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From the Director General's Desk



The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies has a comprehensive statutory mandate that centres on continuous research and its dissemination to various sectors of society with the overall goal of enhancing development. This mandate remains the driving force for all activities conducted by the Institute, including those of 2022.

The Institute attained remarkable strides in 2022 in spite of the economic downturn and paradigm shift in the Nigerian labour market, popularly known as the 'Japa syndrome.' The achievements of 2022 reflect in the individual and group research in expanded scopes of studies conducted to meet the dynamism of legal queries not only locally but internationally. Consequently, the institute continued to attract research project grants and recognition through diverse publications.

The Institute expanded the continuing legal education (CLE) offerings in emerging fields of law and practice, particularly through our dedicated bespoke courses for several organisations in the public and private spheres. Despite the global economic recession, our CLE courses were conducted successfully.

The Institute was intentional in its commitment to staff and infrastructural development in 2022. This commitment was imperative, to ensure the existence of the required capacity to function effectively and meet the expectations of global development and emerging trends.

Early in the year, as an Institute, we mourned the demise of a profound jurist and one of very own, Professor Ignatius Ayua, OFR, SAN, FNIALS, former Director- General NIALS (1995- 2003) and former Solicitor-General of the Federation, who answered the call of his Maker on the 23rd of January 2022. Late Prof Ignatius served his country well and we remain proud as an Institute to have benefited from his service.

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of Management, to sincerely thank the Federal and State Governments and their respective agencies; private sector; and development partners who provided support to the Institute in 2022. The respective collaborations and partnerships contributed to the continued growth of the Institute. As we move forward into a new year, I remain confident that the Institute will continue to lead in delivering quality research outcomes to the relevant stakeholders for sustainable national development and a sustainable regional economic integration agenda. Be rest assured that we remain as an Institute, ever-questioning and ever-probing.

Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD
30 December 2022

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies was established by statute in 1979 as Nigeria's apex institution for legal research and advanced studies in Law and related disciplines.

1.1 History of the Institute

The establishment of the Institute traces back to the difficulties experienced in organising postgraduate studies in Nigerian Universities in the early 1960s. The inadequacy of library facilities in Nigerian Universities at that time and lack of specialised supervision were the primary considerations that led to recommendation of the 1963 annual meeting for the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT) for the Institute as a common centre for the acquisition of legal materials and academic research.

The pioneering efforts of the Institute's founding fathers notably Hon. Judge Taslim Elias (erstwhile Dean of Law at the University of Lagos, erstwhile Federal Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, former Chief Justice of the country and former President of the International Court of Justice at the Hague) were complemented by the appointment of the first Director General of the Institute Dr T. Akinola Aguda, in April 1978. Following the enactment of its enabling law, the Institute was officially opened on March 17, 1979. The vision of the founding fathers has been kept burning by great scholars and legal minds who have served as Directors General over the years.

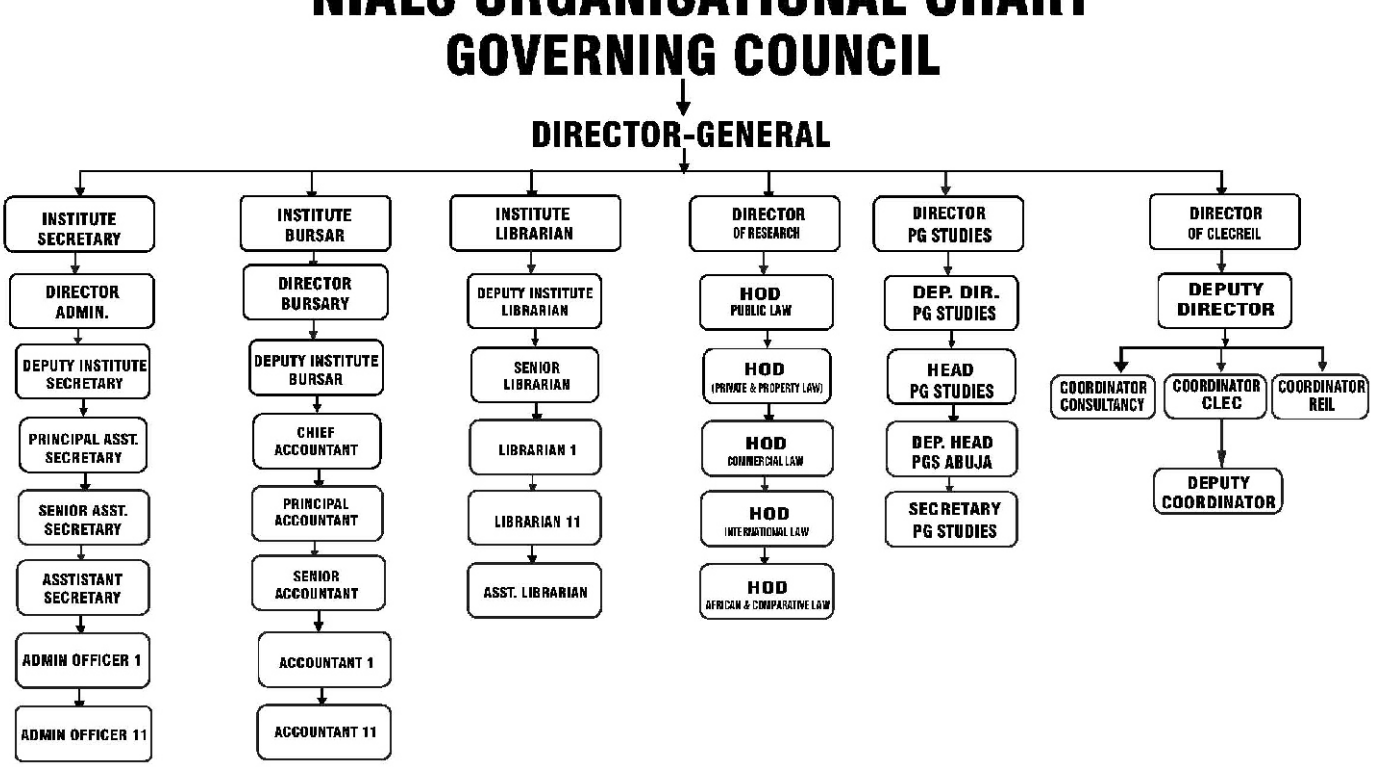
The Institute continues to live up to its statutory mandate through planned legal research, trainings and the translation of the outcome to the local, socio-political and economic environment for the enhancement of national interest and development. Our vision is to remain a world class institution that is the primary source of information, training and advice at the highest level, to enhance national socio-legal and economic development.

1.2 Governance and Leadership

The affairs of the Institute as provided under the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) Act are managed by the Governing Council, the office of the Director-General, principal officers, and other key officers of the Institute.

UPDATED NIALS STRUCTURE, 2020

NIALS ORGANISATIONAL CHART



The Governing Council is responsible for the determination of the overall policy and programmes of the Institute and for ensuring their implementation. The Governing Council which is usually chaired by the sitting Chief Justice of the Federation 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 current Governing Council which was duly constituted and inaugurated on 28th May 2019 by the Attorney General and Minster Justice of the Federation, Mr. Abubakar Malami, SAN is chaired by Hon Justice Olukayode Ariwoola, GCON who was appointed Chief Justice of Nigeria in June 2022.

By virtue of section 5 of the NIALS Act, the Director-General who is appointed by the President, 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 principal officers of the Institute – the Bursar, Librarian and Secretary- are appointed by Council, in line with section 10(1) of the Schedule, pursuant to section 2(3) of the NIALS Act. These officers are responsible to the Director-General for the management of the Institute's day-to-day administrative work and control of the financial affairs of the institute.

Based on powers under par. 9(2) of the Schedule pursuant to sec. 2(3), NIALS Act, the Governing Council of the Institute created three Academic Directorates- Research, Postgraduate Studies, and Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Regional Economic Integration Law & Policy. The Directors heading these Directorates are identified as key officers of the Institute.

2022 was a busy year for the Institute. As the apex legal research Institution for advanced studies in law and law-related issues, NIALS maintained a central role in the facilitation and dissemination of findings connected to legal and legal-related research through various activities targeted at fulfilling commitments from existing and newly forged collaborations. The year was also spent implementing strategies developed earlier in the year for achieving the Institute's statutory mandate of continuing education, awareness creation and utilising various output dissemination pathways.

The Institute's engagement with legal researchers, persons in legal practice, the justice system, civil society and governments continued to thrive as the Institute maintained the hybrid approach adopted in 2021 (in response to the outbreak of the pandemic) in conducting some of its administrative meetings. The approach was also engaged in some instances organisations desiring continuing legal education services at a reduced cost.

The 2022 activities can be broadly grouped into:

a. General research activities comprising of research grant activities and collaborative research;

b. Commissioned Book Projects;

c. Staff Capacity Development;

d. Continuing Legal Education;

e. Public Lectures and Enlightenment;

f. Strategic partnerships and collaborations;

g. Core Governance and Management Activities.

2. 2022 General Research Activities

As the apex legal research Institution for advanced studies in law and law-related issues, the Institute takes pride in conducting quality research and being the primary source of information through various academic output channels to enhance socio-legal and economic development at national and supra national levels. In the year under review, the Institute attained great strides in conducting general research activities and their dissemination. Notable activities of the Institute are as highlighted in this section of the report.

2.1 Research Grant Activities

2.1.1 Activities Under the NIALS Implementation of and Compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law Project, under the MacArthur on Nigeria Programme 2.0

In March 2021, the Institute was awarded the MacArthur Foundation 2021-2023 grant for the Implementation of and Compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Law Project 2.0. This phase of the project is designed to consolidate on gains on entrenching the

proper implementation of the innovative provision in the criminal justice reform in Nigeria as evidenced by ACJA and the state replicas.

In 2022, the Institute in line with the approved grant proposal, carried out the following activities:

i. National Colloquium of Federal High Court Judges on Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 in Nigeria

The Institute identified in its grant proposal that consensus on the interpretation of various innovative provisions of the ACJA among justices is an important requirement for the effective implementation of the criminal justice reforms contained in the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and the state replicas. To this end, the Institute partnered with the National Judicial Institute to organise a Colloquium primarily for the Federal High Court judges. The event which held in collaboration with National Judicial Institute (NJI) on the 24th - 25th February 2022, focused on identifying and collating the challenges and perspectives of the Federal High Court Judges on the implementation of ACJA.

The activity also afforded Judges of Federal High Courts the opportunity to intellectually engage in a robust discourse around pertinent issue in the ACJA, with other key criminal stakeholders such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), on how to achieve the objectives of the ACJA on speedy dispensation of justice in Nigeria. Key areas interrogated centred around Sentencing and Consequential Orders under ACJA; Practical Application of ACJA from a Judge's Perspective and an impact assessment of Appellate Court decisions on Criminal Justice in Nigeria.

The colloquium had 30 participants from Judges of Federal High Court, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC).



ii. Train of Trainers (ToT) Workshop on the Application of the Guidebook on Integrating ACJA 2015 in the Teaching of Relevant Law Courses in Nigeria

Recognising the need to institutionalise a training curriculum to enhance the teaching of the reforms in the criminal justice system contained in the ACJA in faculties of Nigerian Universities and the Nigerian Law School, the Institute in October 2021 developed the Guidebook for the Integration of Administration of Criminal Justice ACJA in the Teaching of Relevant Laws in Nigeria. Following the review and validation of the Guidebook, the Institute organised the Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for specific law lecturers on how best to put it into use.





The workshop which was held in a hybrid form on the 2nd and 3rd of November, 2022 had in attendance 65 participants. 45 law teachers attended the physical event held at Rockview Classic Hotel Abuja while 11 law teachers joined virtually.

