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Director General's Message



2020 was a peculiar year indeed. The outbreak, subsequent spread and the unprecedented impact of the corona virus (COVID-19) took the entire world by surprise. It left global healthcare systems overwhelmed and at the brink of collapse while economies of both developed and developing countries struggled to stay afloat. In addition, the legal order framework of various countries grappled with interpreting the legality of various government actions aimed at protecting the public and curtailing the impact of the outbreak.

In the midst of these troubling times, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) maintained its central role in the facilitation and dissemination of findings connected to legal and socio-legal research. This entailed fulfilling commitments from on-going collaborations with international donor organisations and creating new initiatives and strategies for achieving the Institute's mandate. By playing a prominent role at the regional and national level for the purpose of achieving the aims of regional integration through the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA); being involved in deliberations for correctional reforms and decongestion; researching on the impact of the pandemic on the Nigerian Justice sector amongst other activities, these initiatives revealed the Institute's unwavering commitment to national economic and socio-political development. Consequently, the Institute recorded several success stories in its bid to continuously advance the mission and vision of being the nucleus of advanced legal research in law and related fields.

The emergent 'new-normal' which contemporary society now functions under had, for the better part of 2020, been devoid of uncontrolled physical contact. The popular mantra of 'maintaining social distancing' drove home the importance of previous and future investments in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) tools at the Institute. Embracing the digital space has now become inevitable and as an Institute, we are glad to be on the path of active utilisation of the digital space for convening of official Institute meetings, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) training programmes for lawyers and facilitation of webinars in collaboration with public and private sector on

topical issues affecting Nigeria's growth and development in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I would like to commend the tenacity of the staff of the Institute who braced up to shoulder the additional responsibilities created by the current pandemic.

My sincere gratitude goes to the Federal and State governments, private sector and development partners who collaborated and provided support to the Institute in 2020. As we move on in 2021, we wish to assure all our partners in progress that we remain as an Institute, ever questioning and ever probing.

Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD
Hubert Humphrey Fellow, USA
Director-General

2. Welcome to the Institute

We are Nigeria's apex research Institution for advanced studies in Law and law related issues. Our vision is to remain a world class institution that is the primary source of information, training and proffering advice at the highest level, on policy formulation to enhance national socio-legal and economic development.

2.1. Background of the Institute



The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), was established in 1979 as a common centre for advanced legal research through the NIALS Establishment Act 1979 (as amended). The idea behind the conceptualisation of the Institute, a brainchild of the legal academic community, traces back to the difficulties experienced in organising post-graduate studies in Nigerian Universities at that time. Primary considerations that led to the recommendation to establish the Institute at the 1963 Annual Meeting for the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers were the inadequacy of library facilities and lack of specialised supervision in Nigerian Universities.

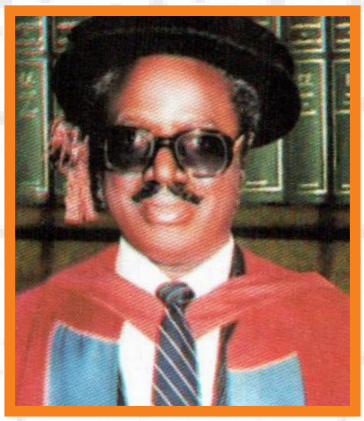
NIALS @ 40. Our History…. Our Pride

- Established in 1971 as a centre for advanced legal research, following the recommendations at the1963 Annual Meeting for the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers for a common centre for the acquisition of legal materials and academic research.
- The Institute was officially opened on March 17th, 1979 and this day is celebrated annually as the Institute's Founders' Day.
- In the last forty (40) years, the Institute has contributed to the advancement of national, regional and global law and policy in various thematic areas through the conduct of research, trainings, publications and other collaborative undertakings.
- The Institute became a degree awarding institution in 1997, following an amendment of its Enabling Statute.
- The day- to- day running of the Institute in the last forty (40)years, has been headed by seven (7) eminent legal jurists and veteran scholars as Director-Generals, who have contributed to the development of legal jurisprudence in Nigeria and beyond.
- The NIALS Library, is named after His Excellency, Justice Taslim Olawale Elias (of blessed memory), who pioneered the founding of the Institute.

Now Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) Act, Cap 112, 2004.

His Excellency, Justice Taslim Olawale Elias (of blessed memory) pioneered the founding of the Institute. Honorable Justice (Dr) Akinola Aguda (also of blessed memory) was appointed as the pioneer Director–General following its establishment in 1979. The visions of the founding fathers have over the years been carried on by great scholars and legal minds like Professor Ayo Ajomo, Professor Ignatius Ayua, Professor Ameze Guobadia, Professor Epiphany Azinge, SAN, Professor Adedeji Adekunle, SAN and currently, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD.

Past and Present NIALS Director General



Hon. Justice Akinola Aguda
(1978-1987)



Prof. M. A. Ajomo
(1987-1995)



Prof. I. A. Ayua, SAN
(1995-2003)



Prof. Ameze Guobadia
(2003-2009)



Prof. Epiphany C. Azinge, SAN
(2009-2014)



Prof. Adedeji Adekunle, SAN
(2014-2019)



Prof. M. T. Ladan, PhD
(2019-Till Date)

NIALS has continued to fulfil her statutory mandate through planned researches, publications and training in the country's interest. In 1997, the amendments to the enabling law, led to the evolution of the Institute to a degree awarding Institution. Consequently, the Institute's Postgraduate School (PGS) was established in 1997 as the Postgraduate Studies Unit with the sole aim of running a Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting, Masters' Degree and Doctorate programmes. In pursuance of its mandate, vision and mission, the Institute has in 2020, like other years, orchestrated various activities targeted at achieving its mandate.

2.2. Governance & Leadership of the Institute

By virtue of the provisions of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) Act, Cap 112 2004 as ammendsed the affairs of the Institute are managed by a Governing Council, the Director-General, Principal Officers and other key officers of the Institute.

2.2.1. Institute Governing Council

The Institute's Governing Council as provided in section 2 of the NIALS Act comprises of eighteen (18) members, drawn from Deans of law faculties of various universities, the Nigerian Law School, an array of other eminent legal scholars, and a representative of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA). The Chairman of the Governing Council is traditionally the serving Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN).

The current Governing Council was duly constituted and inaugurated on 28th May, 2019 by the Honorable Attorney General of the Federation and Minster for Justice Mr. Abubakar Malami, SAN.

Table 1: Current Council Members as at 2020

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 Chairman of the Governing Council is the current Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Honorable Dr. Justice Ibrahim Tanko Mohammed,CFR, GCON, FCIArb, FCLM, FNJI.

2.2.2. The Office of the Director-General

The Director-General is appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and is the Chief Executive Officer 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. The current Director-General, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD formally took over the mantle with effect from 9th September, 2019.

2.2.3. Principal Officers

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

2.2.4. Other Key Officers of the Institute

The Institute on inception comprised of two academic directorates: Director of Research and Studies. In December 2019, the Governing Council on the prompting of the Director-General and in line with the exigencies of the Institute's growth, exercised its powers under paragraph 9(2) of the Schedule pursuant to section 2(3), NIALS Act to restructure and create the Directorates of Postgraduate Studies and Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Regional Economic Integration Law & Policy bringing the current number of directorates under the academic posts to three (3). The Directors of these academic directorates are Key Officers of the Institute.

2.3. Organisational Structure

The Institute comprises of six (6) directorates broadly grouped as Academic and Non-Academic Directorates, housed in its academic and administrative capacities in Abuja and Lagos respectively.

The Library Directorate stands out as a fusion since units under the directorate cannot be strictly classified.

2.3.1. Non-Academic Directorates

The Non-Academic Directorates comprises of Administration and Bursary Directorates. These, Directorates comprise of several Departments, Units and Sections. Activities of the Institute revolve around its core mandate which is significantly tied to academics and research. Consequently, the statutory provided Directorates of Administration and Bursary provide for the general running of the Institute, including the necessary backend support to the other Academic Directorate.

1.	**Non-Academic Directorates**	Administration Bursary
2.	**Academic Directorates**	-Research -Postgraduate Studies -Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Centre for Regional Economic Integration Law & Policy
3.	Library	

Table 2: *Summary of the Organisational Structure based on Academic and Non -Academic categorisation*

I. Administration Directorate

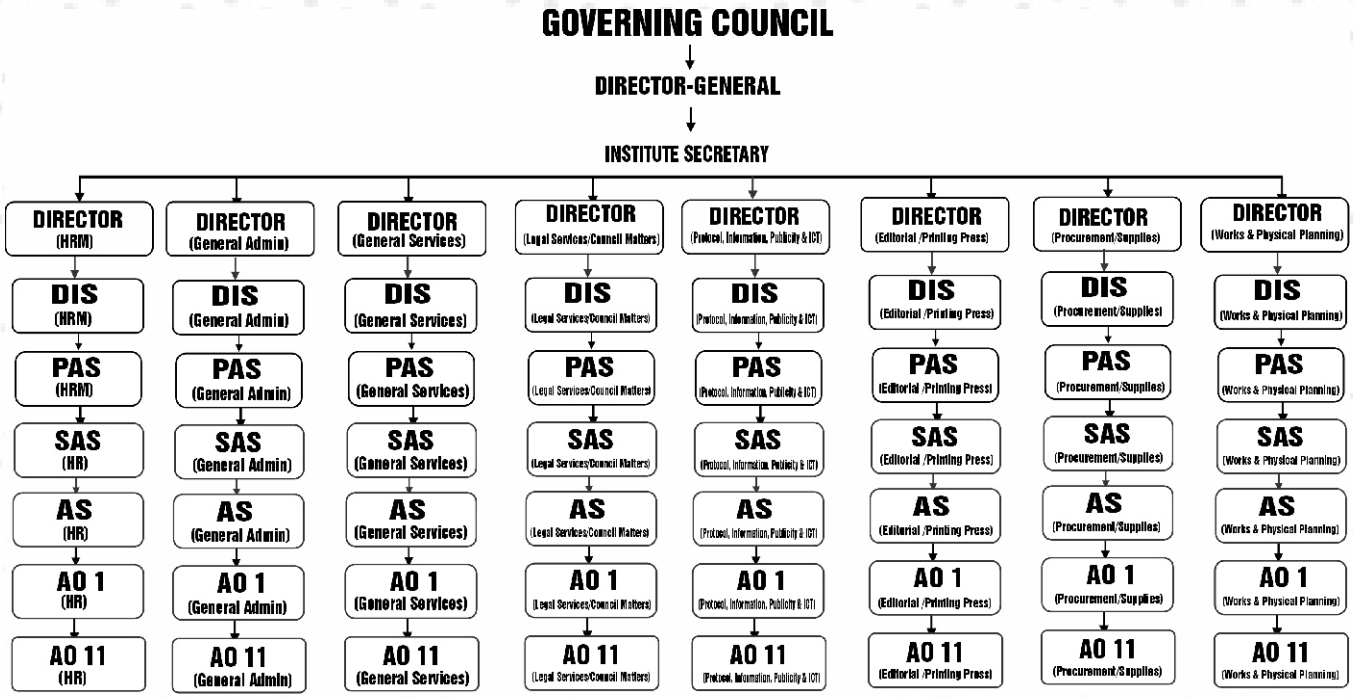


Fig 1: Organizational Structure of the Administration Directorate

The Institute Secretary is in charge of the Administration Directorate which comprises of Human Resources; General Administration & Legal Services; General Services; Council Matters; Protocol, Information, Publicity and ICT; Editorial/Printing Press; Procurement Supplies / Works & Physical Planning.



Ademola Tiamayu Sharafadeen

Institute Secretary

ii. Bursary Directorate

The Institute Bursar is in charge of the Bursary Directorate. The Bursary Directorate comprises of Revenue; Expenditure; Final Accounts; Salary & Wages and Budget & Planning Departments headed by Directors.

