



**SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Tuesday, 20th October, 2026

1. The Senate met at 11:21 a.m; recited the National Anthem and thereafter, the Deputy President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 15th October, 2026.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgment:

The Deputy President of the Senate acknowledged the presence of the following who were at the gallery to observe the Senate proceedings:

- (i) Staff and Pupils of Fulton Charis International School, Lokogoma, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Blooming Heritage School, Wumba District, Abuja.

4. **Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) National Sugar Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HBs. 2022 & 2030) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Industrial Training Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 1519) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2652) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) State Security Services Research and Development Bureau (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2716) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Agricultural Revolution Bill, 2026 (SB. 1082) — *Read the First Time.*
- (vi) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1083) — *Read the First Time.*

5. **Motion:**

Rescission and Re-Committal of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to the Committee of the Whole:

The Senate:

recalls that the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 were duly considered and passed by the National Assembly and subsequently transmitted to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for assent;

notes that, following a critical examination of the Bills by the Federal Ministry of Justice, certain fundamental issues requiring further legislative consideration were identified;

further notes that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria returned the Bills to the National Assembly with observations for reconsideration;

aware that a Technical Committee comprising representatives of the Senate, the House of Representatives and legal drafting experts from the Directorate of Legal Services of the National Assembly was constituted to examine and resolve the issues raised in the President's observations;

recognises the need to address the identified issues through further legislative consideration to ensure the legal clarity, consistency and proper drafting of the Bills;

relies on the provisions of Orders 1(b) and 52(6) of the Senate Standing Orders.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) Rescind its earlier decision on the Bills as previously passed; and
- (ii) Re-commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for comprehensive reconsideration.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do rescind its earlier decision on the Bills as previously passed — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do re-commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for comprehensive reconsideration — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) rescind its earlier decision on the Bills as previously passed; and
- (ii) re-commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for comprehensive reconsideration (S/Res/32/04/2026).

(PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE IN CHAIR)

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, No. 28, 2022 to Provide for the Protection and Development of Nigeria's Local Manufacturing and Processing Industries; and for Related Matters, 2026***

Motion made: Pursuant to Resolution No. (S/Res/32/04/2026), that the Senate do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE RAW MATERIALS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ACT, NO. 28, 2022 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA'S LOCAL MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING INDUSTRIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2026

Clause 1: Amendment of Act No. 28, 2022.

The Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, No. 28, 2022 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act.") is amended as set out in this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Substitution for section 2.

Substitute for section 2 of the Principal Act, a new section "2" -

"2. The objectives of this Act are to provide a legal and institutional framework for the —

- (a) development and protection of Nigeria's raw materials, local manufacturing and processing industries;
- (b) exploitation and utilisation of Nigeria's raw material resources;
- (c) regulation of local processing of raw materials prior to export through value addition; and
- (d) promotion of Nigeria's competitiveness in raw materials and products development."

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Insertion of new sections 3A - 3G.

Insert after section 3 of the Principal Act, new sections "3A" - "G" — "Processing requirement

- 3A. (1) Exporters of raw materials from the country shall ensure that such materials undergo a minimum of 30% processing before exportation, and the percentage of processing attained shall be determined based on the nature and stage of processing activities performed, the end market as well as the technology adopted.
- (2) The Council shall establish and publish clear guidelines, outlining the acceptable forms and stages that meet the 30% threshold, including standards for quality, safety and environmental impact, ensuring that processed materials are suitable for export markets.
- (3) An Exporter who is also a processor shall —

- (a) maintain comprehensive records of processing activities, detailing the type of processing performed, the type and quantity of raw materials processed, and the type of processing facilities utilised; and
 - (b) submit periodic reports to the Council, detailing compliance with the processing requirements.
- (4) An exporter who sources from a processor or supplier shall provide details of the processor or supplier.
- (5) The Council shall conduct inspections of processing facilities to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act.

Certification for export

- 3B. (1) The Council shall develop a certification process for all raw materials intended for export, which shall confirm that raw materials have undergone the required 30% value addition as stipulated in section 3A of this Act.
- (2) An exporter who is also processor shall submit an application for certification to the Council, which shall include —
- (a) documentation of the processing activities undertaken; and
 - (b) details of the type of raw materials used, processing methods used, and the evidence of compliance with quality standards.
- (3) An exporter who sources from a processor or supplier shall provide details of the processor or supplier.
- (4) On completion of verification of the processing activities, the Council shall issue a certification, authorising the export of the processed raw materials and the certificate shall be required at all export points and shall be accompanied with the raw materials during shipping.
- (5) In situations where the end market of the Exporter, Processor or Supplier do not require attainment of the 30% threshold, consideration shall be given by the Council on a case-by-case basis.