The resource persons for the TOT were drawn from seasoned academics who are knowledgeable in the area of Criminal Justice.

iii. Jurisprudential Review of the Compatibility of Sections of the ACJA/State ACJLs with 1999 Constitutional Provisions

Researchers under the project sought to review ACJA's compatibility with the 1999 Constitution and to identify areas for as well as proposed amendments based on the reviews. This mandate under the project also requires NIALS support to civil society organisations in engaging the National Assembly and State ACJLs to propose amendments to sections of the ACJA/State ACJLs. The outcome of the research was published in August 2022

iv. Case Digests Reflecting Procedural and Substantive Decisions on the ACJA 2015 & NAPTIP Act 2015

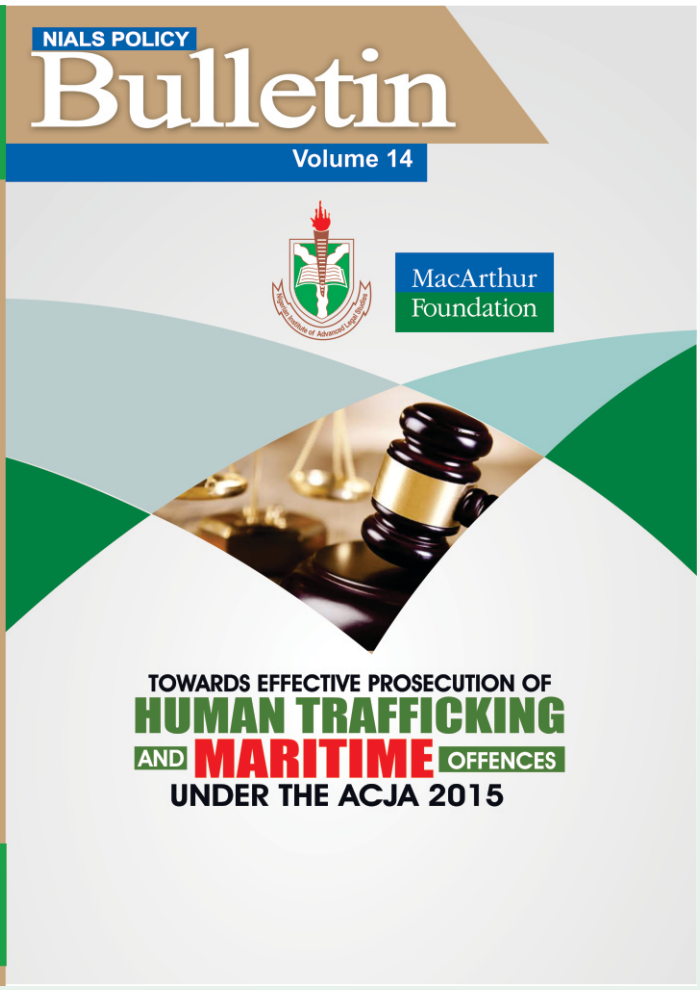
In 2021, researchers in the Institute under the Project worked on the collation and analysis of Court of Appeal and Supreme Court rulings and judgments based on the ACJA 2015

and Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act, 2015 ('NAPTIP Act). The draft underwent a rigorous review process before it was approved for publication. The Digest was published in May 2022 and is currently being disseminated nationwide.

v. Policy Bulletins on Topical Issues Pertaining to the Application of the ACJA 2015 and State ACJLs

Research into topical issues pertaining to the implementation of the ACJA 2015 and the State replicas to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Nigerian criminal justice system were conducted in 2022. Flowing from the research, two policy bulletins- ***Towards Effective Prosecution of Human Trafficking and Maritime Offences under the ACJA*** and ***The ACJA, Human Rights and Legality of the Death Sentence on Pregnant Women*** were printed in September 2022 These policy bulletins are being disseminated nationwide.





vi. Research on the Guidelines for the Appointment of Judges in Nigeria

The process of recruitment and elevation of Judges in Nigeria has been a subject of controversy. The debate which centres around two key- issues appointment/ selection of Judges and elevation to a higher bench- has raised serious concerns and has been linked to the lack of trust in the judicial system. To ensure a corrupt-free and well-motivated, justice-driven court system, it is important to draw clear principles and guidelines on the process of appointment and selection of judges in Nigeria.

The Institute under the MacArthur funded Project 2.0 in November 2022, commissioned the research on the existing policy governing the appointment and elevation of judges in Nigeria. The key objective of the research is to support the process of enhancing judicial integrity and increasing transparency in judicial appointments and elevation. The proposed review of guidelines, policy and rules of courts, utilising as the yardstick standard principles and criteria in line with global best practices, will also address the challenge of welfare, conditions of service and security of tenure of appointment of judicial officers. The findings and recommendations will form an integral contribution to the Technical Meeting of Stakeholders on Judicial reform which is to take place in 2023.

2.1.2 NIALS/CARISSA Project 2020 -2022

A collaboration between the Research/Dissemination Network on Canada's Rights Role in Sub-Saharan Africa (CARISSA) domiciled and implemented by the University of York, Canada and NIALS commenced in 2020, and was estimated to be completed in 2022. The objective of the research project included shaping the understandings and actions of policy-makers/practitioners in Canada and Africa with respect to Canada's contribution to the rights landscape in Africa.

In achieving this goal amongst others, CARISSA, in collaboration with NIALS and other partners held a series of virtual workshops in October 2020 and December 2021. A further hybrid Workshop to determine the progress of CARISSA partners with their research took place in July 2022) in Pretoria, South Africa. NIALS was represented at the Workshop by Nnenna Uche-Eboh (Senior Research Fellow), whilst the DG NIALS, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD; Professor Animi Sylvanus-Pepple (Director of Research) and Assoc. (Prof.) Irekpitan Okukpon, PhD attended and participated at the same event via Zoom virtual platform.

In fulfilment of its obligations under the Project, NIALS' prepared and submitted a 5,000-word research study titled '***The Right to a Healthy Environment in Nigeria: A Panacea for Environmental Degradation in Nigeria***' in October 2022. The research study examined the practical application of The Right to a Healthy Environment (TRHE) as a human right in Nigeria, using the Canadian approach as a case study. The study utilised qualitative and quantitative research tools, focusing on three oil-rich key States in Nigeria for the empirical study. The research study is currently being reviewed by the CARISSA/University of York team and feedback is expected by January 2023.