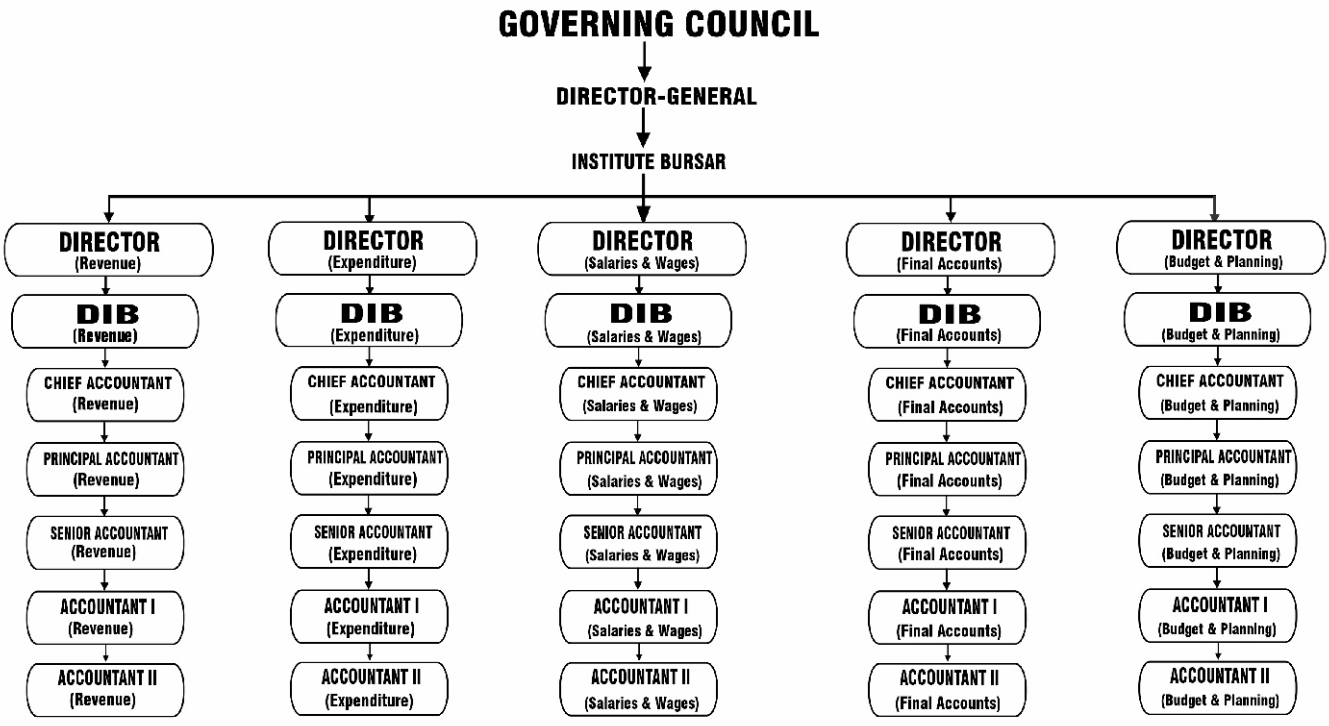
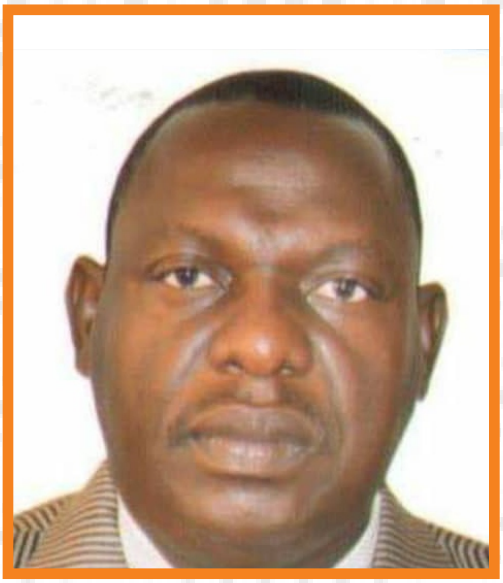


Fig 2: Organizational Structure of the Bursary Directorate



John Yawe
Institute Bursar

2.3.2. Academic Directorates

The Institute runs three (3) Academic Directorates namely Research, Postgraduate School, Library and Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy & Regional Economic Integration Law and Policy Directorates. These Directorates are headed by the Directors of Research (DR), Postgraduate School (DPS), Institute Librarian (IL) as well as Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Regional Economic Integration Law & Policy respectively.

i. *Directorate of Research*

The Directorate of Research fulfils the core aspect of the Institute mandate of engaging in planned legal and law-related research, through the activities of the five academic departments. The DR offers guidance and general supervision for group, commissioned and individual research projects and activities undertaken by the various departments.

Through the five (5) academic departments, each headed by a Head of Department, the Directorate of Research services the academic needs of the other two (2) academic directorate through its faculty members. The DR also works in conjunction with the Institute Librarian with respect to the academic cadre in the Library.

S/N	Name of Department	Head of Department	Journals Housed in the Department
1.	African and Comparative Law	Dr Peter Anyebe	NIL
2.	Commercial Law	Associate Prof. Francisca Nlerum	NIALS Journal of Business Law
3.	International Law	Dr Adebisi Arewa	NIL
4.	Private & Property Law	Dr Osatohanmwen Eruaga	NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property Law
5.	Public Law	Dr Irekpitan Okukpon	NIALS Journal of Public Law; NIALS Journal of Health Law & Policy; NIALS Journal of Environmental Law

Table 3: *Summary of information on the various Academic Department*

The Directorate of Research is in charge of the Current Law Review, a Journal of the Institute that considers contemporary legal issues in Nigeria.

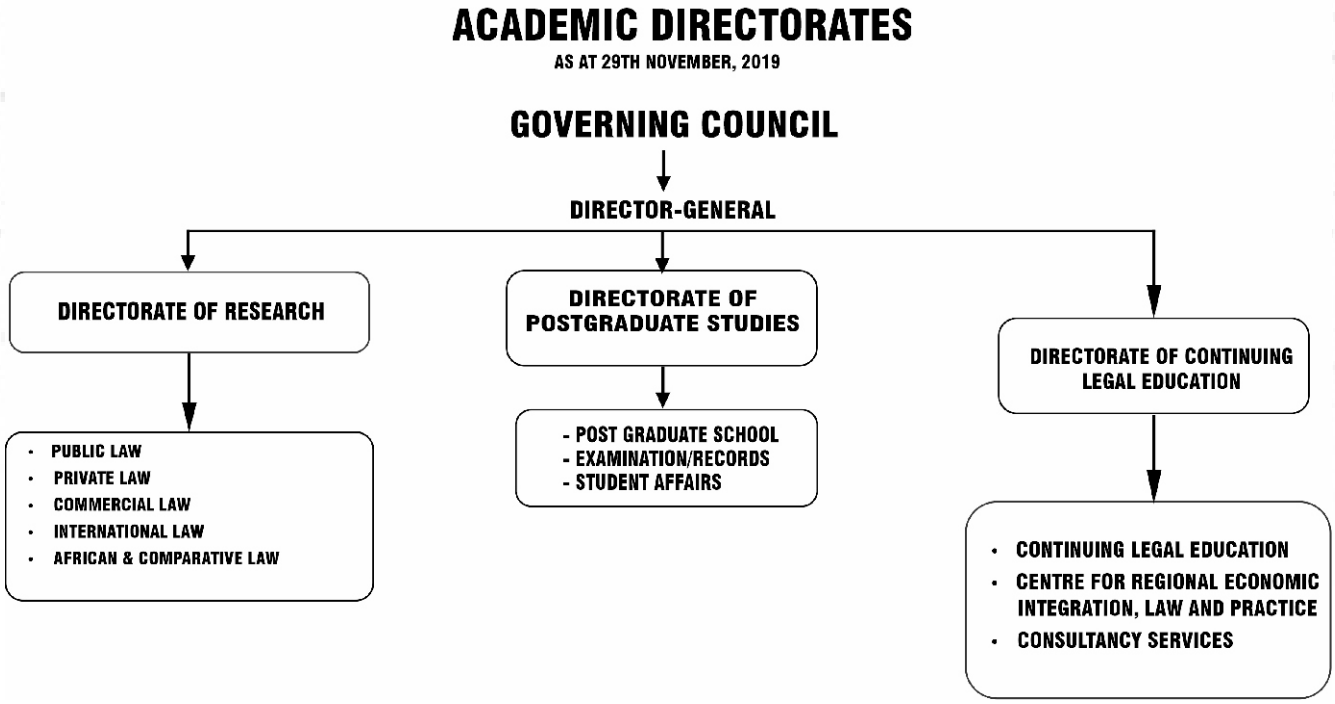
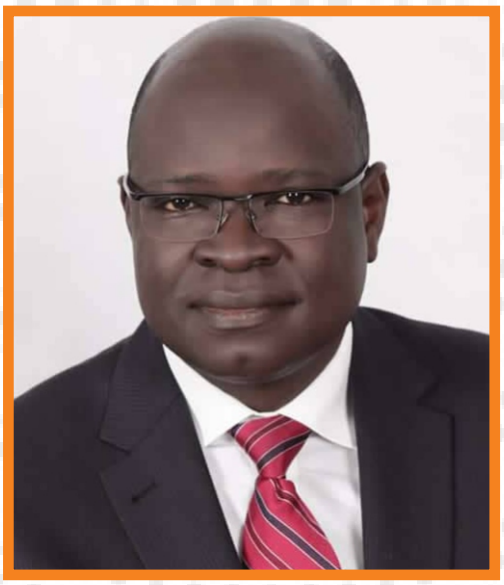


Fig 3: Organizational Structure of the Academic Directorate

The current Director of Research, Professor Peter Akper, PhD, SAN, OFR, Research Professor of Law was appointed in December, 2019.

ii. *Directorate of Postgraduate Studies*

The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies (DPS) oversees the activities of the Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School which runs carefully structured programmes leading to the award of Postgraduate Diploma, Masters and Doctorates. The programmes strive to



Prof. Peter Akper
Director of Research

address the deficit in demand and supply in the nation, of persons with expertise in legislative drafting.



Prof. Emmanuel Okon
Director of Postgraduate Studies

The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies oversees publication of the NIALS Legislative Drafting Journal, an annual Journal that provides an outlet for the early research work undertaken by students in the Postgraduate School and other scholars.

The current Director of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Emmanuel Okon was appointed in January 2020.

iii. *Directorate of Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Centre for Regional Economic Integration Law & Policy (CLECREIL)*

The Directorate consists of three(3) Divisions namely:

a. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Division;



Prof. Animi Sylvanus-Pepple
Director of CLECREIL

b. Consultancy Services Division; and
c. Centre for Trade and Regional Economic Integration Law.

The three (3) Divisions were established to, *inter alia,* coordinate continuing legal education programmes (workshops and training courses) by the Institute in collaboration with Institute's partners/organisation; conduct research in any area of law or related subjects; and to fill the expertise gaps in trade regional economic integration law and practice in Nigeria.

The Directorate is responsible for the publication of the current legal problems which is a bi-annual compilation of the Staff Seminar Series.

2.3.3 Library Directorate

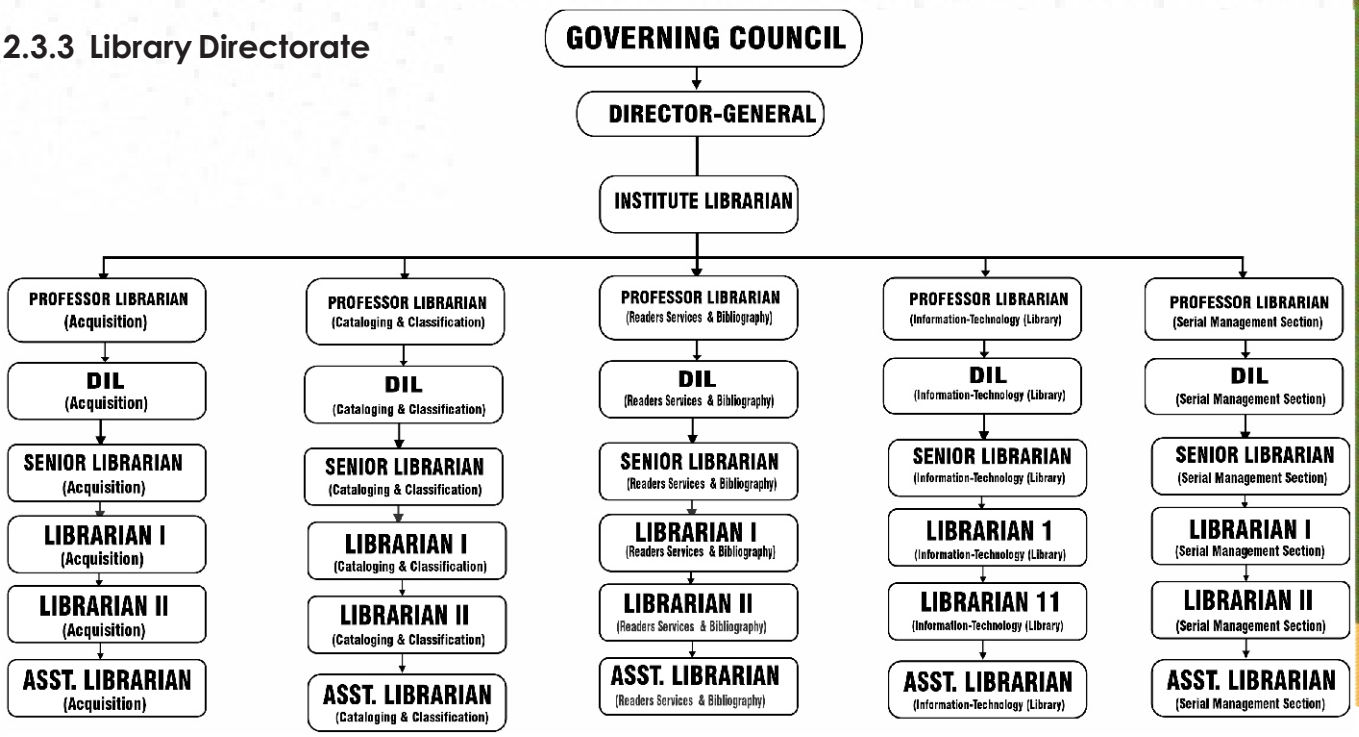


Fig 4: Organizational Structure of the Library Directorate

The availability and use of Library and information resources contributes to the quality of teaching, learning and research. This makes a well stocked library core to any research or academic institution .