Revocation of certification

- 3C. (1) The Council may revoke certification given to any exporter if it is established that exportable raw materials do not meet the processing requirements or if fraudulent practices are detected.
- (2) On revocation of certification by the Council, an erring exporter shall be subject to penalties in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Raw materials import protection measures

- 3D. (1) Importation of raw materials that can be produced locally in Nigeria shall be regulated, and this applies to all raw materials listed by the Council in conjunction with relevant stakeholders.
- (2) The Council shall collaborate with relevant stakeholders to compile and maintain an official list of raw materials available for local production.
- (3) The list referred to in subsection (2) shall be updated periodically to reflect changes in local production capacities and resource availability.
- (4) Importation of raw materials not available for local processing shall be permitted upon application to the Council, and this permission shall be granted under specific circumstances with cogent justification.

Compliance and enforcement

- 3E. (1) The Council shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with the provisions of this Act, and regular audits and inspections of processing facilities and export operations shall be conducted to ensure adherence to processing and certification requirements.
- (2) The Council shall work in collaboration with the Nigeria Customs Service and other border control authorities to —
- (a) enforce the provisions of this Act at export and import points; and
- (b) identify and report potential violations related to processing and certification.
- (3) Exportable raw materials which do not meet the 30% value addition requirement at the export point, shall be deemed smuggled materials.
- (4) Authorities collaborating with the Council to enforce the provisions of this Act shall be trained to identify violations related to processing and certification.
- (5) An exporter who violates processing requirements as stipulated in the provisions of this Act shall be liable to —
- (a) a levy of 15% of the export value of the unprocessed raw materials at the export point; and
- (b) suspension or revocation of the raw materials value addition certificate granted.
- (6) Two-fifths of the levy indicated in subsection (5) (a) shall be remitted to the Council as administrative charges.

- (7) The Council in conjunction with the Tariff Review Board shall ensure importers' compliance with the provisions of section 11D (1) of this Act.
- (8) The Council shall impose more stringent penalties in cases of repeated non-compliance, which shall include suspension or revocation of certificate of raw materials value addition on future export.
- (9) A person or entity who is aware of any violation or contravention of the provisions of this Act shall report such violation to the Council.
- (10) The Council shall investigate all reported violations and take appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Technical support and incentives for local processors

- 3F. (1) The Council shall offer technical support and training programmes to local processors of raw materials to improve their processing methods and productive quality through partnership with relevant stakeholders and industry experts to facilitate knowledge transfer and skills development.
- (2) The Council shall collaborate with relevant ministries, departments and agencies, State and Local Governments to assist local processors in accessing domestic, regional, continental and international markets, through trade fairs, exhibitions and marketing initiatives to promote locally processed products to consumers and other relevant stakeholders within and outside Nigeria.

Sensitisation of stakeholders

- 3G. For a moratorium duration of six months immediately after the commencement of this Act, the Council shall undertake a sensitisation drive to adequately orientate local raw materials exporters, processors, suppliers, dealers and other stakeholders of the provisions of this Act as well as encourage local processors to upgrade their processing facilities.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Amendment of section 16.

Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended by —

- (a) renumbering the existing provision as subsection (1); and
 - (b) inserting after subsection (1), a new subsection "(2)" -
- "(2) The Council shall publish an annual report to the National Assembly on the implementation of the provisions of this Act and the report shall include —
- (a) data on the volume of raw materials processed locally;

- (b) information on the level of compliance with the provisions of this Act by exporters and processors; and
- (c) recommendations for improvement to enhance effectiveness."

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 24.

Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in alphabetical order, the definitions of —

"certification" means the official verification by the Council that raw materials have met the required processing standards prior to export in accordance with the provisions of this Act.";

"exporter" means any legal person who exports raw materials to another country and is able to prove the origin of the raw materials whether or not the person is the manufacturer and whether or not the person carries out the export formalities;

"local production" means the manufacturing of goods using raw materials sourced in-country";

"processed raw material" means product that is sufficiently worked or transformed into a new and useful product;

"processing" means any operation that transforms raw materials into finished or semi-finished products;

"processor" means any individual or legal entity involved in transformation of raw materials into finished or semi-finished products;

"producer" includes mining, manufacturing, agricultural enterprise or any other individual who supplies raw materials for export;

"raw material" means any unprocessed or processed material that can be transformed into new and useful product;

"unprocessed raw material" means product that is insufficiently worked or transformed to confer the status of value-added product; and

"value addition" means the process of increasing the value of a product or service;

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for An Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, No. 28, 2022 to Provide for the Protection and Development of Nigeria's Local Manufacturing and Processing Industries; and for Related Matters, 2026 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1 - 6 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, No. 21, 2007 to Reflect and Accommodate what Obtains in the Procurement Professional Practice Across the Globe, and Related Matters, 2026***

Motion made: Pursuant to Resolution No. (S/Res/32/04/2026), that the Senate do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PURCHASING AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OF NIGERIA (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT, NO. 21, 2007 TO REFLECT AND ACCOMMODATE WHAT OBTAINS IN THE PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ACROSS THE GLOBE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2026.

