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## **MOTTO**

Knowledge that makes the Difference.

## **MISSION**

To be the nucleus and hub of legal research and advanced studies in law in Nigeria.

## **OUR VISION**

To be a world class institution that is the primary source of information, training and advice at the highest level of policy formulation on legal matters, effectively impacting on local and international institutions in the development of law.

## **NIALS ENABLING ACT**

Commencement Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

- (1) There is hereby established an institute to be known as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (in this Act referred to as “the Institute”) which shall have the functions assigned to it by this Act.
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL, etc.**

- (1) There shall be established for the management of the affairs of the Institute a body to be known as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Council (in this Act referred to as “the Council”)
- (2) The Council shall consist of the following members, that is
  - (a) a Chairman to be appointed by the President;
  - (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Justice,
  - (c) a representative of the Federal Ministry charged with responsibility for higher education;
  - (d) six Deans or Heads of Faculties, or other formations



of Nigerian Universities offering degree courses in law at not less than post-graduate level, to be appointed by the President; the Director-General of the Nigerian Law School; one member of the Judiciary nominated by the Chief Justice of Nigeria; the President of the Nigerian Bar Association; five persons of whom one shall be a woman to be appointed by the President; and the Director-General of the Institute.

(3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned.

### **FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

(i) Council shall be responsible for the determination of the overall policy of the Institute and in particular for the financial and operational programmes of the Institute and for ensuring implementation of such policies and programmes.

(ii) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection of this section, it shall be the duty of the Council to approve the research and training programmes of the Institute, determine the fees to be paid for research, consulting, training and any other services that may be offered by the Institute and promote or undertake any other activity that in the opinion of the Council is calculated to help achieve the purposes of the Institute.

### **NIALS ANTHEM**

Ever questioning,  
Ever Probing,  
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies!  
Vision foretold by founding fathers,  
Ideas nurtured by patriotic fervor,  
Urging us to make the difference,  
And be the nucleus of legal studies,  
With passion and hope our mandate deliver,  
And be the best that we can be,  
A truly world class institution,  
Nigeria's law abode!



# NIALS/MACARTHUR FOUNDATION COLLABORATES WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW TEACHERS (NALT)

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies/MacArthur Foundation in collaboration with the National Association of Law Teachers (NALT) organized a two (2) day maiden workshop for Deans of Faculties of Law in Nigerian Universities /the Nigerian Law School with a theme: “Review and Validation of a Draft Guidebook Integrating Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 in the Teaching of Relevant Laws in Nigeria”.

The Workshop, which was held in Abuja from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2021 was aimed at institutionalizing a training curriculum that will enhance the teaching of relevant Laws in the Law Faculties of Nigerian Universities and the Nigerian Law Schools.

It was a convergence of the Nigerian finest Law Teachers, Deans of Faculties of Law at the Federal, States and Private Universities in Nigeria and The Law School.

The stakeholder's workshop which is described as a new revolution is meant to work out strategies for integrating the innovative provisions of (ACJA) into the countries University curriculum.

The Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN who was represented at the event by the Special Assistant to the President on Justice Reforms, Juliet Ibekaku-Nwagwu, who unveiled the Handbook, called for the strengthening of Criminal Justice Sector Policy to further support the implementation and compliance. She further stated that it's a very fantastic opportunity for students, Academics and Judges to understand these provisions from the perspectives of Academics.

Speaking during the ceremony, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Director General of Nigerian



Institute of Advanced Legal Studies said the Workshop is targeted at Law Teachers. He further noted that the foundation has provided resource materials for Law Teachers as to how they can integrate it instead of struggling to look for different laws.

Professor Isa Chiroma, SAN Director General of the Nigerian Law School, in his submission said lawyers are not going to be taught but aspirants from the Universities and the general Law School, this, he said

would have great impact on the nation Nigeria.

According to Professor Usman Shuaibu, President, National Association of Law Teachers (NALT), the Guidebook is intended to introduce the main provisions and the Highlights contained in the ACJA.



## NIALS HOLDS WORKSHOP ON LEGAL WRITING SKILLS

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on the 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2021 held a Workshop titled “Legal Writing Skills” to train the Principal Officers of the Institute and other participants from various Government Agencies. The event

was held at Professor Ignatius Ayua Lecture theatre, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos.