Prof. Anyaogu Uluocha
Institute Liberian

The Library Directorate, headed by the Institute Librarian, handles the affairs of the Taslim Elias Library officially commissioned on March 17, 1979. The Institute Library plays an important role in supporting advanced research and writing programmes of the staff and registered library members. Identified as the largest law library collection South of the African Sahara, the Taslim Elias Library has a well-developed collection of over Fifty one thousand two hundred and sixty four (51, 264) volumes of legal physical and online resources, including rare legal materials. Being a Research Library, its materials are not available for borrowing.

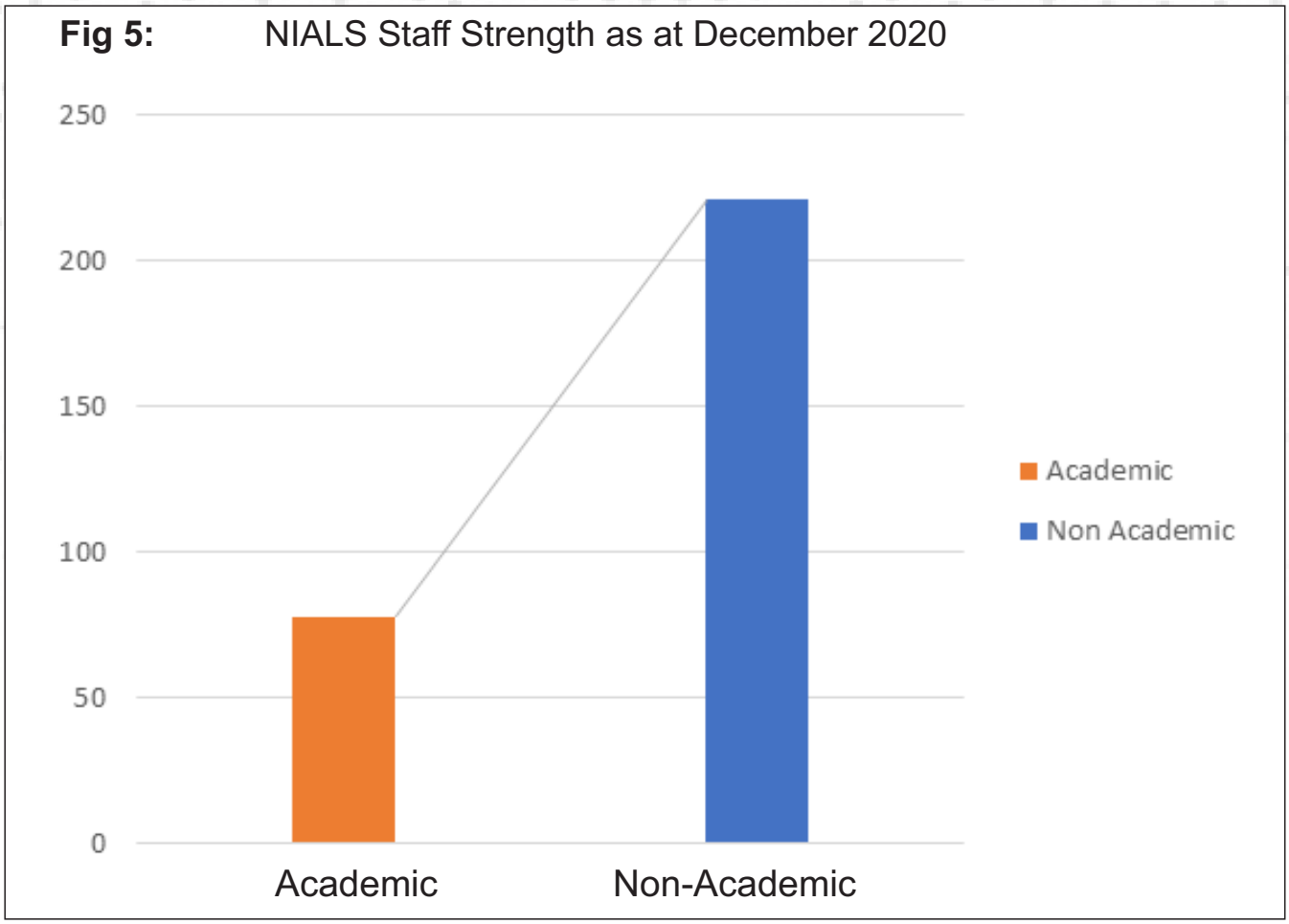
The Library Directorate manages the NIALS Journal of Law Librarianship and Information Technology (NJOLLIT), a research outlet for librarians in the academic cadre of law libraries.

3. Human Resources

The strength of every organisation lies in its human resources. This is because skills and competences of personnel remain significant assets to the Organisation. At NIALS, the members of staff in the various units, sections, departments and directorates work in unity to achieve set goals.

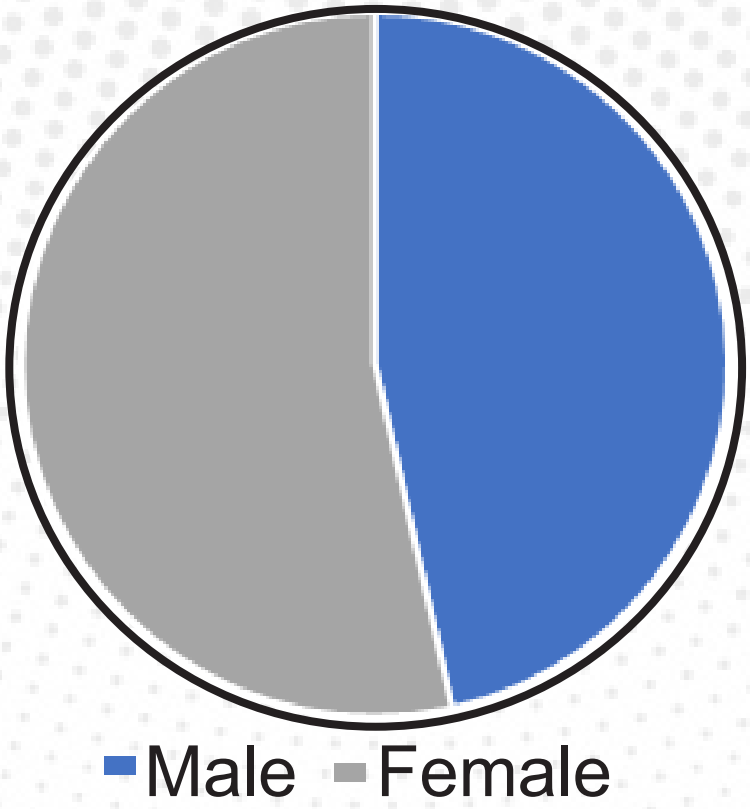
The Institute activities are managed by the two hundred and ninety nine(299) members of staff in its Abuja and Lagos offices. Since the statutory mandate of the Institute revolves around academics and research about a quarter of NIALS staff make up the academic faculty while the non-academics constituting about seventy-four (74) percent of the entire staff strength, perform relevant duties to ensure optimal functioning of Institute activities.

Fig 5: NIALS Staff Strength as at December 2020



Over the years, the Institute has remained conscious of and maintained gender parity and equality among its staff, to ensure that all persons enjoy same opportunities.

Fig 6: Staff Strength of the Institute



Under the Institute's employ as at December 2020 were twelve(12) Professors and eight (8) Associate Professors having formally bade farewell to the eminent Professor Paul Obo Idornigie, PhD, SAN, CArb who had been on contract with the Institute since 2011. Thirty three (33) percent of the Institute's academic faculty hold degrees higher than a postgraduate Masters' degree.

In May 2020, the Institute received a boost in its academic faculty by welcoming Professor Auwal Yadudu, a former Dean Faculty of Law, Bayero University Kano to the Institute for the period of his sabbatical. The Institute also welcomed Honourable Justice (Mrs) Stella Anukam of the Federal Ministry of Justice and the African Court of Justice and Human Rights who for the period of her sabbatical in the Institute occupies the position of Director, Special Duties, Director-General's Office.

4. 2020 Activities

2020 began with optimistic projections of an all-round eventful year for the Institute, as Management and staff planned to mark forty (40) years since the establishment of the Institute. The projections however took a turn, with the outbreak of the Corona virus in Nigeria in the first quarter of the year. The pandemic adversely affected physical human relations and economic strength of organisations and individuals. The peculiarities arising from the outbreak of the pandemic spurred the Institute to be innovative in its approach to all its activities, including planned research and training events. Particularly, utilising virtual platforms to organise most of its activities and subsequently observing strict COVID-19 protocols in situations necessitating physical contact; further reduction in the cost of its training and the provision of free continuing legal education services as part of her corporate social responsibility became imperative. Notably, following the Federal government cuts in budgetary allocation on recurrent expenditure and complete suspension of capital expenditure in March, 2020, the Departments were tasked with developing avenues to contributing to the Institute's internally generated revenue. This led to IGR webinars presented by all five (5) Academic Departments, the Library Directorate, and other key Divisions/Units in the Institute under the Postgraduate Studies and CLECREIL Directorates.



Commissioning of the National Depository of Treaties, at the Federal Ministry of Justice, Abuja by the Honourable Attorney General of the Federation/ Minister of Justice. January 7, 2020



The signing of MOU between NIALS and the African Union Institute of International law based in Arusha, Tanzania on Wed. 8 January, 2020 at the Supreme Court Complex Office of the DG NIALS

FEBRUARY



DG NIALS and Dr. Dakuku (DG NIMASA) with selected participants (Honourable Justices from Federal and State High Courts,Prosecutors and Naval Officers) at the opening session of the 3 days NIALS-NIMASA Seminar on Anti Piracy, Maritime Safety and Security Law, at Victoria Island Lagos February 19-21, 2020



The Chief Judge and Brother Judges, Chief Magistrates and other Magistrates DPP and representatives of the State MOJ and Representatives of the Sokoto State NBA branch at the NIALS, Sokoto State Judiciary Advocacy and Collaboration Meeting on the Development of the Administration of Criminal Justice Rules of Court for the state. February 17, 2020

MARCH



DG NIALS Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD Hubert Humphrey Fellow USA with CJN, Hon. Justice Tanko Ibrahim Mohammad, CFR, GCON, FCIArb, FNIALS, FCLM, FNJI and His Excellency Senator Prof. Oserheimen A. Osunbor, PhD, D.Litt, KSC, FCIArb and HAGF'S, Mr. Abubakar Malami, SAN the Hon. Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice during NIALS's 40th Anniversary/ Founders' Day Lecture, March 17, 2020



Director-General NIALS with his Staff as resource persons, rapporteurs and support staff in Sokoto, North West Zone. March 16, 2020

APRIL



Handing over from E. A. Odokuma (FCA) former Institute Bursar to Mr David Eze Officer Bursary Department, April 30, 2020



Director General, NIALS set up NIALS Covid-19 Justice Sector Committee to Advise CJN, HAGF and NBA, April 24, 2020