Clause 8: Amendment of section 11.

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (3) by substituting for the words "purchasing and supply", the words "procurement and supply chain";
- (b) in subsection (8) by inserting after the word "The" in line 1, the words "procurement or"; and
- (c) in subsection (9) by substituting for the word "purchasing", the word "procurement".

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 8 be retained (*Senate Leader*).

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for An Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, No. 21, 2007 to Reflect and Accommodate What Obtains in the Procurement Professional Practice Across the Globe; and for Related Matters, 2026, and approved as follows:

Clause 8 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

6. National Senior Secondary Education Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB.1075):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Senior Secondary Education Commission Act, to strengthen the Administration and Coordination of Public Senior Secondary Education; and for Other Related Matters, 2026 be read the Second Time (Senator Bamidele, Opeyemi Michael — Ekiti Central).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary) to report within four (4) weeks.

7. Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1065):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, to relocate the Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa to Nasarawa Eggon, Nasarawa State; and for Other Related Matters, 2026 be read the Second Time (Senator Halilu, Danladi Envulu-Anza — Nasarawa North).

Question put and Negatived.

8. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Report on the Confirmation of Appointment:

Motion made: That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of Engr. Sani Mohammed Ndanusa for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador/High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Senator Bello, Sani Abubakar — Niger North).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and thereafter, presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE CONFIRMATION OF THE NOMINATION OF ENGR. SANI MOHAMMED NDANUSA FOR APPOINTMENT AS NON-CAREER AMBASSADOR/HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Engr. Sani Mohammed Ndanusa

— Agreed to

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of Engr. Sani Mohammed Ndanusa for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador/High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of Nomination:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Sani Mohammed Ndanusa for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador/High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Sani Mohammed Ndanusa for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador/High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

9. Motion:
Urgent Need to save Obogoro Community from Extinction:

The Senate:

notes that the possession of a land space is essential for any community or ethnic group to identify themselves as a people, secure their livelihood, protect their culture, and enjoy communal life;

also notes that the people of Obogoro Community in the Bayelsa Central Senatorial District are in serious danger of losing their ancestral land and their communal life as a result of an aggressive erosion that has persisted for decades;

further notes that the erosion has, over the years, caused havoc to different aspects of the life of the people of Obogoro Community including loss of life, loss of property, and loss of means of livelihood for many residents;

observes that some of the recorded losses arising from the erosion include about 300 people rendered homeless in recent times, the public primary school buildings and school field washed away, Youth Corpers lodge destroyed, community playground lost, and several persons drowned;

also observes that this erosion is a constant source of loss and distress to the people and residents of Obogoro Community as well as a source of threat to their lives, and the people look up to the government for relief and protection;

aware that the erosion is also a threat to the continued existence of Obogoro as a community and as a people;

also aware that the people of the community have been unrelenting in their search for help both from different levels of government (including petitioning the National Assembly) and from oil companies operating in the area, no real solution has been provided;

recalls that the people of Obogoro Community feel neglected and abandoned and left to confront their life threatening challenge;

also recalls that the erosion becomes aggravated during the annual flood seasons when the waters of the river rise and flow faster, eating up the land, destroying property and shrinking the Obogoro Community homeland; and

concludes that it is undesirable for us to allow this country to lose one of its constituent communities.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government and its agencies particularly the Ecological Project Office, the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Niger Delta Development Commission to urgently address the problem of erosion in Obogoro Community by providing shoreline protection for the community; and
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to victims of this annual flooding and erosion disaster in Obogoro Community.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government and its agencies particularly the Ecological Project Office, the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Niger Delta Development Commission to urgently address the problem of erosion in Obogoro Community by providing shoreline protection for the community — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to victims of this annual flooding and erosion disaster in Obogoro Community — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“That the Senate do urge the President of the Senate and the Leadership to intervene and ensure compliance with the Senate Resolutions above” (*Senator Ahmed, Abdul Ningi — Bauchi Central*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government and its agencies particularly the Ecological Project Office, the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Niger Delta Development Commission to urgently address the problem of erosion in Obogoro Community by providing shoreline protection for the community;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to victims of this annual flooding and erosion disaster in Obogoro Community; and
- (iii) urge the President of the Senate and the Leadership to intervene and ensure compliance with the above Resolutions (S/Res/33/04/2026).

10. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Wednesday, 21st October, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 2:05 p.m.

Godswill Obot Akpabio, GCON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria