

LEAD DEBATE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FORESTRY TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH, BIRNIN GWARI, KADUNA (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) BILL, 2019 (SB 120)

Sponsor: Senator Uba Sani (*Kaduna Central*)

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to lead the debate on the general principles of the Federal College of Forestry Technology and Research, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2019. The Bill was read for the first time in this Hallowed Chamber on Tuesday, 26th November 2019.

Forests are critical to human survival. They provide social and economic benefits. Their contributions to the overall economy of our country are enormous. The Forest sector provides employment. There is the processing and trade of forest products and energy.

The contributions of the forests to national development include the hosting and protection of sites and landscapes of high cultural, spiritual and recreational value. Maintaining and enhancing these functions is an integral part of sustainable forest management. The forestry sector is interrelated with other sectors such as agriculture, natural resources management, education, tourism, infrastructure and trade.

The management of forests is a matter of high public importance in a country like Nigeria that has substantial forest resources. The policies governing such management may determine in the long run a nation's economic survival. A heavy responsibility therefore rests on forest officers to provide public understanding of the importance of forests and to develop public support for necessary legal and administrative measures to ensure sound management of forests.

It is important for foresters to have cutting - edge education. Forestry as a profession is becoming increasingly complex. Forestry now draws extensively upon the physical sciences and engineering, upon biology and

applied ecology, and upon the social sciences of economics and resource management.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the establishment of the Federal College of Forestry Technology and Research, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State, is therefore an important step in upscaling the knowledge and skills of our forest managers to keep pace with advances in forestry research and technology.

Some of the objectives of the College as outlined in the Bill are:

- a) To carry out research, training, extension and dissemination of findings in forestry technology, development, applied science, commerce and management;
- b) To improve genetic resources of forest trees and ecosystem for economic development;
- c) To research on the control of pest and diseases of forest trees;
- d) To conduct research into the different suitable biological materials and appropriate methods of control of ecological and environmental problems of the country in respect to desertification, soil erosion and deforestation;
- e) To make suitable arrangements for the application of the result of the research work by the federal, state governments and the private sector for the economic development of Nigeria;
- f) To carry out such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the area of industrial and agricultural production and distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of forestry techniques as the Council may from time to time determine;

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, if Nigeria is to become one of the world's leading economies as is currently being pursued by this

administration, we must be ready to commit adequate funds to some critical sectors of the economy, amongst which education is one of the most critical.

The Federal College of Forestry Technology and Research, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna, when established will bring about significant developments and ideas in the many facets of forestry, which includes but is not limited to Economics, Education, Communication, Entomology and Pathology, Fire, Forest ecology, Geospatial technologies, History, International forestry, Measurements, Policy, Recreation, Silviculture, Social sciences, Soils and hydrology, Urban and community forestry, Utilization and Engineering, and Wildlife Management. The College will also make significant contributions to economic diversification through expanding the frontier of Agro-Forestry especially now that cashew, Shea butter, mango, guava among others are becoming prominent in our export and local industrial crops.

I therefore urge Mr. President and my respected colleagues, to support that this bill be read the second time.

In line with Order 77(3) of the Senate Standing Orders 2015 (as amended), a compendium of the financial implications of the establishment of Federal College of Forestry Technology and Research, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State is hereby attached.

Thank you.

COMPENDIUM OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FORESTRY TECHNOLOGY
AND RESEARCH, BIRNIN GWARI, KADUNA STATE (EST, ETC) BILL, 2020
(SB.120).

Sponsored by Senator Sani, Uba (*Kaduna Central*)

In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Rules of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with respect to the procedure of Bills, Compendium and Consolidation, which states inter alia that "On the introduction of a Bill, a compendium of background information and financial implications of such Bills if passed into Law shall be delivered to all Senators", the following compilation with regard to the aforementioned Bill is herewith presented for the general information of senators.

It is worthy of note that the compilation shown below is a summary of the anticipated recurrent and capital expenditure in the first twelve months immediately following the commencement of this Act.

TOTAL: FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FORESTRY TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH, BIRNIN GWARI, KADUNA STATE	1,126,529,588
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	1,126,529,588.
PERSONNEL COST	737,640,699
SALARY:	655,680,621
SALARIES AND WAGES	655,680,621
CONSOLIDATED SALARY	655,680,621
ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION:	81,960,078
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NON REGULAR ALLOWANCES:	32,784,031
FOREIGN SERVICE ALLOWANCE:	49,176,047
TOTAL GOODS AND NON-PERSONAL SERVICES GENERAL	111,111,111
OVERHEAD COST:	111,111,111
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT GENERAL:	111,111,111
LOCAL TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: TRAINING:	111,111,111
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF FIXED ASSETS - GENERAL:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE:	277,777,778
TOTAL PERSONNEL:	737,640,699
TOTAL OVERHEAD:	111,111,111
TOTAL RECURRENT:	848,751,810
TOTAL CAPITAL:	277,777,778
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	1,126,529,588