MAY

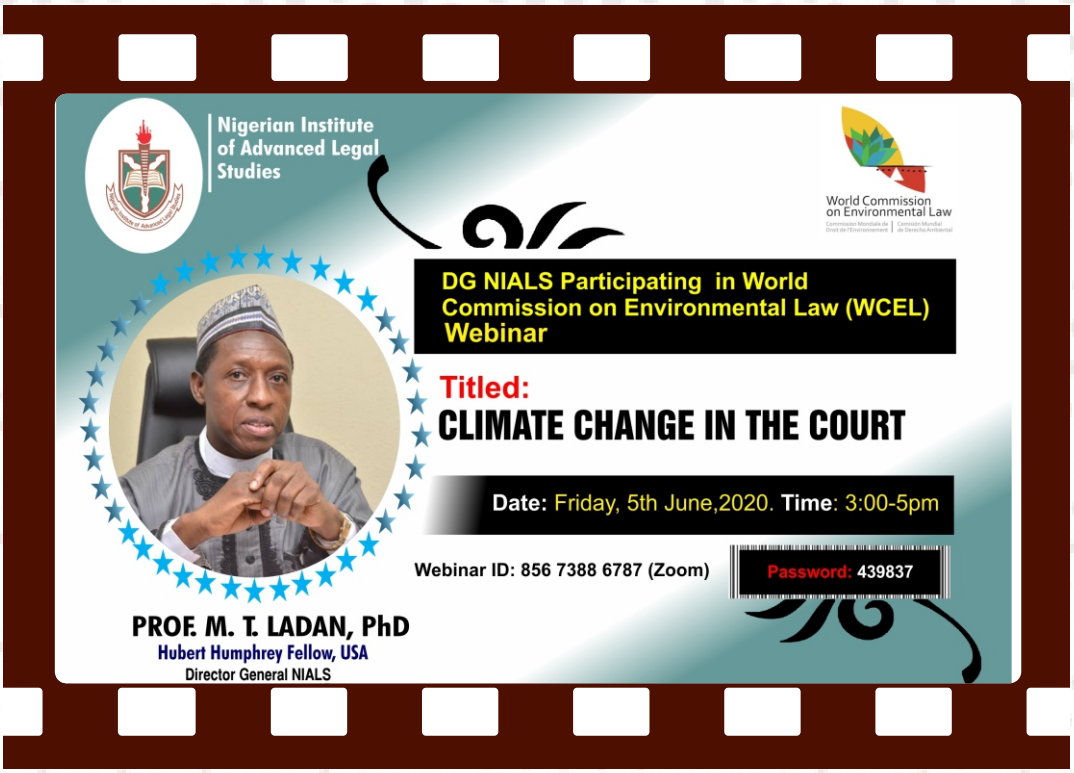


Tuesday May 26 2020 Global board meeting webinar of the World Jurist Association USA on the Rule of Law in Emergencies



Director General NIALS participating in a 3 days global webinar organised by WJA, WIPO and WCEL May 26, 2020

JUNE



Director General NIALS participating in World Commission on Environmental Law Webinar, Titled Climate Change in the Court Friday June 5, 2020



NIALS IGR Drive Post Covid-19 : Strategic Plan for Accessing Grants and Consultancy Services by Department of Commercial Law, Tuesday June 23, 2020

JULY



NIALS in colllaboration with Internationals Law Association webinar
Theme: Progressive Realization of SDGS in Nigeria During and Post Covid-19 Era
Tuesday July 21, 2020

AUGUST



NIALS Online Webinar

Theme: How to Amend the Nigerian Constitution:

Imperative & Dilemmas, August 19,2020

SEPTEMBER



The Director General NIALS, received from LANDEV Partners LTD a donation of of five executive tables, five executive chairs and seven visitor chairs, led by Arc. Philip Iyortyer. They were instantly distributed to Staff. We thank LANDEV Partners for being the first private entity to extend their kind support to NIALS.



A one day Stakeholders Forum on the Review of Delta State Draft Rules of Court on ACJL. held in Asaba September 23, 2020

OCTOBER



NIALS /MacArthur Foundation Training Workshop on ACJA at Gombe State October 5 -7, 2020



One day Stakeholders Meeting of NIALS /MacArthur Component A Team with the ACJA Rules Drafting Committee at Ekiti State.
Thursday October 15, 2020

NOVEMBER

Stakeholders Call for the Regulation of Social Media Content November 13, 2020





NIALS/ MacArthur Project Performance Evaluation at Keffi
November 25 - 27, 2020

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



NIALS Live Streamed Webinar on the Imperative of a Harmonised National Single Identity Management System in Nigeria at Chelsea Hotel Abuja, Tuesday November 24, 2020



Director-General of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan PhD, Hubert Humphrey Fellow USA delivering the keynote address on the Role of Youth in Promoting National Integration, Peace and Unity. held at the NAF Suites/ Hotel Abuja, December 17, 2020

4.1. *Academic Department Activities*

The five (5) academic departments under the Directorate of Research, undertook various activities in 2020 in spite of the challenges posed by the outbreak of the pandemic. These activities contributed to the overall success story of the Institute in 2020.

The table below provides a summary of the various departmental activities:

S/N	Name of Department	Name of Head / Ag Head of Department	Summary of Activities Performed in 2020
1.	African and Comparative Law	Dr Peter Anyebe	Active participation of some members in the Department in the general activities of the Institute, including: • Development of rules of court for the Administration of Criminal Justice Laws of various states; • Coordination of Institute Webinar of Fake News and Hate Speech; • Presentation of Staff Seminar paper; • Course coordination – ADR; • Participation at the various NIALS Polic webinars
2.	Commercial Law	Dr Francisca Nlerum	1. Completed the Call for Papers for the NIALS Business Law Journal 2020 2. Active participation of some members in the Department in the general activities of the Institute including: • Development of rules of court for the Administration of Criminal Justice Laws of various states; • Course coordination – Labour Law and Industrial Dispute; Investment and Sustainable Development; • Presentation at Staff Seminar; • Part of the coordinating team, "NIALS Webinar on the Imperative of a National Policy on Arbitration in Nigeria: Best Practices and the Way Forward; " Participation at the various NIALS Policy webinars
3.	International Law	Dr Adebisi Arewa	1. On-going activities on the NIALS Compendium of Treaties in Nigeria Project. 2. Active participation of some members in the Department in the general activities of the Institute including: • Development of rules of court for the Administration of Criminal Justice Laws of various states; • Course coordination – Regulatory and Compliance Monitoring and ADR • Presentation at Staff Seminar; Participation at the various NIALS Policy webinars

4.	Private and Property Law	Dr Osatohanmwen Eruaga	1. Coordination of the 12 weeks 2020 NIALS Copy rightX Course. 2. Completed the Call for Paper, NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property (NJIP) Volume 7 . 3. Coordinated the application for and implementation of the GLAMS project, funded from the Creative Commons Communities Activities Fund. 4. Coordination of the Creative Commons Translation Project. 5. Joint Review (with Public Law) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015. 6. Attendance of members of the Department in various online courses. 7. Active participation of some members in the Department in the general activities of the Institute including: • Development of rules of c ourt for the Administration of Criminal Justice Laws of various states; • Presentation at Staff Seminar; • Course coordination - Trade and Regional Economic Integration.
5.	Public Law	Dr Irekpitan Okukpon	1. Completed the Call for Papers, NIALS Journal of Public Law (Vols. 1 and 2) 2020 2. Review of States' Criminal Laws: a) Criminal Code Law, Cap C16, Ekiti State b) Joint Review (with Private and Property Law Department) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State Cap CH17 2015; 3. Professional development through atten dance of various online courses. 4. Active participation of some members in the Department in the general activities of the Institute including: • Development of rules of c ourt for the Administration of Criminal Justice Laws of various states; • Presentation at Staff Seminar; • Course coordination , Trade and Regional Economic Integration; Participation at the various NIALS Policy webinars

Table 4: Summary of Academic Department Activities, 2020

4.1. 2020 Staff Development Activities

The Management of the Institute believes that productivity improves when members of staff take pride in their work. Hence, the Institute is always willing to and encourages members of staff who invest in their professional and personal development. The advent of COVID-19 worldwide led to a reorientation of activities of various academic institutions, including the availability of free webinars and seminars online which NIALS Staff subscribed to. As majority of these courses were certificated, this further enhanced the professional development, research and administrative skills of NIALS Staff.

4.1.1. Appointment of Principal Officers

Following the completion of tenure of office by three(3) principal officers in late 2019/early 2020, the Institute received applications to fill the vacant positions. These were the positions of the Institute Secretary; Institute Bursar; and Institute Librarian. A preselection and interview process in July 2020 was conducted for the shortlisted candidates.

In its 47th General Meeting held on 27th July, 2020, the Governing Council approved the appointment of Mr. John Yawe, Professor Uluocha Anyaogu and Mr Tiamiyu Sharafadeen as Institute Bursar, Institute Librarian and Institute Secretary respectively.

4.1.2. Approval of Professorial Cadre Promotions

During the 2016-2019 staff promotion exercise held in October 2019, Promotions Committee approved the submission of the academic papers of eight (8) members of staff due for the ranks of Associate Professor (Reader) and Professor respectively, for external assessment. The external assessors adjudged the candidates as worthy of attaining the respective positions.

The Governing Council, during the 47th General Meeting, approved the promotion to the rank of Professor and Associate Professor as follows:

2020 Professorial Cadre Promotions	
Professors	**Associate Professors**
Professor Uluocha Anyaogu(Library Professor)	Dr. Rita Okeke (Library)
Professor Jide Owoeye (Library Professor)	Dr. Uwem Etem (Library)
Professor Emmanuel Okon (Research Professor)	Dr. Fatima Waziri-Azi
	Dr. Ibe Ifekandu
	Dr. Arewa Adebisi

Table 5: Professorial Cadre Promotions 2020

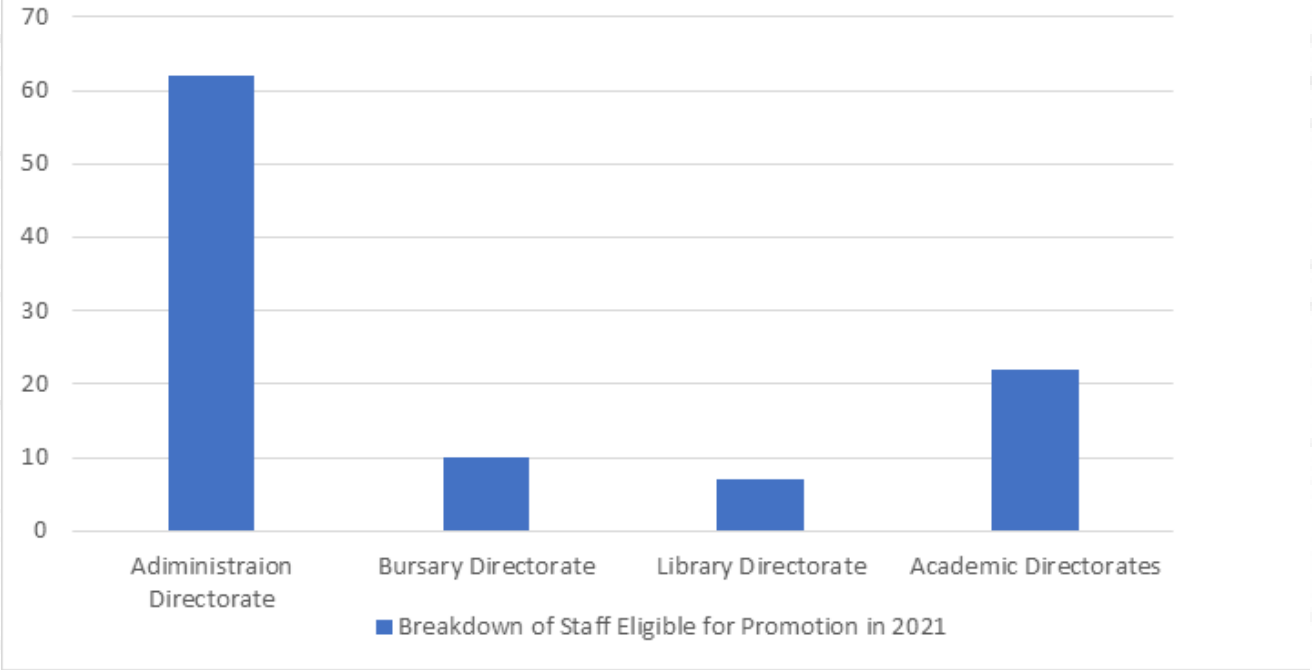
4.1.3. 2020 Promotion Exercise

In keeping up the new tradition introduced by the current Director-General to ensure

that promotions are carried out as and when due, the promotion exercise taking effect in January 2021 was conducted and concluded between October and December 2020.

As shown in the graphical representation in Fig 7, a total of one hundred and one (101) members were eligible and considered in the promotion.

Fig 5: Breakdown of Staff Eligible for Promotion in 2021



Twenty six (26) academic (Research and Library) and seventy one (71) non-academic (Administration, Bursary and Para-librarian) members of staff were considered in the promotion exercise.

4.2.4. Academic Staff Seminar

The Institute's organised Annual Seminar both in Abuja and Lagos provide a platform for academic research staff to present in-depth researches in various areas of law. In the year under review, the COVID-19 pandemic which prevented physical interactions for a significant part of the year impacted negatively on the conduct of Staff Seminars. Only eight (8) Academic Seminars were presented, a significant drop from the twenty eight (28) seminars presented the previous year. The DG's approval for the use of Zoom and GoToMeeting Software App was instrumental to the limited

successes achieved in conducting the seminars. Plans are currently in place to ensure that members of the staff present their outstanding seminars before the end of the first quarter of 2021.

