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NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

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Director General's Message



2019 was an impactful year for the institute as the Institute recorded success stories in its bid to continuously advance her mission and vision of being the nucleus of advanced legal research in law and related fields. The Mandate of continuous research and its dissemination is undoubtedly highly demanding and time consuming.

NIALS was made more visible and relevant to expanded stakeholders through courtesy visits for collaboration with Ministries, Departments and Agencies as well as development partners and public international organisations.

NIALS with its highly talented and dedicated members of staff, continue to make remarkable progress in academic research, thereby contributing immensely to the nation's development in various field of law. The achievements of 2019 reflects clearly in the number of individual and group research that reveal expanded scopes of studies conducted to meet the dynamism of legal queries not only locally but internationally. Consequently, the institute continues to attract research projects and recognition through its diverse publications.

We also continue to grow and expand our continuing legal education offerings in emerging fields, law and practice, particularly through our dedicated bespoke courses for several organisations in the public and private spheres. It is interesting to note that despite the economic hardship witnessed across board, our CLE Courses were conducted successfully.

2019 was also significant to NIALS for many other reasons. Events such as the 2019 Founders day lecture, Fellows lecture and inclusion of NIALS as a member of the National Action Committee on the African Continental Free Trade Area Treaty inaugurated by President Buhari on 20th December, 2019. They were indeed all remarkable highlights of the year.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Federal and State governments, the Private Sector and development partners who provided support to the Institute in 2019. Your show of confidence contributed immensely to the continued growth of the Institute. As we move forward with our mission, I am confident that NIALS will continue to lead in delivering Legal and Policy research outcomes to policy makers and implementaters as well as the Private sector for national development and sustainable regional economic integration agenda.

Our vision is to be a world class Institute that is the primary source of information, training and advice on legal matters that effectively impacting on local and international institutions in the development of law.

1. Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies: An Introduction

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies was established by statute as Nigeria's apex institution for legal research and advanced studies in Law and related disciplines.

As a brainchild of the legal academic community, the original objective and purpose for the establishment of the Institute was for it to serve as a centre for high scholarship and learning of law and research for all the Nigerian universities with Faculties of Law. It was envisioned that all postgraduate work could be undertaken in the Institute, under the joint auspices of the most experienced and learned academic lawyers available in the country, whether indigenous or foreign.

Welcome to NIALS

❖ ***Who we are?***
Nigeria's apex research institution for advanced studies in law

❖***What we stand for?***
Being a world class institution that is the primary source of information, training and advice at the highest level of policy formulation on legal matters.

❖***What we do?***
Conduct research in law and law related subjects; provide legal education through information, supervision, guidance and advice to post-graduate students; other researchers and members of the civil society.

The statutory mandate contained in Institute's enabling law of 1979 emphasises the obligation on the Institute to provide support facilities for postgraduate studies in any field of law in Nigeria as well as conduct legal and related research to enhance national development and the application of the results of research in the country's interest. NIALS is also saddled with the function of conducting courses of instruction in legislative drafting, leading to the award of post graduate diploma and post graduate degrees

The Institute continues to live up to its statutory mandate through planned legal research, trainings and the translation of the outcome to the local, socio-political and economic environment for the enhancement of national interest and

development. In addition, NIALS offers unique degree-awarding programmes, professional development courses as well as research support facilitates with the highest standards in law and law related subjects.

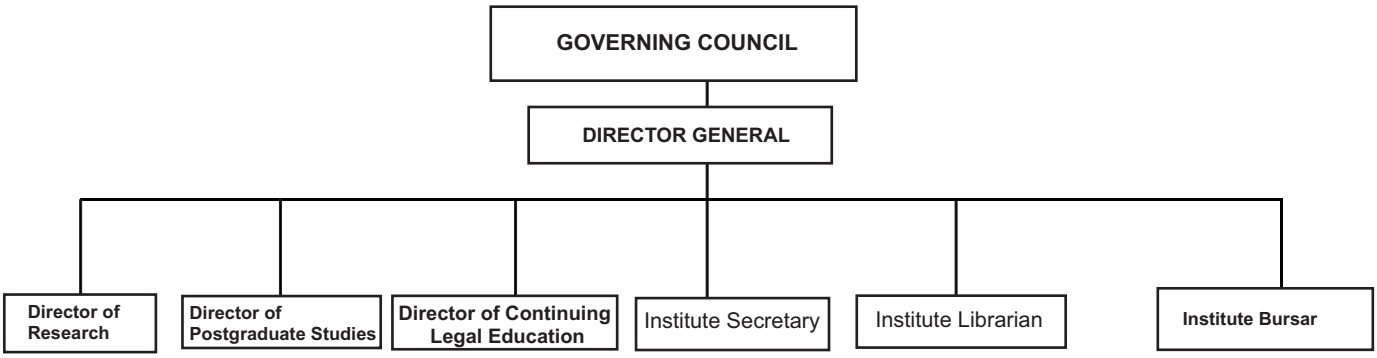


Figure 1: The Institute at a glance

1.1. Decision making in the Institute/Governance & Leadership

By virtue of the provisions of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) Act Cap N112 LFN 2004, the affairs of the Institute are managed by Governing Council, the Director-General, Principal Officers and other key officers of the Institute.

NIALS ORGANISATIONAL CHART



The Institute's Governing Council by virtue of section 2 of the NIALS Act comprises of 18 members, with the Chairman appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The presiding Chief Justice of Nigeria is usually appointed the Chairman of the Governing Council. The current Governing Council was duly constituted and inaugurated on 28th May 2019 by the Attorney General and Minster Justice of the Federation, Mr. Abubakar Malami, SAN. The Chairman of the Governing Council is the current Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Hon Justice Ibrahim T. Mohammed, CFR.

Current Governing Council (2019)

S/No.	NAME	POSITION
1.	Hon. Justice Ibrahim T. Mohammed, CFR, FNIALS	Chairman
2.	Chief Adegboyega Awomolo, SAN, FNIALS	Member
3.	Mrs. Ibirobo Tamuno-Adekola	Member
4.	Prof. Abubakar Ridwanu Matazu	Member
5.	I.K. Sanusi, SAN.	Member
6.	Mr. Bernard Hon, SAN	Member
7.	Mr. Haruna Alabi Isa	Member
8.	Mrs. Ajibade Oluwagbemisola	Member
9.	Dean of Law, University of Lagos, Lagos	Member
10.	Dean of Law, University of Nigeria, Nsukka	Member
11.	Dean of Law, Rivers State University of Science & Tech.	Member
12.	Dean of Law, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	Member
13.	Dean of Law, University of Jos, Jos	Member
14.	Dean of Law, University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	Member
15.	Member of the Judiciary nominated by the CJN	Member
16.	Director General , Nigerian Law School	Member
17.	Representative of the Nigerian Bar Association	Member
18.	Director General of NIALS	Member

The Director General is appointed bv the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and is the Chief executive of the Institute. He is responsible for the execution of the policies and decisions of the Governing Council and the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Institute. Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan formally took over the mantle of leadership of the Institute as Director General with effect from the 9 September, 2020.

With the end of the tenure of Prof Adekunle Adedeji as DG of the Institute on the 24th of May, 2019, the Director of Research took over the management of the Institute pending the appointment of a new Director General. Professor Paul Obo Idornigie handled the day to day affairs of the Institute till 18 September, 2019 when a new Director General was appointed. The incumbent Director General, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan formally took over the mantle of leadership of the Institute with effect from the 9 September, 2019.

The NIALS Act also provides for the positions of the Principal Officers. According to section 6, the Institute Bursar, the Institute Secretary and the Institute Librarian are principal officers.

Council, in line with its powers under paragraph 9(2) of the Schedule pursuant to section 2(3) of the NIALS Act to create such academic posts, approved the creation of the Directorates of Research, Post graduate (PG) Studies and Continuing Legal Education (CLE), with the Directors as key officers of the Institute.

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The Director General appoints these officers, subject to approval or ratification by Council.

The exigencies of the Institute's growth demanded a restructuring of the Directorates and Departments which had comprised of 2 Directorates since its establishment in 1979.

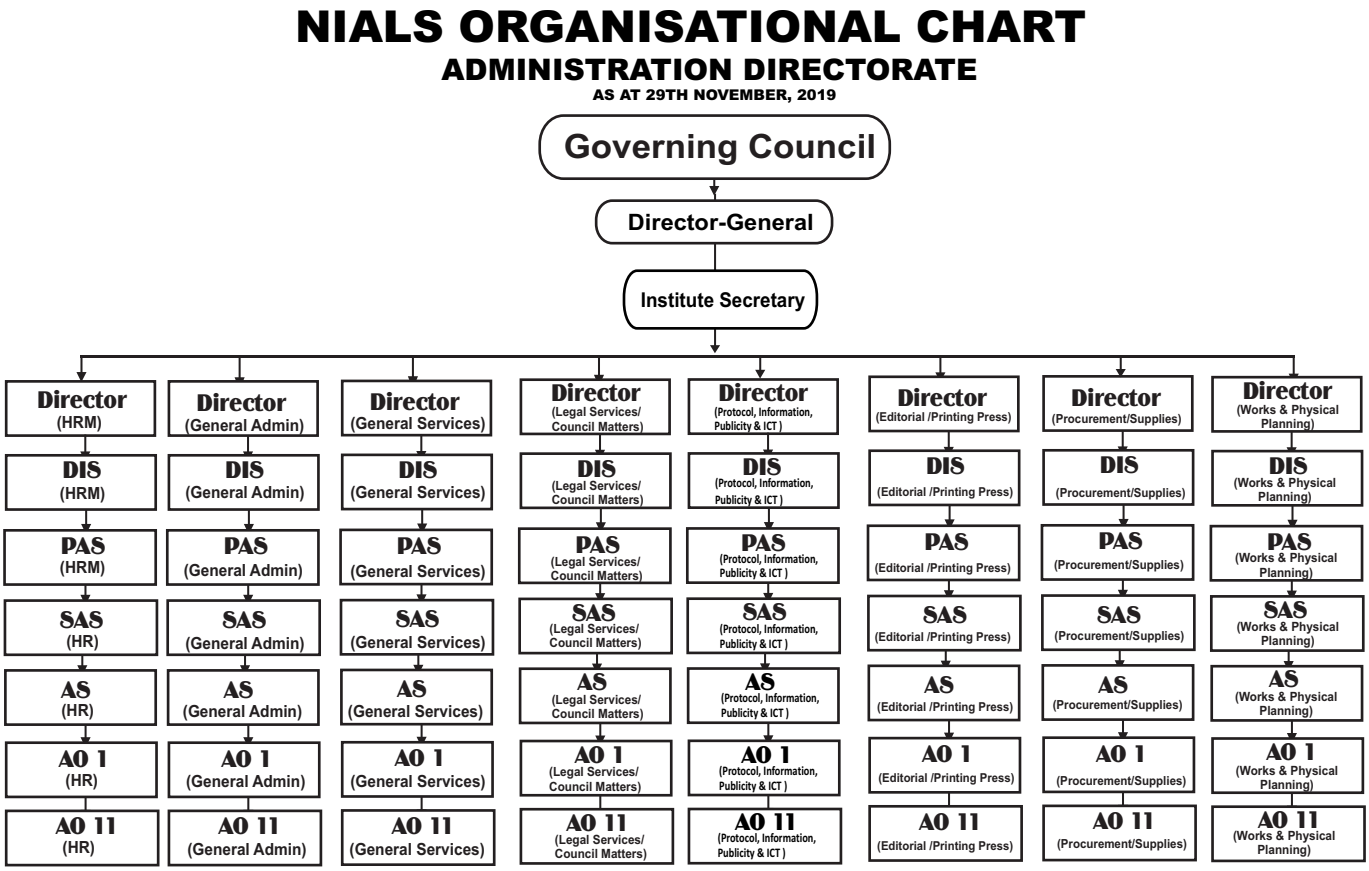
In December 2019, the Governing Council exercised its powers under par.9(2) of the Schedule pursuant to sec. 2(3), NIALS Act to restructure and create the Directorates of Post graduate studies and Continuing Legal Education, bringing the current number of directorates under the academic posts to 3.

1.1. **Organisational Structure**

Activities of the Institute revolve around its core mandate which is significantly tied to academics and research. Consequently, the directorates, departments and units in the Institute are broadly grouped as Academic and Non-Academic Directorates.

1.1.1. **Non-Academic Directorates**

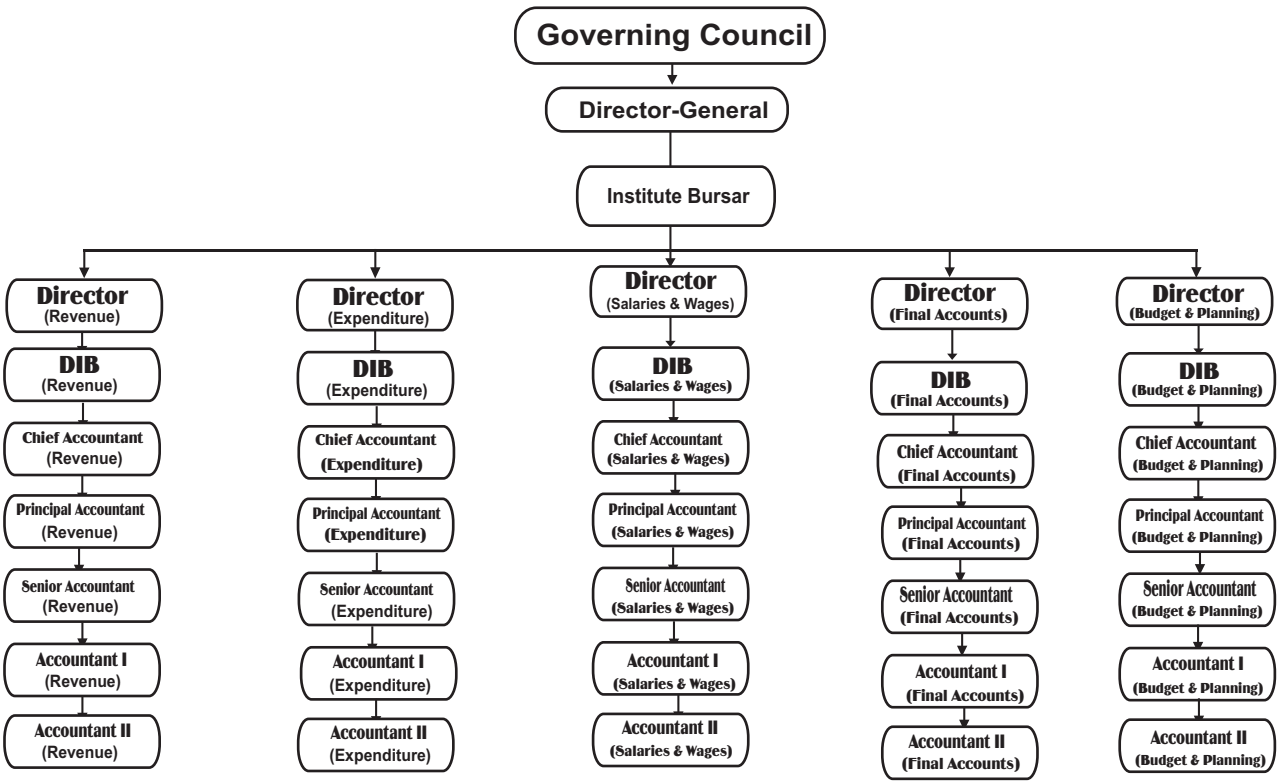
The Non-Academic Directorates comprises of Administration headed by the Institute Secretary and Bursary headed by the Institute's Bursar. In addition, an aspect of the Library Directorate, though classified as an Academic Directorate, falls under the Non-Academic Directorates. These Directorates comprise of several departments, units and sections. Positions heading both directorates that are tenured.



NIALS ORGANISATIONAL CHART

BURSARY DIRECTORATE

AS AT 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019



1.1.2. **Academic Directorates**

The Academic/Research Directorates and the Library oversee the affairs of the five academic/ research departments of Law and the Library. All members of staff of the various academic departments conduct research and other activities revolving around the broad legal subjects to which their respective department relates.

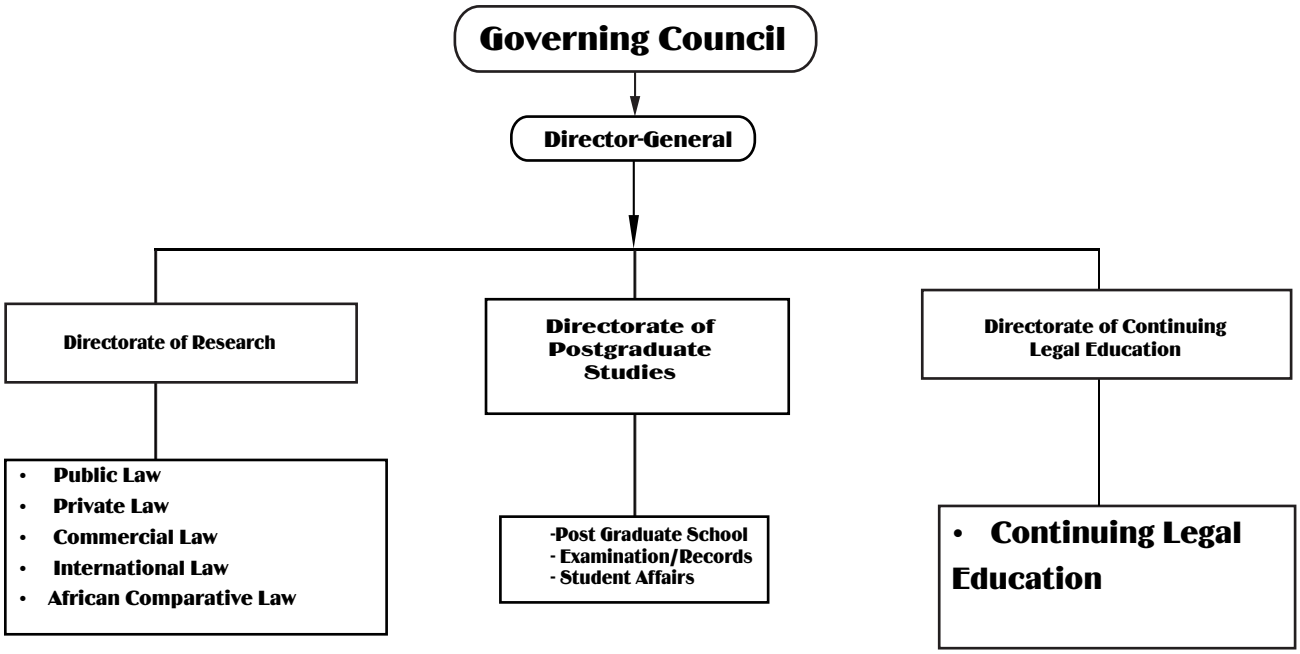
1.1.2.1. **Academic and Research Directorates**

The Institute runs three (3) Academic Directorates namely the Research, Postgraduate School and Continuing Legal Education Directorates. These Directorates are headed by the Directors of Research, Postgraduate School and Continuing Legal Education respectively. These directorates synergise to ensure that the overall mandate of the Institute is realised.

NIALS ORGANISATIONAL CHART

ACADEMIC DIRECTORATES

AS AT 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019



Following an approval by the Chairman of the Governing Council, the Institute in December 2019 restructured its previously existing two (2) Acadamic Directorates into three (3) namely: Directorate of Research; Postgraduate Studies and Continuing Legal Education

The Director of Research (DR) oversees all the academic departments of the Institute. The DR offers guidance and supervision for group, commissioned and individual research projects undertaken by the various departments. In addition, he provides general supervision under any of the Institute's research centres of excellence. The Directorate of Research is also in charge of the Current Law Review, a Journal of the Institute that considers contemporary legal issues in Nigeria. Professor Peter Akper, Ph.D., SAN, OFR, Research Professor of Law was appointed DR in December, 2019. He took over this position from Paul Obo-Idornigie PhD, SAN, Research Professor of Law.



Professor Peter Akper, SAN Director of Research

The Director of Postgraduate Studies (DPS) oversees the activities of the Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School. In addition, the directorate oversees publication of the NIALS Legislative Drafting Journal.

The Director of the Continuing Legal Education (DCLE), is in charge of the activities of the Centers of Excellence, Continuing Legal Education and NIALS Consultancy services. In addition, the directorate oversees the Nigerian Current Legal Problems which is a bi-annual compilation of the Staff Seminar Series.

Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School

In a bid to assist in narrowing the deficit in demand and supply of the nation of persons with expertise in legislative drafting, the Institute through the Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School, runs a carefully structured Postgraduate Diploma, Masters and PhD in Legislative Drafting programmes.

The postgraduate school manages the NIALS Journal of Legislative Drafting. The annual Journal provides an outlet for the early introduction of research work undertaken by students that pass the rigors of the peer-review process.

Centre for Continuing Legal Education

The Centre for Continuing Legal Education of the Institute plays a prominent role in continuous legal education delivery in Nigeria. The centre addresses the challenge of limited avenues for lawyers or law academics to further improve themselves in evolving areas of law. Owing to the bulk of participants coming from the public sector, highly subsidised participation fees are charged for these Training programmes.

1.1.1.1. **Academic Departments**

The Institute comprises of 5 academic departments. Each academic department is supervised by a Head of Department. Notably, the Postgraduate school, Continuing Legal Education Centre(CLEC), Consultancy services and the Centres of Excellence of the Institute are serviced by NIALS faculty under the various academic departments. The departments undertake activities such as roundtables, organisation of public lectures on emerging issues of law as well as manage the publication of various Institute Journals.

1.1.1.1.2. **Department of African and Comparative Law**

The Department of African and Comparative Law focuses mainly on fundamental and emerging issues in the context of law and the African continent and its comparability with laws outside the continent. The Department is responsible for the Journal of African and Comparative Law (JACL), a peer reviewed journal of the Institute. JACL seeks to present information on pressing issues pertaining to international and comparative law.

1.1.1.1.3. **Commercial Law**

The research and academic priorities of the Commercial department are integrally linked to themes revolving around business decisions and commercial transactions made both in public and private sector.

This Department manages the peer-reviewed NIALS Business Law Journal.

1.1.1.1.4. **Private and Property Law**

The Department of Private and Property Law covers academic scholarship in the broad priority areas that relate to real and personal property rights.

The Department of Private and Property Law is in charge of the Journal of Intellectual Property (JIPL), the first peer-reviewed local journal in the field of intellectual property law in Nigeria.

1.1.1.1.5. **Public Law Department**

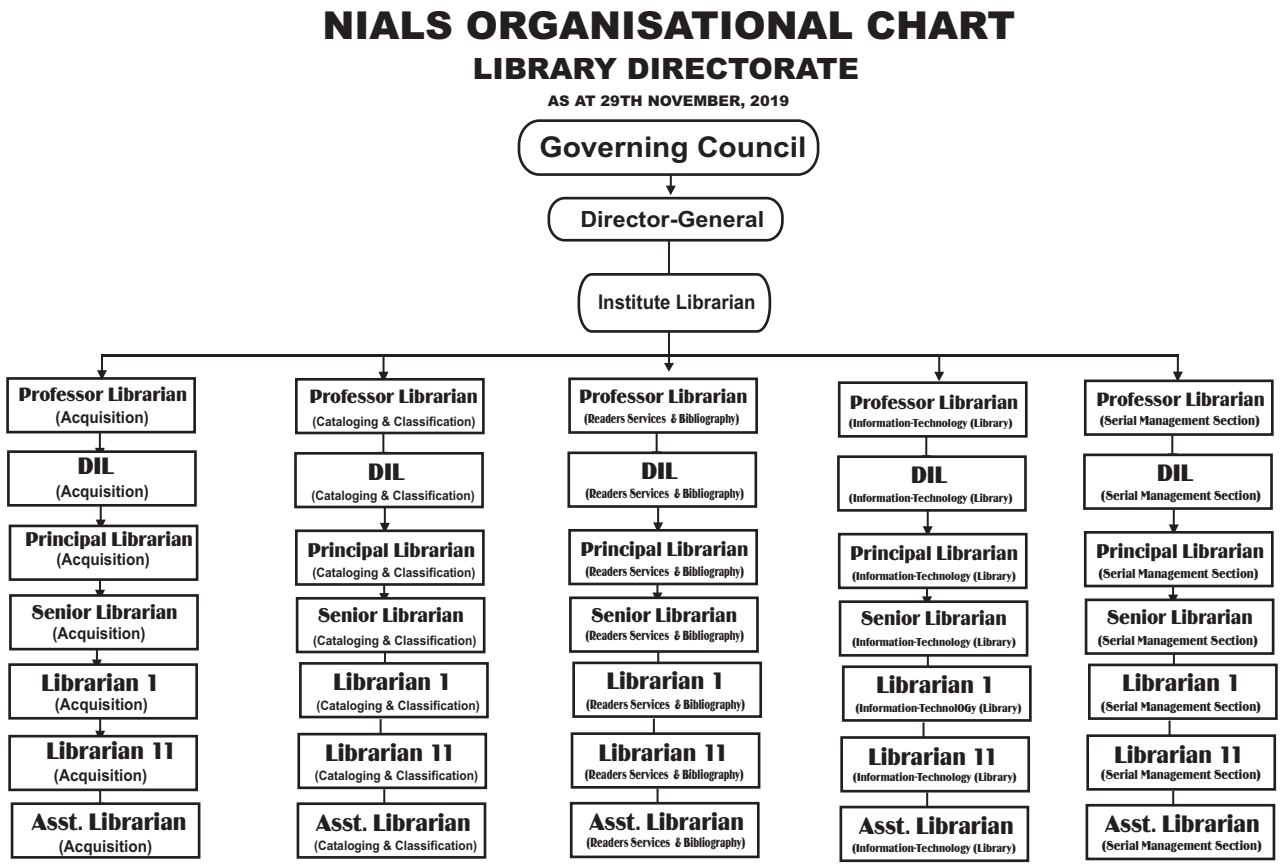
The focus of the Department of Public Law remains themes flowing from the relationship between the individuals and the government or the society. The department manages the peer-reviewed Public Law Journal (PLJ) on behalf of the Institute.

