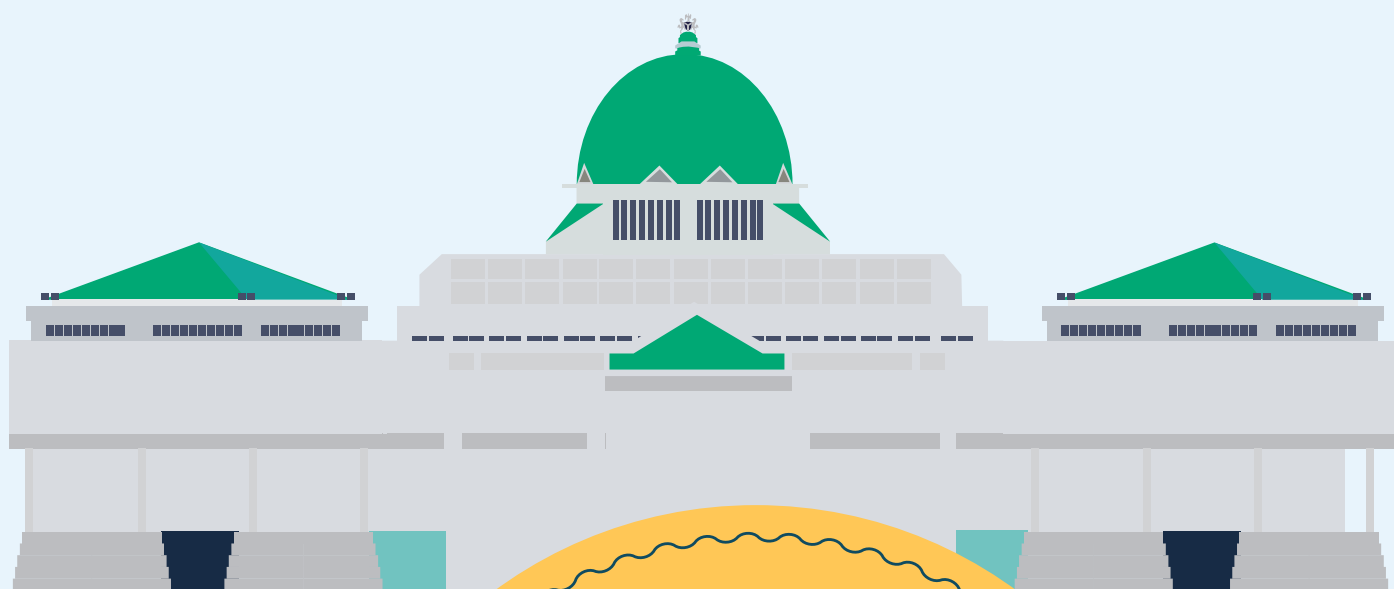


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# **MODEL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**



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# Introduction

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Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre commenced its 2022 Legislative Internship programme in October 2022 with 38 (thirty-eight) young professionals drawn from Nigeria's six geo-political zones and the Federal Capital Territory. The interns were deployed to various committees in the Senate and House of Representatives to learn legislative practices and procedures to improve their understanding of the National Assembly.

As part of the Internship programme, interns are to carry out a re-enactment of a legislative plenary session through the medium of a Mock Legislative Assembly which is patterned after a typical plenary session of the House of Representatives. At the one-day mock plenary session, interns will take on the role of the principal officers and Honourable members to deliberate on topical issues affecting the country.

PLAC's legislative Internship Programme is supported by the European Union to enhance citizen's understanding and participation in the processes of the National Assembly and also to provide a platform for persons from marginalized groups to realize their leadership ambitions and imagine their future leadership potential.

## PRE-ACTIVITIES

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Sequel to the mock legislative plenary session, interns had practiced their roles at various times at the PLAC office and the National Assembly. Interns had also conducted elections to select principal officers from among themselves for the MLA programme.

The following person emerged as Principal Officers of the MLA:

1. Speaker- **Mark Adefolawe Okhakumhe**
2. Deputy Speaker- **Eniola Omolola Bisiriyu**
3. Majority Leader- **Khalifar Nasir**
4. Deputy Majority Leader- **Lauretta Anase Ikyagba**
5. Minority Leader- **Sarah Charles Okon**
6. Deputy Minority Leader- **Sadiq Muritala Adewale**
7. Chief Whip - **Paul Oluwadamilola Owoyemi**
8. Deputy Chief Whip - **Msughter Gideon Unyoosu**
9. Minority Whip- **Isaac Akinlade**
10. Deputy Minority Whip - **Usman Adam Jakusko**
11. Clerk- **Abubakar Sunusi Muhammad**
12. Sergeant-At- Arms- **Ayebapriye Ayebaifie Oruwor**

# MLA Elections Photo Story



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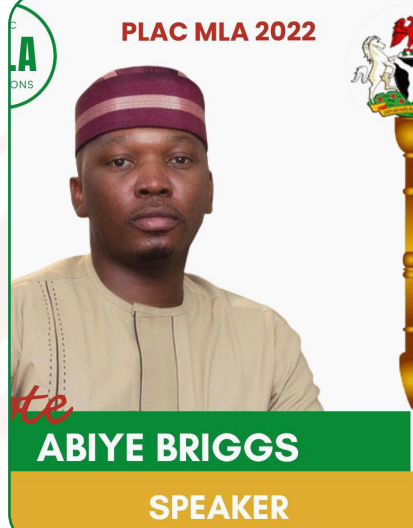
★ **MIAZOR EKOM** ★  
*for*  
**MINORITY LEADER**

*It takes Ekomunity*



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ELECTION

**VOTE**  
*Amerah Aliyu*  
**SPEAKER**



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**ABIYE BRIGGS**  
**SPEAKER**



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**AYEBAPRIYE ORUWORI**  
FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



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*Vote*  
**LAURETTA IKYAAGBA**  
*For*  
**Deputy Majority Leader**



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ASSEMBLY

FOR AN MLA THAT IS:

- Modelled after what should be and not just what is.
- Fun, skill building and an extensive learning experience
- Objective, where all opinions will be heard, respect is mutual and debates are illuminating.

**VOTE**  
**MARK OKHAKUMHE**  
for **SPEAKER**



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EXPERIENCED  
TESTED &  
TRUSTED

**SADIQ MURITALA ADEWALE**  
*For*  
**SPEAKER**



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**HABIBA GULMA** ★  
FOR DEPUTY SPEAKER

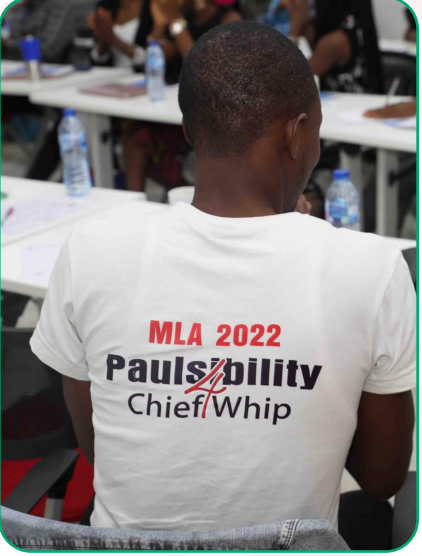
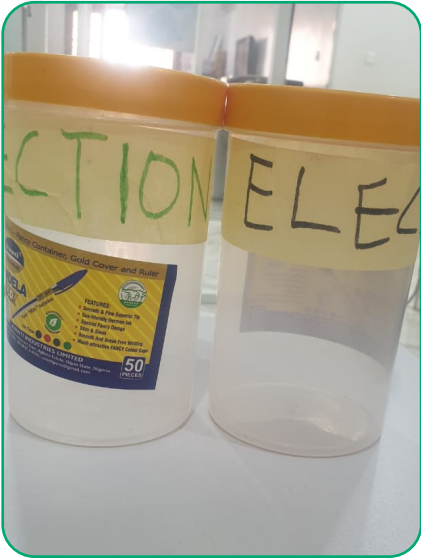


LIP '22  
ELECTION

**VOTE**  
 **SHEDRACK NWAOKOCHA**  
FOR MAJORITY LEADER

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# MLA Elections Photo Story (cont'd)



# Agenda

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TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00am- 10:00am	<b>Registration of Participants</b>  Guests, Resource Persons and Interns are seated
10:00am- 10:30am	<b>SESSION ONE : WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY</b>  Introduction of guests, resource persons and participants  Welcome Remarks <b>Clement Nwankwo</b> Executive Director, PLAC  Goodwill Remarks <b>European Union (EU)</b>  Goodwill Remarks/Keynote <b>Senator Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi</b> Deputy Chief Whip, Senate National Assembly
10:30am- 11:00am	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
11:00am-12.00 noon	<b>SESSION TWO: MOCK LEGISLATIVE SESSION</b>  <b>Plenary Session by Interns of 2022 Model Legislative Assembly</b>  <b>Mark Okhakhume (Edo)</b> Speaker, 2022 Model Legislative Assembly (MLA)  <b>Eniola Bisiriyu (Lagos)</b> Deputy Speaker, 2022 Model Legislative Assembly (MLA)

TIME	ACTIVITY
12:00pm- 12:30pm	<p><b>SESSION THREE: OBSERVATIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM PANELISTS</b></p> <p><b>Hon. Chinyere Igwe</b> Honourable Member (Port Harcourt 2 Federal Constituency)</p> <p><b>Dr. Rahila Ahmadu</b> Former Director, National Secretariat of Nigerian Legislatures</p> <p><b>Mr. Benjamin Ekeyi</b> Legislative and Parliamentary Policy Expert</p>
12:30pm- 1:00pm	<p><b>PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND PHOTO SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Clement Nwankwo</b> Executive Director, Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC)</p>
1:00 pm- 1:30pm	<p><b>WRAP UP &amp; LUNCH</b></p>

# Votes and Proceedings Produced for the Model Legislative Assembly

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FOURTH REPUBLIC  
8TH MODEL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOURTH SESSION  
No. 7

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## MODEL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 12 December 2021

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1. The House met at 11:03 a.m. Madam Speaker read the prayers
2. The House recited the National Pledge

### 3. Votes and Proceedings

*Madam Speaker Announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 8 December 2021*

*The Votes and Proceedings adopted by unanimous consent*

### 4. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read for the *First Time*:

1. North Central Housing Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1479)
2. South East Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1480)
3. National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1481)

### 5. Presentation of Report(s)

(i) *Committee on Human Rights:*

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Human Rights Commission Act, Cap. N46, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) and enact the National Human Rights Commission Bill to strengthen the Commission to conduct Investigations and Sustain Activities in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB 1072)" (Hon. Ene Mary Omale — Ogbadigo Federal Constituency)*