## NIALS LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATIONS OF COPIES OF LAW REPORTS AND INDEX FROM THREE LAW FIRMS



The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan on Friday, 8th October, 2021 acknowledged the receipt of copies of 2019, 2020 and 2021 Law Reports and the 2020 Index from three different anonymous Law Firms. The donations were made to the Institute's Library and this, the Director General said, will save the Institute from spending its meagre resources on the purchase of the said Law Reports.



## **NIALS TO HAVE A FACELIFT AS DIRECTOR GENERAL RENOVATES DILAPIDATED THEATERS, HALLS AND OTHERS**

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan on Monday, 11th October, 2021 urgently approved funds from the 2021 Capital Budgetary allocation for the renovation of the dilapidated theaters, halls, part of the Institute Library and for the painting of the Institute's building in Lagos office. This resolution was reached after a careful study, processing and follow up on a technical report earlier submitted by the Engineering Unit of the Institute spearheaded by Comrade Ope Owasanoye, NIALS NASU Chairman. The Director General commends Comrade Ope for his courage and boldness to timely draw the attention of the Director General to the report which is believed to save the Institute some more severe damages.

## **UNODC/EU**

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the European Union (UNODC/EU) acknowledged the contribution of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies as a strategic partner, following six (6) members of staff contribution to the development of the Manual for investigators and prosecutors on Counter Terrorism in Nigeria launched on 21st October, 2021 at Sheraton Hotel, Abuja.



The Honorable Members of Edo state Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL) Court Rules Committee and Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies team met on Thursday 21st October, 2021.



Group photograph with some NIALS staff. Sitting third from left is Prof. Peter Akper. Standing first from left, Chibueze Okike, fifth from left is Dr. Ibe Ifeakandu and Dr. Nkiruka Madueke

## FELICITATION

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Professor Muhammad Tawfiq Ladan, on behalf of management felicitates with Prof Yinka Omorogbe on her recent elevation to the prestigious rank of the Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN).

This indeed is well deserved and represents the public acknowledgment that she has distinguished herself in the noble profession of law .

The DG was represented at the event by Ijeoma Agwu Esq.







From left: Agwu Ijeoma Esq, Mrs Ifueko Ize-Iyamu, Dr. Osagie Ehanire (Hon Minster for Health), Prof Yinka Omorogbe SAN and Mr. Charles Edosonwan SAN



Agwu Ijeoma Joyke and Prof Yinka Omorogbe



Chief Adegboyega Awomolo SAN Chief Mis Victoria Awomolo SAN and Prof Yinka Omorogbe



## NIALS 2021 STAFF PROMOTION EXAMINATION/INTERVIEW

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies conducted its 2021 promotion examination and interview exercise for eligible staff of the Institute on Tuesday, 26th October, 2021. A total of seventy six (76) staff sat for the examination/Interviews.



## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE/OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION HOLDS RETREAT

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan PhD on the 4th of November, 2021 presented a paper titled; "Lawmakers and Federal Service Reform Policy Strategic Plan 2021-2025".

The presentation was done during a retreat organized by the National Assembly Committee/Office of the Head of Service of the Federation which was held at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja.



## EPIPHANY AZINGE FOUNDATION 2021 COLLOQUIUM

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan on The 11th November, 2021 presented a paper titled; "ECOWAS Treaty and State Sovereignty: Redefining Constitutional Parameters of Nationhood". During the Epiphany Azinge Foundation 2021 Colloquium Professor Ladan in his presentation said, an efficiently run and adequately funded supranational Commission and Supranational Court of Justice can facilitate and accelerate the process of regional economic integration in West Africa. He also maintained that Member States however, must demonstrate greater commitment to their treaty obligations by addressing the fundamental operational and financial challenges facing the Community Institutions and the capacity deficits to implement Community Laws, Programmes and Decisions at National Levels.

The event which was held at the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja also had online attendees.

## NIGERIAN JUDGES CONFERENCE 2021

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan on Thursday, 18th November, 2021 delivered a keynote address titled; On Promoting Judicial Excellence in the Administration of Justice at the All Nigerian Judges Conference 2021.



The conference was organized by the National Judicial Institute Abuja, and moderated by the UNICEF Nigeria Child Protection Officer with panelists/ Supreme Court Justices; Honorable Justice C.C Nweze and Honorable Abdul Aboki.