1.1.1.1.6. **International Law Department**

The main concern of the International Law Department is interrogating definitions, regulations and rights across international boundaries, irrespective of whether they are private or public oriented. Members of staff of this department manage the Institute's International Law Journal.

1.1.7. **Library Directorate**

The Library Directorate comprises both academics and non-academic sections. The Institute Librarian oversees the activities of both sections, in conjunction with the DR for the librarians on the academic cadre and the Institute Secretary.



A mandate of fostering advanced legal research requires access to a rich collection of legal materials. The Institute's Library plays an important role in supporting advanced research and writing programmes of the staff and registered members through its developed collections which comprise of numerous legal physical and online resources, including rare legal materials. The Institute Library is a Research Library and as such its materials are not available for borrowing. The use of the Library is open to all admitted members upon completion of application forms and payment of the prescribed registration fee. The Library is in charge of the NIALS Journal of Law Librarianship and Information Technology (NJOLLIT)

2. 2019 Highlights

January

- 21-22 : NIALS/NIMASA 8th Strategic Admiralty Law Seminar for Judges , Lagos



Justice of the Court of Appeal, M.L. Garba; Director-General, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Dakuku Peterside; Director of Studies, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, (NIALS), Associate Professor Emmanuel Okon; and the Chief Judge of Ogun State, Mosunmola Arinola at the 8th Strategic Admiralty Law Seminar for Judges organised by NIMASA in conjunction with NIALS in Lagos.

March

- March 26: Founders' Day Lecture in Lagos titled Inclusivity and Transformational Potentials of the African Free Trade Areas for African Countries



Guest lecturer Prof. Faizal Ismail delivering the lecture at the Founders Day.

April

- 11 April: Book presentation and Symposium on International Investment Law and Practice in honour of late Professor Michael Ajomo, former DG NIALS.

- 25 -27: Expanded Meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee: NIALS/Mac Arthur Project on Implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice, Calabar.



Cross section of guests at the Book presentation.

May

- 6-8 May: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dispute Management and Negotiation Skills course.
- 13-15 May: Regulatory and Compliance Regimes training course (first stream) 13-15 may.
- May 26: End of tenure of Prof Adekunle as Director General of the Institute.

June

- 17-18 June: Course in Leadership, Negotiation and Management Skills.
- 24-26 June: Course in Information Technology and the Law (First Stream).

July

- 1-3 July: 34 Course in Drafting Commercial Agreements& Banking Documentation.
- 1-5 July: NALT Teachers Conference.
- 8-10 July: Government Legal Advisers/Law Officers Course
- 15- 17 July: 39th Advanced Course in Practice and Procedure
- 22- 24 July: Workshop in Legal Writing Skills (First Stream)

August

- 21- 28 August : NBA Conference

S**eptember**

- 9 September: Official appointment of Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD, Professor of Law as Director General
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- 16- 18 September: Labour Law and Industrial Dispute Resolution
- 23- 25 September: Environmental Law and Management training

October

- 7-9 October: Regulatory and Compliance Regimes Training Course



Cross section of participants at the NIALS Regulatory and Compliance Regime Training Course.



- 2- 4 October: NIALS/AGA Africa Alliance Patnership Training Workshop on Oral Advocacy



- 7 October: Director General's Inaugural meeting with Staff

8-9 October: DG and members of staff attendance at the National Paralegal Summit, organised by Legal Aid Council and Isa Wali Empowerment Initiative (IWEI) with the support of MacArthur Foundation and NAMATI, Kenya.



- 14- 16 October: Workshop in Legal Writing Skills
- 16 October: Courtesy Visit by The Director-General of NIALS Prof. M.T. Ladan to the Director-General of NILDS



- 16 October: Courtesy Visit to the Chairman ICPC, Prof. Bolaji Owansonoye



- 21- 23 October: Alternative Dispute Resolution, DisputeManagement and Negotiation Skills Course (Second Stream)
- 28- 30 October: 39th Advanced Course In Practice And Procedure (Second Stream)

November

- 4 November: Courtesy visit to National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)



- 4-6 November: Government Legal Advisers/Law Officers Course (Second Stream)
- 18-20 November: Course In Information Technology And The Law (Second Stream)

December

- 10 December: DG's Courtesy visit to Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
- 20 December : Director General's attendance at the Inauguration of the National Action Committee for African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) by His excellency, the President of the federal Republic of Nigeria.

- 20 December: NBA (Unity Bar) seven man delegation to the Institute to solicit capacity building training for lawyers and subsidies for NIALS general courses and workshops.



Action Committee for African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

3. **Human Resources**

The strength of every organisation lies in its human resources. The members of staff in the various units, sections, departments and directorates work in synergy to ensure that the Institute achieves set goals. This section of the report provides an overview of the staff capacity and capacity development.

3.1. **Staff Strength**

The activities of the Institute are coordinated by the three Hundred and two (302) members of staff, located in the Abuja and Lagos office. Over the years, the Institute has achieved and maintained gender parity. one hundred and sixty two (162) of the three Hundred and two (302) members of staff are women, representing fifty four percent of her entire workforce.

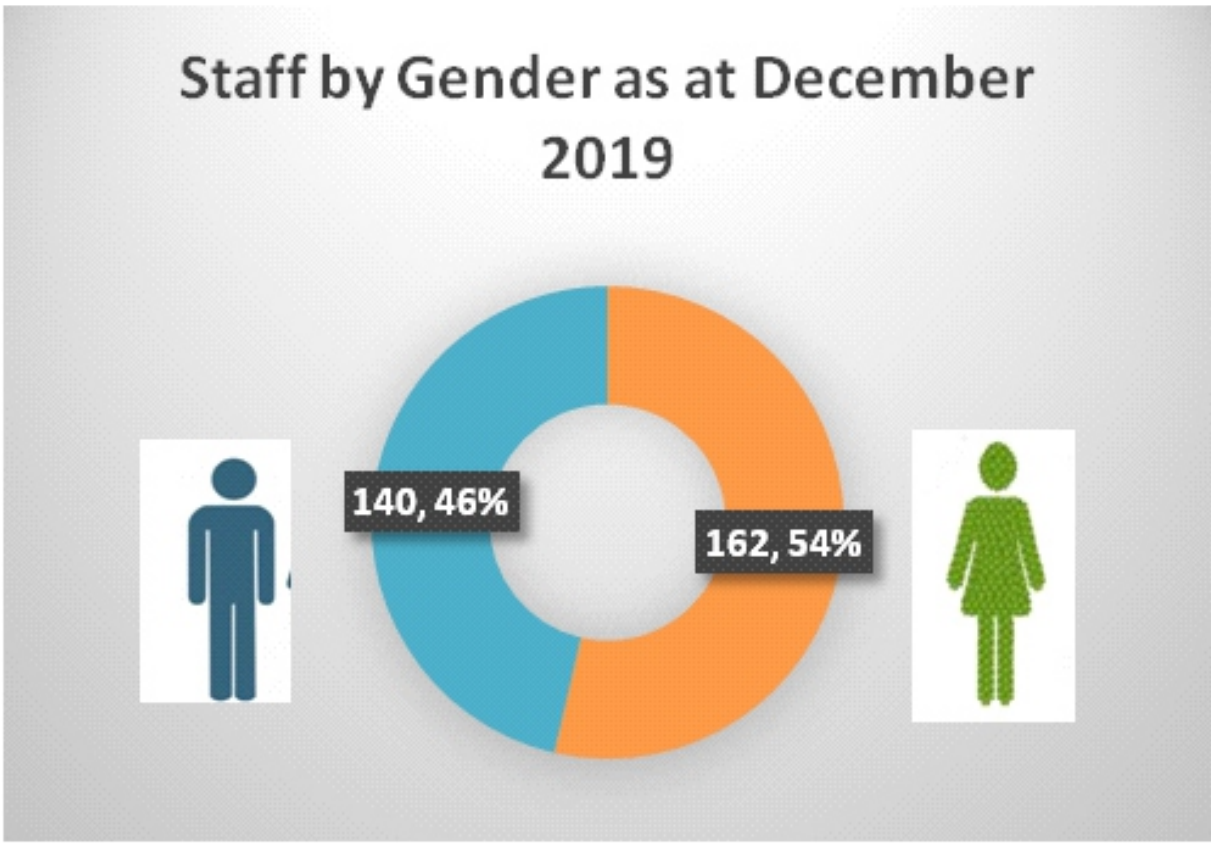


Chart 1: NIALS staff strength (by gender) 2019

The statutory mandate of the Institute revolves around academics and research. As shown in **chart two** a quarter of the NIALS staff make up her academic faculty with various areas of expertise. The non-academic staff provide support to ensure Institute functions optimally. The non-academics constitute Seventy four percent of the Institute staff.

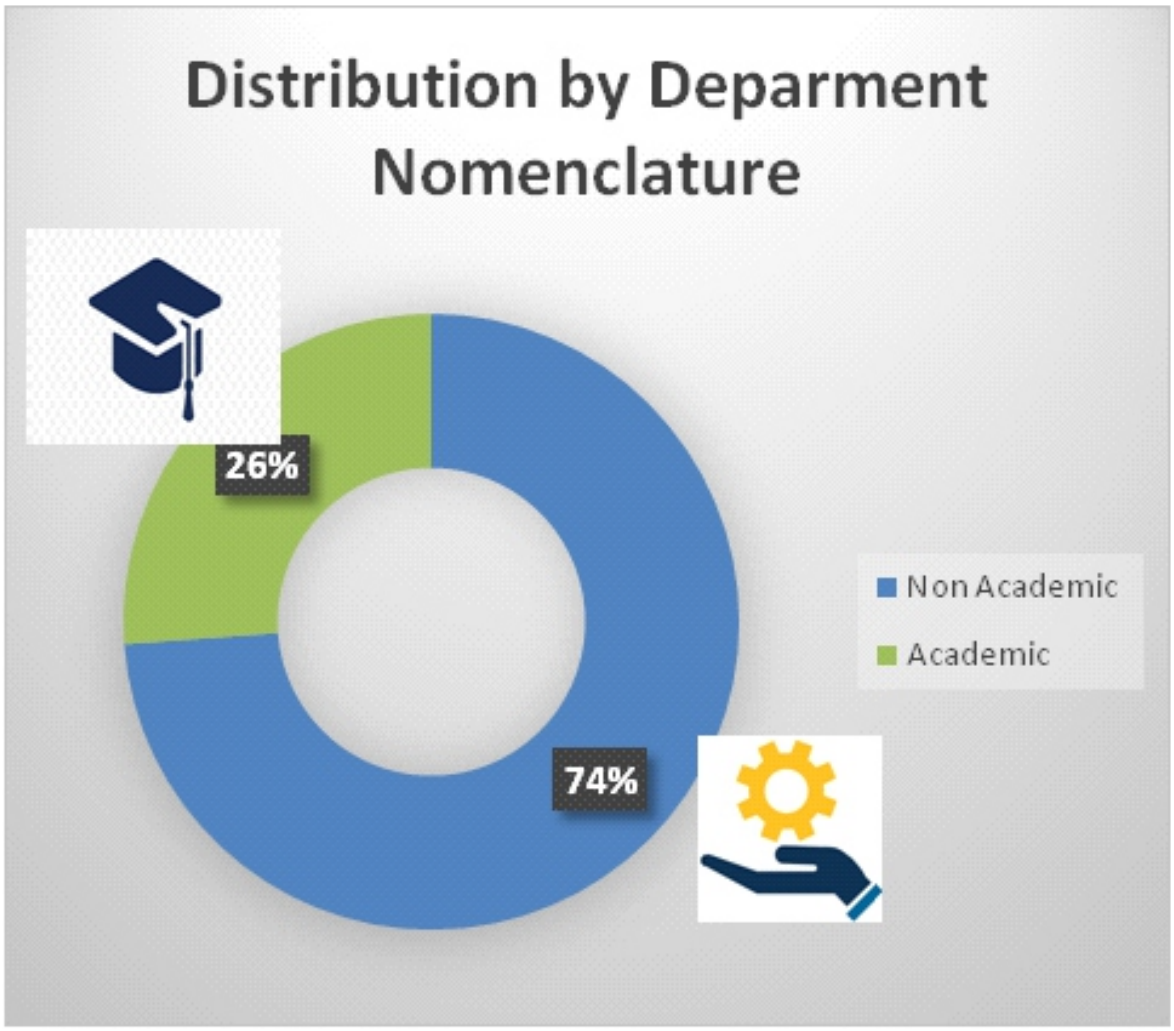


Chart 2: NIALS Staff strength by department nomenclature

Under the Institute's employ are eleven professors and nineteen PhD holders, making up thirty three percent of the Institute academic faculty with positions higher than those with a postgraduate masters degree. As shown in **chart three** sixty seven percent of the Academic Faculty have a master's degree or less.