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid*

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**6. Presentation of Report(s)**

(ii) *Committee on Human Rights:*

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Human Rights Commission Act, Cap. N46, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) and enact the National Human Rights Commission Bill to strengthen the Commission to conduct Investigations and Sustain Activities in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB 1072)” (Hon. Ene Mary Omale — Ogbadigo Federal Constituency)*

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**7. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Family Planning and Population Control Norms to Regulate the Fertility and Childbearing Rate in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1430) — *Second Reading***

*Debate*

*Debate adjourned for further scrutiny of the Bill*

**8. A Bill for an Act to Establish a Specialized Cocoa Institute, Ilaje, Ondo State, to cultivate, explore and harness cocoa farming and charge it with the responsibility of producing refined products for local and international trade and perform regulatory functions and for related matters (HB. 1431) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the Bill for an Act to Establish a Specialized Cocoa Institute, Ilaje, Ondo State, to cultivate, explore and harness cocoa farming and charge it with the responsibility of producing refined products for local and international trade and perform regulatory functions; and for Related Matters (HB. 1431) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Jakusko Aminu — Dederi Federal Constituency)*

*Debate*

*Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second Time*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions*

**9. Need to Curb the Rising Cases of Highway Robbery and Kidnapping Along Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja Expressway**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that 15 years after the award of the contract for the dualisation of the 200km road which connects the South-East, South-South and South-West geopolitical zones to the nation's capital; it is yet to be completed;

*Aware* that the road was originally constructed to ease travellers' movement but has in the past 24 months, been infamous for the activities of criminal elements, abducting unsuspecting commuters and motorists for ransoms;

*Worried* that the presence of security personnel on that road is barely enough to checkmate these nefarious activities;

*Concerned* that if nothing is done to curb future occurrences, these criminals would continue to perpetuate their ungodly acts,

*Also concerned* that since these hoodlums have taken centre stage on the road, no one has been caught or even prosecuted for the criminal acts.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to provide adequate security checkpoints/ patrol on the Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja expressway;
- (ii) Urge the Minister of Works and Housing to complete the road and installation of streetlights within a deadline.

*Agreed to.*

**(HR.212/12/2021)**

**10. Urgent Need to Address the Issue of Drug Abuse Among Young People in the North-East Zone of Nigeria:**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House*

**11. Urgent Need for the Federal Government to Set up a Price Regulatory Agency to Regulate the Prices of Foodstuffs**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the dawn of each day presents Nigerians with a hike in the price of one or more commodities especially foodstuff in our markets;

*Also notes* that food is necessary for humans to exist, reproduce, be mentally and physically active, develop and coexist.

*Concerned* that this regular hike in the prices of foodstuffs is capable of influencing the activities of the citizens, especially in what they do to get money to afford these commodities;



*Also concerned* that the continuous hike of foodstuffs will deny many Nigerians of food, thereby pushing them into committing crimes to earn a living and further compounding our already existing security challenges;

*Aware* that a good number of the food commodities such as palm oil, rice, beans, plantain, yams, tomatoes, and garri to mention but a few are locally cultivated and processed

*Also aware* that the hike is also influenced by the weakness of the Naira in the capital market, panic buying and greed of some of the traders to make big profits to buy more stock and expand;

*Further aware* that in the same market: traders A, B and C though they buy from the same manufacturer or wholesaler, do not have a uniform price as they sell based on the demand or even appearance of the customers;

*Worried* that Nigerians are already going through challenges, especially security and economics for some years now and the effects of COVID-19 are still biting hard as some Nigerians lost their jobs and source of livelihood. Hence, cannot cope with the incessant hike and the cost of living:

*Also worried* that this can further plunge more people into poverty, the already poor to wretchedness, and make more people prone to perpetrating, aiding and abetting crimes just to earn a living if urgent steps are not taken to mitigate the situation at hand:

*Notes* that just as the price of petrol is controlled, and is almost uniform in every fuel station nationwide if a regulatory body is set up to check the uniformity of foodstuffs prices the menace will be controlled and eradicated;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency, set up a Commodity Price Regulatory Agency if none is existing to effectively and efficiently manage the menace.

*Agreed to.*

**(HR/121/08/2021)**

## **12. Need for an Emergency Response to Address and Curb the Incessant and Tragic Traffic-Related Accidents Caused by Trucks and Fuel Tankers on Lagos Roads, by Constructing and Rehabilitating Inland Container Facilities (Dry Port)**

*Motion made and Question proposed - Agreed to*

The House:

*Notes* that the disastrous and gory nature of road accidents on highways and the number of lives that are being carelessly wasted to avoidable deaths. According to a report by the Nigerian Shippers Council; Dry Ports also known as Inland Container Facilities (ICDs) are simply ports on dry land linked by the use of railways and road networks. There are seven dry ports in Nigeria: Kaduna, Ibadan, Jos, Isiala Ngwa, Aba, Kano, Maiduguri, and Zamfara Funtua. These Dry Ports were designated to be established on a Build, Own, Operate, Transfer model to ease persistent congestions at the seaports,

improve the efficiency of inland transports, transform shipping from a port-to-port activity and reduce the cost of doing business;

*Also notes* that malfunctioning trucks and fuel tankers are plying inappropriate road channels while special travel routes and facilities are provided as means of transportation for such vessels in advanced countries, making the road user-friendly and drastically reducing accidents tendencies. January 2021, the Lagos State government closed the airport bridge at Toyota to vehicular traffic movements due to an inferno from a tanker collision explosion that occurred on the Apapa-Oshodi Expressway;

*Further notes* that traffic accidents predominantly affect the young and economically productive age group and that there are other alternative channels these trucks and tankers can ply in transporting their consignments and boycotting roads meant for commuters and pedestrians thereby preventing such tragedy. Of the seven Dry Ports in Nigeria, only Kaduna Dry Port is functional and in operation;

*Aware* that the third leading cause of overall deaths in Nigeria and the most common cause of disabilities are road traffic accidents;

*Believes* the situation is even more problematic due to poor traffic regulations, poor road design, poor enforcement of traffic rules and regulations, rapidly growing population and the increasing number of vehicles plying the roads;

*Worried* the rest of the populace live in perpetual fear of travelling occasioned by unsafe roads and increasing death tolls if urgent steps are not taken to forestall the rising traffic accidents and curb these crises by utilizing other options of transportation;

*Further worried* the overall effect of these injuries constitutes; social, economic and psychological loss. Nigeria losses billions of naira annually to traffic-related accidents which are inclusive of the economic cost of medical treatment, property and public amenities damaged, and the cost of productivity lost due to accidents. Yet there are alternative measures to avert these accidents, such as the existing dry ports which have been redundant and non-operational for a long time and despite the accidents, there is no one taking action to that effect;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the dry port rehabilitation is long overdue and should be operating efficiently and even generating more revenue as well as creating jobs for the youths.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) reawaken the political will and social consciousnesses towards reviving the defunct dry port and the utilize it for its sole purpose of establishment;
- (ii) urge the Ministry of Transport with the responsibility to regulate and manage the dry ports properly and;
- (iii) revive and construct new dry port facilities to decongest the roads and curb traffic accidents and prevent deaths;
- (iv) amend road user laws and ensure that Law enforcement agencies ensure that road traffic rules and regulations are obeyed;
- (v) set punitive measures for violators of the rules and regulations;

- (vi) urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation to partner with the Nigerian Shippers Council to rehabilitate, recommission and put to use the six existing non-functioning Dry Ports in Nigeria and equip them with the much-needed facilities.

*Agreed to*

**(HR/121/08/2021)**

**13. Urgent Need to Deploy Security Operatives and Increase Security Measures on the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Road to Forestall Criminal Activities:**

*Motion made and Question proposed - Agreed to*

The House:

*Notes* that the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road is a major link road between the FCT and some other Northern States and has become a flashpoint for gruesome activities of kidnappers, bandits, and armed robbers;

*Also notes* that this Highway is of utmost importance to the Nigerian Economy as it is one of the most salient Highways because it mainly links the Northern and Southern Regions. The Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road is an important highway in Nigeria.

*Concerned* that the constant and alarming rate of robbery, maiming, and kidnapping of road users has devastating effects on Transportation, Tourism, and overall, the well-being of Nigerians who ply this road;

*Also concerned* that due to the criminal activities that regularly occur on this road by armed bandits, many lives have been lost and several goods worth millions of Naira;

*Further concerned* that the persistent armed attacks and kidnappings perpetrated by gunmen on the highway will hinder the movement of people and goods from the North to the South and vice versa, crippling the commercial activities which in turn, affect the economy negatively;

*Aware* that although there have been several interventions by security operatives, the fact remains that the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road is unsafe for travel;

*Cognizant* of the fact to boost the confidence of road users, guarantee the safety of people and improve our dwindling economy through safe highways;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Defence to urgently address the high rate of insecurity of the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road to forestall the occurrence of criminal activities by Armed Bandits and Kidnapper
- (ii) Urge the Federal Ministry of Defence to deploy well-equipped security operatives to work together with the vigilante groups in the area to heighten the level of security on the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Highway.

- (iii) mandate the Committee on Defence and Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the reasons why the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Highway has remained prone to the activities of these criminals despite the presence of security operatives;

*Agreed to*

**(HR/111/08/2022)**

#### **14. Urgent Need to Tackle the Lugubrious Armed Violence in the South-South Region of Nigeria**

*Motion made and Question proposed - Agreed to*

The House:

*Notes* that armed violence has incredibly affected the economic, social and moral well-being of Nigerians;

*Also notes* that the worrisome rising of armed violence in the south-south is directly linked to oil exploration and internal violence and armed conflicts are causes of instability and potential catalysts of state failure;

*Aware* that the perpetrators of this violence are largely youths who are un- or underemployed, politicians, corrupt business people and oil bunkers;

*Worried* that vast amounts of resources in the region have been lost due to violence;

*Also worried* that the continuance of this violence will displace families and negatively affect the economy of this nation;

*Cognizant* that Nigeria's economy is largely dependent on petroleum resources and securing this region will facilitate economic growth and development of the nation;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Defence to urgently address the issue of armed violence;
- (ii) equally, urge the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports, and Ministry of Labour and Productivity to empower the youth by creating employment opportunities for them;
- (iii) *also urge* the Federal Ministry of Justice to bring perpetrators of these criminal acts to justice without fear or favour.

