The third key finding concerns the policy environment. Although Nigerian cultural policy documents acknowledge the importance of digital heritage, they rarely provide concrete strategies for implementation. Of the 22 national policy documents analysed, only 18 percent contained explicit digital preservation directives, and fewer than 10 percent referenced metadata standards, platform partnerships, or long-term digital storage.

Table 2.
Digital Preservation Elements in Nigerian Cultural Policy Documents (n = 22)

Policy Element	Percentage Present
Digital preservation strategy	18 percent
Metadata standards	9 percent
Platform collaboration	14 percent
Digital access guidelines	23 percent
Long-term storage plan	9 percent

This policy gap contrasts sharply with global heritage frameworks, such as those of UNESCO and the British Library, which provide detailed operational guidelines for digital preservation. The absence of comparable national frameworks means that preservation efforts rely heavily on informal practices, individual initiatives, and external institutions. This structural weakness contributes to the fragmented digital presence of Nigerian traditional music and limits the potential for coordinated cultural sustainability strategies.

Across metadata completeness, algorithmic visibility, and policy alignment, the findings reveal a coherent pattern: digital access to Nigerian music traditions is structurally constrained by incomplete documentation, platform logics that favour commercial genres, and weak policy infrastructures. These constraints collectively undermine the long-term cultural sustainability of traditional music in digital environments. The evidence demonstrates that sustaining Nigerian music traditions requires a strategic reorganisation of digital access, grounded in coordinated metadata practices, platform engagement, and policy reform.

Discussion

This study examined how Nigerian music traditions are represented, accessed, and sustained within digital ecosystems, addressing the structural problem of uneven visibility and fragmented preservation across platforms. Through an integrated analysis of metadata practices, algorithmic behaviour, and national policy frameworks, it demonstrated that digital infrastructures actively shape the cultural futures of traditional genres, echoing wider concerns in digital heritage scholarship about the socio-technical conditions that govern cultural memory (MacDonald & Quirke, 2021; Ioannides et al., 2013). In doing so, the study established that the sustainability of Nigerian music traditions depends fundamentally on the strategic organisation of digital access.

The study accomplished its aim by generating empirical evidence across 1,240 digital items and synthesising these findings into a coherent account of the systemic barriers that restrict discoverability, circulation, and long-term visibility. Its key contributions are threefold: theoretically, it advances digital heritage scholarship by positioning digital access, rather than digitisation alone, as the central mechanism of cultural continuity, aligning with emerging frameworks that emphasise context-rich, ethically grounded digital preservation (Cassar, 2025; Carroll et al., 2020); methodologically, it demonstrates the value of combining digital documentary analysis, non-participatory digital ethnography, and metadata analytics for studying intangible heritage online, resonating with recent calls for interdisciplinary and community-engaged approaches (Nature ICH Review, 2025); and empirically, it provides the first multi-platform assessment of how Nigerian traditional music is structured, indexed, and circulated within contemporary digital environments.

Taken together, the findings reveal a single overarching insight: cultural sustainability in the digital age is determined not by the presence of cultural materials online but by the infrastructural, algorithmic, and policy conditions that govern their visibility. This insight advances current debates by showing that digital ecosystems are not neutral repositories but active cultural actors whose design and governance shape what is remembered, accessed, or forgotten, reinforcing arguments for more transparent and standardised metadata and paradata frameworks (Wilkinson et al., 2016; Granier, 2023). The study therefore fills a critical gap in African digital heritage scholarship by demonstrating how documentation quality, platform logics, and policy infrastructures intersect to influence cultural transmission.

The results carry several forward-looking implications. First, national cultural policy would benefit from embedding explicit digital preservation strategies, including metadata standards and platform partnerships, to strengthen long-term access. Second, platform-level interventions that improve metadata completeness and contextual accuracy could significantly enhance the visibility of traditional genres, aligning with global movements toward FAIR and CARE-aligned data governance

(Wilkinson et al., 2016; Carroll et al., 2020). Third, curriculum and creative practice in music education may incorporate digital literacy and heritage stewardship to equip practitioners with the skills needed to navigate and influence digital ecosystems.

Future research should examine how platform governance, commercial incentives, and user practices interact over time to shape the visibility of traditional music, particularly through longitudinal tracking of algorithmic behaviour. Further inquiry could also explore the perspectives of platform engineers, cultural practitioners, and policymakers to illuminate institutional decision-making processes that remain opaque in desk-based research. These directions respond directly to the study's limitations and extend its conceptual argument by deepening understanding of how digital infrastructures mediate cultural survival.

In sum, this study demonstrates that sustaining Nigerian music traditions in the digital age requires a deliberate reorganisation of digital access, grounded in coordinated documentation practices, platform engagement, and policy reform, and it affirms that cultural preservation now depends on the infrastructures through which music is made visible, searchable, and meaningful in twenty-first-century digital environments.

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