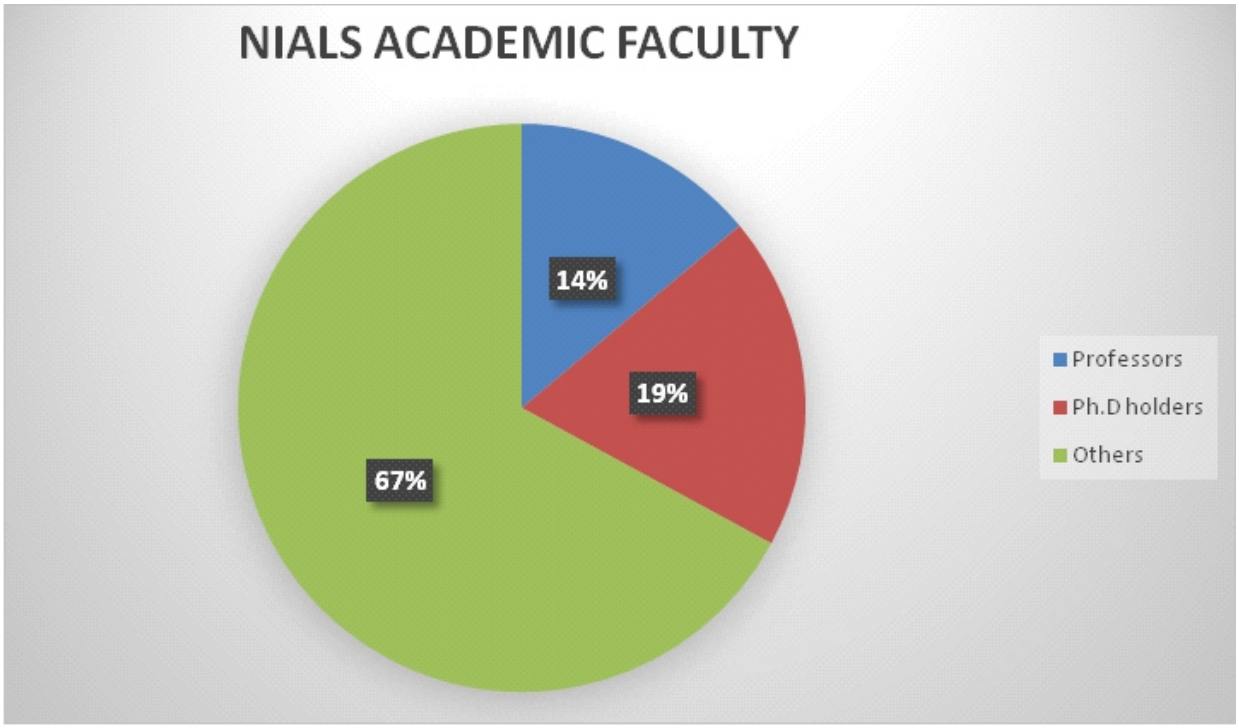


Chart 3: NIALS ACADEMIC FACULTY COMPOSITION 2019

However, of the sixty seven percent academic faculty, 39% (21 Members of staff) are currently at various stages of studies for their doctorates.

3.2. **Staff Capacity Development**

Fulfilling the mandate of the Institute effectively and efficiently requires that members of staff must possess the requisite knowledge. Hence, the Institute invests in the training and capacity building of its staff by granting permission to attend and in some instances, sponsoring attendance at relevant seminars, workshops and conferences. The act of sponsoring members of staff to trainings and workshops is targeted to boost their capacity and aid them to ultimately contribute meaningfully to the Institute.

4. Activities of the Institute in 2019

2019 was an eventful year for the Institute. NIALS maintained its central role in the facilitation and dissemination of findings connected to legal and legal-related research during a year busy with fulfilling commitments from on-going collaborations and creating new initiatives as well as strategies for achieving the Institute's mandate.
The Institute drew a number of scholars from within and outside the country to meet and participate in research, conferences, lectures, short courses as well as to make use of its research facilities and faculty/expertise.

The Institute's engagement with legal researchers, persons in legal practice, the justice system, civil society and governments continued to thrive through its research programmes, projects with partners and dissemination channels.

The peculiarities of 2019 for the Institute from the context of governance and leadership is worthy of mention. The Institute's Governing Council was duly reconstituted and inaugurated on the 28th of May, 2019 by the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice. The previous Council stood dissolved since 2014.

With the end of the tenure of Professor Adedeji Adekunle, SAN as DG of the Institute on the 24th of May, 2019, the then Director of Research, Professor Paul Idornigie, SAN took over the management of the affairs of the Institute pending the appointment of a new Director General. Professor Paul Obo Idornigie SAN handled the day to day affairs of the Institute till 30 September, 2019 (Four months) when a new Director General was appointed. The incumbent Director General, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan formally took over the mantle of leadership of the Institute with effect from the 30th September 2019.

Notably, the inauguration of the governing council and the changes in administrative leadership did not affect the smooth running of the activities of the Institute. In order to fulfil its statutory mandate, NIALS undertook numerous activities in the period under review

4.1. Academic Departmental Activities

The academic departments undertook various activities that contributed immensely to the overall success achieved by the Institute in 2019. **Table one** provides a summary of the highlight of activities at departmental level.

DEPARTMENT	HOD	ACTIVITIES
Public Law	Dr.Ibe Ifeakandu	• Coordination of training courses; • Provision of rapporteur services at the Academic Staff Seminar Series. • Participation in 2019 Staff seminar series. • on-going participation in the NIALS/Mac Arthur Foundation project on the Implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA). • Staff of the department are faculty members of the Postgraduate School, and the Postgraduate School Committee. • Publication of the NIALS Journal of Public Law (Vol1). • Staff of the department attended and presented papers in different fora, including staff seminar, and local and international conferences. • Call for Papers NIALS Journal of Public Law (Vol. 2)
		Proposed Programmes for 2020: - Two roundtables : a. Roundtable on Trafficking in Persons in Nigeria b. Roundtable on Demilitarization of Elections in Nigeria and Electoral Violence - Publication of NIALS Public Law Journal (Vol.2)' - Online publication of the NIALS Public Law Journal with open access. - Book Project on Emerging Public Law Issues. - Publication of NIALS Policy Bulletin on Public Interest matters. - One-day colloquium/dialogue in collaboration with Ministry of Women Affairs: Mainstreaming CEDAW in Domestic Legal Framework.

Commercial Law	Asso. Prof. Francisca Nlerum	• Coordination of training courses. • Provision of rapporteur services at the Academic Staff Seminar Series. • Participation in 2019 Staff Seminar Series. • on-going participation in the NIALS/Mac Arthur Foundation project on the Implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA). • Staff of the department are faculty members of the Postgraduate School, and the Postgraduate School Committee. • Staff of the department are members of NIALS E- Learning Committee. • Staff of the department attended and presented papers in different fora, including staff seminar, and local and international conferences.
		Proposed academic programmes for 2020 • Roundtable on Strengthening Tax Enforcement, • NIALS Journal of Business Law, and • Book project on Trends in Business Partnership.
International Law	Dr Adebisi Arewa	• Coordination of training courses; • Provision of rapporteur services at the Academic Staff Seminar Series. • Participation in 2019 Staff seminar series. • on-going participation in the NIALS/Mac Arthur Foundation project on the Implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA). • Staff of the department are faculty members of the Postgraduate School, and the Postgraduate School Committee; • Staff of the department are members of NIALS E- Learning Committee; Staff of the department attended and presented papers in different fora, including staff seminar, and local and international conferences.
		Proposed academic programmes for 2020 - Training course on Transnational Legal Practice and Cross- Border Criminality; - Book project on Transnational Legal Practice and Cross- Border Criminality- essays in honour of Hon. Justice (DE) Akinola Aguda.

Private and Property Law	Mrs Helen Chuma-Okoro	• Coordination of training courses. • Provision of rapporteur services at the Academic Staff Seminar Series. • Participation in 2019 Staff Seminar Series. • Staff of the department are faculty members of the Postgraduate School, and the Postgraduate School Committee. • Staff of the department are members of NIALS E- Learning Committee. • Staff of the department attended and presented papers in different fora, including Staff Seminar, and Local and International Conferences.
		Proposed academic programme for 2020 - Participation in the open air week March 2020; - Develop IP policy for NIALS; - Inauguration of Patent X by Harvard Law school in February 2020; - Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence, Innovations and Development implications for Nigeria; - Roundtable on Conflict of Laws in Nigerian systems.
African and Comparative Law	Mr Peter A. Anyebe	• Coordination of training courses; • Provision of rapporteur services at the Academic Staff Seminar Series; • Participation in 2019 Staff Seminar Series; • on-going participation in the NIALS/Mac Arthur Foundation project on the Implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA); • Journal of African and Comparative Law (JACL).
		Proposed academic programmes for 2020 - Roundtable on Data Protection and Freedom of Information Law.

Table 1: Summary of Academic departmental activities (2019)

4.2. Research Activities

The Institute has, from inception, been endowed with highly talented and dedicated members of staff that have made remarkable progress in academic research thereby contributing immensely to the nation's development in the field of law. The Institute boasts of nineteen PhD holders as part of its academic faculty, with twenty one members of staff currently at different stages of their Ph D studies.

In 2019 Nkiruka Maduekwe PhD and Osatohanmwen Eruaga PhD, completed their doctoral studies from the University of Hull and the World Maritime University, Malmo Sweden, respectively.

The Institute constantly encourages its academic faculty to engage in individual and collective academic pursuits. Members of Staff of the Institute were engaged in various academic activities in 2019.

4.2.1. Academic Staff Seminar

The Institute's organised annual seminar both in Abuja and Lagos provide a platform for academic research staff to present ongoing research projects in various areas of law. twenty five research staff presented their 2019 seminars, while three research staff presented their 2018 seminars that were earlier postponed.

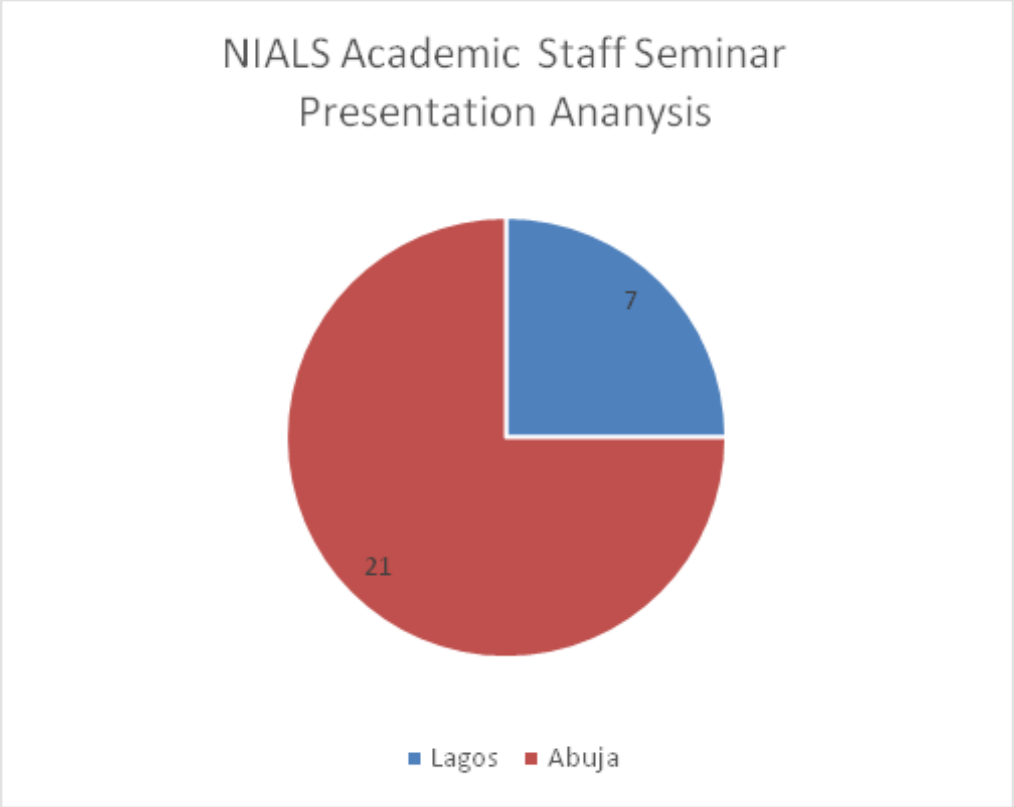


Chart 4: Staff Seminar presentation by location (2019)

This amounts to twenty eight seminars presented collectively in the year under review.