*Agreed to.*

**(HR/111/08/2021)**

**15. Consideration of Report(s)**

(i) *Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:*

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Commodity Boards Act, Cap C4LFN 2004, and to Re-Enact the Nigeria Grains Board as A Body Corporate to Promote, Off-Take, Regulate and Standardize the Production, Storage, Supply of Grains for the Enhancement of Domestic Economy, and Subsequent exportation of Such Grains, and For Related Matters (HB 1375)" (Hon. Amra Mohammed - Anjomi Federal Constituency)*

***Agreed to.***

*Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — **Agreed to.***

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

*Consideration was deferred to enable the Committee to rework the report.*

*Chairman to report progress.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on the Bill for an Act to Repeal the Commodity Boards Act, Cap C4LFN 2004, and to Re-Enact the Nigeria Grains Board as a Body Corporate to Promote, Off-Take, Regulate and Standardise the Production, Storage, Supply of Grains for the Enhancement of Domestic Economy, and Subsequent Exportation of Such Grains, and For Related Matters (HB 1375)"

*Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole - **Agreed to***

**16. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 -at 11:00 am (Hon. Rahila Dauda – House Majority Leader)*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 3:57 pm*

**Mark Okhakumhe**  
*Speaker*

# Order Paper Produced for the Model Legislative Assembly

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FOURTH REPUBLIC  
8<sup>TH</sup> MODEL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
(2019–2023)  
FOURTH SESSION  
No. 8



MODEL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
ORDER PAPER  
Monday, 12th December, 2022

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1. Prayers
  2. National Pledge
  3. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
  4. Oaths
  5. Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (if any)
  6. Messages from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (if any)
  7. Messages from Other Parliament(s) (if any)
  8. Other Announcements (if any)
  9. Petitions (if any)
  10. Matters of Urgent Public Importance
  11. Personal Explanation
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## PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Northwest Development Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 705) (*Hon. Khalifa Nasir*) – *First Reading*
2. Nigerian Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Institute, Uke, Nasarawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1883) (*Hon. Unyoosu Gideon Msughter*) – *First Reading*

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## PRESENTATION OF REPORT

### Report of the Committee on Electoral Matters:

#### Hon. Babajide Michael Olusegun:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Electoral Matters on a Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Matters Act, 2022 to provide stiffer penalties for Electoral Offences and for Related Matters (HB 1909)  
(Referred: 4/10/2022)

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BILLS

1. A Bill for An Act to Establish the National Institute of Petroleum Research and Exploration Kolmani, Gombe State to Enhance the Research and Exploration of Petroleum Resources in Commercial Quantity in the Northeastern Region of Nigeria and for other Related Matters, 2022. (HB. 812) (Hon. Usman Adam Jakusko) – *Third Reading.*
  2. A Bill for An Act to Alter Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) to Devolve Some Items in the Exclusive Legislative List to States; and for other related matters, 2022. (HB. 772) (Hon. Kosisochukwu Ifunanya Umeh) – *Second Reading.*
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### MOTIONS

#### 1. Need to Ensure Implementation of the Great Green Wall Project:

*Sponsors: Hon. Adam Usman Jakusko (Yobe State), Hon. Ahmed Abubakar (Bauchi State), Hon. Godiya Mallum Shallangwa (Adamawa State), Hon. Joanna Bome Kure (Gombe State), Hon. Sarah Someterimam Nuhu (Taraba State), Hon. Silas Aji Maina (Borno State)*

#### **The House:**

*Notes that in recent years, Africa has seen the quality of arable land decline significantly due to climate change and poor land management, which poses serious threats to agricultural productivity, food security, quality of life and bio-diversity;*

*Notes also, that in response to the southward desertification of the continent, the African Union endorsed in 2007 the Great Green Wall of the Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI) which seeks to form about 8000 kilometers cross-continental barrier of trees stretching from Senegal to Djibouti to serve as a buffer against the expanding Sahara desert;*

Further notes that eleven Heads of States and Governments initially endorsed the GGWSSI forming the Pan-African Agency for the Great Green Wall (PAGGW). These countries are: Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Chad and Nigeria;

*Aware* that as part of its commitments to contribute to the African Union's GGWSSI, Nigeria, established the National Agency for the Great Green Wall (NAGGW) through the National Agency for the Great Green Wall (Establishment) Act, 2015, to halt and reverse land degradation, prevent depletion of biological diversity, ensure that by 2025, ecosystems are resilient to climate change and continue to provide essential services that would contribute to human welfare and poverty eradication;

*Aware also* that the implementation of the project in Nigeria takes place in eleven frontline states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Yobe and Zamfara, covering over 43 Local Government Areas, constituting about 35 per cent of Nigeria's total land area and affecting the lives of over 50 million people;

*Cognizant* that the NAGGW developed a Five-Year Strategic Plan to engender coordinated efforts at advancing the objectives of the GGWSSI through strategic partnership between government, communities and development agencies;

*Acknowledges* that the efforts of the NAGGW and her partners has seen that about 7.6 million plants and seedlings have been produced with 2801 hectares of lands reforested, about 373 hectares of multipurpose gardens and about 709 kilometers of wind breaks have been planted, with about 1396 jobs created for the inhabitants of these frontier states;

*Concerned* that notwithstanding the progress made, significant impact has not been made since the creation of this Agency particularly in the North-Eastern frontier of this project, comprising Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe States;

*Concerned also* that some communities in Adamawa, Borno, Gombe and Yobe states report that the project has become one of skin and bones with many trees and plants left to die due to lack of adequate care and supervision, land taken over by farmers in local community, critical facilities like generators and solar panels stolen, boreholes left without water, properties destroyed due to lack of wind breaks, monthly stipends of N20,000 meant to be paid to forest watchers being stopped;

*Further concerned* that the poor implementation of this project further contributes to the loss of lives and livelihoods of farmers and herders of these North-Eastern States including the continuous breakdown of law and order as a result of the menacing farmer-herder clashes



that costs the country due to the southward movement of herders due to the degradation of the ecosystem in Nigeria's GGW Corridor;

*Worried* that natural resources related conflicts and climate-related migration is a very important issue as approximately 2,168 kilometers of rangeland, with livelihoods of over 40 of 200 million plus people, are under severe threat, and the Ministry of Defence together with its agencies and departments are at the forefront of managing the ensuing security challenges that these conflicts and migrations cause in these areas and in other parts of the country;

*Worried also* that if pro-active measures are not taken by the NAGGW to curb the rapid degradation of these lands, particularly in the North-Eastern states, pressures on land resources will continuously increase thereby creating more conflict in these regions and beyond, and;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the proper implementation of the GGWP is vital to the health and sustenance of the woodlands and wetlands spread southward of the Sahara and the Sahel, and these sites are equally important to the health and prosperity of biodiversity and endangered species within the country, which in turn are equally important to the health and prosperity of the Nigerian people;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Defence to partner with the National Agency for the Great Green Wall (NAGGW), to ensure the proper implementation of the project in the eleven frontline states, and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Environment and Climate Change to investigate the poor implementation of the Great Green Wall Project, and report back to the House in four weeks for further legislative action.

## **2. Urgent Need to End the Sit-At-Home in the South East and Resume Movement and Business Activities on Mondays and Other Days:**

*Sponsors - Hon. Shedrack Nwaokocha (Abia State), Hon. Jennifer Ifunanya Eziuloh (Ebonyi State), Hon. Kosisochukwu Ifunanya Umeh (Enugu State), Hon. Gift Ogbuja-Okechukwu (Imo State)*

**The House:**

*Notes* that following the detention and trial of the leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, the group imposed on the Southeastern geopolitical zone, a

compulsory "sit-at-home" and the subsequent shutdown of business activities on Mondays. This exercise, which began on August 9, 2021, has continued to this day. While some claimed solidarity with the acclaimed Biafran leader, the state of affairs has impeded the movement and business activities of many residents in the South East.

*Also Notes* that being one of Nigeria's high-growth economic hubs, the sit-at-home exercise has impeded businesses in the South East, incurred many losses, and taken a toll on the region's economic output. The movement imposes the cessation of all business operations, prohibiting movement into and out of the south-eastern zones on the designated days, obstructing movement on the Niger Bridge (which connects the southeast to the rest of Nigeria), and a mandatory shutdown of all forms of public activities, including banks and other government agencies.

*Aware* of the fact that, despite several attempts to halt this movement, the sit-at-home exercise has been compulsorily observed on Mondays and subsequent trial days of the alleged Biafran Leader.

*Worried* that many Nigerians rely on daily work to feed their families, the continuation of this exercise will cripple business activities in the zone, resulting in more loss of lives, and destruction of property, as well, as deter the movement of peaceful travellers passing through the zone.

*Also worried*, that this has exacerbated criminal activities in a bid to enforce the movement. The ripple effect has escalated into security threats manifesting as unrest, and destruction of business complexes, marketplaces, police stations, and public buildings such as banks, schools, and hospitals, by criminal elements.

*Cognizant* of the fact that Section 41 of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) upholds Nigerians' right to freedom of movement. The sit-at-home is an infringement on the fundamental human rights of Nigerians, precluding them from going about their business.

*Resolves to:*

(i) call on the Federal Government to direct its security agencies to take immediate steps to ensure that there's security and free movement of people, goods, and businesses into and out of the South East on all days.

(ii) urge the Inspector General of Police to ensure that the State Commissioners of Police in the South Eastern States to ensure the arrest and prosecution of hoodlums responsible for

disrupting economic activities and carrying out criminal activities under the guise of enforcing the unlawful sit-at-home.

### **3. Need to Implement a National Policy on Mental Health for victims of kidnapping in Northern Nigeria:**

*Sponsor: Hon. Lubabatu Abubakar (Kaduna State)*

#### **The House:**

*Notes* that poor mental health is a silent killer that is of great concern in Northern Nigeria;

*Also notes* that victims of kidnapping have been left by themselves to reintegrate into society, with no proper psychological treatment and no recommendations to prevent re- victimization;

*Aware* that there is an increase in psychological stress and trauma on victims, which can lead to increased security risk in the form of revenge, due to untreated mental health cases;

*Also aware* that Counseling and the offer of psychological assistance and information for victims, and their families are increasingly regarded as essential parts of the response to kidnapping incidents and may prevent lifelong psychological difficulties for victims and their families;

*Worried* that no quick response scheme has been set up at the national level to curb the effects of victim's reactions after they are released from captivity, and the financial implications of kidnapping to families which can lead to poverty;

*Disturbed* that kidnap survivors can experience health related issues such as stress, denial, impaired memory, shock, numbness, anxiety, guilt, depression, anger, and a sense of helplessness;

*Cognizant* that although the country has made significant advances on challenging public health problems, health-related policy development and legislation in trying to achieve health for all Nigerians, there remain challenges with regards to mental health services including that of policy development and legislation, financing, research, training and integration of mental health into primary health care;

*Convinced* that integrating mental health into primary health care and making it easy and promptly available to victims of kidnapping will greatly improve the lives of victims and their families;

*Resolves to:*

(i) urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to develop a comprehensive database of kidnap victims and their families to enable them to access mental health care services;

(ii) introduce a mental health care policy targeted specifically at victims of kidnapping and their families;

(iii) urge the Ministry of Health to ensure subsidised mental health treatment at designated government health facilities for kidnap victims, and to prioritise delivery of mental health care at the primary health care facilities in line with the National Policy for Mental Health Services Delivery in Nigeria.