In his presentation, the Director General reminded participants that the key guiding principles in Child Rights Act is that best interest and welfare of the child shall be the primary and paramount consideration in all actions, decisions to be undertaken by

individual, Public or Private entity, Court of Law and other Arms of Government.



# 2021 NSE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Professor Muhammad Tawfiq Ladan nominated Engineer Jauda Yusuf, SA to the DG on ICT to attend the 2021 National Engineering Conference organized by the Nigerian Society of Engineers on the 10th of November, 2021.



## UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION



The Honorable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice Abubakar Malami SAN, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Chairman Abdurashheed Bawa, Chairman Independent Corrupt Practices Commission and other Related Offense Commission (ICPC), Professor Bolaji Owasanoye SAN, Ambassador of Nigeria to Egypt, Ambassador Umar, Permanent representative to the

United Nations and key stakeholders attending the United Nations conference against Corruption in Cairo, Egypt.



# ECOWAS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021



The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan participated and delivered a keynote address at the opening session of the four (4) Day International Conference organized by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Court of Justice in Lome, Togo with a theme: "Twenty Years of

ECOWAS Court of Justice: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects from 22nd – 25th November, 2021".

## NIALS HOLDS A COURSE ON ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Directorate of Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Center for Regional Economic Integration Law and Practice (CLEC) of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies organized a three day course on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Abuja on the 26th -28th of November, 2021.





The Honourable Members of the Plateau Administration of Criminal Justice (ACJL) Court Rules Committee and Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) Team were present at the Occasion

## NIALS 2021 PROMOTIONS APPROVED

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on Thursday 2nd December 2021, approved the Promotions of seventy three (73) candidates out of seventy six (76) non-academic staff and nineteen (19) candidates out of twenty nine (29) academic staff.

This decision was reached during the Appointments and Promotions Committee (A&PC) meeting.

The Committee whose major role is to approve the Internal Assessment Committee's reports has further recommended to the Council for the ratification of the entire exercise. The Director General speaking through one of the institute's social media handles, noted that only four out of the academic staff are eligible for External Assessment for Full and Associate Professional cadres.



# UNESCO TRAINING



Expression and Safety of Journalist in Nairobi, Kenya from 29th November to 3rd December, 2021.

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan nominated Dr. Irekpiton Okukpon and Habila Ardzard to attend the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Training of Trainers from Judicial Training Institutes in Africa on Freedom of



## **NIALS IN COLLABORATION WITH ROLAC (BRITISH COUNCIL) AND OTHERS ORGANIZED A WORKSHOP FOR DRAFTERS IN NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) in conjunction with ROLAC (British Council), National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies Studies (NILDS) and Federal Ministry of Justice (FMOJ) organized a four (4) day Training workshop for Drafters in National Institution from 7th to 10th December, 2021. Some of the Guest and Resource persons at the event include the Chairperson of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission, Professor Jummai Audi, Director of Administration/Legal Services of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Barrister James Bathnna, Director in the Federal Ministry of Justice, Mrs I. C. Nwajagu, Professor Emily Alemika, who represented the Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Dr.Nqozi Udombana of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Barrister M. D. Hassan (Retired Permanent Secretary, National Assembly (NASS) Legal Drafting Department, and a cross section of participants for the Justice Sector Institutions in Abuja.

The four-day event came to a close with the presentation of certificates to forty five (45) participants.







# UPDATE ON NIALS PERMANENT SITE

Report reaching the Director General, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan on the 7 Day of December, 2021 has it that the Excavation phase of the Administrative Block building has been completed



## WORKSHOP ON TACKLING CORRUPTION, IMPROVING SECURITY AND REBUILDING THE ECONOMY OF NIGERIA

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammad Tawfiq Ladan participated at the two (2) day Annual Conference organized by the Institute of Administration, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria with the theme: Tackling Corruption, Improving Security and Rebuilding the Economy of Nigeria: Challenges and Prospects. The event held from 9th to 10th December, 2021 at the Shehu Musa Yaradua Centre, Abuja.

The Institute of Administration was founded in 1947 as a clerical Centre, devoted to the teaching of Administration, Management, Accounting and Law to the present time. It was incorporated into the mainstream of the University with its mandate as enshrined in the state of Ahmadu Bello University Law (Chapter A14 LAWS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, Revised edition of Act 2004).