Work is currently on-going to publish the papers in the dedicated 'Nigerian Current Legal Problems' which is in its 11th volume.

4.2.2. Presentations in Local and International Learned Events

The Institute through its academic faculty in 2019 made presentations in several learned events. These events provided a platform for the NIALS faculty to disseminate findings of various research conducted individually or as a group. The table on the next page provides a summary of presentations made by NIALS faculty in 2019

	Title of Presentation	Event	Date
1.	Legal Limitations of Collaboration in Securing Nigeria's Maritime Domain	Armed Forces Command and Staff College Seminar on Law of the Sea	14th February, 2019
2.	Networking and Collaboration of Research between Law Faculties and Institutes: Problems and Prospects'	NALT Conference 2019	1- 5 July, 2019
3.	Ethics of Securing and Managing of Research Grants	NALT Conference 2019	1 to 5th July, 2019
4.	Environmental Justice and the Ecological Crises in Nigeria: A rule of Law Approach	NBA Conference, Lagos	27 August, 2019
5.	The New Generation of Bilateral Investment Treaties in Nigeria	3rd Inter-Sessional Regional Meeting on ISDS Reform	25-26 September, 2019
6.	Exploring the Threat of Marine Plastic Litter: An Afro-Asian Economic Relations Perspective	IBA Seoul	22-27 September, 2019
7.	Legal Aspects of Economic Integration of West Africa	ECOWAS Court Conference on Economic Integration in Africa, Ghana	21-24 October, 2019
8.	Strengthening the Legislature for Effective Oversight Function	Legislative Conference 2019	25 November, 2019
9.	The Role of the Judiciary in Protecting Human Rights in Counter Terrorism Environments	4th Africa Judicial Dialogue held in Kampala, Uganda	30 October- 2 November, 2019
10.	The Judiciary, Human Rights and Public Interest Litigations: FREP Rules 2009 as a tool for Public Interest Litigation	SPIDEL Conference, Aba	7th November, 2019
11.	Border Controls, Human Rights and Legal Empiricism: The Quest for Harmonisation	5th Tell Aviv Conference for Junior Law Scholars	17-19 November, 2019
12.	The SDGs Framework as the Blueprint for Integrating and Operationalizing the Water, Energy and Food (WEF)	Conference on Water, Energy and Food Resources Governance and Law Innovations Solutions, Doha,	15-17 December, 2019

	Case Study of Governance and Law Innovative Interventions by Nigeria in the Lake Chad Basin of West Central Africa	Qatar	

Table 2: Presentation at learned events (2019)



President of the UN General Assembly, Nigeria's Permanent Ambassador Professor Tijjani M Bande with the DG NIALS Professor M. T. Ladan

4.3. **Public Lectures**

In furtherance of its continuous legal education mandate, the Institute also lined up a number of public lectures for 2019. The event provided an avenue for the Institute to steer the discussions of relevant stakeholders while at the same time enlightening member of the public on front burner issues in both the local and the international scene. The Institute for the period under review held two public lectures.

4.3.1. Founders Day Lecture

The 2019 Founders Day Lecture which was titled: ***"Inclusivity and the Transformational Potentials of the AFCFTA for African Countries"*** was held on March 26th, 2019 at the Ayo Ajomo Auditorium, NIALS, Lagos State.



Chairman, Mr Babatunde Ruwase, President Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) giving his opening remarks

4.3.2. The NIALS Symposium on Contemporary Trends in Investment Law and Policy and Book Presentation in Honour of Professor Ayo Ajomo

The Institute organised a symposium in honour of late Professor Ayo Ajomo, titled "***Contemporary Trends in Investment Law and Policy – Lessons for Nigeria***" . The event which held on the 11th of April, 2019 in honour of the late Professor Ayo Ajomo who was NIALS' 2nd Director-General, fulfilled two objectives. In the first instance, it provided a forum for public discussion on international investment law and practice in Nigeria. The event also provided an opportunity to immortalise the late investment law scholar per excellence, who during and even after his active years of service while alive, still showed fervent commitment to the Institute.



Prof Ademola Popoola, Chairman of the Occasion

The programme was chaired by Professor Ademola Popoola, FNIALS and the Chief Presenter was Chief Robert Clarke, SAN. The Book *Law of International Investment: Essays in Honour of Late Professor Michael Ayo* Ajomowas reviewed by Professor Yinka Omorogbe, the Honourable Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Edo State.

The book presentation was followed by a Symposium titled ***"Contemporary Trends in Investment Law and Policy – Lessons for Nigeria".***



A cross section of guests at the book presentation

The lead presenter was Ms Yewande Sadiku, the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC), followed by discussants.

4.4. Post Graduate School Activities

The Institute's Postgraduate Programme made up of a postgraduate Diploma, Masters and Doctoral Programme in Legislative Drafting, was introduced to meet the capacity deficits in legislative drafting and make Nigeria a hub for the training and development of high-level manpower in legislative drafting in Africa. The Programme is backed by the statutory provision mandating NIALS to conduct degree awarding courses of instruction in legislative drafting.

Admissions into the Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School for the 2018/2019 session were put on hold in 2018 while the Institute addressed certain lapses identified by the National Universities' Commission (NUC), the body statutorily mandated to regulate University degree programmes in Nigeria. The Institute utilised the period of the temporary suspension of the programme to finalise a Memorandum of Understanding on provisional affiliation with Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile Ife while conceiving long term strategies to regularise the degree awarding status of the Institute.

The Postgraduate School commenced its 2019/2020 academic session in September 2019, with the students' enrolment as follows:

(a) Masters	-	11
(b) Postgraduate Diploma	-	2
Total	-	13

The above number excludes the doctoral students previously enrolled in other academic sessions.

Academic activities required of the students in the period under review included research work such as:

M.Phil/Ph.D - presentation of seminar papers
Masters - drafting bills/regulations & projects
PGDLD - drafting bills/regulations

In conformity with the advancement in technology and growth, the PG School is currently working to conclude the development on of its online Course Modules for the purpose of facilitating distance learning. The period under review recorded further progress towards the take-off of the on line programme. A dedicated (I learn) Committee inaugurated in January, 2018, facilitated the completion of the mandatory training of facilitators, e-tutors and course uploaders. Eight on-line course synopsis and introductory modules have been successfully uploaded. Other module materials will be uploaded on a weekly basis when the Distance Learning Programme Commences.

4.5. **Publications of the Institute**

In the year ending 2019, the Institute had a total of eleven publications comprising of books, Journals, Policy Bulletins and a monograph. The titles of the publications are as shown in **table three** below.

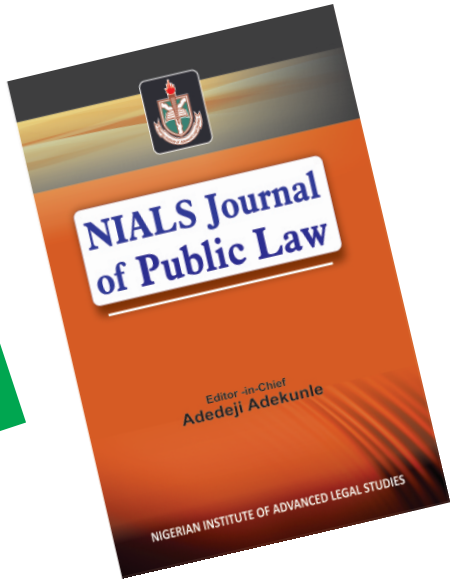
	Publication	Description
1.	Digest of Cases on the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015	Case Digest
2.	Public-Private Partnership in Infrastructure Delivery	Book
3.	Freedom of Information and Democratic Governance in Nigeria	Book

4.	**NIALS Journal of Environmental Law, Vol V**	**Journal**
5.	NIALS Journal of Public Law	Journal
6.	Nigerian Current Law Review (2018/2019)	Journal
7.	'Inclusivity and the Transformational Potentials of the AfCFTA for African Countries'	Monograph
8.	Remand Order Protocol under the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015	Policy Bulletin, Vol. 7
9.	Withdrawal of Judges and Lawyers from Criminal Proceedings under the ACJA 2015	Policy Bulletin, Vol. 8
10.	NIALS Intellectual Property Journal, Vol 5	Journal (currently in press)
11.	NIALS Intellectual Property Journal, Vol 6	Journal (currently in press)

Table 3: Institute Publications for 2019







Members of staff also worked on several on-going book projects of the Institute. These projects include the following:

- The Legal History of Nigeria;
- The AfCFTA Book Project on Regional Integration in Africa 2019/2020; and
- Food Security Book Project

It is projected that these tasks will be completed in the first quarter of 2020.

4.6. **Library Services**

The Institute's Library has continued to carry out her primary assignment as the hub of all research and academic activities under the auspices of the two departments comprising of various units and sections:

4.6.1 Readers and Bibliographic Section

The Library is an open–access establishment for qualified and registered patrons. Registration fee is however charged per head at the rate of two thousand naira (N2,000) while Renewal/Card Replacement fees are also charged at the rate of one thousand naira (N1,000). As shown in **chart five**, a total of forty-one (41) library users were registered and twenty-two (22) renewals and replacement of identity cards were processed.

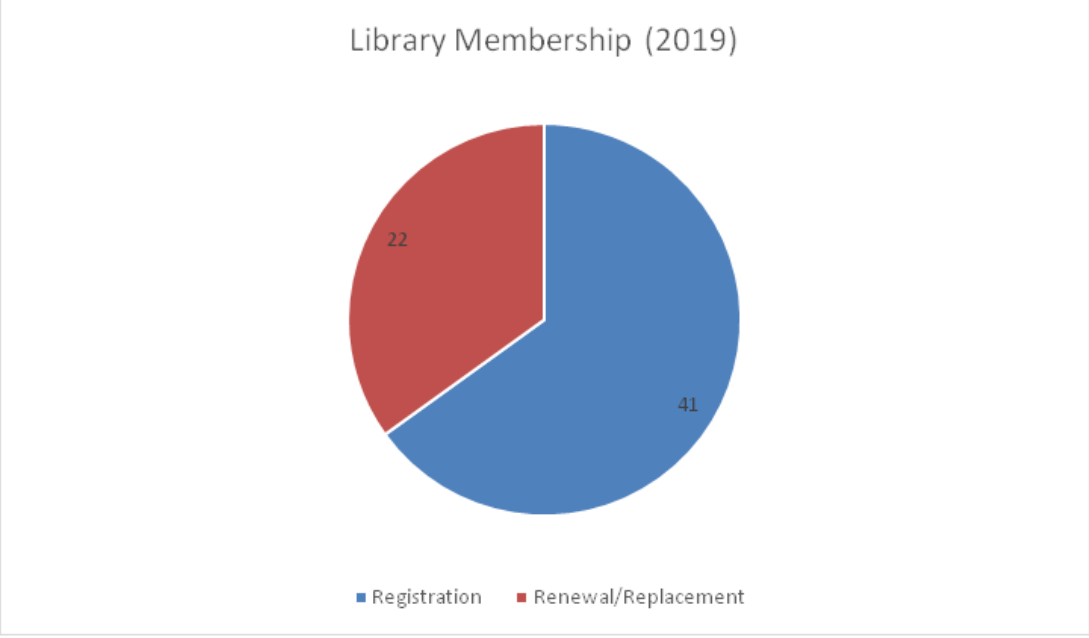


Chart 5: Membership of the NIALS Library (2019)