**4. Urgent Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to Affix Photos of Candidates Beside Logos and Acronyms of Political Parties on Ballot Papers to Reduce the High Number of Rejected Ballots:**

*Sponsors: Hon. Unyoosu Gideon Msughter (Benue State), Hon. Adama John Ojochogwu (Kogi State), Hon. Lauretta Anase Ikyaagba (Benue State), Hon. Galadima Binkam (Plateau State), Hon. Amrah Aliyu (Niger State), Hon. Mohammed Keana Sabo (Nasarawa State), Hon. Kwamna Henry Yunkwap (Plateau State)*

**The House:**

*Notes* the 2019 general elections had 1,289,607 rejected votes out of 28,614,190 total votes cast or 4.5 percent of the total votes cast;

*Also Notes* that the rejected votes in the 2019 general elections (1,289,607) were more than the total valid ballots cast in each of the 36 states of the Federation and the FCT, except Kaduna, Kano and Katsina States;

*Further Notes* that according to the National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education, Nigeria currently has an extant statistic of 31% non-literacy population level;

*Aware* that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), individuals and Non-Governmental Organizations in Nigeria have continued to do their best to deliver voter education. However, many electorates still find it difficult to identify and vote for their preferred candidate(s) as currently designed in the ballot papers due to high illiteracy in Nigeria;

*Worried* that the consistent increase in the number of rejected votes in elections by eligible voters will undermine our democracy as this affects the political and civic rights of Nigerian voters and leads to disenfranchisement of a sizable voter population which may in turn cause disaffection and question INEC's credibility in the management of elections;

*Cognizant* of the provisions of Section 2(a) & (b) of the Electoral Act, 2022 that empowers the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct voter and civic education and to promote knowledge of sound democratic processes;

*Resolves to:*

(i.) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to affix photos of candidates beside their party logos and acronyms on the ballots for the 2023 General Elections and beyond;

(ii.) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to liaise with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to ensure implementation of the Resolution.

**5. Need to Provide Relief and Rehabilitation Measures in Flood-Affected Host Communities in the Niger Delta Region:**

*Sponsor: Hon. Anita Osiagwu (Delta State)*

**The House:**

*Notes that*, the Niger Delta region which has perennially suffered from environmental neglect, high unemployment and social deprivation and was further thrown into a humanitarian crisis by the impact of the intermittent flooding which struck new devastation between the months of October and November;

*Further notes* that this year, two of the most impacted states have been Bayelsa and Rivers, with many communities displaced by the natural occurrence while their sources of livelihood were wiped out;

*Worried* that affected local governments in Bayelsa including Ekeremor, Ogbia, Kolokuma, Sagbama, Yenogoa, Nembe and parts of Brass, have been almost completely submerged as the State is literally below sea level, with about 300 host communities rendered homeless; and in Rivers, over 200 communities in four local councils including Ogba/Egbeme/Ndoni (ONELGA), Ahoada West, Ahoada East and Abual Odual- were affected, rendering thousands homeless and without food;

*Aware* that the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), in Chapter 3, establishes a legal framework which imposes host community development obligations on oil & gas companies in the Niger Delta region;

*Also aware* that both the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (the Commission) and the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (the Authority) are imbued with powers under the PIA to make Regulations with respect to host communities' development by companies in the petroleum sector known as "settlors" under Chapter 3 of the PIA;

*Cognisant* of the magnitude of the disaster in these States and the PIA's expansive obligations on settlors in host communities especially as regards the requirement to identify the needs of the host communities, and devise a strategy for addressing the needs and effects identified;

*Further cognisant* of the powers of the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management in disaster management and flood relief to aid communities affected by these intermittent floodings that have been a consistent threat to livelihood of the communities and the powers of the Commission and Authority to make regulations regarding oil and gas companies' corporate social responsibilities under the Act;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and the Niger Delta Development Commission to provide immediate relief materials to the host communities affected by the flood, particularly food items, medicine and building materials among other food and non-food items;
- (ii) mandate the House Committee on Flood Relief and Rehabilitation to ensure that the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (the Commission) and the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (the Authority) develop the host communities' development Regulations that require oil and gas companies to include flooding and other disaster-control and/or prevention strategies in their annual development plan in their respective host communities to provide for rehabilitation measures during the flooding season.

#### **6. Need to Investigate the Utilization of the Ecological Fund:**

*Sponsors: Hon. Sadiq Muritala Adewale (Ogun State), Hon. Eniola Omolola Bisiriyu (Lagos State), Hon. Paul Oluwadamilola Owoyemi (Ondo State), Hon. Isaac Akinlade Akinyemi (Osun State), Hon. Babajide Michael Olusegun (Oyo State), Hon. Fumbi Ajumobi (Ekiti State)*

#### **The House:**

*Notes* that the Ecological Fund was established through various administrative and guidance procedures since 1981 as a special intervention of 2% from the Federation account and 1% of

the derivation allocation set aside to address the ecological problems across the Federation, to solve serious ecological problems such as soil erosion, flooding, drought, desertification, oil spillage, general environmental pollution, storms, tornadoes, bush fires, crop pests, landslides, earthquakes, as well as prevent suffering and possible dirt from these natural disasters;

*Also notes* that flooding, drought out of season and wild weather patterns are now global experiences due to climate change. No one now denies its detrimental effect in all concerns of the planet. The disaster has affected 27 of the Nigeria's 36 States widely attributed to river overflowing, dam opening, current poor urban planning practises, poor drainage systems, etc. Flooding regularly wreaks havoc in Nigeria annually like every other natural disaster. This year 2022, Nigeria has recorded over 600 deaths to flood. In 2017, flood affected 250, 000 people in the Eastern Central region. In 2016, 92, 000 were displaced and 38 died. In 2015, more than 100, 000 were displaced with 53 deaths. In 2012, devastating flood forced 2, 000, 000 Nigerians out of their homes and 363 died;

*Further notes* that flooding has so far ravaged so many communities, rendering thousands of people homeless, destroying properties worth millions of Naira, and constitutes a threat to food stability in the country as thousands of acres of farmland have been completely washed away;

*Aware* that the ecological fund had always been shared by the three tiers of government in line with the dictates of the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account) Order 2002;

*Also aware* that there has been several cases of heavy and devastating flooding across the country since the start of this year's rainy season;

*Further aware* that the beneficiaries of the Fund are National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Ecological Fund Office (EFO), the North East Development Commission (NEDC), the National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA) and the National Agency for Great Green Wall (GGW);

*Worried* that the flooding could lead to other attendant security, health and economic repercussions for the affected states and the country in general;

*Worried also* that despite the fact that nearly 1 trillion Naira has been budgeted for ecological and disaster management between 2018 and 2022, there has not been substantial improvement in the prevention and management of floodings across the country;

*Concerned* that floodings across different States in Nigeria has become a yearly disaster and many victims of these floodings across the country have been left helpless and unsupported by relevant agencies of government thereby leaving them to wallow in poverty and dejection;

*Further concerned* that there has been no accountability by the management of the Funds on the utilization and proper implementation by National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to the tune of over N33 Billion;

*Cognisant* that this neglect has continued to exacerbate the sufferings of these affected persons in several locations in the country especially in known flood-prone areas leading to disease and deaths;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) direct the House of Representatives committee on Ecological funds to conduct an Investigative Hearing and report back to the House in four weeks.
- (ii) summon the Director General of National Emergency Management Agency to offer explanations over the alleged misapplication of Ecological Funds running into billions of naira.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

**Committee on Agricultural Colleges & Institutions:**

**Hon. Ekom Miazor Fidelis:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges & Institutions on A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment for the South South Agricultural Research and Innovation Institute to promote the development of commercial crop variants and genetically modified aquatic life resistant to oil pollution, and for related matters (HB. 522) and approve the recommendations therein” (Laid: 6/12/2022).

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022	3:00pm	<i>Committee Room 42 (New Building) Assembly Complex</i>



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| 2. | Public Petitions<br><i>(Investigative Hearing)</i>   | Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022 | 3:00pm | Committee Room 14<br><i>(New Building)</i><br>Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Ecological Fund <i>(with</i><br><i>Accountant General of the</i><br><i>Federation and Federal</i><br><i>Ministry of Finance)</i> | Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022 | 3:00pm | Committee Room 05<br><i>(New Building)</i><br>Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Electoral Matters <i>(with</i><br><i>Chairman of the</i><br><i>Independent National</i><br><i>Electoral Commission)</i>          | Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022 | 3:00pm | Committee Room 06<br><i>(New Building)</i><br>Assembly Complex |

# Matter of Urgent Public Importance Produced for the Model Legislative Assembly

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## URGENT NEED TO CURB THE SPATE OF BANDITRY AND KIDNAPPING IN ZAMFARA STATE

*Sponsor: Hon Khalifa Nasir (Zamfara State)*

The House:

*Notes* that the primary responsibility of every government is to ensure safety and welfare of its citizens;

*Also notes* that Zamfara State is suffering from a decade long crisis of banditry and kidnapping by Fulani militia who constantly attack, maim, slaughter, rape, and kidnap innocent young children and women;

*Further notes* that in November 2022, there were separate attacks in Kolo village in Gusau LGA by this militia, which led to the death of several citizens, displacement of high number of people and kidnap of four prominent people;

*Worried* that in November 2022 brutal attacks occurred in the local govt areas of Gummi, Bukuyyum, Zurmi, Shinkafi and Maradun of Zamfara State where the number of displaced persons multiplied due to insecurity in these areas;

*Also worried* that Zamfara forest has become a safe haven for terrorist suspected to be Boko Haram members and Fulani militia;

*Concerned* that those prominent people kidnapped in Kolo village in Gusau LGA were demanded to pay NGN5 million as ransom. As family members make effort to raise the amount, these bandits requested for new naira notes yet to be issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria as a condition for their release;

*Also concerned* that these killings and kidnappings have become so prevalent that hardly would 2 days pass without terrible news of an attack in Zamfara State and spreading to neighboring States;

*Aware* that the State Governor does not have statutory power to command and control the relevant security agencies. Such power lies with the President who is the Command-In-Chief of the armed forces pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution;

*Further aware* that the occurrence of these attacks have crippled the socio-economic activities of the people thereby plunging them in abject poverty, social instability, hardship, disillusionment and despondency;

*Cognizant* that if the situation is left unchecked, it may escalate beyond control and throw the country in a state of anarchy as citizens may take up arms to defend themselves;

*Resolves to:*

- (i)* constitute a powerful delegation of Honourable members to seek audience with the C-In-C to intimate him on the seriousness of the situation in Zamfara and the country at whole;
- (ii)* invite the Service Chiefs to the floor of the chamber to brief the house on the efforts taken to curb this debilitating situation;
- (iii)* urge Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management to supply relief materials to the affected communities in Zamfara State;
- (iv)* mandate the committees on Police Affairs, Army, Defence, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the matter and report back within one week for further legislative action.