2.2 Collaborative Research & Publications

In the period under review, several academic researchers in the Institute took advantage of their diverse expertise and approaches to interrogate issues relating to evolving law and law-related fields. These respective collaborative researches resulted in the stimulation of new ideas and innovative solutions which have been published in various reputable publications.

2.2.1 Book Chapter on Energy Transition and the Future of Natural Gas Law and Policy Research

In June 2021, Professor MT Ladan (DG NIALS), Assoc. (Prof.) Irekpitan Okukpon and Dr. Nkiruka Maduekwe conducted research on Natural Gas Law as a sustainable energy source in Nigeria. The outcome of the research (co-authors) was published as a chapter titled 'Energy Transitions and the Future of Natural Gas Law, Policy and Research' in the book, ***Handbook of Natural Gas and the Global Energy Transitions*** in July 2022.

The chapter discussed the complementarities of natural gas as a sustainable energy source and socio-economic implications of its usage in Nigeria by 2030. It identified the inextricable potentials of policy action and reform in facilitating sustainable pathways for natural gas in Nigeria, and the need for diversity in technology, innovation, research and development.

Since its publication, ***The Handbook of Natural Gas and the Global Energy Transitions*** published by the renowned London publishers Palgrave Macmillan, has been the subject of various accolades and acclamation in the global energy industry within the past six months.

2.2.2 Book Chapter on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa

In January 2022, Professor MT Ladan (DG NIALS), Assoc. (Prof.) Irekpitan Okukpon and Dr. Nkiruka Maduekwe finalised research on sustainable access to water and sanitation in (southern and western) Africa. The findings of the research were reflected in a proposed book chapter titled 'Realising Sustainable Access to Water and Sanitation in Africa: The Role of Critical Institutions.' The chapter examined current institutions and legal framework regarding access to water and sanitation in the South African Development Community (SADC) region and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) region. The chapter also analysed the effectiveness of existing regional frameworks on these SDG goals, noting the need for improved strategies towards their achievements at national levels. The chapter is proposed to be published in the book '***SDGs in Africa and the Middle East Region (2022-23).***

The manuscript has been subjected to the SDG Book Project Editorial Team's rigorous review processes and is currently awaiting publication. It is expected that this chapter will be published within the first quarter of 2023.

2.2.3 Collaborative Research: African and Romanian Perspectives on Consolidating the European Union – African Union Partnership

In August 2022, the Ambassador to Romania, Her Excellency Safiya Nuhu, extended an invitation from the European Institute of Romania to the Institute to provide perspectives on the renewed partnership between the EU and the AU birthed by the sixth EU-AU summit of February 2022.

During the past two decades, the relations between the European Union (EU) and the African Union (AU) have been developing under three main pillars: development aid and loans; trade and investment; and democracy, peace, security, and migration. However, the recent global challenges, such as post-pandemic recovery, climate change and most recently the Russian unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine, have had a profound impact on the relationship. The 2022 EU-AU summit thus signalled a change of perspective from financial commitments to working together towards achieving common goals, as shown by the EU-AU ***Joint vision for 2030.***

The research papers- 'Opportunities and challenges to the implementation of the Joint Vision for 2030' and The new EU-AU digital economy partnership: challenges and way forward for African countries co-authored by Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Professor Emmanuel E. Okon, Associate Professor Osatohanmwen Eruaga and Dr Jane Ezirigwe were submitted to the Romanian Institute for publication in the Collaborative Report. The papers highlighted perspectives on potential strategic, institutional, and sectoral developments that should be taken into consideration with respect to the renewed partnership. They also contained concrete policy recommendations to support the relationship along the lines of solidarity, security, peace and sustainability.

The Collaborative Report titled ***African and Romanian perspectives on consolidating the European Union – African Union partnership*** was published in November 2022.

2.2.4 Research on Abstract on Laws, Policies and Regulations for Law and Law-related Themes

The dynamic nature of life and human interactions makes it imperative that the law and other government-endorsed rules are alive and constantly modernised to remain current. The constant need to keep the legal framework at par with the activities they govern clothes it with a comprehensive yet fragmented nature. In recognition of this, the Institute continues to assign researchers to conduct various research focused on law, policies and regulation in diverse evolving sectors. The Abstracts provide a comprehensive summary of relevant laws, policies and regulations that govern specific dynamic and evolving areas of human activities.

RESEARCH	STATUS
Abstract of Laws, Policies and Regulation in the Nigerian Digital Economy Sphere	Published as Appendix to the Digital Economy
Abstract on Waste to Wealth	Published as Appendix of Waste to Wealth
Abstract of Laws, Policies and Regulation for Creative Economy	Currently going on

Table 1: Status of Research on Abstract of Laws, Policies and regulations for specific sectors undertaken in 2022