4.2.5. Staff Training and Participation in Learned Events

In view of the outbreak of COVID globally, there was a halt in the movement of persons for training purposes. This did not deter the Institute from ensuring that members of staff were engaged in non-institute training activities and learned events, using virtual means. Table 6 highlights an array of learned events in which the Director-General participated and, or made presentations.

S/N	Topic	Date
1.	Virtual Meeting on Multi-Stakeholder and Expert Dialogue on Trade Negotiations and Related Issues, During and Posy Covid-19 Era	30th April, 2020
2.	WCEL Webinar: a Fresh look at Global Wildlife Trade Law: can CITES help Prevent Pandemics?	Monday 18th May, 2020
3.	World Jurist Association (WJA): Global Board Meeting	Tuesday 26th May, 2020
4.	World Intellectual Property Organisation; Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives	Tuesday 26th May, 2020
5.	Annur Chambers (ABU Zaria) Webinar on: Protection of Vulnerable Groups in National Response Measures to COVID-19	Saturday 30th May, 2020
6.	World Commission on Environment Law (WCELl): Climate Change in the Courts	Friday 5th June, 2020
7.	Day of the African Child 2020 (Theme: Access to Child- Friendly Justice System in Nigeria	Tuesday, 16th June, 2020
8.	NIALS/ AGA Webinar Presentation on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence	Thursday 18th-19th June, 2020
9.	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Nigeria Tilted: Pathways for Achieving the SDGs in Nigeria Despite the Odds	Wednesday 24th June, 2020
10.	The Role of African Diaspora in the Implementation of AfCFTA	Wednesday 22nd July, 2020
11.	National Action Committee of the AfCFTA Committee Meeting	Wednesday 29th July, 2020

12.	African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement Implementation Workshop Series	Friday 7th August, 2020
13.	Presidential Committee on Prison Reform and Decongestion Virtual Interactive Session on the Review of the Draft FCT Courts Consolidated Sentencing Guidelines and Practice Directions, 2020	Monday 17th August, 2020
14.	GIZ Virtual Implementation of the Workshop on Legal Harmonisation	Tuesday 18th August, 2020
15.	ILA Webinar on International Law & Foreign Relations During and Post-COVID-19	Thursday 20th August, 2020
16.	How to Resolve Entertainment Disputes Through WIPO Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Options	August 25th, 2020
17.	Policies, Regulations and Laws Work Stream Meeting	Monday 31st August, 2020
18.	SDGs Rights, Unintended Pregnancy & Schooling, Gender Based Violence & Disability	1st September, 2020
19.	The National Workshop for Legal and Research Assistants, National Judicial Institute	15th – 16th September, 2020
20.	The National Workshop for Legal and Research Assistants, National Judicial Institute	15th – 16th September, 2020
21.	Interactive Session in Partnership with the House of Representative Committee on Ethics and Privileges on 'the Code of Ethics for Legislators'	Thursday 17th September, 2020
22.	1st AfCFTA Nigeria Sensitisation Seminar	24th September, 2020
23.	ECOWAS Sensitisation and Advocacy Meeting on the Domestication and Implementation of the Kampala Convention in Nigeria	26-27th September, 2020
24.	AfCFTA's Policies Regulations & Laws Workstream Meeting	Friday 9th October, 2020
25.	Yusuf Ali & Co. 2 Days Webinar on Public-Private Partnerships: Lessons from other Jurisdictions	13-14th October, 2020
26.	International Criminal Law Course with Train the Trainer: follow up workshop	28th October, 2020
27.	Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance: the AfCFTA and Transformative Industrialisation: Building the Textiles and Clothing Value Chains	Thurday 29th October, 2020
28.	The National Summit On Correctional Reforms In Nigeria	5th - 7th November, 2020 Fraser Suites Abuja

29.	ECOWAS Regional Zoom Webinar on Domestication and Implementation of the AU Kampala Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons and West Africa	11th - 12th November, 2020
30.	African Policy and Strategic Development Institute (APSDI), Virtual Conference on African Youths and the Future of Africa	Saturday 21th November, 2020
31.	Expert Validation Meeting on the Draft Model Law for the Implementation of ATT & ECOWAS SALW Convention	Wednesday 2nd December, 2020
32.	GIZ's Discussion Programme on next steps on Legal Harmonisation Guidelines	Monday 7th December, 2020

Table 6: A selection of 2020 learned events attended by various members of staff

Apart from continually encouraging members of staff to take advantage of the virtual space to improve, the Institute ensured that members of staff were mandatorily involved in the *NITDA Academy free online tech course for Nigerians* as a means of obtaining in-depth knowledge required for the navigation of the digital space. The Management of the Institute also engaged members of staff in the *Canadian Institute of Leadership and Development (CILD) E-Learning Workshop* held between 18th - 20th August 2020 to aid the implementation of the Institute's E-Learning targets. Certificates were awarded at the end of the on-line courses.

4.3. Public Lectures

In furtherance of its continuing legal education mandate, the Institute designed and executed several public lectures. These public lectures comprised of annual lectures, lectures in collaborations with other organisations and public policy lectures. Notably, for the period under review, the Institute took advantage of the new normal of engaging in remote meetings and deliberations. Hence, over eighty percent 80% of the public lectures were held virtually.

4.3.1. Diaspora Lecture

The NIALS Diaspora Lecture Series is a platform created by the Institute to attract and engage Nigerian scholars in the diaspora.

The 5th Diaspora's Lecture titled " *Customary Law and Women's Property Rights in the Context of Legal Pluralism in Nigeria*" was held on 6th February, 2020 at the Ayo Ajomo Lecture theatre of its Lagos Office. The lecture delivered by Mr Anthony Diala, PhD of University of Western Cape, South Africa, focused on how Legal Pluralism as problem of post-colonial social field affected women's property rights. The guest lecturer opined that divergence exists in the notions of the best interest of the family which influenced women's property rights in pre-colonial and present-day society. In his view, legal pluralism was a significant problem in addressing women's property rights in contemporary Nigerian

society and he called for the utilisation of the principle of Equity as a remedy.



NIALS 2020 Diaspora Lecture presented by Dr. Anthony Diala of the Department of Private Law, University of Western Cape, South Africa at NIALS, Lagos February 6, 2020

Professor Ayo Atsenuwa, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos chaired the event while Mrs. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, Chairperson/CEO of Diaspora Commission (represented by Mr. Abdullahi Bello, Legal Adviser, Diaspora Commission) was the Special Guest of Honour. Other prominent scholars and dignitaries at the event included the Director-General of NIALS, Prof M.T Ladan, PhD; the Institute Director of Research, Professor Peter Akper, SAN, OFR; Professor Paul Obo Idornigie, PhD, SAN, FCIArb, Former Ag. Director-General, NIALS and Professors Taiwo Osipitan and Abugu of the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos

4.3.2. Founders' Day/ Fellows Lecture

The Institute hosted the delivery of a public lecture tagged "*Nigeria in Quest of Good Governance, Law and Beyond Law*" to mark its annual Founders' Day. This also doubled as the Fellows' Lecture before the Conferment of NIALS Fellowship. The lecture which held at Rock View Hotels, Abuja on 9th April, 2020 was delivered by His Excellency, Senator, Professor Oserhiemen A. Osunbor, PhD, D.Litt, KSC, FCIArb,

Chairman, Law Reform Commission and a recipient of the NIALS Fellowship.

According to the renowned Professor, achieving good governance required the internalisation of certain benchmarks such as popular participation, consensus orientation, accountability, transparency, responsiveness, equity, efficiency and anti-corruption orientation.

> *"Nigeria's increasing population is a ticking time bomb. There is urgent need to address the threat posed by massive population in order to achieve good governance."*
>
> *- Prof Osunbor, Founder's Day/ Fellows Lecture, March 18, 2020*

He identified the Nigerian population was increasing at an alarming rate and undermining any form of achievement on the part of government's especially with respect to public safety and security. He proffered the revision of the National Population Policy as a solution to addressing the rapid population increase to enable government adequately perform its obligations for the purpose of economic development and progress.



His Excellency, Senator Prof. Oserheimen A. Osunbor, PhD, D.Litt, KSC, FCIArb Presenting during NIALS's 40th Anniversary/ Founders' Day Lecture, March 17, 2020

Eminent personalities present at the Lecture included the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chairman of NIALS Governing Council, Hon Justice Ibrahim Tanko; and the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN.

4.3.3. 2020 Webinars and Virtual Roundtables

With the COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Institute embraced the virtual space by hosting most of its activities using various virtual platforms. The public lectures conducted on these platforms included the Law and Policy webinar series; public lecture collaborations and virtual roundtables

A comprehensive list of Online activities for public consumption hosted by the Institute are as contained in **Table 7**

S/NO.	PUBLIC LECTURES AND DATES	Title
A	Public Policy Lectures	
1.	Public Policy Lecture (Research Update) 19th May , 2020	NIALS Update on COVID -19 Coverage
2.	Public Policy Lecture Series 27th May , 2020	The Mandate And Activities of the African Court on Human and Peoples ''Rights'' Arusha Tanzania
3.	Public Policy Lecture Series (Research Updat e) 9th June , 2020	Presentation of NIALS Report on the Impact of COVID -19 on the Justice Sector in Nigeria
4.	Public Policy Lecture Series 4 th June , 2020	Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Measures to COVID -19 in Nigeria: Challenges and Policy Recommendation
4.	Public Policy Lecture Series 19 th August , 2020	How not to Amend the Nigerian Constitution: Imperatives & Dilemmas
5.	Public Policy Lecture Series 21 st August , 2020	Highlights on the Evolving Jurisprudence of the African Court on Human and People's Rights

6.	**Public Policy Lecture Series 25th August , 2020**	**Webinar on Asset Recovery and the Asset Management Regime in Nigeria**
7.	Public Policy Lecture S eries 13 th November , 2020	Fake News and Hate Messages: Threat to National Integration and Security, Human Rights and COVID -19 Response Measures
B.	**VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES**	
8.	Virtual Roundtable 12 th November, 2020	From Waste to Wealth: Ensuring a Sustainably Developed Nigeria
9.	Virtual Roundtable 24 th November , 2020	Single Digital Identity Policy in Nigeria : Issues, Challenges and Prospects
C.	**PUBLIC LECTURE COLLABORATIONS**	
10.	NIALS / Tax Academicians Association of Nigeria 25th June , 2020	Addressing the Impact of COVID -19 on Busines ses, Taxation and Domestic Revenue Mobilisation for Sustainable Development.
11.	NIALS/ International Law Association (ILA) 21st July , 2020	Progressive Realisation of SDGs in Nigeria During and Post C OVID -19 Era
12.	NIALS/ African Students Union Parliament 24th July , 2020	Role of Youths in Upholding the Rule of Law and Promoting Development in Africa

Fig. 7: Summary of 2020 Webinars and Virture Roundtables

i. Law and Policy Webinar Series

The 2020 Law and Policy Webinars provided an avenue for the Institute to showcase well researched opinions on contemporary issues bedevilling the Nigeria and beyond. The presentations also contain practical law and policy suggestion that can be used to address the identified challenges. The Institute conducted seven (7) public policy webinars in the year under review. A compilation of the 2020 Law and Policy Webinar will be published before the end of the 1st quarter of 2021.



ii. Public Lecture Collaborations

Collaboration with other Institutions with similar objectives as the Institute has always been a significant pathway of achieving of the mandate of the Institute. In the year under review, the Institute partnered with several organisations to host several public lectures.

iii. Virtual Roundtables

In furtherance of its continuous legal education and policy formulation mandate, the Institute organised two (2) virtual roundtables in 2020. The roundtables provided an avenue for the Institute to provide a platform to engage relevant stakeholders in addressing front burner issues in both the local and the international scene. The event also accommodates the enlightening of members of the public on the issues interrogated.



4.3.4. CONFERMENT OF FELLOWSHIP CEREMONY

The Institute on 9th April 2020, conferred its fellowship on three (3) deserving Nigerian scholars and jurists who have distinguished themselves and made valuable contributions to the growth and development of the Institute. The recipients were the immediate past president of the Court of Appeal Honourable Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa, OFR, CFR; His Excellency, Senator, Professor Oserhiemen A Osunbor PhD, D Litt, KSC, FCIArb, and the immediate past Director General of the Institute, Professor Adedeji O Adekunle, SAN.

> The 2020 Conferment of fellowship brings to the total fifty-nine persons honoured by the Institute with the prestigious award

The occasion was Chaired by the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chairman of NIALS Governing Council, Hon. Dr. Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad, CFR, *FNIALS* while the HAGF/Minister of Justice Abubakar Malami, SAN was the Chief Host. The event also had

in attendance a former President of the Court of Appeal, Hon. Justice Umaru Abdullahi (Rtd.) and two (2) past AGFs, Mr Mohammed Bello Adoke SAN, CFR and Mr Achiji Abdullahi Ibrahim OFR, SAN.