# List of Bills Produced for the Model Legislative Assembly

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1. A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION (NAIPRE) KOLMANI, GOMBE STATE; TO ENHANCE THE RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITY IN THE NORTH EASTERN REGION OF NIGERIA AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS **(NORTH EAST)**
2. A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS INSTITUTE, UKE NASARAWA STATE, TO CONDUCT TRAININGS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS **(NORTH CENTRAL)**
3. A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO RECEIVE AND MANAGE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERATION AND INTERNATIONAL DONORS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE LIVING CONDITION OF VICTIMS OF INSECURITY IN THE REGION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS **(NORTH WEST)**
4. A BILL AN ACT TO ALTER PART 1 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE 1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (AS AMENDED) TO DEVOLVE SOME ITEMS IN THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO STATES; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2022 **(SOUTH EAST)**
5. A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH-SOUTH AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION INSTITUTE TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL CROP VARIANTS AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED AQUATIC LIFE RESISTANT TO OIL POLLUTION, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS **(SOUTH SOUTH)**
6. A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT, NO. 13, 2022 TO PROVIDE STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ELECTORAL OFFENCES AND RESIGNATION OF POLITICAL APPOINTEES BEFORE PARTICIPATING AS DELEGATES OR ASPIRANT IN PARTY CONGRESSES OR CONVENTIONS **(SOUTH WEST)**

# List of Motions Produced for the Model Legislative Assembly

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**1. URGENT NEED FOR THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC) TO AFFIX PHOTOS OF CANDIDATES BESIDE LOGOS AND ACRONYMS OF POLITICAL PARTIES ON BALLOT PAPERS TO REDUCE THE HIGH NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOTS**

*Hon. Unyoosu Gideon Msughter (Benue State), Hon. Adama John Ojochogwu (Kogi State), Hon. Lauretta Anase Ikyaagba (Benue State), Hon. Galadima Binkam (Plateau State), Hon. Amrah Aliyu (Niger State), Hon. Mohammed Keana Sabo (Nasarawa State), Hon. Kwalnaan Henry Yunkwap (Plateau State)*

**2. NEED TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL PROJECT**

*Hon. Adam Usman Jakusko (Yobe State), Hon. Ahmed Abubakar (Bauchi State), Hon. Godiya Mallum Shallangwa (Adamawa State), Hon. Joanna Bome Kure (Gombe State), Hon. Sarah Someterimam Nuhu (Taraba State), Hon. Silas Aji Maina (Borno State).*

**3. NEED TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL POLICY ON MENTAL HEALTH FOR VICTIMS OF KIDNAPPING IN NORTHERN NIGERIA**

*Hon. Lubabatu Abubakar (Kaduna State), Hon. Mukhtar Umar Bagarawa (Sokoto State), Hon. Abubakar Sunusi Muhammad (Kano State), Hon. Habiba Adamu Gulma (Kebbi State), Hon. Sadiq Munir Ruma (Katsina State), Hon. Khalifa Nasir (Zamfara State)*

**4. URGENT NEED TO END THE SIT-AT-HOME IN THE SOUTHEAST AND RESUME MOVEMENT AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ON MONDAYS OR OTHER DAYS**

*Hon. Shedrack Nwaokocha (Abia State), Hon. Jennifer Ifunanya Eziuloh (Ebonyi State), Hon. Kosisochukwu Ifunanya Umeh (Enugu State), Hon. Gift Ogbuja-Okechukwu (Imo State)*

**5. NEED TO PROVIDE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION MEASURES IN FLOOD-AFFECTED HOST COMMUNITIES IN THE NIGER DELTA REGION**

*Rt. Hon. Mark Okhakumhe (Edo), Hon. Anita Awele Osiagwu (Delta), Hon. Sarah Okon (Akwa Ibom), Hon. Ayebapriye Ayebaijie Oruwori (Bayelsa), Hon. Abiye Briggs (Rivers), Hon. Miazor Fidelis Ekom (Cross River)*

**6. NEED TO INVESTIGATE THE UTILIZATION OF THE ECOLOGICAL FUND**

*Hon. Sadiq Muritala Adewale (Ogun State), Hon. Eniola Omolola Bisiriyu (Lagos State), Hon. Paul Oluwadamilola Owoyemi (Ondo State), Hon. Isaac Akinlade Akinyemi (Osun State), Hon. Babajide Michael Olusegun (Oyo State), Hon. Fumbi Ajumobi (Ekiti State)*

**7. MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANT: URGENT NEED TO CURB THE SPATE OF BANDITRY AND KIDNAPPING IN ZAMFARA STATE**

*Sponsor: Hon Khalifa Nasir (Zamfara State)*

**Bills & Motions Drafted by Interns on Issues  
Affecting the Geopolitical Zones**

NORTH  
CENTRAL

**A BILL**  
**FOR**  
**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,**  
**ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS INSTITUTE, UKE NASARAWA STATE,**  
**TO CONDUCT TRAININGS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,**  
**ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (HB. 1883)**

**Sponsor:** Hon. Adama John Ojochogwu

**Co-sponsors:** Hon. Unyoosu Gideon Msughter  
Hon. Laurretta Anase Ikyaagba  
Hon. Galadima Binkam  
Hon. Amrah Aliyu  
Hon. Mohammed Keana Sabo  
Hon. Kwalnaan Henry Yunkwap

Be it enacted by the Model Legislative Assembly –

[Commencement]

**1. Establishment and Functions of the Institute**

- (1) There is hereby established an institute to be known as the Nigerian STEM Institute (in this act referred to as the institute) which shall have the functions accrued to it by this act.
- (2) The Institute shall be a public private partnership established as a corporate body with perpetual succession and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The functions of the Institute shall be;
  - (a) To vet and grant admission and sponsorship to members of the Institute.
  - (b) To provide an enabling environment for training development and research in the field of science technology, engineering and mathematics.
  - (c) To provide qualified teachers and mentors for the students of the Institute
  - (d) To sponsor and contribute to research in all the relevant fields of national development
  - (e) To hold special training and seminars for members of the Institute.

## 2. The Board

- (1) There shall be established for the management of the affairs of the Institute a body to be referred to as the Board of Directors for the Nigerian STEM Institute (in this act to be known as the Board).
- (2) The Board shall consist of the following members;
  - (a) a chairman appointed by the president but confirmed by the Senate.
  - (b) a representative from the Ministry of Education of level twelve and above.
  - (c) two representatives from the private sector
  - (d) two persons with disability both male and female interviewed and confirmed by the Senate.
  - (e) two youths both male and female between the ages of 18 and 20 at point of appointment interviewed and confirmed by the Senate.
  - (f) two adults of Federal Character male and female of the ages of 30 and above. With National recognition interviewed and confirmed by the Senate.
  - (g) the Director and Assistant Director of the Institute after appointment by the Board.
- (3) The Board shall be responsible for running the Institute. The Board will pay particular attention to the financial and operational programmes of the Institute and ensure transparency in its operational dealings.
- (4) With regards to generality of subsection (3) of this section it is the duty of the Board to;
  - (a) approve the appointment of lecturing staff of the Institute.
  - (b) approve the financial resources for the running of the Institute according to the yearly budget.
  - (c) approve the research and training programme of the Institute.
  - (d) promote or undertake any other activity that is for the betterment of the Institute in the opinion of the Board.
- (5) The Board shall provide rules for their meetings
- (6) The Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of ten years and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.
- (7) The office of the Chairman shall become vacant;
  - (a) if he resigns by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the president
  - (b) if the president under the recommendation of the council terminates his appointment.

### **3. Director of the Institute**

- (1.) There shall be a Director of the Institute appointed by The Board
- (2.) Subject to the general control of the Board, the Director shall be the Chief Executive of the Institute and shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the institute and the day-to-day running of the affairs of the institute.
- (3.) The Director shall hold office for the period of ten years and no more
- (4.) The principal officers of the Institute shall be-
  - (a) the Librarian who should be responsible to the Director for the administration of the Institute's library
  - (b) the Secretary who shall be responsible to the Director for the day-to-day administration of work of the Institute to the Council and, where no other person is designed, acts as Secretary to any of its committees;
  - (c) the Bursar who shall be responsible to the Director for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute.
- (5.) The Board may appoint such fit and proper persons on permanent, temporary or contract basis as employees of the Institute as it may consider necessary.
- (6.) Without prejudice to subsection (5) of this section, the Board may appoint persons as employees of the Institute, either by way of transfer or secondment from any of the public services in the Federation or otherwise howsoever, as it considers necessary.

### **4. Tenure of Office**

- (1.) The Chairman and Members of the Board, other than the Ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of ten years in the first instance and shall not be reappointed for a further term.
- (2.) Notwithstanding the provisions of the subsection (1) of this section, a member of the Board shall cease to hold office as a member if:
  - (a) he resigns his appointment as a member of the Board by a notice under his hand addressed to the President through the Chairman;
  - (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or corruption;
  - (c) he becomes incapable of carrying out the functions of his office arising from infirmity of mind or body; or



- (d) the President is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Institute for the person to continue in the office and notifies the member in writing to that effect.
- (3) If a member of the Board dies or resigns or otherwise vacates his office before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, a fit and proper person shall be appointed for the remainder of the term of office of the predecessor and shall represent the same interest.

**5. Land Acquisition for the Institute**

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the Board shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the Institute and be held for the purpose of the Institute.
- (2) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purpose) any purpose of the Institute shall be the same as that of the Federation.
- (3) Where an estate or interest in land acquisition by the Government pursuant to this section, the Government may, be a certificate under the hand seal of the Chief Federal Lands Officer or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the Institute.
- (4) Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the Institute shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the institute by this Act) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:
  - (a) PROVIDED that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding twenty-one years of any lease or tenancy to a member of the Institute for residential purpose.
- (5) For the carrying out of its objectives as specified above the Institute shall have power to
  - (a) build such campuses, colleges, and faculties
  - (b) provide for the residence for staff and campuses for students.
  - (c) provide research facilities such as laboratories, libraries, and other teaching and research units within the Institute as may from time to time be desirable.

- (d) Erect, provide, equip and maintain lecture halls, factories, sport grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objectives of the Institute.