2.3 2022 Commissioned Book Projects

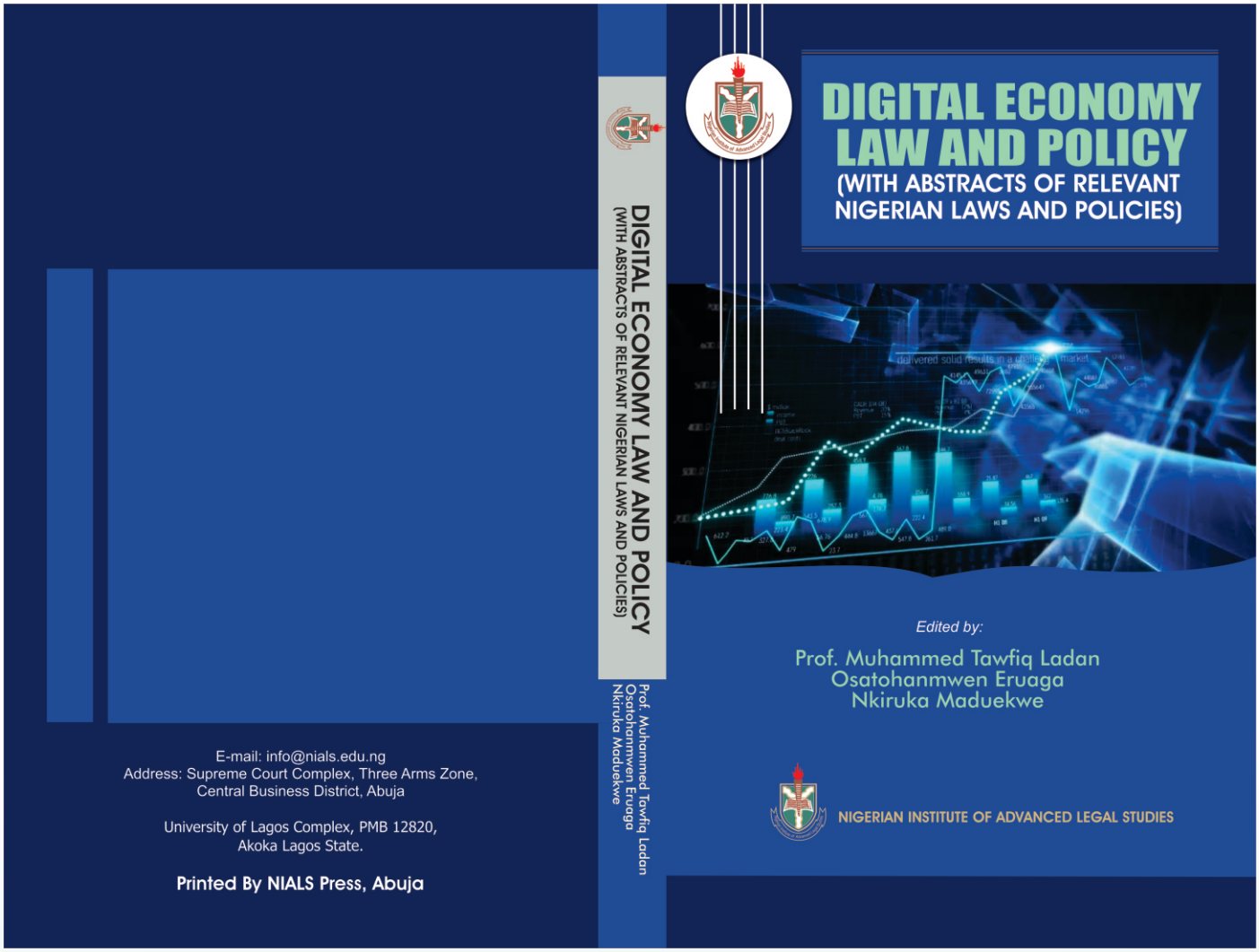
The Institute continues to take pride in the publication of quality books. Apart from providing an outlet for the dissemination of findings and recommendations for in-house and external subject matter experts, these book publications are crucial contributions to addressing the paucity of literature in diverse fields of law and law-related subjects. In the period under review, the Institute completed the publication of two books. The Institute also commissioned two book projects to be completed in 2023.

2.3.1 Completed Book Projects

Digital Economy Law and Policy (with Abstracts of Relevant Nigerian Laws and Policies)

Flowing from two Institute webinars ('***Nigeria's Single Digital Identity Roadmap: Issues, Challenges and Prospects***' and '***Protecting Digital Assets and Consumer Privacy in a Digital Economy: Cyber Security Law and Policy Challenges and Prospects in Nigeria')*** which took place in December 2020 and January 2021, the limited nature of general awareness and literature about the digital economy in the national space became apparent. In recognition of the crucial role of the digital space in socio-economic development, the Institute in September 2021, commissioned a book project focused on interrogating diverse issues and concerns connected to harnessing the potential of the digital economy in Nigeria.

The Five hundred and forty-four page book of sixteen chapters published in October 2022, contains contributions from erudite scholars and practitioners. The book also features as an Appendix, a robust collection of relevant laws, policies and regulation for the Nigerian digital economy ecosystem.



Waste to Wealth Law, Policy and Practice

The increasing volume of waste generated continues to pose extreme risk against the global realisation of sustainable development, triggering an emerging paradigm shift to a circular economy which involves waste. The Waste to Wealth Law, Policy and Practice published by the Institute in December 2022 is an edited collection of chapters written by experts of various disciplines which is focused on examining waste management strategies, mechanisms, policies, and legal frameworks critical to ensuring sustainable development in Nigeria.



2.3.2 On-going Commissioned Book Projects

Consumer Protection and Competition Law Book Project

In Nigeria and West Africa, competition law and consumer protection are largely under-explored in terms of legal literature. This limited literature persists in Nigeria, despite the recent Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act passed in 2019.

In furtherance of its research mandate, the Institute, in March 2022, commissioned a book project in this area of the law titled ***Consumer Protection and Competition Law in Nigeria and the ECOWAS.*** The book project with Professor Adebambo Adewopo as Project lead is expected to cover critical areas in 16 chapters authored by erudite scholars with vast knowledge of the subject matter. It is anticipated that the book project will be completed by the end of the 1st quarter of 2023

Creative Economy Book Project

Following the organisation of a Webinar on the Creative Economy and emerging potentials on the 27th of July, 2022, the Institute commissioned the Creative Economy Book Project in

September 2022.

Knowledge-based economic activities (otherwise known as a creative economy) are increasingly being recognised globally as significant to the advancing dynamics of technological developments and markets. As the bedrock of the innovative industries, the creative economy concept triggers opportunities for attracting investment, diversifying production and building competitive advantage. Chapters in the book are expected further to explore the current state of the regulatory framework, identify areas in need of interventions and proffer recommendations to address identified gaps.

The Institute, under the team lead of Dr Helen Chuma-Okoro and Prof Adebambo Adewopo serving as Project Adviser, is working with experts in the field of intellectual property laws and core creative economy sectors on this Project

It is expected that the Creative Economy Book Project will be concluded in May 2023 with the Publication of the Book.

2.4 2022 Institute Journals Publications

The Institute plays host to several scholarly journals, as shown in Table 2 The various peer-reviewed journals of the Institute serve as key outlets for the dissemination of research findings and the in-depth analysis of topical issues under various law and law-related themes.