4.3.5. Consultancy, Collaborative Undertakings and Research Activities

The conduct of research and the dissemination of research findings require huge funding commitments-one which the Institute would ordinarily be unable to shoulder independently. Hence, the Institute through its Management, continues to create new alliances and service pre-existing partnerships to ensure the existence of adequate funding and sponsorship of planned Institute programmes.

4.3.5.1. 2020 Consultancies and Collaborative Undertakings

The Director-General of the Institute has in the year under review, facilitated more collaborations and strategic partnerships with several local and international institutions to aid in the actualisation of its mandate. The undertakings include:

a. *Economic and Financial Crimes Commission-Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (EFCC-NFIU)*

The purpose of the collaboration is to establish a working group with the mandate to identify customised human capacity development needs of NFIU.

b. *Nigerian Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS)*

This collaboration is geared towards information dissemination, collaboration on capacity building and legal research. Currently, NIALS has assisted NILDS with printing of their journals and will continue to do same over the next four (4) years. Proposed areas of collaboration include training of NILDS staff and publication of NILDS

resources.

c. *The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)*

The collaboration with NITDA includes training of NIALS ICT Unit by NITDA, training of law officers of the NITDA on legislative drafting, development of training modules of on IT law and policy, NIALS serving as liaison between NITDA and National Assembly to facilitate and fast track IT legislation. This proposed collaboration is backed by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties

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

This research collaboration is focused broadly on the development of faculty and studies on comparative law in Africa and sponsored by the Theophilus Y. Danjuma Foundation. In 2020, the collaboration focused on the training of young scholars from the Institute and on conducting research into the regional integration in Africa. Due to the pandemic and the closure of international borders, the training of young scholars in the Institute was postponed.

Work on the book project dedicated to exploring thematic issues related to the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and the quest for regional integration commissioned in 2019 continued in 2020.

e. *International Law Association Cooperation*

NIALS began talks with the International Law Association to convene the International Law Association Conference 2020, using its facilities in Lagos. The outbreak of the virus disrupted arrangements for a physical 2020 conference. In July 2020, the partnership between the Institute and ILA resulted in the hosting of the NIALS/ILA Public Lecture Collaboration themed "*Progressive Realisation of SDGs in Nigeria During and Post Covid-19 era.*"

f. *Consultation for The Honourable The Attorney General of the Federation*

As the parent Ministry, the Institute usually provides advice were requested, to the various departments under the office of the Honourable Attorney General of the Federation. One of such remarkable consultations was the production of an *Amicus* Brief in *Esso Exploration and Production Company Limited and Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited v. Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation Limited to the US Court of Appeal.* The Institute put together a formidable team to provide the necessary opinion on the subject matter in contention in the case.

g. *Collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Susammernarbeit (GIZ)*

The Institute has continued to work with GIZ in improving Criminal Justice Administration in Nigeria. In 2020, the Institute collaborated with GIZ to draft a training manual on modern Investigative techniques. The collaboration also involved the organisation of trainings for prosecutors in the Federal Ministry of Justice and Lagos State Ministry of Justice.

4.4. Research Activities

The Institute in its quest for knowledge that makes the difference, did not rest on its oars in its research activities in 2020. Several of the Institute's existing collaborative undertakings and new partnerships, birthed several research projects undertaken by the Institute either as new or a continuation of on-going endeavours.

i. *Research on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Justice Sector*

Following the outbreak of the novel Corona virus in Nigeria and the proactive steps of the national and subnational government to curtail its further spread, the justice sector witnessed the emergence of a plethora of reform-oriented measures. These measures were aimed at providing the necessary adjustments for access to justice and its delivery amidst the pandemic. The Director- General of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) constituted an eight-member Committee to conduct a holistic and in-depth evaluation of these reactions in the justice sector for the purpose of contributing a coherent and synergised cause of action for the Nigerian justice system.

The Committee produced a Research Report which included recommendations for monitoring the impact of the pandemic in Nigeria.

ii. Independent Law and Policy Reviews

The Institute participates regularly in legislative processes. This is in furtherance of its mandate to aid in shaping good legislation in Nigeria whether at the Federal or State level. The Institute in February, 2020 provided comments *on the Draft Kaduna State Plan 2021-2025.* By highlighting key issues that required further consideration, Institute contributed to improving a strategic document that aimed to reflect past, present and future performance outcomes in the priority areas of economic development, social welfare, security and justice as well as governance in the state.

In June 2020, the Institute through the Department of Public Law, responded to a call for comments/submission of memoranda for a review of the Criminal Code Law, CAP C16, Laws of Ekiti State of Nigeria 2012. A confirmation of receipt of our e-mail was received, with many thanks to NIALS for the timely review of the said law.

Similarly, in October 2020, the Institute also responded to a call for submission of memoranda by the Criminal Law Review Committee of Lagos State, under the Ministry of Justice for a review of the Criminal Law, CAP CH17, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2015. This review was submitted with a cover letter via e-mail to the Criminal Law Review Committee on 6th November 2020.

The Institute undertook an in-depth analysis of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law and the Administration of Criminal Justice Laws of twenty three (23) States in the Federation. The objective was to highlight differences and similarities in the legislation that collectively formed the legal fabric of Criminal Justice Administration in Nigeria. The extensive research which was part of the NIALS three (3) year research project on

the Implementation of and Compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law in Nigeria funded under the MacArthur foundation *on Nigerian Programme*, was carried out in two (2) work phases cumulated in the production of the Compendium of Analyses Volume I and II. The aim of the compilation is to provide a comprehensive database for relevant stakeholders.

iii. *Guidelines for Libraries in Nigeria and their Users (GLAN) Project*

The Institute in November 2020 began a research project on a Guide for Libraries in Nigeria and their Users (GLAN). The project aims to develop a concise but clear guide for libraries in Nigeria to help their personnel and patrons familiarise themselves with the basics of the Nigerian copyright law.

The substantial lack of knowledge of and information on copyright law in Nigeria even among relatively educated people operating in different settings, creates a high percentage of innocent 'infringers' of copyright. This contributes to the high rate of copyright infringement in Nigeria. Conversely, lack of knowledge of opportunities to freely access works also abound and many people lack a clear understanding of their privileges or advantages over copyright works. Library managers and their users are not exempted from this conundrum and the consequential need for a simplified primer to ensure the proper use of copyright laws for both work owners and users.
The Guide will be made publicly available on the internet and widely circulated.

iv. *Creative Commons (CC) Translation Project*

In June 2020, the Institute was invited by the CC Community to execute part of a small grant project from Open Education for a Better World (OE4BW). The project consists of three parts as follows:

- Translation of the CC licenses to the Yoruba language. (To be executed by the project lead).
- Create local "case study" on CC licence use in Nigeria The case study is to be translated in English and in Yoruba. (To be executed by the members of the Nigerian CC community).
- Proof reading the translation and case study and suggesting any edits that might improve translation.

NIALS was responsible for (iii), while supervising the activities in (ii) above.

v. *NIALS/York University Joint Research on Canada's Human Rights Role in Sub-Saharan Africa (CARISSA)*

In 2019, NIALS, in collaboration with the York University, Canada, submitted a partnership development grant proposal entitled 'Research Dissemination Network on Canada's Human Rights Role in Sub-Saharan Africa (CARISSA). The objective of the research project is to analyse and theorise the nature, attainments, challenges

and prospects of governmental Canadian Human Rights engagements in sub-Saharan African countries like Nigeria.

A Project Commencement Meeting (held virtually via Zoom) of all ten (10) partner institutions/individuals held from 19 – 21 October 2020 to introduce the partners to the project. NIALS presented its proposal titled *"The Right to a Healthy Environment as a Panacea to Environmental Degradation in Nigeria"* prepared by its Research Team: Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD (DG NIALS); Professor Animi Sylvanus-Pepple (Director, CLECREIL) and Dr. Irekpitan Okukpon (Senior Research Fellow/ Acting Head of Department, Public Law).

vi. *Research on Tackling Nigeria's Energy Poverty through Sustainable Waste-to-Energy Initiatives*

In 2020, the Institute having won the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) grant programme, began activities in the research project titled *"Tackling Nigeria's Energy Poverty through Sustainable Waste-to-Energy Initiatives"*. The research seeks to provide directions for Lagos State and Nigeria generally regarding utilisation of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) for energy generation in Nigeria and the need for legal reform of currently existing legislation on waste and energy. The Research Team is comprised of the following persons: Ifeoluwa Etomilade-Oduola (Research Fellow I); Damilola Sawyerr (Research Fellow I); Kemi Omodanisi (Research Fellow II). Professor Muhammed T. Ladan, PhD (DG NIALS); Professor Animi Sylvanus-Pepple (Director, CLECREILP); and Dr. Irekpitan Okukpon (Senior Research Fellow/Acting HOD, Public Law) are the academic advisors of the project.

The said research is expected to be concluded and submitted to ECREEE/KAS by June 1st 2021.

vii. *Activities Under the NIALS Implementation of and Compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law Project, under the MacArthur On Nigeria Programme*

The NIALS Implementation of and Compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law Project is an offshoot of concerted efforts to ensure the speedy and effective dispensation of justice in Nigeria. The Institute under this project in 2020 which was in its completion year carried out the following activities:

a) Training of Justice Sector Stakeholders

The Institute in 2020, conducted trainings of certain justice sector stakeholders, comprising of judges, prosecutors, magistrates, police officers and defence lawyers as key actors in the implementation and compliance with the provisions of the Administration Of Criminal Justice Act/ Laws.

S/N	Location	Date	Number of Persons Trained
1.	South-South Zone (Asaba, Delta State)	17th-18th February 2020 ,	81
2.	South-East Zone (Owerri, Imo state)	3rd – 4th of March 2020	75
3.	North-East Zone (Gombe State)	6th-7th October, 2020	59
4.	North-West Zone (Sokoto State)	16th – 17th of march 2020	77

Table. 8: Statistics for ACJA 2020 trainings

As shown in Table…., a total of two hundred and ninety two (292) Justice Sector stakeholders were trained in four (4) training across the South-South, South-East, North-East and North-West geopolitical zones. The breakdown of the participants and the region they represent are shown in Chart below

Fig. 8: Breakdown of Trained Justice Sector Stakeholders in 2020



b) *Review of the Training Manuals for Judges and Lawyers*

At the inception of the Project in 2017, the Institute engaged its Research staff in the drafting of two (2) training manuals to aid the effective delivery of the designed curricula for the justice stakeholders.

These vital documents were reviewed and updated in 2020 by selected research fellows with expertise in Criminal Law Administration, to reflect development, especially through case law of the Nigerian jurisprudence in Criminal Justice Administration.

c) *Administration of Criminal Justice Law Case Collection and Analysis*

A significant aspect of the Institute's mandate under the funded project was to publish and disseminate case digests on judgments and rulings relating to the Administration of Criminal Justice both at federal and state level. Having produced a Digest of Cases focused on the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, the Institute proceeded to strategize on how to replicate the same feat of case collection in as many states across the federation that had already in place, a state replica of the ACJA.



Fig. 9: Summary of ACJA Component B Methodology for case collection

A total of eighteen (18) case collectors drawn from the Abuja and Lagos Offices were sent to the field to obtain judgements on ACJL from specific states. Two hundred and seventy one (271) cases were collected from thirteen (13) states and analysed to produce the NIALS Case Digest on State Administration of Criminal Justice Laws.

d) *Development of Rules of Court*

The Institute under the Project, engaged relevant federal and states judiciary to develop rules of court to aid in the implementation of their Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law (ACJA/L). The Institute's focus was to utilise rules of court to further the overriding objectives of the ACJA/L which is the speedy and efficient dispensation of justice; ensuring justice for the victims, the offender and the state; promote proper case



Fig. 10: Summary of case collection exercise

management practices as well as improve the implementation of the ACJA/L generally.

In other to achieve this, the Institute collaborated with the Chief Judges of the relevant State High Courts to ensure that the provisions introduced were not contrary to the principal enactment or the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

e) *Compendia of ACJA Analyses*

The Institute in the year under review, also engaged in critical analyses of the current Administration of Criminal Justice state Laws of twenty three (23) states. Produced in two volumes, the aim of both compilation is to provide a comprehensive database for relevant stakeholders. The analyses adopt the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 as the baseline tool for assessing the various State laws due to its closeness to the vision of an effective and efficient system, if properly implemented.

A Key impact of the research activities and the research output are the fact that the research and the resultant publications further promotes the implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Laws in Nigeria. The research activities carried out also aid in showcasing the compliance and efficiency of specific States judiciary in facilitating criminal justice reform through application of ACJL in cases. In addition,

the activities help in benchmarking the evolution and impact of Criminal Justice Administration and Reform in Nigeria. On the part of the Institute, the research activities carried out with respect to case collection and analysis helped to showcase the resilience and versatility of NIALS Researchers.