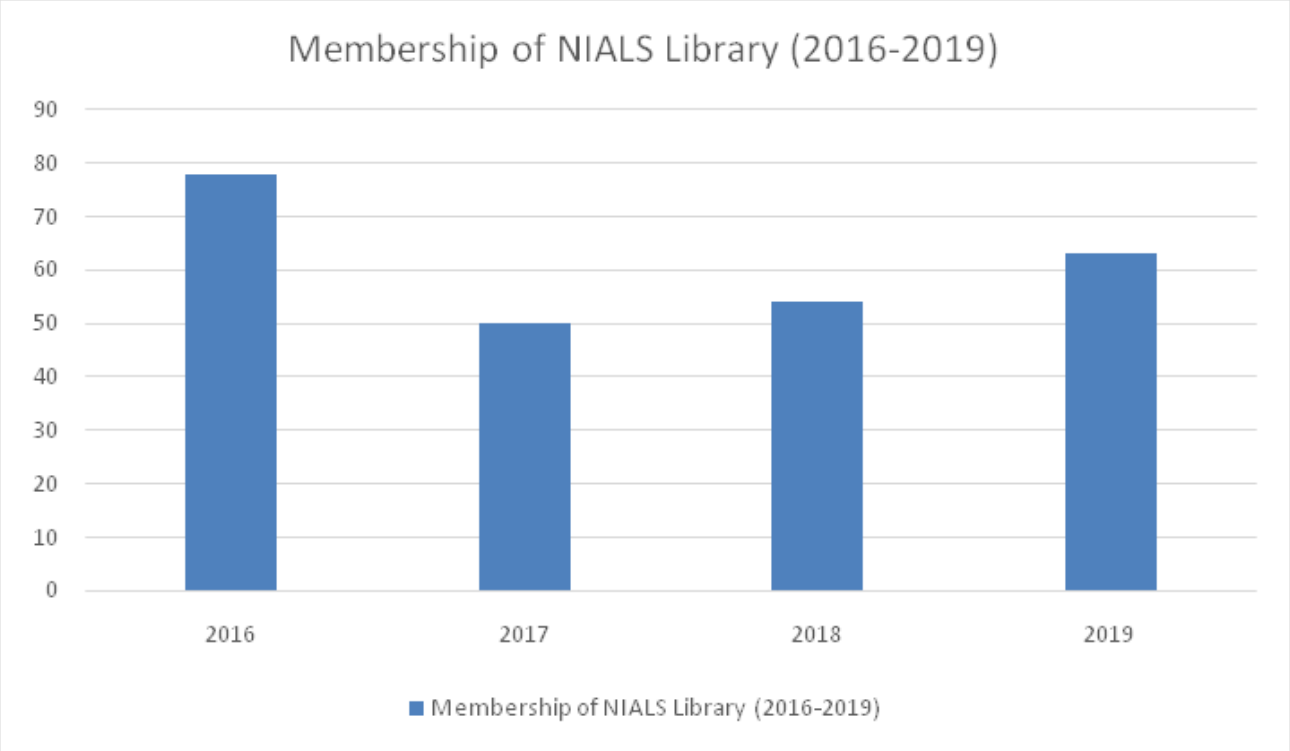


Chart 6: Analysis of NIALS Library Membership (2016-2019)

The Bibliographic Services Department undertook as a matter of routine, activities such as general reference duties; shelving of books and shelf reading; sourcing of legal materials on the web for readers; assisting users in assessing the Online Public Catalogue (OPAC) and indexing of Journals and Newspapers. In the year under review, one thousand, four hundred and fourteen (1,414) readers consulted three thousand, five hundred and fifty-five (3,555) books/materials in the library.

4.6.2. **Acquisition Section**

The Library's total collection in 2019 stood at fifty-one thousand, two hundred and sixty four (51, 264)holdings of monographs and periodicals (Journals and Law Reports). The materials are acquired in the Library through different methods such as purchases, gifts and exchange.

Library equipment consisting of six (6) Dell desktop computer systems, two (2) card sorters, one (1) kick step, one (1) catalogue cabinet of forty eight (48) drawers, forty (40) chairs and ten (10) sets of 4-in-I tables for readers were purchased from 2018 list of library equipment and received in the library in 2019.

4.6.3. **Cataloguing Section**

In the year under review, the Cataloguing Section continued processing books purchased for the library in 2019. This was because the section took delivery of these books in December, 2018.

4.6.4. **Information Technology Section**

The I.T Section has continued to process the materials newly acquired into the Library. About six thousand and two hundred (6,200) titles amounting to forty-five (45) thousand volumes have been added to the database. The section manages the online subscriptions of the Institute. In 2019, the Institute subscribed to Law Pavilion and Hein On-line.

4.7. **Staff Capacity Development and Promotions**

Staff capacity development and promotions primarily help in motivating members of staff to continue to put in their best in the work environment. The Institute invested heavily in both activities in 2019.

4.7.1. **Staff Capacity Development**

Fulfilling the mandate of the Institute effectively and efficiently requires that members of staff must possess the requisite knowledge. Hence, the Institute invests in the training and capacity building of its staff by granting permission and in some instances, sponsoring attendance at seminars, workshops as well conferences that are relevant. As shown in **table four** the Institute invested heavily in the capacity development of both academic and non-academic staff

S/N	NAME OF EVENT	DATE	NO. OF STAFF
1.	Expert Workshop on Counter-terrorism and Trafficking in Firearms	8 -9 May, 2019	3 participants
2.	The 13th Annual Business Law Conference, Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law (NBA-SBL)	26t -28 June, 2019	3 participants
3.	NALT Conference for 2019	1- 5 July, 2019	16 participants
4.	NBA Annual Conference , Lagos	21-28 August, 2019	12 participants
5.	CCLA/ NIALS Capacity Building Workshop, Cape Town South Africa	16 – 20 September, 2019	2 participants
6.	British Council ToT Workshop on Trial Advocacy Lagos	24t-1 November, 2019	2 participants
7.	NBA SPIDEL Conference, Aba Abia State	5-9 November, 2019	2 participants

1.	Symposium on Traditional Justice Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice in Nigeria, Merit House, Abuja	8-9 October, 2019	15 participants
2.	CIPM Workshop	October, 2019	1 participant
3.	Isa Wali Endowment Foundation Paralegal Summit	8-9 October, 2019	5 participants
4.	National Gender Policy on Agriculture	31 October, 2019	5 participants
5.	5th Annual Tell Aviv University Workshop for Junior Scholars in law	17-19 November, 2019	Supplementary support for 1 participant
6.	Olu Akinkugbe Business Law in Africa Fellowship At the Centre for Comparative Law in Africa (CCLA) University of Cape Town	1 November -2 December, 2019	1 Participant
7.	Nigerian Film Corporation, Annual Film Lecture, Abuja	2 December, 2019	1 participant
8.	National Human Rights Summit for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Nigeria	8 – 10 December, 2019	6 Participants serving as Rapporteurs
9.	National Workshop on the Reform of the Companies Income Tax Act (CITA)	10 December, 2019	3 participants
10.	Leadership Effectiveness and Interpersonal Skills at Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON)	9 -13 December, 2019	2 participants
11.	3 DAY Workshop on Strategic Managing and Improving Employee Performance training workshop, Calabar	16 – 18 December, 2019	1 participant

Table 4: Summary of Institute's capacity development investment for 2019

4.7.2. **Staff Promotion**

Promotion exercises generally serve as a means of motivating deserving members of staff to remain committed to the mandate of the Institute. Two sets of promotion exercises were conducted in 2019. The first set of promotions addressed the backlogs existing due to the failure to conclude the promotion exercise which began in 2018 to consider eligible staff (2016-2018).

A total of one hundred and twenty (120) members of staff were eligible, considered and elevated under the 2018 promotion exercise, which was concluded in October 2019. This total number comprised of eight (8) Academic

staff and one hundred and twelve (112) non-academic staff and forty (40) members of staff were eligible in 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively). The Governing Council approved the exercise which was subsequently concluded with the issuance of the appropriate notification to affected members of staff.

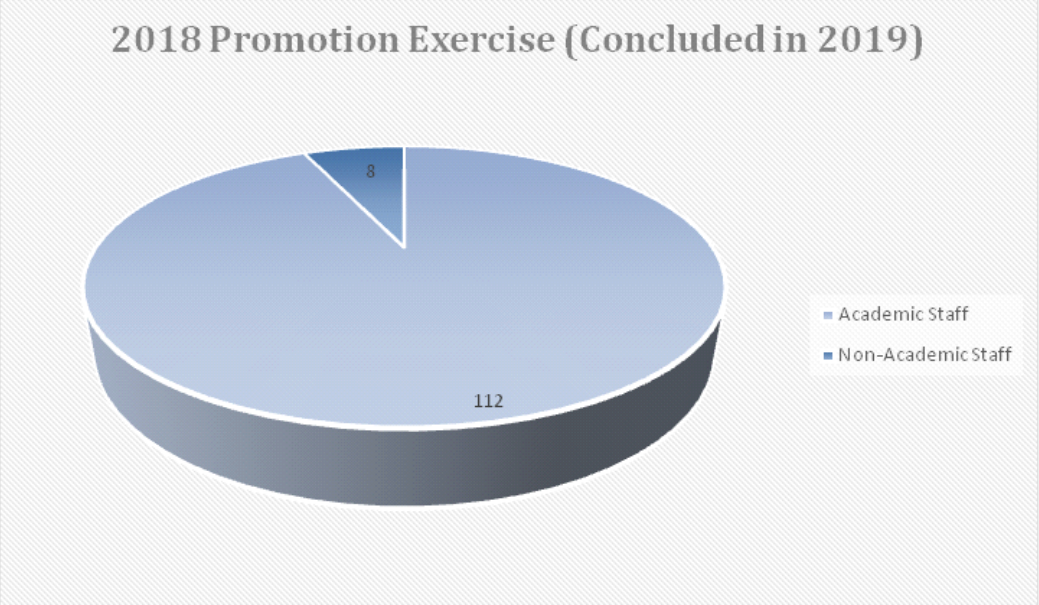


Chart 7: Analysis of 2018 staff promotion exercise (concluded in 2019)

In the second set of promotion exercise one hundred and thirty six (136) members of staff were eligible and considered for promotion. As shown in **chart eight** the number of eligible staff comprised of one hundred and two (102) non-academic and thirty four (34) academic members of staff.

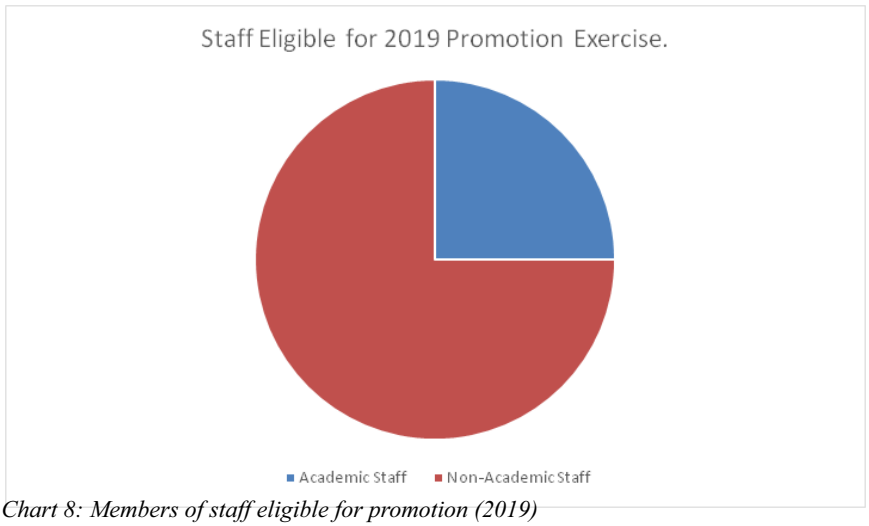


Chart 8: Members of staff eligible for promotion (2019)

of the one hundred and two (102) non-academic members of staff eligible and considered, only ninety one (91) were recommended for promotion as shown in **chart nine.**

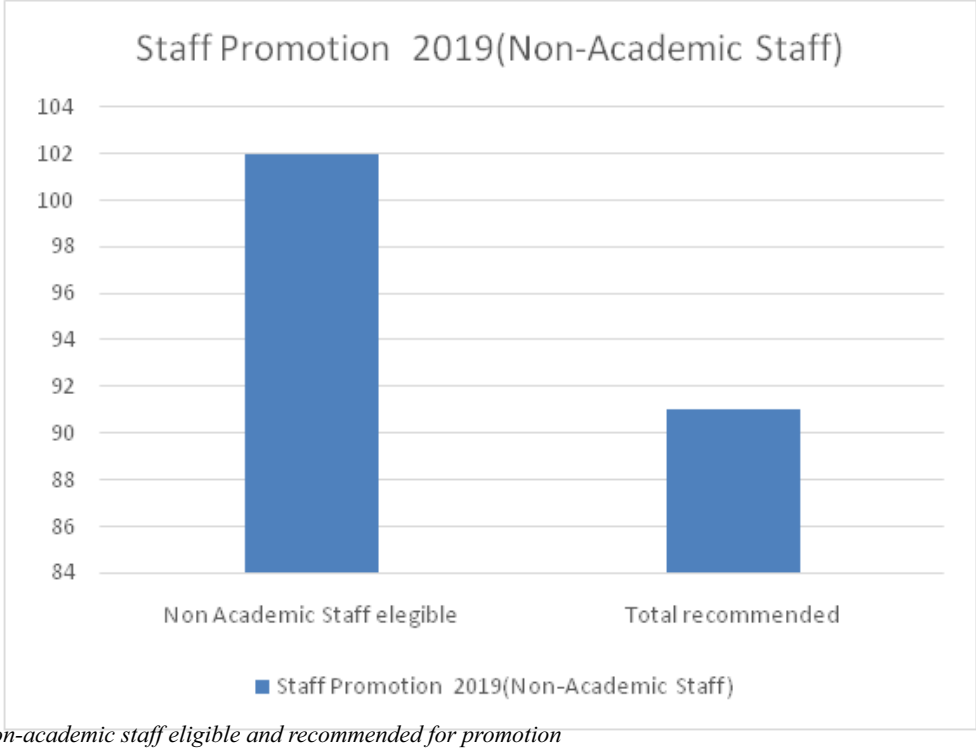


Chart 9: Non-academic staff eligible and recommended for promotion

of the thirty four (34) Academics, thirteen (13) were recommended for promotion, while 9 were recommended for external assessment, in line with the promotion requirement for the cadre.