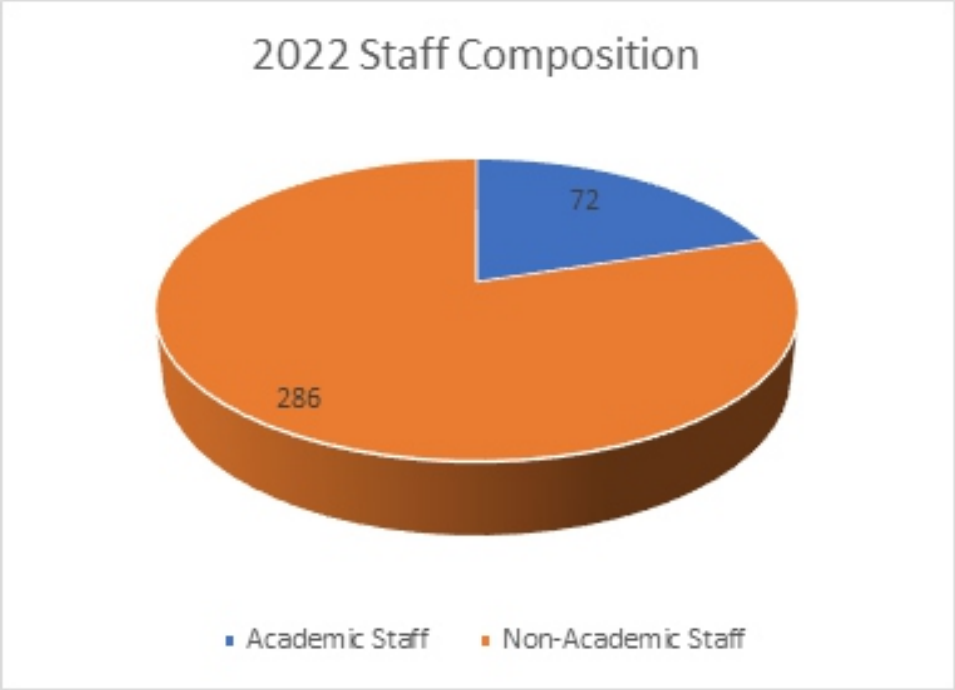
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NIALS Journal of Business Law (NJBL)	Commercial Law Department
NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property	Private and Property Law Department
NIALS Journal of African and Comparative Law	African and Comparative law Department
NIALS International Journal of Legislative Drafting	Akinola Postgraduate School
NIALS Environmental Law Journal	Public Law Department
NIALS Journal of Public Law	Public Law Department
NIALS Health Law Journal	Public Law Department

Table 2: Institute Journals

The Institute's journals are renowned for the comprehensive peer review processes, by subject matter experts within and outside the Institute. In addition, the Institute bears the entire cost of processing and publication of the Journals as a means of further ensuring the quality of the articles are not compromised.

In 2022, the Institute published the NIALS Journal of Business Law (NJBL), Vol IV; Nigerian Current Law Review (NCLR) 2020-2021(Issues I & II) and the NIALS Environmental Law Journal. The ball was also set rolling for the publication of new volumes and issues for 2023 with the Call for Article Submissions for the Nigerian Current Law Review; NIALS Environmental Law Journal, NIALS Journal of Public Law, NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property Law and NIALS Journal of African and Comparative Law.

The activities of the Institute are conducted by the two hundred and eighty-six members of staff in the Abuja and Lagos Offices. The current workforce comprises seventy academics and two hundred and fourteen non-academic staff.



The success and quality of an organisation's output largely depend on the workforce's effort and dedication. Hence, the Institute takes pride in the commitment to constantly supporting staff members to invest in their professional and personal development to ensure quality in fulfilling the statutory mandate. In 2022, the Institute, through various pathways, invested in staff welfare, career and capacity development.

3.1 Staff Career Progression 2022

3.1.1 Ratification of External Assessment Report for Associate and Full Professorship from 2021 Promotion Exercise

Following the positive assessment from External Assessors in February 2022, the promotions of 4 members on the Professorial Cadre were ratified by the Governing Council in its 49th meeting held on the 1st of March, 2022.

Name of Staff	Directorate	Rank
Ngozi Udombana	Research	Professor
Rita Okeke	Library	Professor
Adesanya Okukpon Irekpitan	Research	Associate Professor
Eruaga Osatohanmwen O. A.	Research	Associate Professor.

Table 3: Academic Researchers whose promotions as members of the Professorial Cadre were ratified in 2022

3.1.2 2023 Promotion Exercise Activities

The activities for promotions, effective January 1st 2023 kicked off in September 2022, with the release of the list of eligible members of Staff. Seventy-two (72) members, comprising of twenty-four (24) academic and forty-eight (48) non-academic members of staff were shortlisted for the exercise.

The promotion examinations and interviews for non-academic staff (CONTISS 12-14) held on the 20th and 28th of October respectively in the Lagos and Abuja offices. Forty-two (42) non-academic staff successfully met the percentage requirement and exhibited professional qualities for their respective ranks. Six (6) non-academic staff were not successful

Fourteen (14) eligible academics abstained from taking part in the internal assessment on the grounds that they did not have the required publications for assessment. Of the ten (10) academics who presented themselves for assessment, nine successfully met the minimum requirement of publication as well as the geographical spread (at both national and international levels).