4.4.1. Notable 2020 Research Grants

Notably, the Institute in some instances rely on external funding to conduct its research activities. **Table 9** provides a summary of grants and external funding

	TITLE OF GRANT	GRANTOR	AMOUNT	AWARD DATE/ DURATION	DESCRIPTION	PARTICIPATING STAFF	PAID? Y/N	STATUS
1.	Tackling Nigeria's Energy Poverty Through Sustainable Waste-to-Energy Initiatives	ECOWAS Centre For Renewable Energy And Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) And Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)	2,000 Euros	August, 2020 / 10 months Expires: 1 June 2021	The research seeks to provide directions for Lagos State and Nigeria generally, regarding utilisation of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) for energy generation in Nigeria and the need for legal reform of currently existing legislation on waste and energy	**Advisory Team** a. Prof. M.T Ladan (DG) b. Professor Animi Sylvanus-Pepple (CLECREILP) c. Dr. Irekpitan Okukpon (CLE Coordinator/Acting HOD, Public Law) **Research Team** a. Ifeoluwa Etomilade-Oduola b. Damilola Sawyerr c. Kemi Omodanisi	NO	Ongoing
2.	Research Dissemination Network On Canada's Human Rights Role In Sub-Saharan Africa (CARISSA): **NIALS Research:** The Right To A Healthy Environment As A Panacea To Environmental Degradation in Nigeria	Social Science And Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)/CARISSA Partnership	CDN$200, 000 for 10 partner institutions (NIALS being one of the 10)	June 2019 / 3 years: 2021-2023	The objective of the research project is to analyse and theorise the nature, attainments, challenges and prospects of governmental Canadian Human Rights Engagements in sub-Saharan African countries like Nigeria	a. Prof. M.T Ladan (DG) b. Professor Animi Sylvanus-Pepple (CLECREILP) c. Dr. Irekpitan Okukpon (CLE Coordinator/Acting HOD, Public Law)	NO	The project sum is to be split across 3 years

3.	Virtual Training on Modern Techniques in Criminal Investigation for the Federal Ministry of Justice and Lagos State Ministry of Justice Prosecutors	Programme to Build and Strengthen the Police Structures in Selected Partner Countries in Africa – Country Component Nigeria funded by German Foreign Office and implemented through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ	NGN 10,200,000	5th –16th October 2020	To conduct virtual training on modern techniques for investigation	**Administrative Team** a. Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD (DG) b. Nkiruka Chidia Maduekwe, PhD (SA/DCCLE,CCS) c. Irekpitan Okukpon, PhD (SA/CCLE/Acting HOD, Public Law) d. Fatima Bello, PhD (SASP/CRI) e. Osato Eruaga, PhD (SAM&E/Acting HOD, Private and Property Law) f. Engr. Jauda Istifanus (PAICT) g. Kika Paula Oluonye (RACLE)	Yes	Completed
4.	Guide For Libraries In Nigeria And Their Users (GLAMS)	Creative Commons Corporation under the Communities Activities Fund		November – January 2021	Aims to develop a concise but clear guide for libraries in Nigeria to help their personnel and patrons familiarise themselves with the basics of the Nigerian Copyright Law	**Advisory Team** a. Prof Adebambo Adewopo b. Osato Eruaga, PhD. **Research Team** a. Mrs Helen Chuma - Okoro b. Mrs Eme Tola-Lawal	No	Completed

5.	Creative Commons Translation Project	Open Education for a Better World (OE4BW)	USD250	August-December 2020	To supervise the translation of the Nigerian Copyright Law?	NIALS Team a. Mrs Helen Chuma - Okoro; b. Mrs Eme Tola-Lawal **CC Team** c. Mrs. Kayode Yussuf d. Ms. Omilaja A. Oluwabunmi, e. David Oluwatayo,	No	Submitted. Awaiting final acceptance from grantor
6.	NIALS Implementation and Compliance with Administration of Criminal Justice Act/ Law	MacArthur Foundation	Last phase of 3years grant	Last phase of project that began in 2017	Research to enhance the understanding of the ACJA/ACJL and facilitate its implementation	Prof MT Ladan (Lead Investigator)	Yes	Completed in November 2020
7.	NIALS Implementation and Compliance with Administration of Criminal Justice Act/ Law 2.0	MacArthur Foundation	USD 800,000	To commence January 2021 for 3 years)	To improve compliance with and implementation of Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria, through increased engagement with relevant institutions	Prof MT Ladan	No	The project is yet to commence

Table 9: Summary of 2020 Circuit's and external funding

4.5. Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School Activities

The Postgraduate Programme at the Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School (PGS) is made up of Postgraduate Diploma, Masters and Doctoral Programme in Legislative Drafting. The Programme is backed by the statutory provision mandating NIALS to conduct degree awarding courses of instruction in Legislative Drafting. These programmes were introduced to meet the capacity deficit in Legislative Drafting and to make Nigeria a hub for the training and development of high-level manpower in legislative drafting in Africa.

For the 2019/ 2020 academic session, which commenced in September 2019, Akinola Aguda PGS offered admission to a total number of twenty five (25) qualified applicants. The qualified applicants comprised of five (5) Postgraduate Diploma and twenty (20) LL.M candidates. Nineteen (19) applicants accepted the offer of admission.

PROGRAMME	NO. OFFERED ADMISSION	NO. OF ACCEPTANCE	NO. PRESENTLY REGISTERED
PGD	5	4	2
LL.M	20	15	11
Total	**25**	**19**	**13**

Table 10: Summary of 2019/2020 Student spread

Notably, eight (8) candidates applied for the MPhil/PhD programme but were not offered admission because their proposals did not meet the required standard.

During the course of the year, the Management Committee of the School with approval from the Management of the Institute, took several key administrative decisions concerning operation modalities. A major decision was the establishment of an Abuja campus, to solve the problem of proximity which hinders prospective students from leaving their duty stations to attend studies in Lagos. In preparation for the take-off of the Campus, a Deputy Head and a Resource Mobilisation Officer for Postgraduate Programmes have been appointed in Abuja to work in concert with the Acting Director and Deputy Director/Head of PGS for the realisation of this goal.

The review of the PGS Guidelines and Regulations were completed by the Review Committee in February 2020 and subsequently approved by Management on 28 February, 2020. This document stands as the substantive document regulating the PGS.

The Institute's collaboration effort with the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife to address certain lapses identified by the National Universities' Commission (NUC), the body statutorily mandated to regulate University degree programmes in Nigeria, culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions in 2018. The Memorandum had been scheduled for presentation and approval at the next meeting of the OAU Senate. The strike action embarked on by

ASUU since March 2020 coupled with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has, however, halted the process. It is believed that the operation of the MOU would improve the admission rates at the PGS.

4.6. Taslim Elias Library Activities 2020

The Institute Library in the year 2020, continued to carry out its primary assignments as the hub of all research and academic activities in the Institute.

Acquisition of materials in 2020 was low due to inadequate funding and the bottleneck created by the Due Process Policy of the Federal Government. A total of forty-eight (48) Books, seventy-three (73) Law Reports and Supreme Courts Judgments of Nigeria (SCJN) reports were processed and added to the collection in the reporting year. As at November 2020, the Library's total collection stood at fifty-one thousand, two hundred and sixty-four (51,264)

The Library witnessed a decline in the usage of its facilities in the year under review. The LL.M students of the University of Lagos, constitute the majority of newly registered readers as well as regular readers. The strike by University lecturers and the subsequent outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic affected the Library usage. A total of nine hundred and sixty six (966) readers were recorded in the year under review. These readers consulted a total of four thousand, two hundred and twenty nine (4, 229) books. Fifteen (15) new users were registered with twenty (20) renewals in 2020.

The Library generated a total of fifty six thousand naira (N56, 000) from the registration of these new library users and the replacement/ renewal of library cards.

REGISTRATION/ RENEWALS				
S/N	CATEGORY	REGISTRATION	RENEWAL/ REPLACEMENT	TOTAL
1.	LLM	15	20	35
2.	Legal Practitioner/ Judges	-	-	-
3.	MILD	-	-	-
4.	Ph.D	-	-	-
5.	Lecturers	-	-	-
TOTAL		15	20	35
USE OF LIBRARY				
	READERS		BOOKS CONSULTED	
	966		4229	
ADDITION TO LIBRARY				
	BOOKS		LAW REPORTS	
	48		73	

Table 11: Library Analysis

4.7. CLE Activities

The NIALS Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Centre, is the division of the CLECREIL saddled with the responsibility of conducting training to enhance expertise in various thematic areas of law. In 2020, CLE conducted both general and tailored courses.

4.7.1. CLE General Courses

At the beginning of 2020, CLE advertised twenty (20) general courses in its 2020 general training calendar. However, due to the attendant COVID-19 pandemic, lockdown measures imposed by the government, and prohibition on public meetings in governmental institutions, it became imperative for the Division to consider the option of convening CLE courses online.

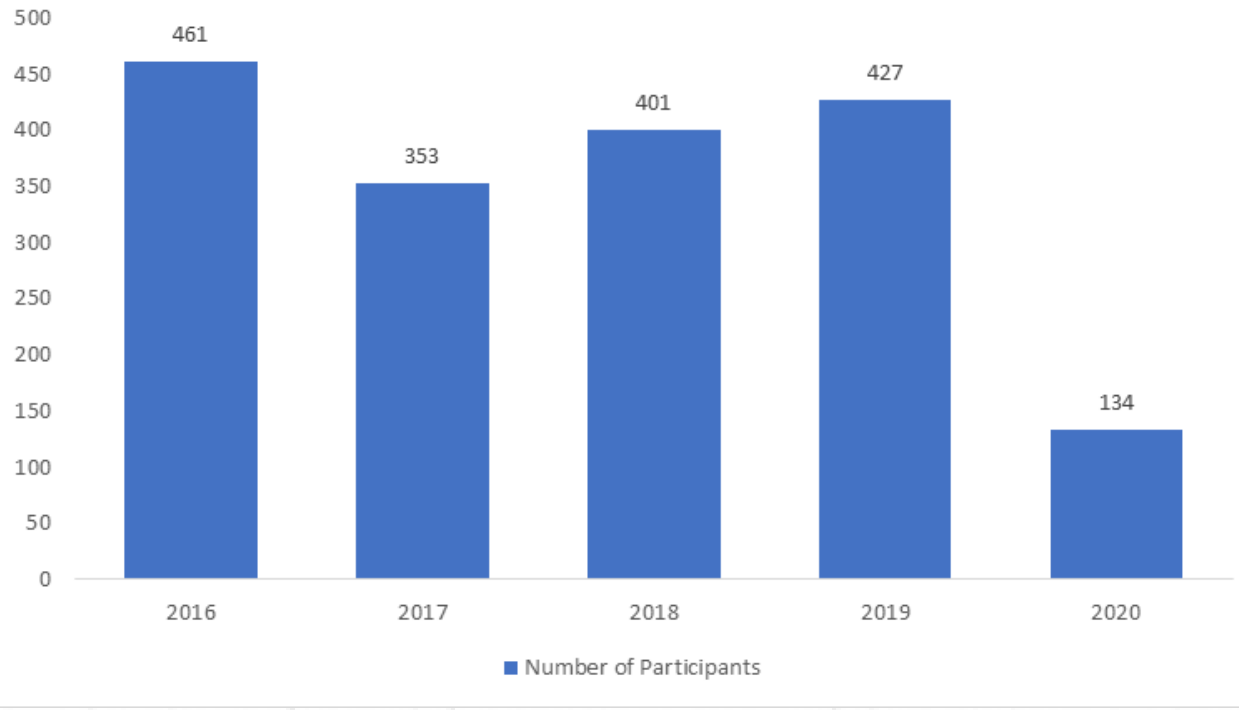
In August 2020, a new schedule of courses was prepared and approved by the Director-General. **Table12** shows a list of the revised schedule of courses. The online courses were chosen based on the viability of each course in consideration of 2019 and 2018 attendance and evaluation from participants. Modalities were put in place for an E-payment portal on the NIALS website to facilitate payment for the courses for the participants. The six courses were also convened via the GoToWebinar software application.