Through the promotion exercise, the Governing Council and Management demonstrated its resolute position to continue to promote staff welfare and motivation.

4.8. **Continuing Legal Education Activities**

The NIALS Centre for Continuous Legal Education (CCLE) is charged with fulfilling the Institute's mandate to offer continuing legal education courses in diverse aspects of law.These courses aim at building the capacity of lawyers or judges in the thematic areas of the courses.The Centre for Continuing Legal Education (CCLE) organized both general and tailored short courses in 2019

4.8.1. General Courses

CCLE advertised ten (10) course themes in its 2019 general training calendar, most of which were scheduled to hold in two streams, making a total of sixteen (16) general courses. No new course was introduced in 2019. All sixteen (16) Courses advertised and contained in **table five** held as scheduled. The CCLE worked closely with Course Coordinators during the year under review to ensure that NIALS courses were marketed using various media.



Participants at the 39th Course on Practice and Procedure (2nd stream)

S/N	COURSE TITLE	DATE (2019)	VENUE	NO.OF PARTICIPANTS
i.	Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dispute Management and Negotiation Skills Course (First Stream)	06 - 8May	Lagos	25
ii.	Regulatory Regimes and Compliance Training Course (First Stream)	13– 15 May	Lagos	17
iii.	Leadership, Negotiation and Management Skills (First Stream)	17-18 June	Abuja	21
iv.	Course on Information Technology and The Law (First Stream)	24- 26 June	Lagos	7

v.	34th Course in Drafting Commercial Agreements & Banking Documentation	01 – 03 July	Lagos	20
vi.	Government Legal Advisers/Law Officers Course (First Stream)	08 -10 July	Abuja	29
vii.	39th Advanced Course in Practice and Procedure(First Stream)	15 – 17 July	Lagos	11
viii.	Workshop on Legal Writing Skills (First Stream)	22 – 24 July	Abuja	37
ix.	Labour Law and Industrial Relations Dispute Resolutions Course	16-18 September	Lagos	28
x.	Environmental Law and Management Course	23-25 September	Lagos	13
xi.	Regulatory Regimes and Compliance Training Course (Second Stream)	07-09 October	Abuja	23
xii.	Workshop on Legal Writing Skills (Second Stream)	14-16 October	Lagos	41
xiii.	Alternative Dispute Resolution, dispute Management and Negotiation Skills Course (Second Scream)	21-23 October	Abuja	26
xiv.	39th Advanced Course in Practice and Procedure (Second Stream)	28 – 30 October	Abuja	56
xv.	Government Legal Advisers/Law Officers Course (Second Stream)	04 -06 November	Lagos	39
xvi.	Course on Information Technology and the Law (Second Stream)	05-07 November	Abuja	34

Table 5: 2019 General courses

forty four percent of the scheduled courses held in Abuja while the remaining sixty six percent were conducted in Lagos. As shown in **chart ten**, two hundred and twenty six, (fifty three percent of the total participants) attended the course in Abuja while Lagos courses recorded two hundred and one participants.

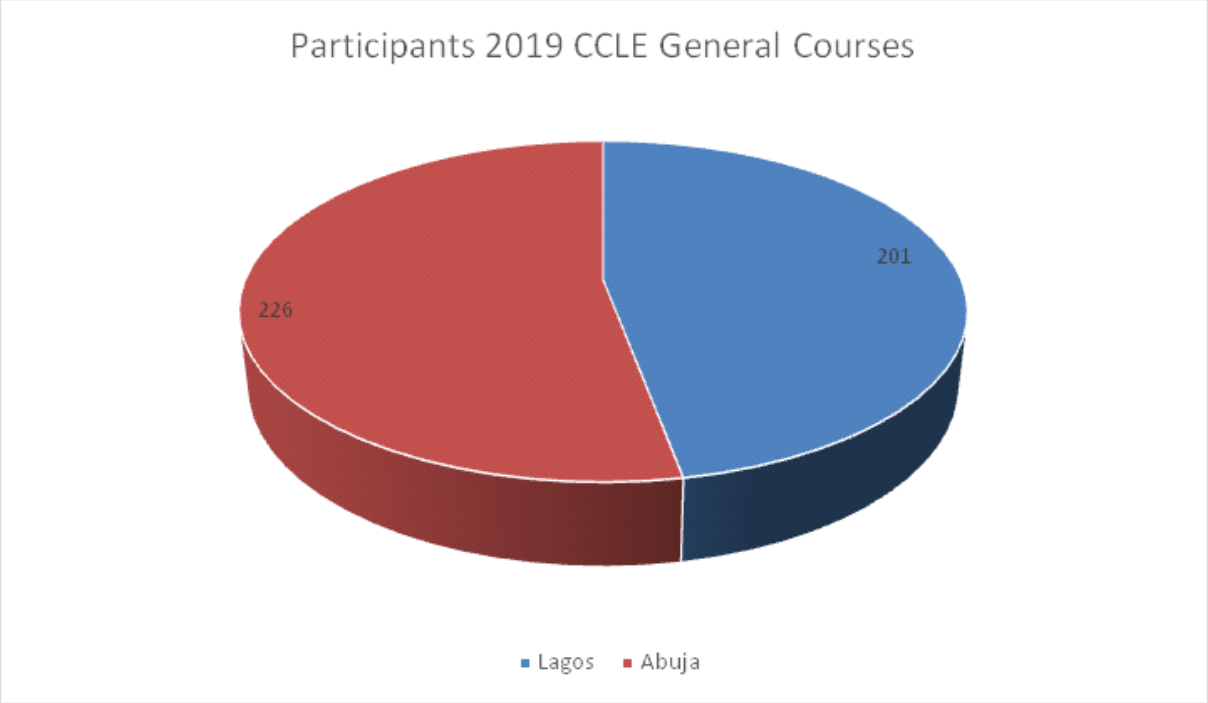


Chart 10: Participants at 2019 CCLE courses (by location)

A total of four hundred and twenty seven (427) lawyers and judges from different organisations and jurisdictions have been trained in the advertised general courses. The performance of CCLE general courses for the year 2019 are presented in **table six.**

S/N	COURSE TITLE	NO.OF PARTICIPANTS
i.	Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dispute Management and Negotiation Skills Course (Two Streams)	51
ii.	Regulatory Regimes and Compliance Training Course (Two Streams)	40
iii.	Leadership, Negotiation and Management Skills (One Stream)	21
iv.	Course on Information Technology and The Law (Two Streams)	41
v.	34th Course in Drafting Commercial Agreements & Banking Documentation (One Stream)	20
vi.	Government Legal Advisers/Law Officers Course (Two Streams)	68
vii.	39th Advanced Course in Practice and Procedure(Two Streams)	67
viii.	Workshop on Legal Writing Skills (Two Streams)	78
ix.	Labour Law and Industrial Relations Dispute Resolutions course (One Stream)	28
x.	Environmental Law and Management Course	13
	Total Participants	427

Table 6: Participants at 2019 Courses

Compared to 2018 figures as shown in **table seven** the Institute recorded a Six percent increase the number of participants at the general courses.

	Year	Total number of participants.
1.	2016	461
2.	2017	353
3.	2018	401

Table 7: 2016-2019 Course participant analysis

The Course on Information Technology and the Law (first stream) and the 39th Advanced Practice and Procedure (first stream) recorded a low number of 7 and 11 participants respectively. Both courses with poor turnouts held in Lagos. The courses that consistently record a high turnout of participants from a three year period review are as shown in table eight.

	Title of Course	2017	2018	2019
1.	Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dispute Management and Negotiation Skills Course	11 (One Stream)	46 (Two Streams)	51 (Two Streams)
2.	Regulatory Regimes and Compliance Training Course	25 (One Stream)	31 (One Stream)	40 (Two Streams)
3.	Course on Information Technology and the Law	64 (Two Streams)	49 (Two Streams)	41 (Two Streams)
4.	Government Legal Advisers/Law Officers Course	40 (Two Streams)	73 (Two Streams)	68 (Two Streams)
5.	Advanced Course in Practice and Procedure	72	56	67
6.	Workshop on Legal Writing Skills	40 (Two Streams)	76 (Two Streams)	78 (Two Streams)
7.	Course in Drafting Commercial Agreements & Banking Documentation	17 (One Stream)	19 (One Stream)	20 (One Stream)

Table 8: Frequently attended courses (2017-2019)

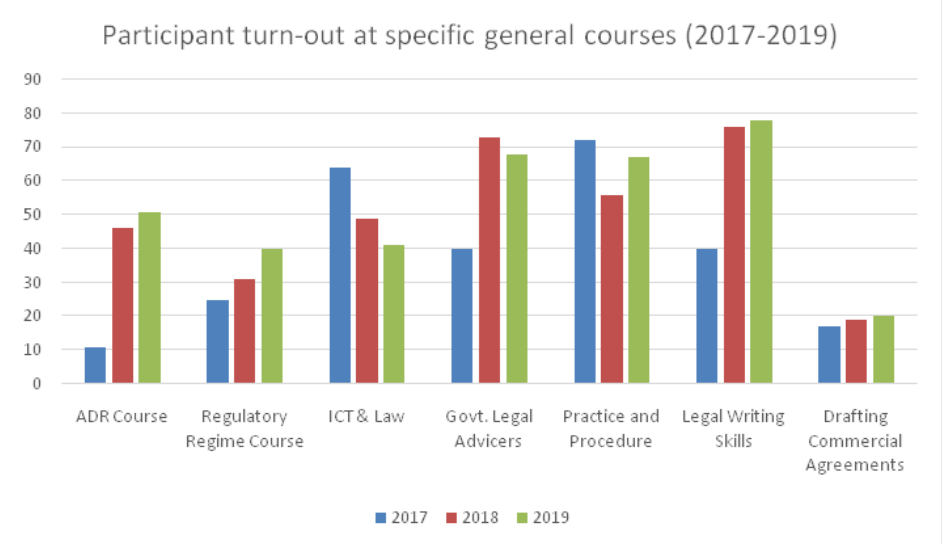


Chart 11: Participant turn-out analysis (2017-2019)

Generally, participants' comments in 2019 were very commendable, particularly with respect to the value received from the resource persons, the adequacy of the courses in fulfilling their training needs, the coordination of the courses and professionalism of the administrative support staff. There were however complaints by participants with respect to:

- Inadequate provision of accommodation or requisite options for participants for the duration of the course;
- The uncomfortable nature of the seats and rugs at the Ayo Ajomo Auditorium, Lagos, particularly with no means or platform to write comfortably during the lectures;
- The uncomfortable nature of the seats, tables and run-down facilities of the Ignatius Ayua Lecture Theatre; and
- The absence of POS machines for participants who want to pay with their bank cards.

The 2020 general course calendar was approved in December 2019 as shown in **table nine**.

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2020 COURSE SCHEDULE

S/N	COURSE TITLE	DATE (2020)	VENUE	COURSE FEE	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT (10%)
1.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE (FIRST STREAM)	11 – 13 MAY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 10th APRIL 2020
2.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	18 – 20 MAY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 17th APRIL 2020
3.	21ST NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICES IN LAW LIBRARIES	08 – 10 JUNE	LAGOS	N75,000	Ends 8th MAY 2020
4.	COURSE IN LEADERSHIP, NEGOTIATION AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS (FIRST STREAM)	15 - 16 JUNE	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 15th MAY 2020
5.	COURSE IN INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW (FIRST STREAM)	22 – 24 JUNE	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 22nd MAY 2020
6.	35TH COURSE IN DRAFTING COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS & BANKING DOCUMENTATION	06 – 08 JULY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 5th JUNE 2020
7.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE (FIRST STREAM)	20 – 22 JULY	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 19th JUNE 2020
8.	40TH ADVANCED COURSE IN PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (FIRST STREAM)	27 – 29JULY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 26th JUNE 2020
9.	COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	04 – 06 AUGUST	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 3rd JULY 2020
10.	WORKSHOP IN LEGAL WRITING SKILLS (FIRST STREAM)	14 – 16 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 14th JULY 2020
11.	LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION COURSE	21 – 23 SEPTEMBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 21st JULY 2020
12.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT &SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	05 – 07 OCTOBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 4th SEPTEMBER 2020
13.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE (SECOND STREAM)	12 – 14 OCTOBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 11th SEPTEMBER 2020
14.	WORKSHOP IN LEGAL WRITING SKILLS (SECOND STREAM)	19 – 21 OCTOBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 18th SEPTEMBER 2020
15.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE (SECOND STREAM)	26 – 28 OCTOBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 25th SEPTEMBER 2020
16.	40TH ADVANCED COURSE IN PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (SECOND STREAM)	02 -04 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 2nd OCTOBER 2020
17.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE (SECOND STREAM)	09 -11 NOVEMBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 9th OCTOBER 2020
18.	COURSE IN INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW (SECOND STREAM)	16 – 18 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 16th OCTOBER 2020
19.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE (SECOND STREAM)	23 – 25 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 23rd OCTOBER 2020
20.	COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE (SECOND STREAM)	30th Nov. – 2nd Dec.	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 30th OCTOBER 2020

*All fees are inclusive of VAT and WHT and covers course materials, tea and lunch only

** **The venue for all courses in Lagos is the NIALS Complex, University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos.**

** **Tentative venue for Abuja Courses is Rockview Classic Hotel, Wuse 2, Abuja (this will be confirmed).**

**The Courses start from 9:00am – 4:30pm on the scheduled course dates

For further information contact: **Chidi: 08159824856** or **Dr Nkiruka : 08087722722** or email: clec@nials.edu.ng

4.8.2. **Online Continuing Legal Education (CLE)**

In furtherance of its mandate and due to increased demand particularly from persons who are unable to physically attend the training courses organised and run by the Institute, the Institute has identified an e-learn centre as a viable route to offer continuing legal education. . The I-Learn Committee of the Institute continued with the modalities to ensure the NIALS Distance Learning Portal is available at www.nialsilearn.edu.ng to participants interested in short courses and PGD.