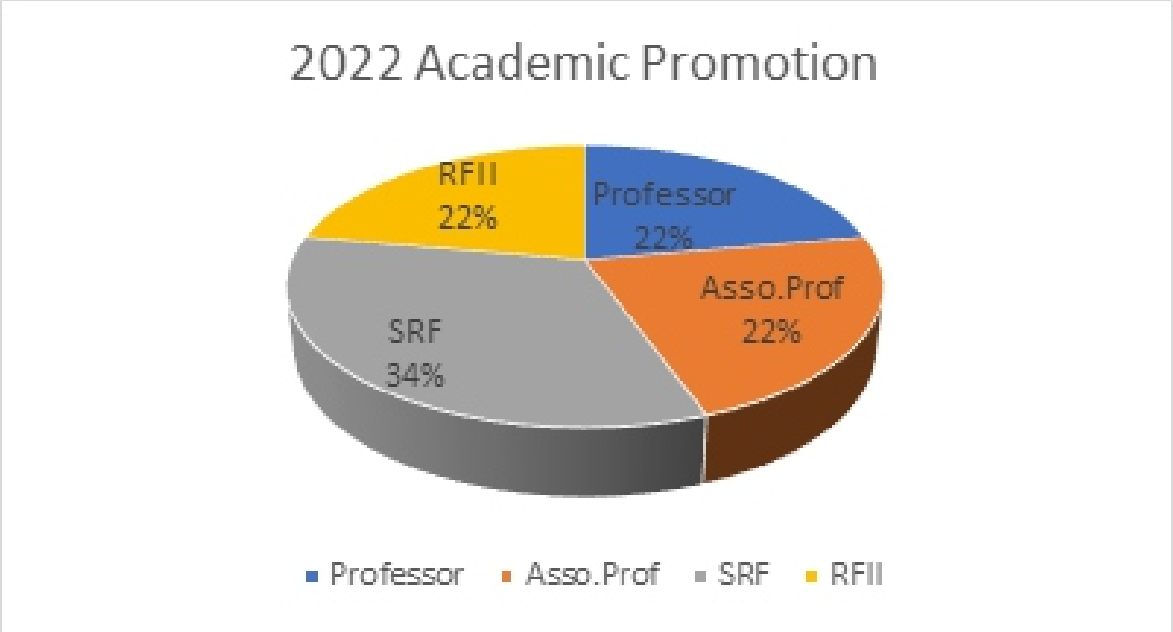


Figure 1: Composition of successful (Academic staff) in the 2022 Promotion Exercise

Following the exercise, the Appointment and Promotions Committee (A&PC) recommended to Council, the promotion of fifty-one (51) persons, including the external assessment of the documents of four academics for Associate/ Full Research Professorship. Figure 2 below provides a graphical analysis of the composition and outcome of the promotion execise.

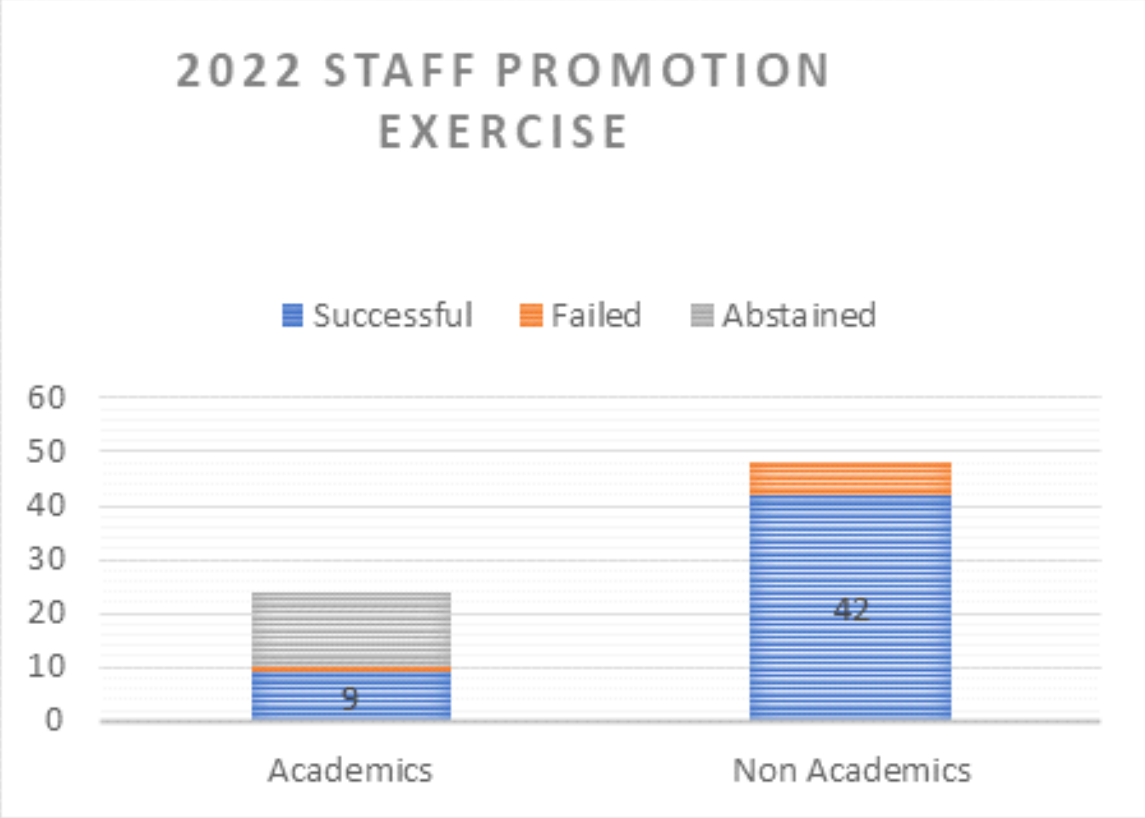


Figure 2: Analysis of Staff Composition for the 2022 Promotion Exercise.

The Governing Council approved the recommendations on 15th December 2022.

3.2 Staff Capacity Development and Participation in Learned Events

Matching the dynamics of a constantly evolving world requires that members of staff must continuously enhance their skills and proficiencies. During the year under review, the Institute supported all members of staff that indicated an interest in utilising various training opportunities. The Institute in some instances nominated some members of staff to attend learned events, based on the determined knowledge needs.

Support offered included payment of course fees, conference registration fees and covering logistics. **Table 4** highlights some of the capacity-building opportunities and participation in learned events, which the Institute was involved in providing support.