## **6. Financial Provisions and Pension**

- (1) For the carrying out of its objectives as specified in Section (1) of this Bill, there shall be general fund of the institute which shall consist of the following:
  - (a) grants-in-aid
  - (b) fees
  - (c) income derived from investments
  - (d) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations
  - (e) income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred by the Institute
  - (f) revenue, from time to time, accruing to the Institution from any source for the general or special purpose of the institute
  - (g) Regular TETFUND interventions.
  - (h) Borrow, whether on interest or not, and if need be, upon the security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the institute.
  
- (2) The Director General and members of the Board shall be paid such emoluments, allowances and incidental expenses as the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission may, from time to time, approve.
  
- (3) The Board may accept any grant or donation of land, money or other property from any person or organization upon such terms and conditions as are acceptable to the extant laws of the federation.
  
- (4) The Board shall not accept any grant or donation if the condition attached thereto by the person or organization making the grant or donation are inconsistent with the functions of the Commission.
  
- (5) It is hereby declared that service in the Commission shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pension Reforms Act, 2014, and accordingly, staff and employees of the Commission shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Act.

(6) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or any other retirement benefit in respect of that office.

#### **7. Annual Report**

- (1) The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than two months before the end of each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding financial year and when prepared they shall be submitted to the Ministry.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board such accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited as soon as practicable after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list of auditors and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.
- (4) The Director of the Institute shall cause to be prepared not later than two months before the end of each calendar year a management report submitted to the Board of Directors.

#### **8. Regulations**

- (1) The Institute may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
- (2) All legal matters involving the institute shall be handled by a team of legal practitioners from the Department of Legal Services created thereby. This team shall include;
  - (a) The head of the legal services department who shall be qualified to perform or hold the functions of the position where he is qualified to practice as a legal practitioner in Nigeria and has been so qualified for not less than ten years.
- (3) No suit against the Institute, a member of the Board or any employee of the Institute for any act done in pursuance or execution of any law or of any public duties or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of such law duties shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced within twelve months after the act, neglect or default complained of or, in the case of a continuance of damage or injury, within twelve months after the ceasing thereof.

- (4) No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state-
- (a) the cause of action;
  - (b) the particulars of the claim;
  - (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff, and
  - (d) the relief which he claims.
- (5) The notice referred to in subsection (4) of this Act and any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served upon the Institute under the provisions of this Act or any other law may be served by delivering the same to the Chairman or the Director, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Director at the principal office of the Centre.
- (6) The Attorney General of the Federation may make rules to cover those areas not covered by this Bill.

## **9. Interpretation**

- (1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires-
- "Attorney-General"* means the Attorney-General of the Federation;
  - "The Board"* means the Board of Directors of the Institute established pursuant to this Act;
  - "Chairman"* means the Chairman of the Board of Directors;
  - "Member"* includes the other Members of the Board.
  - "The Director"* means The Head of the Institute
  - "President"* means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

## **10. Citation**

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (NISTEMI) (establishment) Bill, 2022.

### **Explanatory Memorandum**

This bill seeks to Establish The Nigerian Science, Technology, Engineering And Mathematics Institute, Uke Nasarawa State, to Conduct Trainings in the Field of Science, Technology, Engineering And Mathematics.

NORTH  
EAST

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION (NAIPRE) KOLMANI, GOMBE STATE; TO ENHANCE THE RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITY IN THE NORTHEASTERN REGION OF NIGERIA AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 812)**

*Sponsors:*

*Hon. Adam Usman Jakusko (Yobe State)*

*Hon. Ahmed Abubakar (Bauchi State)*

*Hon. Godiya Mallum Shallangwa (Adamawa State)*

*Hon. Joanna Bome Kure (Gombe State)*

*Hon. Sarah Someterimam Nuhu (Taraba State)*

*Hon. Silas Aji Maina (Borno State)*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the House of the Model Legislative Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

**PART I – ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE**

**Establishment and Objects of the National Institute of Petroleum Research and Exploration**

1. (1) there shall hereby be established the National Institute for Petroleum Research and Exploration, Kolmani, Gombe State (in this Bill referred to as “The Institute”), which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as conferred on it by this Bill.

(2) The Institute shall:

- (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
- (b) shall have power to acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable properties, and
- (c) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The Objects of the Institute shall be:

- (a) to enhance the exploration of petroleum resources and to encourage large production of petroleum products in commercial quantity in the Northeast;

- (b) to act as an agent and catalyst, through training, research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization exploitation and management of crude oil deposits in the Northeast;
- (c) to expand Nigeria's capacity in crude oil production across the globe to meet the demands of the global economy;
- (d) improve Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the export and sale of crude oil products to other countries;
- (e) to research, recommend more sustainable ways of exploiting crude oil and other petroleum resources in the northeast region and supervise the exploration of such resources in other to prevent environmental hazards, and
- (f) to establish institutional linkages in order to foster collaboration and integration of training, research and crude oil exploration activities with other related industries.

#### **Functions of the Institute**

2. (1) The institute shall be charged with the general duty to:
- (a) determine and Conduct Research of high standard on the exploration and discovery of crude oil and providing framework for such research;
  - (b) secure in accordance of this bill the establishment and maintenance of trained and registered personnel for the research and exploration of petroleum resources, and
  - (c) perform any other function conferred on it by this Bill.

#### **Board of the Institute**

3. (1) There is established for the Institute, a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board").

- (2) The Board Shall Consist of:

- (a) a chairman to be appointed by the President;
- (b) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources;
- (c) a representative of:
  - i. Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Limited)
  - ii. Ministry of Environment
  - iii. Petrochemical Engineering Council of Nigeria
  - iv. Northeast Development Commission (NEDC)

- v. Five persons with relevant qualifications and cognate experience who shall represent public interest.

(d) the Director-General of the Institute.

#### **Functions of the Board**

4. (1) For carrying out its objects as specified in section 1 (3) of this Bill, the Board shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Manage and supervise the affairs of the institute
- (b) Supervision of projects, and other places as maybe necessary for the purposes of carrying out its functions under this bill.
- (c) make rules and regulations for carrying out the functions of the institute.
- (d) employ either directly or on secondment from the ministry of Petroleum as may in the opinion of the board be required to assist the board in the discharge of any of its functions under this Bill.
- (e) pay the staff of the institute such remuneration and allowances as appropriate.
- (f) do such other things as are necessary and expedient for the efficient performance of the functions of the institute.

#### **Tenure of Office of Members of the Board**

5. (1) Subject to the provision of this section, a member of the board shall hold office for four years and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further period of four years.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the President may at any time remove a member from the board.

(3) Any member willing to resign may, in writing under his hand addressed to the minister of Petroleum Resources.

(4) The office of a member of a board shall become vacant if:

- (a) the period of his appointment has expired;
- (b) absences himself on three consecutive meetings of the board without reasonable excuse for so doing;
- (c) if he is guilty of misconduct in his office as a member and the resolution of the board approves the termination of his membership
- (d) if he dies, resigns or is removed from office.



### **Proceedings**

6. (1) The Board shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, place and on such days as the chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months.
- (2) The chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing of not less than five members, convene a meeting of the Board.
- (3) At any meeting of the Board the chairman shall preside; but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
- (4) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Board.
- (5) The quorum of the Board shall be one half of the total members of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the Minister.
- (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

## **PART II – DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SECRETARY AND OTHER STAFF**

### **Director General of the Institute**

7. (1) There shall be a Director-General of the Institute who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of Petroleum.
- (2) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed a Director-General unless he is a chemical or petro-chemical engineer with at least 15 years experience in research and administration from a reputable institution or establishment.
- (3) The Director-General shall be responsible for the day to day running and management of the Institute.

### **Secretary of the Institute and other staff**

8. (1) there shall be for the Institute an administrative secretary who shall be appointed by the Board to perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board.
- (2) The Board may appoint such other staff for the Institute as it may be determined and pay to its staff such remuneration and allowances as payable to persons equivalent in the civil service of the federation.

## PART III – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

### **Establishment of the Fund of the Institute**

9. (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects specified in this Bill.

(2) There shall be paid and credited to The Fund established under subsection (1) of this section:

- (a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the Federation;
- (b) all monies raised for the purpose of the Institute by way of gifts, grant-in-aid, or testamentary disposition, and
- (c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Board and all other sums that may accrue to the Institute from any source.

### **Submission of Estimates**

10. The Board shall submit to the Minister through the NNPC Limited, not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year

### **Accounts and audit**

11. The Board shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited.

### **Pensions**

12. (1) Service in the Institute shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004.

(2) Officers and employees of the Institute shall be entitled to pension, gratuities, and other retirement benefits as prescribed in the Pension Reform Act, 2004.

### **Annual Reports.**

13. The Institute shall not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September in each year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Institute for that year as well as the of the auditor's report on the accounts.

## PART IV – MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

### Offices and Premises.

14. (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Board may:

- (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land, and
- (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

(2) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its functions.

### Miscellaneous

15. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman, secretary and of some other members of the Board authorised generally or specially by the Board to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Board.

(3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

### Interpretation

16. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board

“Board” means the Governing Board of the Institute

“Director-General” means the Director-General of the Institute

“Minister” means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to petroleum resources

“Functions” includes powers and duties

“Member” means a member of the Board including the Chairman

**Short Title.**

17. This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Petroleum Research and Exploration, Kolmani (Establishment) Bill, 2022.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Institute of Petroleum Research And Exploration (NAIPRE) Kolmani, Gombe State; to enhance the research and exploration of petroleum resources in commercial quantity in the northeastern region of Nigeria and to contribute to the growth of the oil and gas sector in Nigeria.

NORTH  
WEST

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO RECEIVE AND MANAGE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERATION AND INTERNATIONAL DONORS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE LIVING CONDITION OF VICTIMS OF INSECURITY IN THE REGION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 705)

Sponsor:	Hon Khalifa Nasir (Zamfara State)
Co-sponsors	Hon Mukhtar Umar Bagarawa (Sokoto State) Hon Abubakar Sunusi Muhammad (Kano State) Hon Habiba Adamu Gulma (Kebbi State) Hon Sadiq Munir Ruma (Katsina State) Hon Lubabatu Abubakar (Kaduna State)

ENACTED by Model Legislative Assembly of PLAC:

PART 1 – OBJECTIVES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUST FUND

**Objectives**

1. The primary objectives of this Act shall be to:
  - a) To Foster sustainable prosperity within the North Western zone of Nigeria
  - b) To Provide relief and humanitarian support to internally displaced persons within the North West zone of Nigeria
  - c) To Create a framework to support the development of the zone
  - d) Undertake infrastructural development for the zone within the scope of funds available to the Governing Board for such purpose
  - e) Facilitate economic empowerment opportunities for persons within the zone
  - f) Advance and propagate educational support for the benefits of members of the zone
  - g) Invest part of the fund available for and on behalf of the zone
  - h) Assist any other developmental purpose deemed beneficial to the zone as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.
  - i) Any other matter ancillary thereto

**Commencement**

2. The provision of this Act shall come into force the day it is published in the official gazette of the federation.

**Application**

3. The provisions of this Act shall apply to persons, individuals within the territory of North West Zone of Nigeria and shall continue to be enforced until repealed in a manner prescribed by law.