4.8.3. Bespoke Courses

NIALS also organised bespoke trainings for organisations to meet the professional development needs of their staff. In 2019, the CCLE provided tailored training for the following organisations as shown in the table ten.

	Event	**Venue**	**Date**	**Requesting Organization**
1.	8th Admiralty Law Seminar for Judges	Lagos	22-23 February, 2019	NIMASA
2.	Alternative Dispute Resolution	ABUJA, FCT.	13 TH – 16 TH MAY 2019	AMCON
3.	One Month Advanced Legislative Drafting Course	Abuja FCT	September 2019	Legal Department, National Assembly, Abuja
4.	NIALS/AGA/AAP Partnership	Abuja FCT	2-4 October, 2019	Attorney General Alliance Partnership

Table 10: Institute bespoke Courses (2019)

Director of Studies, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, NIALS, Associate Professor Emmanuel Okon, Justice of the Court of Appeal, M.L. Garba, Director-General, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Dakuku Peterside, Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom, Justice Godwin Abraham, and the Executive Director, Maritime Labour & Cabotage Services) NIMASA, Mr. Gambo Ahmed during 8th Strategic Admiralty Law Seminar for Judges organised by NIMASA in conjunction with NIALS in Lagos





Cross section of participants

All inquiries on potential partnership with the Institute for the purpose of tailored courses can be made via clec@nials.edu.ng

4.9. **Collaborative Undertakings**

The standing of the Institute as the apex law institution requires that it constantly engages in collaborative undertakings for funding, in-depth research and interrogation of relevant areas of law. TheInstitute continued with the fulfilment of existing arrangements with international and local organisations in 2019, while working to establish new partnerships and collaborations. The collaborations continued in 2019 include:

4.9.1. NIALS/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Workshop on Counterterrorism and Tracking in Firearms

The Institute's collaboration with UNODC involves the development of University Level Module Series and the organisation of expert workshops on Counter-terrorism and Trafficking in Firearms. In 2019, the Institute continued with this collaboration by organising an Expert Workshop dedicated to the University Level Module Series on Counter-terrorism and Trafficking in Firearms. The Workshop held from 8th -9th May, 2019 at the Ignatius Ayua Lecture Theatre, NIALS, Lagos State.

4.9.2. NIALS/UNDP Project on Access to Justice and Rule of Law in the North-East

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in September 2017, entered into a collaboration with NIALS for the implementation of the research project titled 'Support to Access to Justice and the Rule of Law in the North East of Nigeria'. The Project seeks to provide support for the re- establishment of core justice and security services in accessible areas of places affected by insurgency.

The Institute continued with the implementation of the module development and supervision phase of the collaboration. This phase required the Institute faculty to supervise and edit the Training Modules developed by independent UN contractors.

4.9.3. Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS)/Centre for Comparative Law in Africa (CCLA), Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa Collaboration

The research collaboration is focused broadly on the development of faculty and studies on comparative law and in Africa and sponsored by the TY Danjuma Foundation. In 2019, the collaboration focused on the training of young scholars from the Institute and on conducting research into the regional integration in Africa.







Following the NIALS/CCLA partnership, two Research Fellows attended a one week capacity building workshop in Cape Town in August while one research fellow was awarded a two months fellowship at CCLA, University of Cape Town, 1st October - 2nd December 2019.

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With respect to research on regional integration, the two organisations commissioned a joint book project dedicated to exploring thematic issues related to the African Continental Free Trade Agreement and the quest for regional integration. The AfCFTA Book Project on Regional Integration in Africa is to be completed in 2020.

4.9.4. NIALS/GIZ /Police Programme Africa (2017 – 2019)

This collaboration seeks to improve the capacity of police and prosecutors in Nigeria through gathering forensic evidence and cooperation, training of prosecutors, Nigerian Police Force, judges and defence lawyers on tendering of forensic evidence and admissibility of same in court to further ensure effective justice for all.



Under this collaboration, the Institute facilitated training workshops on Human Rights Issues and the Implementation of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) and their state equivalent.

4.9.5. NIALS/MacArthur Collaboration on Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria (2016-2019)

The Project seeks to enhance the understanding of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA), 2015 and the state equivalents. The collaboration also seeks to facilitate implementation through *inter alia*, the development of institutionalised curriculums and guidance instruments for judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers (Component A); development of rules of courts under the ACJA (Component B); and development of case digests and case bulletins on the ACJA (Component C). The collaboration is currently in its third year.

The partnership sponsored the expanded meeting of th project Monitoring Committee NIALS/MacArthur Project on Implementation of ACJA held in Calabar from the 25 -27 April, 2019. The retreat was organised to enable key management staff rub minds on how the funding of the project had been carried out and to chart a worthy course on the way forward with the project.

4.9.6. Strategic Meetings to Foster New Partnerships.

The incumbent DG, since his assumption of office in September 2019, has embarked on several courtesy visits and attended strategic meetings. These activities are geared towards creating the appropriate environment for extending the hands of partnership with MDAs and other organisations.

Director General's Courtesy Visit to the Office of the NIFU.



Table 11 provides a summary of the courtesy visits undertaken by the DG

S/N	PLACE VISITED	DATE	PURPOSE
1.	Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offence Commission (ICPC)	16/10/2019	To seek assistance in acquiring temporary accommodation to use as office space while the permanent site is being developed.
2.	Nigerian Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS)	16/10/2019	To market the NIALS Press, and seek collaboration on research and specialised training.
3.	National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)	4/11/2019	To seek partnership on legal research in IT Law, on developing NIALS online courses,training and information dissemination among others.
4.	University of Lagos (UNILAG)	21/11/2019	To solicit continued relationship and support that will enhance law, practice and the Nigerian Judicial System.
5.	Office of the Vice President	18/11/2019	To seek support towards addressing some ongoing and long term challenges relating to accommodation by way of temporary and permanent accommodation.
6.	Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)	19/11/2019	To seek partnership on training, running online courses.
7.	Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU)	27/11/2019	To seek collaboration on information dissemination, capacity building in the area of report writing and legal drafting.
8.	FMITI	10/12/2019	To seek collaboration in various areas including capacity building/training, public sensitisation/ information dissemination, consultancy services.

Table 11: DG's Courtesy Visits for 2019



Director General's Courtesy visit to NCC

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Similarly, several organisations and MDAs have orchestrated visits to the Director General to initiate discussions on the prospects of collaboration with the Institute. **Table twelve** provides a summary of such visits.

COURTESY VISITS PAID TO THE DG			
1.	British Council	10/10/2019	ROLAC training the trainer on trial advocacy, and other identified areas for future collaboration.
2.	UNODC	3/12/2019	To seek future collaboration to review identified gaps in the criminal justice system such as counter- terrorism policy and de-radicalisation implementation.
3.	Afe Babaloa University, Ado Ekiti (ABUAD)	28/112019	To seek collaboration on information dissemination, staff/ student exchange, specialised training programmes, etc.
4.	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Unity Bar Branch	20/12/2019	seeking capacity for training for members of the branch, and requesting subsidy for our training programmes.

Table 12: Courtesy visits to the DG



It is believed that these strategic meetings will subsequently birth new partnerships

4.10. **On-going Research Projects and Programmes**

Several of the Institute's collaborative undertakings birthed research projects undertaken by the Institute either as new or a continuation of on-going endeavours. The findings of the various research projects were disseminated in dedicated seminars, workshops and conferences.

4.10.1. NIALS/UNDP Project on Access to Justice and Rule of Law In The North-East

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The Project seeks to provide support for the re- establishment of core justice and security services in accessible areas of places affected by insurgency.

The Implementation of the research project titled 'Support to Access to Justice and the Rule of Law in the North East of Nigeria' continued in 2019 with the supervision, editing and submission of the Train the Trainer (ToT) Manual to UNDP.

4.10.2. NIALS/MacArthur Project on the Implementation of ACJA

The three components of the MacArthur sponsored project arising from the collaboration, carried out the following activities in 2019 as shown in the table on page 56.

	Component	Activities in 2019
1.	A: training on the implementation of ACJA 2015 and Relevant State Replica	4 training courses for Judges, Prosecutors and Defence Lawyers on the Implementation of ACJA (2015) held in the months of January.
2.	B: developing Model Court Rules for the Implementation of ACJA	Completed the Draft of the Model Court Rules for the FCT High Court.
3.	C: Case analysis on the implementation of ACJA and the Relevant State Replica	ACJA Case Digest (Vol.1) and 2 Policy Bulletins.



To view the Institute's Documentary on the implementation of the ACJA research programme, visit

https://nials.edu.ng/index.php/2015-12-10-16-05-04/nials-news/372-nials-macarthur-project-on-administration-of-criminal-justice-act-acja-2015

5. **Challenges of the Institute**

The Institute continues to face certain challenges in the process of fulfilling its statutory mandate. The Institute currently lacks appropriate office space to house its one hundred and seventy eight (178) members of staff located in its Abuja office. Management is constrained by finances in the quest to develop and build NIALS corporate headquarters. The main sources of NIALS revenue source for undertaking capital projects remains appropriation from government. Reasonable progress has been made since NIALS secured land for the purpose in the nature of full architectural drawings, site approval including, soil test, environment impact analysis etc. All that is needed now is to commence construction work subject of course to the availability of funds. Although the entire capital allocation of Eighty-eight million, six hundred and fifty thousand, three hundred and fifty-two Naira (N88,650,352.00) was released in 2019, it remains grossly insufficient compared to the capital needs of the Institute, principal of which is the permanent site.

Furthermore, the state of the Institute's funding with respect to the overhead stream is not very encouraging. The overhead is very meagre and irregular. Currently, only fifty eight percent of the total overhead budget stream amounting to Fifty million, five hundred and sixty thousand, seventy-six Naira and fifty-eight kobo (N50,560,076.58) has been released. As shown in **Table 13**, this failure to release the entire overhead budget stream has been a re-occurring event.

Year	Appropriation	Releases	% of Releases	Remarks
2017	N86,674,416.00	N39,876,720.00	46	Balance not released
2018	N86,674,416.00	N50,560076.58	58	Balance not released
2019	N86,674,416.00	N50,560076.58	58	Balance yet to be released.

Table 13: Appropriation allocated to the Institute 2017-2019

Consequently, running the Institute to ensure it undertakes research as well as disseminate the findings through publications and the conduct of events to meet international best practices and standards has become a major challenge.

6. **Conclusion: Projections for 2020**

2019 has indeed been an eventful year for the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. In spite of the funding challenges which the Institute faces, the Institute has continued to fulfil its statutory mandate. Based on the success of the activities of 2019 and the modalities that the various directorates, departments, sections and units have put in place, the prospects of the Institute in 2020 are encouraging.

The various academic directorates and the departments and units which they manage have proposed activities various activities for 2020 that are in line with the Institute's core mandates. These activities include the publication of the respective departmental journals, organising round tables and dialogues on emerging fields of law, including sustainable development and regional economic integration, criminality and trans-border crimes, commissioning of book projects, etc.

The CLEC in sustaining sustain the tempo of its commitment to continuing legal education in Nigeria, has set out its prospective 2020 schedule of courses. These courses can be found on the NIALS website.

With the motivation of members of staff through the promotion exercise and various capacity development initiatives, moral is high creating the appropriate working environment to ensure that the vision and strategic mission of the Institute is fulfilled. Similarly, the various strategic visits and meetings undertaken by the DG on behalf of the Institute will facilitate prospects for the developing into full partnerships for the benefit of the Institute.