Participants at the conference include; former Secretary to the Federal Government of Nigeria, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed as the Chairman of the opening session, Borno State Deputy Governor, Umar Usman Kadufu, Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammad Tawfiq Ladan, Professor Kabiru Bala, Vice Chancellor Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Professor Siraj Barau Abdulkarim, Director, Institute of Administration, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria.

A selected number of NIALS staff also participated at the conference with other stakeholders.



# 2021 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT'S DAY



The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) celebrated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at seventy three (73) with a three (3) day programme of public enlightenment activities titled: Equality-Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Right. The event commenced from, Wednesday 8th to Friday, 10th December 2021, with a quiz competition for secondary school students in the Federal Capital Territory which was held at the Bukhari Bello Auditorium of the NHRC, Human Right fiesta at Federal Capital Territory Exhibition Pavilion, Human Right Walk/Speeches, Awards/Dinner as well as Human Right Day Lecture.

The Human Rights Day is observed December 10, every year. According to the UN, it signifies the absolute rights to which all human beings are entitled,

respective of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Language, Political or other opinions, National or Social Origin, Property, Birth or another Status.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission, Anthony O. Ojukwu Esq in his opening remarks welcomed participants and reminded all that the principles of equality and non- discrimination are at the heart of Human right, therefore ending violence against women is everyone's business and a global campaign because it transcend beyond borders and cultures.

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammad Tawfiq Ladan was represented by Barrister Ijeoma Agwu.

Dignitaries at the event were the Honorable Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Pauline Tallen, Dr. Salamatu H. Suleiman FIMC, Chairperson NHRC Governing Council, UN Resident Coordinator, and other major stakeholders in the judiciary as well as Civil Society Organizations (CSO's).



# NIALS SET FOR DIGITIZATION OF FILES AND RECORDS



The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on the 16th of December, 2021 took delivery of Equipments for the Digitalization of her files and records. This is in line with the directive from the office of the Head of Service of the Federation.

The equipments have since been tested and installed temporarily in the Director General's office in Lagos.

The Director General of the Institute, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan speaking through one of the Institute's social media handles said, all is set for both Abuja and Lagos staff training and work plan for effective take off of the process after the Yuletide holiday.

## WORKSHOP FOR ADVOCACY AND SENSITIZATION



The ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority (ERCA) in conjunction with Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) on 13th December, 2021 organized a workshop titled "Advocacy and Sensitization of Nigeria Stakeholders on the ECOWAS Competition".

ERCA is the regulator of regional competition within the ECOWAS region, whose mandate is to promote competition in West Africa by regulating restrictive practices, cartels, mergers and acquisitions that undermine consumer welfare, market, efficiency and economic growth in West Africa.

Professor Adewopo Adebambo, SAN and Shankyula Tersoo Samuel represented the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies alongside other key stakeholders at the event.



# UPDATE ON NIALS BOOKS AND JOURNALS IN 2021

NIALS LEGAL HISTORY

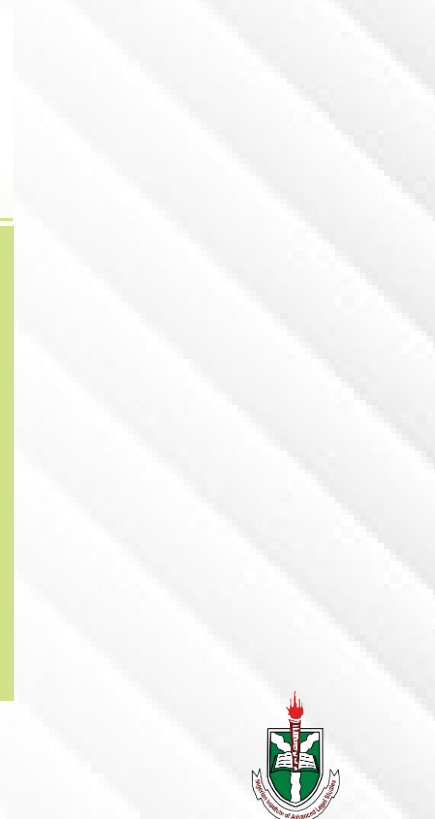
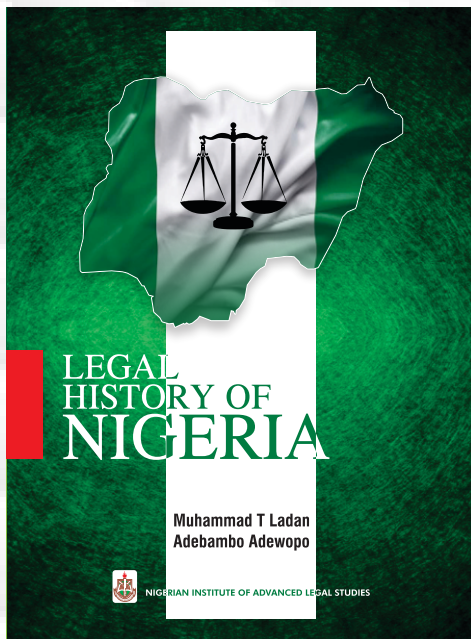
NIALS JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