#### **Establishment of the Fund**

4. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the North West Development Trust Fund into which shall be paid moneys comprising the following:
  - a) All sums collected as fees, levies and fees under this Act
  - b) Annual contribution of 13% of the actual operating expenditure of the preceding financial year of States within the North West zone.
  - c) A sum of at least 10% of the ecological fund annually for a period of 15 years
  - d) Donation, gifts, endowments, received by the board.
  - e) Such other funds as may be received by the board.
  - f) The funds shall be managed in accordance with extant laws or rules governing public finance

#### **Establishment of the Governing Board**

5. There is established for the Fund, a Governing Board which shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.
6. The governing board shall consist of:
  - a) A chairman
  - b) A managing director and Chief Executive
  - c) five executive directors, one from each member state not being represented by the Chairman and Managing Director of the Board
  - d) One person each to represent the other geo-political zones of the country—
    - a. North central
    - b. North east
    - c. South east
    - d. South south and
    - e. South west
7. The Chairman and members of the board shall be:
  - a) Appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister
  - b) Persons with proven integrity and with relevant cognitive experience

#### **Appointment of Secretary**

8. The board shall appoint a Secretary who shall be the head of legal department

#### **Tenure of Office**

9. The Chairman and members of the board shall:
  - a) Hold office for a period of four years on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their appointment letter.

- b) Be eligible to be reappointed for further period of four years once.

### **Resignation, Cessation or Removal from membership of the Board**

- 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of this Act, a member may at any time be removed from office by the President for inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from insanity or any cause) or for misconduct.
- 11. A member of the board may resign his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President and that member shall on the date of receipt of the notice by the President, cease to be a member of the board.
- 12. A member shall be paid such emoluments, allowances and benefits as the President may approve from time to time.

## **PART II-FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

### **Functions of the Board**

- 13. The functions of the board shall be to:
  - a) Ensure proper utilization of the Fund in a manner so as to reflect the implementation of the objectives of this Act
  - b) Ensure effective management of the asset of the establishment.
  - c) Support Federal and States government in rehabilitating, reconstructing and reintegrating the internally displaced persons in the zone
  - d) Ensure the equitable distribution of relief materials and humanitarian support to victims of violence in the zone
  - e) Encourage private sector participation and collaborate with national and international organizations on research and training on issues relating to its mandate.
  - f) Perform such other duties as the President may authorize.

### **Powers of the Board**

- 14. The power of the board shall be:
  - a) Formulation of policies and programs relating to the displacement of people in the region
  - b) Advice Federal and State governments on policy matters relating to internally displaced persons
  - c) Sensitize the public on the need to support government avert the insecurity through giving information that will help in curbing the crises
  - d) Do such other things as are necessary and expedient for the efficient performance of the functions of the board.

### **Director and other Staff of the Fund**

- 15. There is hereby established a Managing Director to be appointed by the President.



16. The Managing Director shall:
- a) Hold office for a period of five years on such terms and conditions as maybe prescribed in his letter of appointment
  - b) Be the Chief Executive and be responsible for;
    - i. Execution of policy and day to day administration of the Fund
    - ii. Direction, supervision and control of all employees subject to such restrictions as the board may impose.
17. The board shall from time to time appoint such other persons to assist the Managing Director in the performance of his functions under the Act.
18. All employees under the service of the Fund shall be entitled to pension, gratuity and other retirement benefit in accordance with Pension Act.

### PART III-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### Legal Proceedings

19. No suit shall be commenced against the Governing Board of the Fund before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the board by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state:
- a) The cause of action
  - b) The particulars of claim
  - c) The name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff
  - d) The relief which it claims

#### Interpretation

20. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
- “**Fund**” means The North West Development Trust Fund
- “**Zone**” means the North West zone of Nigeria
- “**Board**” means the Governing Board of North West Development Trust Fund
- “**Member States**” include Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Kebbi, Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara States
- “**President**” means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- “**Minister**” means Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management
- “**Suit**” means a civil proceeding commenced by writ of summons or in such other matter as maybe prescribed by rules of court and includes an action, but not a criminal proceeding.

#### Citation

21. This Act may be cited as the “ North West Development Trust Fund Act 2022”

### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to establish a Development Trust Fund that will receive and manage funds from allocations of Federal Government and International donors for the enhancement of the living condition of victims of insecurity in the region and other related matters.

SOUTH  
EAST

[HB 772]

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER PART 1 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE 1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (AS AMENDED) TO DEVOLVE SOME ITEMS IN THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO STATES; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2022.

*Sponsored by:*

*Hon. Kosisochukwu Ifunanya Umeh - Ezeagu/Udi Federal Constituency*

*Hon. Shedrack Nwaokocha - Umuahia South/Umuahia North/Ikwuano Federal Constituency.*

*Hon. Jennifer .I. Eziuloh - Afikpo-North/ Afikpo Federal constituency*

*Hon. Gift Chiemeka Ogbuja-Okechukwu - Isiala Mbano/Okigwe/Onuimo Federal Constituency*

[ ] *Commencement*

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

1. The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereinafter called “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out below. *Alteration of the 1999 Constitution*
2. The underlisted items in Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act are altered by transferring the items from the Exclusive Legislative list to the Concurrent Legislative List; *Alteration of Part 1 of the Second Schedule*

(i) Item 34: Labour, including trade unions, industrial relations; conditions, safety and welfare of labour; industrial disputes; prescribing a national minimum wage for the Federation or any part thereof; and industrial arbitration.

(ii) Item 45: Police

(ii) Item 51: Public Holidays

3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration Bill, 2022). *Citation*

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to alter Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by transferring some items from the Exclusive Legislative List, thus devolving some powers to the states.

SOUTH  
SOUTH

**A BILL**

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH-SOUTH AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION INSTITUTE TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL CROP VARIANTS AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED AQUATIC LIFE RESISTANT TO OIL POLLUTION, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by: Rt. Hon. Mark Okhakumhe-Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Constituency*

*Co-Sponsors:*

- 1. Hon. Sarah Okon- Itu/Ibiono Constituency*
- 2. Hon. Ayebapriye Ayebaijie Oruworì- Brass/Nembe Constituency*
- 3. Hon. Anita Awele Osiagwu- Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Constituency*
- 4. Hon. Abiye Briggs- Akuku Toru/Degema Constituency*
- 5. Hon. Miazor Fidelis Ekom- Abi/Yakurr Constituency*

[ ] *Commencement*

ENACTED by the Model Legislative Assembly:

- 1.** - (1) This Bill may be cited as the South-South Agricultural Research and Innovation Institute Establishment Bill, 2022. *Establishment of the Agricultural Research and Innovation Institute*

2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- 2.** – (1) The government of the Institute and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Board of Governors of the Institute (in this Act referred to as "the Board"). *Governing Board of the Institute, etc*

2) The Board shall consist of-

  - a) a Chairman and two other members to be appointed by the President and subject to confirmation by the Senate;
  - b) the Director of the Institute;

- c) the Federal Director of Agriculture and Rural Development; A representative of the Federal Ministry in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development not below the rank of Director;
- 3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, a person appointed as a member of the Board (not being an ex-officio member) shall hold office for four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further period of four years.
- 4) The President may terminate the appointment of a member of the Board (not being an ex-officio member), if satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Institute that the person concerned should continue in office.
- 5) Any member of the Board (not being an ex-officio member) may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister resign his office.
- 6) The supplementary provisions contained in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters therein mentioned.

3. – (1) The functions of the Institute shall be to-

*Functions of the  
Institute*

- a) carry out research on ways to make the lands and the waters in the South-South viable for farming and fishing
- b) develop and discover crops and species of fish that can survive in the South-South region, taking into account prevailing situations and commercial viability of such crops and fish.
- c) provide detailed identification of management training needs in agricultural organisations and of technical employees in the rural sector of the economy and develop training programmes to meet these needs;
- d) carry out training of students in areas identified in paragraph a) and b) of this subsection;
- e) promote or undertake any other activity that in the opinion of the Board is calculated to help achieve the purposes of the Institute.



- 2) The Institute shall ensure that the training approach to be followed at the Institute shall be highly job-specific and practical and shall utilise modern methods of management skills development usually utilised by similar establishments in order to attain the highest standards.

4. – (1) There shall be an officer of the Institute to be known as the Director who shall be appointed by the President.

*The Director of  
the Institute and  
other staff*

- 2) The Director shall be the chief executive of the Institute and shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Institute.
- 3) The Director shall hold office for a fixed term of four years, subject to renewal by the President for only one more term of the same duration.
- 4) There may be appointed, from time to time, by the Board such other staff as may be required for the purpose of the efficient performance of the functions conferred on the Institute under or pursuant to this Act.

5. – Service in the Institute shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Act and, accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall in respect of their services in the Institute be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.

*Service in the  
Institute to be  
pensionable*

6. – (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act.

*Financial  
provisions*

- 2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section-
  - a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the Federation;
  - b) fees charged for services rendered by the Institute; and

- c) all sums accruing to the Institute by way of gifts, testamentary disposition and endowments or contributions from philanthropic persons or organisations or otherwise howsoever.

6. – (1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gifts.

*Power to accept gifts*

(2) The Institute shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift to the acceptance thereof are inconsistent with the functions of the Institute.

8. – (1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in accordance with the general guidelines approved by the President, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the Institute for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Act so however that where the sum or the aggregate of the sums involved at any one time does not exceed N10,000,000.00 such consent or authority shall not be required.

*Borrowing power*

2) The Institute may, subject to the provisions of this Act and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds with the like consent or general authority.

3) The Board may invest any surplus funds of the Institute in such securities as may be approved by the President.

9. – (1) The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 30 June in each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding year and when prepared they shall be submitted to the Minister.

*Annual estimates, accounts and audit*

- 2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Institute and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board such accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
- 3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited as soon as may be after the end of each year.

**10.** – The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year, submit to the Minister a report on the activities of the Institute and its administration during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such report the audited accounts of the Institute. *Annual report*

**11.** – No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent; and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state- *Procedure in respect of suits against the Institute, etc.*

- a) the cause of action;
- b) the particulars of the claim;
- c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
- d) the relief which he claims.