S/N	COURSE TITLE	NEW DATE (2020)	VENUE	COURSE FEES	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
1.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE (course fee reduced as course was convened as part of NIALS Corporate Social Responsibility)	16 – 17 SEPTEMBER	ONLINE GO TO WEBINAR	N10, 000. 00	30
2.	LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING COURSE	21 – 22 SEPTEMBER	ONLINE GO TO WEBINAR	N30,000. 00	13
3.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE	13 -14 OCTOBER	ONLINE GO TO WEBINAR	N30,000. 00	30
4.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE	26 – 27 OCTOBER	ONLINE GO TO WEBINAR	N30,000. 00	23
5.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE	09 – 10 NOVEMBER	ONLINE GO TO WEBINAR	N30,000. 00	18
6.	TRAINING COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE	17 – 18 NOVEMBER	ONLINE GO TO WEBINAR	N30,000. 00	20
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS THAT ATTENDED THE NIALS ONLINE TRAININGCOURSES					134

Table 12: 2020 CLE Courses

Compared to past attendance at courses, the 2020 participant turnout was not encouraging. A graphical representation of participants' turnout since 2016 is as shown in **Fig 9 below.**

Fig 9: Number of Participants at the CLE Courses (2016- 2020)



The low participation is directly linked to the economic constraints associated with the outbreak of the virus. In addition, the preference of physical mode of instructions delivery compared to the virtual process was also a factor.

Generally, participants' comments about the courses in 2020 were very commendable, particularly with respect to the value received from the resource persons. Most of the participants indicated that they enrolled for the courses because of the rich content and currency of the issues addressed. The participants indicated several ways in which the courses could be improved including:

- Ensuring that resource persons are conversant with the online platform used for seamless usage.
- Adequate and timely release of course outline, facilitators and learning objectives to participants.
- Increasing the time allotted to various topics per course.
- Making the online courses more interactive through the use of a medium where everyone can see each other(e.g, Zoom or Google Meet/Teams).

4.7.2. CLE 2020 Bespoke Courses

The Institute, at the request of several Organisations, organised several tailored trainings, to fit their training needs.

i. Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)

NIMASA collaborated with NIALS for the third time to convene its 9th Admiralty Law Seminar for Judges from February 19th – 21st 2020 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos State. The Seminar themed "*Suppression of Piracy and other Maritime Offences (SPOMO) Act 2019: Keys to Accelerating and Achieving Safe & Secure Shipping in Nigeria*" trained judges of littoral states, naval officers, anti-corruption agencies and other maritime officers in the enforcement and implementation of the newly enacted SPOMO Act 2019. A publication based on the presentations by Resource Persons at the Seminar is currently being finalised for production in December 2020.

ii. *Attorney General Alliance (AGA) | AFRICA (formerly CWAG)*

The AGA/ AFRICA, a bipartisan group of chief legal officers from the USA supported by PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors, Nigeria collaborated with NIALS to convene an online training webinar on "*Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence*" from 18th to 19th June, 2020. The Webinar was attended by over sixty eight (68) participants comprising judges, legal practitioners, regulatory agencies and the general public, with course fee set at N10, 000 per person.

iii. *Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH "GIZ"*

GIZ partnered with NIALS to provide a virtual training on 'Modern Techniques in Criminal Investigation for the Federal Ministry of Justice Prosecutors' and for Lagos State Ministry of Justice Prosecutors. The trainings held in two (2) streams: 5th – 9th October for the former and 12th – 16th October 2020 for the latter. A course manual was developed for the prosecutors and three (3) external resource persons facilitated the training for both streams, with the four (4) Special Assistants to the Director-General acting as Moderators for each day of the trainings.

iv. Chief Ladi Rotimi-Williams Chambers (CLRWC)

The CLRWC sought to conduct a legal training for lawyers in its Chambers on 16th December, 2020 and required the expertise of NIALS Academics to facilitate discussion on the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020 and the AMCON Act as it relates to bank loans and tax frauds. The DG, NIALS nominated Professor Animi Awah, Director CLECREILP and Associate Professor Francisca Nlerum, Acting HOD, Commercial Law as NIALS Resource Persons for the training. The training took place on 16th Decembe,r 2020.

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

4.8. Renovation/ Infrastructure Upgrades and Development of the Institute Permanent Site

The Management of the Institute in recognition of the importance of conducive work environment to productivity and morale of its members of staff, made huge financial commitments to renovations and upgrade of its infrastructures both in Abuja and Lagos.

A significant number of offices were remodelled for the Administration, Bursary and Audit Directorate. The remodelling also involved upgrades through the modern additions and general improvement of the work environment layout.

The Institute also fashioned out and furnished a Seminar/ Meeting Room to provide a conducive environment for its staff seminars and meetings.

In the first half of 2020, the Institute committed resources to digitalisation of its offices, as part of Management's drive to improve ICT. Between March and April, several desk tops, laptop and computing accessories were distributed to members of staff of the Abuja office, to aid the performance of their duties. A similar gesture was carried out in the Lagos office, with support from NITDA and the NCC in September, 2020

Work at the Institute's permanent site continued in 2020. The Institute focused on the completion of the perimeter fence and security post. The Institute also received the formal building approval in November 2020.









5. 2020 Publications of the Institute

In the year ending 2020, the Institute had a total of thirty two (32) publications comprising of books, journals, policy bulletins, reports and monographs. **Table 13** provides a comprehensive list of the Institute publications for the year. These publications served as suitable outlet pathways for the various research activities of the Institute.

MacArthur Sponsored Publications 2020

A. Training Manual

1) Training Manual on the Implementation of the Administration of Criminal Justice ACT, 2015 for Lawyers
2) Training Manual on the Implementation of Criminal Justice ACT, 2015 for Judicial Officers

B. Policy Bulletins

1) Confessional Statement under the Administration of Criminal Justice ACT 2015 and the Practice of " Trial Within a Trial"
2) Non-Custodial Sentencing under Administration of Criminal Justice ACT, 2015
3) Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria: A Comparison between the Federal Legislation and State Counterparts in Four Selected States
4) Plea Bargain and its Implication: An Appraisal of the Administration of Criminal Justice ACT (ACJA), 2015

C. Compendium of State Administration of Criminal Law Analyses

1) Compendium of State Administration of Criminal Justice Laws Analyses Volume I
2) Compendium of State Administration of Criminal Justice Laws Analyses Volume I

D. Supreme Court's Decision in *Udeogu V FRN* :
Policy Practice Implications for the Criminal Justice System in Nigeria

E. Rules of Court for the Administration of Criminal Justice

1) Sokoto State (Administration of Criminal Justice) Rules 2020
2) Kano State Administration of Criminal Justice Rules 2020
3) Ekiti State Administration of Criminal justice Rules 2020
4) Benue State Administration of Criminal Justice Rules 2020
5) Rivers State Administration of Criminal Justice Rules 2020

F. Digest of Cases Series

1) Digest of Cases on States Administration of Criminal Justice Laws in Nigeria (Volume II)

Journal Publications 2020

1) Contemporary Nigerian Admiralty Law Issues (Vol.II, 2019) Proceedings of the 8th Law Seminar for Judges
2) Nigerian Current Law Review 2019 -2020
3) NIALS Journal of Environmental Law Volume VI
4) NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property Volume 5
5) NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property Volume 6
6) NIALS Health Law and Policy Journal Volume 2 (Issue I)
7) NIALS Health Law and Policy Journal Volume 2 (Issue II)
8) Contemporary Nigerian Admiralty Law Issues (Vol.III, 2020): Proceedings of the 9th Law Seminar for Judges
9) NIALS Journal of Public Law Volume II (Issue I) 2020
10) NIALS Journal of Public Law Volume II (Issue II) 2020

Books and Monographs

1) Muhammad T. Ladan and Adebambo Adewopo, *Legal History in Nigeria*.
2) Anthony C. Diala, *Rethinking Customary Law and Women's Property Rights in the Context of Legal Pluralism in Nigeria*
3) Adebambo Adewopo and Jane Ezirigwe, *Food Security, Biotechnology and Biosafety in Nigeria*
4) Oserheimen Osunbor, *Nigeria in Quest of Good Governance, Law and Beyond Law*
5) Anthology of Abstracts
6) NIALS Revised Scheme of Service

Training Manuals and Reports

1) Training Manual on Modern Techniques in Criminal Investigations and Prosecution

2) The Impact of COVID-19 on the Justice Sector in Nigeria

Table 13: Summary of 2020 Publication list



MacArthur
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INSTITUTE PUBLICATIONS

2020



6. Financing the Institute in 2020

The Institute derives its financial resources mainly from government budgetary allocation. There are also avenues to generate revenue internally (albeit limited) from the sale of its publications, commercial printing by the NIALS Printing Press, subsidised training courses as well as payment from consultancies.

Flowing from Federal government budgetary cuts in capital and recurrent expenditures in March 2020 due to the outbreak of the pandemic and its attendant effect on the economy, the Institute received a total budgetary allocation in 2020 (as revised) of sixty two million, seven hundred and twenty four thousand, four hundred and fifty nine naira (N62, 724,459) for overhead running cost. There was zero allocation for capital expenditure to the Institute. The approved budgeted amount of Six hundred and forty eight million, eight hundred and seventy one thousand, eight hundred and eighty six naira (N648, 871,886) for personnel could not comfortably sustain the Institute. The approved minimum wage and promotions carried out in year 2020 affected the personnel earlier budget for personnel costs

The absence of physical interactions for the most part of 2020 affected the Institute's other sources of revenue. It is expected that the strategies which the Institute's Management has put in place would help increase Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) in 2021.

7. Conclusion: Projections for 2021

2020 will go down in the annals of the Institute's history as one of the toughest years for the Institute due to the outbreak of the Corona virus and the imposed restrictions by the government. Yet, in the midst of the momentary perplexion, the Institute was able to re-strategise and forge ahead with its mandate.

The Institute is optimistic that 2021 will provide avenues for improving on the achievements of 2020. In December 2020, the Institute's Management approved the 2021 Work Plans of the various Directorates and Academic Departments to ensure seamless transition into 2021.

With the relaxation of COVID-19 protocols by the end of 2020, the Institute projects the increase of physical relations while maintaining appropriate measures. The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Division is increasing its tempo

commitment in 2021. The 2021 general course calendar, is a fusion of online and physical courses was approved in December 2020 as shown in **Table 14**

The fusion of virtual and physical courses accommodates persons who would prefer physical courses and those comfortable within the virtual space. The Institute also expects to have more tailored courses in 2021 as arranged by various organisations.

Existing collaborations will continue in the new year while the Institute forges new collaborations and partnerships. It is expected that these alliances would increase the Institute's visibility globally, support the Institute in fulfilling its mandate while providing an avenue for the Institute to generate revenue.

NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

REVISED CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE)

2021 Course Schedule

S/N	COURSE TITLE	DATE (2021)	VENUE	COURSE FEE (N)
VIRTUAL COURSES				
1.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE	24 – 25 MARCH	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
2.	DIGITAL SPACE: LAW AND PRACTICE	14 - 15 APRIL	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
3.	ADVANCED COURSE IN PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE	27 – 28 APRIL	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
4.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE	11 – 12 MAY	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
5.	WORKSHOP IN LEGAL WRITING SKILLS	25 - 26 MAY	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
6.	COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE	09 – 10 JUNE	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
7.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE	23 – 24 JUNE	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
8.	TRAINING COURSE IN LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION	07 – 08 JULY	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
9.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE	14 – 15 JULY	ZOOM/GOTOWEBINAR APP	N50,000
IN-PERSON TRAINING COURSES				
1.	COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	24 – 26 AUGUST	ABUJA	N150,000
2.	WORKSHOP IN LEGAL WRITING SKILLS	30 AUGUST – 01 SEPTEMBER	LAGOS	N150,000
3.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE (FIRST STREAM)	06 – 08 SEPTEMBER	LAGOS	N150,000
4.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE (FIRST STREAM)	13 – 15 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	N150,000
5.	23rd NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICES IN LAW LIBRARIES	14 – 15 SEPTEMBER	LAGOS	N75, 000
6.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE	21 – 23 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	N150,000
7.	DIGITAL SPACE: LAW AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	28 – 30 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	N150,000
8.	TRAINING COURSE IN LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION	05 – 07 OCTOBER	LAGOS	N150, 000
9.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	12 – 14 OCTOBER	ABUJA	N150, 000
10.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE (SECOND STREAM)	26 – 28 OCTOBER	LAGOS	N150, 000
11.	ADVANCED COURSE IN PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE	01 – 03 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N150, 000
12.	COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE, (SECOND STREAM)	09 – 11 NOVEMBER	LAGOS	N150,000
13.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE (SECOND STREAM)	15 – 17 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N150,000
14.	DIGITAL SPACE: LAW AND PRACTICE SECOND STREAM)	23 – 25 NOVEMBER	LAGOS	N150,000
15.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE (SECOND STREAM)	07 – 09 DECEMBER	LAGOS	N150,000

- All fees are inclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT) and Withholding Tax (WHT). For in-person trainings, this 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 Blue Springs Hotel, Shehu Shagari Way, Central Business District (Confirmation will be made to participants prior to each course).
- The virtual courses run from 10:00am – 1:00pm on the scheduled course dates.
- The in-person courses run from 09:30am – 04:00pm on the scheduled course dates.

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Table 14: 2021 Virtue and Online Courses