NIALS JOURNAL OF BUSINESS LAW

NIGERIAN CURRENT LAW REVIEW (2020-2021)

NIALS JOURNAL OF PUBLIC LAW

NIALS BILL FOR LIBRARY BOOKS



# STAFF CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## E-GOVERNMENT TRAINING

In his quest to meet the need for staff capacity building development, the Director General Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan nominated some staff of the Institute to attend a five (5) days E-Government Training on Digitalizing Government operations at the Public Service Training Center, Kubwa, Abuja. The workshop was organized by the Federal Ministry of Communication and Digital Economy in collaboration with the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) with support from Korean Government. It held from November 8th – 12th, 2021.



## E-GOVERNMENT TRAINING

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan nominated some staff of the Institute to attend a Two (2) day e-Government Training at the Public Service Training Center, Kubwa, Abuja from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.



From left to right: The DCA, Mr Danjuma Tangni, Mrs Regina Macauley, Mr Oniosun Jonathan, Mr Olomada Lukman, Mrs Iyahen Alemye



## CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT



The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Professor Muhammad Tawfiq Ladan nominated Sandra Belema Ekine, an Assistant Secretary in Administration Department to participate at the 53rd Annual National Conference of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management with the theme: **Reskilling : Growing People, Growing Economies** held from 24th to 26th November, 2021 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.

The focus of the year's Annual Conference was to identify the new skills and competencies that are required in the new dispensation of work, identify the gaps in current workforce and design ways of driving economic and human capital growth through Reskilling initiatives and inventions.

## NASS/NILDS PARLIAMENTARIAN LECTURE 2021

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies was ably represented at the 2021 National Assembly/ National Institute for Legislative and Democratic studies (NILDS) Parliamentarian Lecture which held on the 13th day of December 2021 at the International Conference Centre Abuja.



The NIALS delegation was led by Director James Bathnna, With CIA Rahmatu, Dr Ibe, Dr. Nkiruka, CA Awwal, PAS Habiba, DIS Lukman and RF Prudence.



The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Professor Muhammad Twafiq Ladan on 16th December, 2021 congratulated Dr Jane Eziringwe on her successful completion of PhD programme from University of Cape Town, South Africa on 5th December, 2021.



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PROF. M. T. LADAN, PhD  
Hubert Humphrey Fellow, USA

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

The Director-General Nigerian institute of Advanced Legal Studies professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan Has congratulated eight (8) Research Fellows which comes in pairs of four (4) groups and the Head of Marketing Unit for their outstanding performances in the generation of revenue through CLEC IG drive and the sales of Institute's publications.

The Director General NIALS Prof M T Ladan Congratulates 5 outstanding 2021 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Course Facilitators & Marketing Unit on IGR Drive. They are ranked 1st to 4th in pairs as facilitators for the highest number of paid Participants and the most IGR driven in the year 2021 that Netted a surplus of over eleven million naira (11.4million naira) into NIALS Research Funds after all deductions. Followed by the Marketing Unit under the headship of Mrs Regina Macaulay that Netted about 1.4 million naira in 2021.



MRS REGINA MACAULAY  
HEAD OF MARKETING, NIALS



BENJAMIN POPOOLA  
RESEARCH FELLOW I, NIALS



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RESEARCH FELLOW I, NIALS



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VIVIAN MADU  
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, NIALS



KEMI OMODANISI  
RESEARCH FELLOW II, NIALS





# NIALS LIBRARY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The office of Director General of the Institute on 13th December, 2021 directly purchased from Deans of Law ; eight (8) law Faculties' Journals for NIALS Library Resource Development.