**12.** – The notice referred to in section 11 of this Act and any summons, notice or other document required or authorised to be served upon the Institute under the provisions of this Act or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering the same to the chairman or the Director of the Institute, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Director at the principal office of the Institute. *Service of documents*

**13.** – In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires- *Interpretation*  
"Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute constituted as provided in section 2 (1) of this Act;

"chairman" means the chairman of the Board;

"Director" means the Director of the Institute;

"Institute" means the Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute established by section 1 of this Act;

"member" means any member of the Board and includes the chairman;

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Agriculture.

**14.** – This Act may be cited as the South-South Agricultural Research and Innovation Institute Act. *Short title*

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the South-South Agricultural Research and Innovation Institute for the development of commercial crop variants and genetically modified aquatic life that are resistant to oil pollution, to enable the farming and fishing communities in the South-South affected by the oil pollution continue their primary occupation of fishing and farming.

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## A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT, NO. 13, 2022 TO PROVIDE STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ELECTORAL OFFENCES AND RESIGNATION OF POLITICAL APPOINTEES BEFORE PARTICIPATING AS DELEGATES OR ASPIRANT IN PARTY CONGRESSES OR CONVENTIONS.

Sponsor: Hon. Babajide Michael Olusegun

Co -Sponsors:

Hon. Paul Oluwadamilola Owoyemi

Hon. Sadiq Muritala Adewale

Hon. Eniola Omolola Bisiriyu

Hon. Isaac Akinlade Akinyemi

Hon. Fumbi Ajumobi

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the Model Legislative Assembly:

1. The Electoral Act No. 13, 2022 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Bill. *Amendment of Electoral Act No. 13, 2022*
2. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new marginal note and a new subsection (d) – *Amendment of Section 22 of the Principal Act*

### “Offences of buying and selling of Votes and Voters’ Card

22. Any person who —

(d) gives or promises to give or accepts or promises to accept anything in exchange for a vote whether on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than N1,000,000 or imprisonment not more than five years or both.”

3. Section 84 (12) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing subsection with a new subsection — *Amendment of Section 84(12) of the Principal Act*

“(12) Political appointees interested in participating in an election either as a candidate or as a voting delegate shall resign office 30 days before the proposed date of the Convention or Congress of any political party for the purpose of the nomination of candidates for any election. ”

4. Section 120 (6) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing subsection with a new subsection — *Amendment of Section 120 (6) of the Principal Act*

“(6) Any person who delivers or causes to be delivered a false certificate of return knowing same to be false to any media commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N1,000, 000 or 6 months imprisonment or both.”

5. Section 152 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after polling agents and before polling unit the definition of — *Amendment of Section 152 of the Principal Act*

“**Political Appointee**” for the purpose of this Act means a person serving the Federation in a political capacity as staff of the office of the President, the Vice President, the Governor, the Deputy Governor, a Ministry or Department of the Government of the Federation assigned with the responsibility for any business of the government of the Federation

6. The Bill is cited as Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 *Citation*

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act, No. 13, 2022 to provide a stiff penalty for vote buying, delivered a false certificate of return, and for resignation of Political Appointees before participating as delegates or aspirant during Party Congresses or Conventions for the nomination of candidates.

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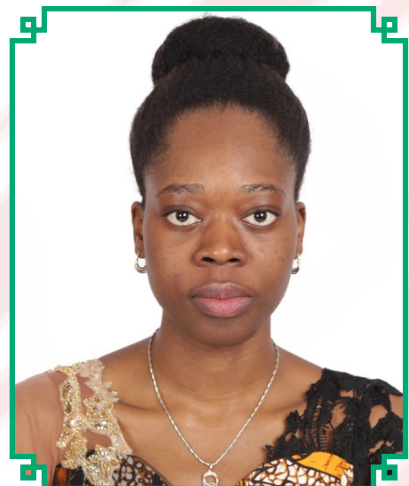
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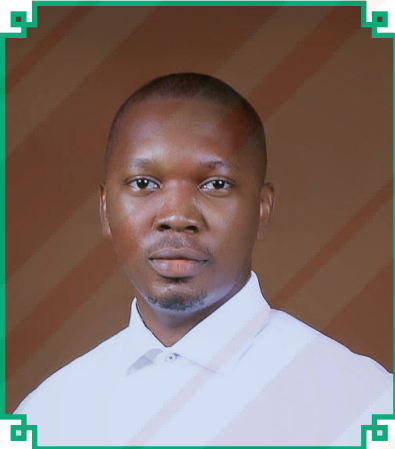


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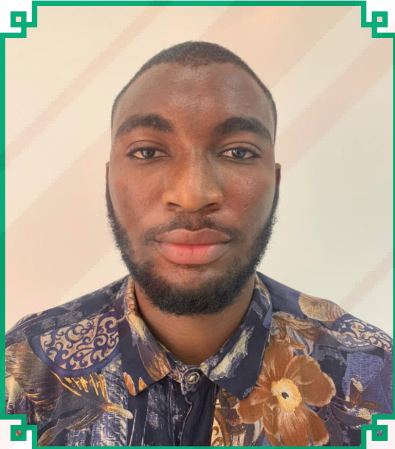


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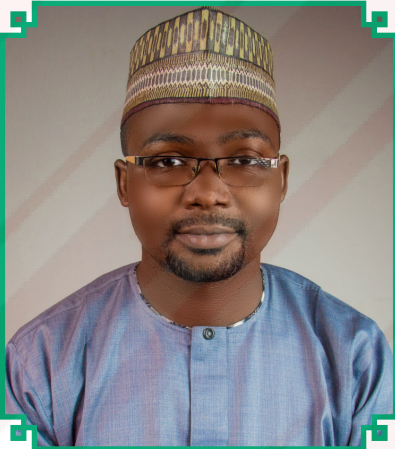
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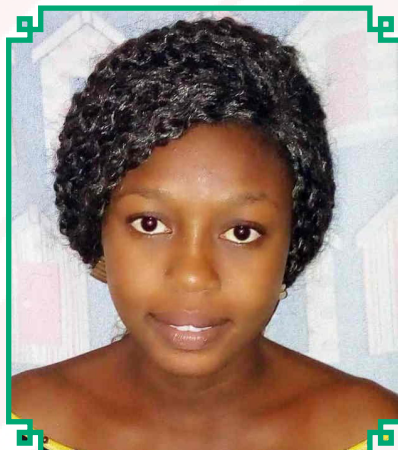
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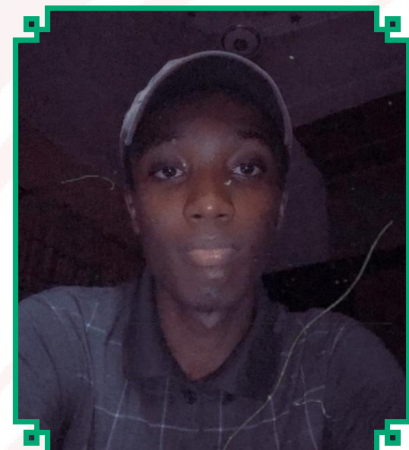
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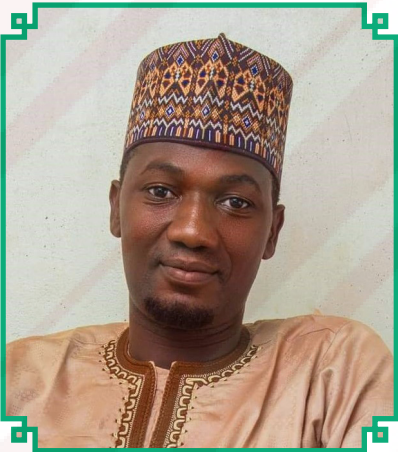
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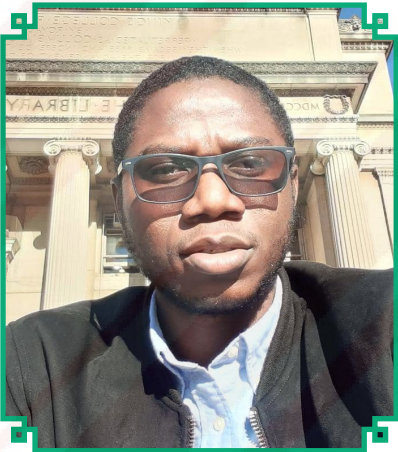
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1	Shedrack Nwaakochoa	Senate Committee on Primary Health and Communicable Diseases
2	Godiya Mallum Shallangwa	Senate Committee on Public Accounts
3	Sarah Okon	Senate committee on Police affairs
4	Ahmed Abubakar	Senate committee on FERMA
5	Ayebapriye Ayebaifie Oruwori	Senate Committee on anti-corruption and Financial crimes
6	Lauretta Anase Ikyagba	Senate Committee on Appropriation
7	Unyoosu Gideon Msughter	Senate Committee on Finance
8	Aji Silas Maina	Senate Committee on Ethics and privileges
9	Miazor Fidelis Ekom	Senate committee on Aviation
10	Anita Awele Osiagwu	Senate Committee on INEC
11	Jennifer Ifunanya Eziuloh	Senate Committee on Communications
12	Mark Adefolawe Okhakumhe	Senate Committee on Diasporas and NGOs
13	Fumbi Ajumobi	Senate committee on Trade and Investment
14	Kosisochukwu Ifunanya Umeh	Senate committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
15	Joanna Bume Kure	Senate Committee on rules and Business
16	Gift Chiemeka Ogbuja-Okechukwu	Senate Committee on Media and Public Affairs
17	Lubabatu Abubakar	Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs
18	Abubakar Sunusi Muhammad	House Committee on Appropriation
19	Munir Sadiq Ruma	House Committee on Healthcare Services

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20	Habiba Adamu Gulmah	House Committee on Diaspora
21	Adama John Ojochogwu	House Committee on Human Rights
22	Eniola Omolola Bisiriyu	House Committee on Basic Education
23	Mohammed Sabo Keana	House Committee on Civil Societies and Development Partners
24	Amrah Aliyu	House Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development
25	Sadiq Muritala Adewale	House Committee on Electoral Matters
26	Paul Oluwadamilola Owoyemi	House committee on Interior
27	Akinyemi Isaac Akinlade	House Committee on Defence
28	Babajide, Michael Olusegun	House Committee on Justice
29	Mukhtar Umar Bagarawa	House Committee on Rules and Business
30	Abiye Alambo Briggs	House Committee on Customs and Excise Duties
31	Sarah Someterimam Nuhu	House Committee on Foreign Affairs
32	Usman Adam Jakusko	House Committee on Tertiary Education Services
33	Khalifa Nasir	House committee on FCT Judiciary
34	Kwalnaan Henry Yunkwap	House Committee on Media and Public Affairs
35	Binkam Galadima Yohanna	House Committee on Financial Crimes



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