NAME	CONFERENCE/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED	DATE
Ali Hussaini	Interactive Workshop on Digitization, Abuja	18th January,2022
Okafor Adaeze	Interactive Workshop on Digitization, Abuja	18th January,2022
Oguche David	Interactive Workshop on Digitization, Abuja	18th January,2022
Oniosun Jonathan	Interactive Workshop on Digitization, Abuja	18th January,2022
Wahab Maroof	Interactive Workshop on Digitization, Abuja	18th January,2022
Ijeoma Agwu	One-day FOI Compliance Monitoring Template Validation Roundtable for FOI Desk Officers	25th January, 2022
Omotosho Rukayat	One-day FOI Compliance Monitoring Template Validation Roundtable for FOI Desk Officers	25th January, 2022
Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD	53rd Annual Conference of The National Association of Law Teachers	February 8th -11th 2022
Prof Ifeakandu Ibe		
Dr. Habila Ardzard		
Professor Yinka Omorogbee, SAN	43rd NSIL Annual Conference	7th-11th February,2022
Professor Emmauel E. Okon		
Asso. Prof. Adebisi Arewa		
Ms Laura Ani		
Mrs D. Sawyer		
Mrs Kemi Omodansi		
Helen Chuma Okoro	National Conference on Creating Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Geographical Indications for Nigeria, Abuja	17-18 February, 2022

Lanre Ajetumobi Ogochukwu Mbakogwu Okike Ajawanchukwu	Group Meeting on Baseline Survey of the Copyright Sector of the Nigerian Intellectual Property System Towards Establishment of a national Intellectual Property Strategy	30 March 2022
Assoc. Prof. Osato Eruaga Mr Jonathan Oniosun Mrs Habiba Abdullahi Engr. Jauda Yusuf Mr Wahab Mr Lanre Ajetumobi Mrs Lillian Akumabor Mr Benjamin Popoola Ms Sandra Ekene	5 Days Capacity building program for Digital Transformation Technical working Groups (DT-TWGs) of the Federal Public Institutions	14th - 18th of March 2022
All Academic staff	Legal Education Summit "Reimagining Legal Education in Nigeria"- Hybrid event	29th- 30th March , 2022
Prof Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD	National Policy Round Table for Policy Makers Summit on Peace, Security and Reconciliation - Abuja	4th April, 2022
Prof Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD	NAPTIP's 25th National Stakeholders Consultative Forum on Human Trafficking and presentation of three (3) National Policy Documents Abuja.	27th April, 2022
Prof Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD and Environmental Law Researchers	International Law Associations Conference ' Climate Change, Energy Transition and Looking Beyond the Earth's Future: The Role of Stakeholders in Sustaining International Environmental Rule of Law- Hybrid event	5th May, 2022
Fatima Bello, PhD	Retreat on the Domestication of the African Union (AU) Kampala Convention- Lagos	5th May, 2022

Prof Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD	(ECOWAS) Court of Justice International Conference with the theme: ECOWAS Integration Model: The Legal Implication of Regionalism, Sovereignty and Supra-nationalism	12 May, 2022
Rahmatu Bello	Retreat for Internal Auditors/Accountants Kano	16th to 20th May 2022
Sadiq Musa	Retreat for Internal Auditors/Accountants Kano	16th to 20th May 2022
Roselin Danesi	Specialised Capacity Building Programme on Understanding Recent Reforms in Public Finance Management in Nigeria for Judiciary	16th to 20th May 2022
Wahab Akintayo	E-Conference training Abuja	17 March 2022
Austine Odokuma	Accounting Training for ICAN Forensic	20 May 2022
Adeola Adeniyi	Training workshop for Computer Application to Secretarial Functions (ASCON)	6th-10th June 2022
Assoc. Prof. Ifekandu Ibe Ms Joke Adediran Mrs Adula Okparavero Mrs Lilian Uche Mr Benjamin Popoola	Three (3) Day Capacity Building Workshop on Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalist and Access to Information	7th-9th June, 2022
Idenyi Abraham	Training Workshop on Improving Office Skills and Competencies of Secretaries	13th – 17th June 2022
Professor Peter Akper, SAN Associate Professor Dr. Ibe Ifeakandu Dr. Habila Ardzard S. Ms. Prudence O. Adula Benjamin Popoola	2022 Annual International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Teachers Conference	29-30th June, 2022
Paraya Gabasa	The 60th National Conference and Annual General Meeting of The Nigerian Library Association	3rd – 7th July, 2022

Prof Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD	***Joint Human Rights project in Africa Conference- Virtual***	4th- 5th July, 2022
Prof Esther Sylvanus-Pepple		
Associate Prof. Irekpitan Okukpon		
Nnenna Uche-Eboh	***Human Rights project in Africa Conference- South Africa***	4-5th July, 2022
Ebiere Ogege	Sponsorship for ANAN MCPD Programme for 2022 at Ibadan	4th – 6th July, 2022
Mrs Temidayo Idowu	Research Methodology Workshop organised for Early Career Researchers	8th July, 2022
Mrs Gloria Adedipe		
Ms Ebele Ogwuda		
Ms Awele Ikobi-Anyali		
Mrs Eunice Tali		
Mrs Lilian Uche		
Dr Jane Ezirigwe		
Mrs Gloria Adedipe	Stakeholders Conference : Debt and Insolvency law in Africa: National and Transnational Issues	6th- 8th July, 2022
Ms Ebele Ogwuda		
Ms Awele Ikobi-Anyali		
Mrs Eunice Tali		
Mrs Lilian Uche		
Dr Jane Ezirigwe		
Eze David	ANAN Annual Mandatory Continued Professional Development forum	29th – 31st August, 2022
Iyahen Alemye	Pension Training Programme	8th - 10th August 2022
Idefu Aliyu	Workshop on Modern Work Techniques for Administrative Support Staff .Kaduna	from 24th – 26th August, 2022
Temetan Ilemobayo	2022 ANAN Annual National Conference	12th – 15th Sept. 2022
Lukman olomada	Management Workshop for Protocol and Liaison Officers.Lagos	8th-12th August 2022

Tiamiyu Sharafadeen	2022 Annual National Management Conference	18th – 20th September, 2022
SN Jerry Imahaigbe		
Audu Idrisu		
Adebukola Sobanjo Fausat		
Godwin Atsu		
Fidelis Ibhagbosoria		
Assoc. Prof. Ibe Ifeakandu	62nd Annual General Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association	19th- 26th August, 2022
Lanre Ajetumobi		
Prof Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan PhD	Project Management Workshop for NIALS MacArthur Project Management Team, Ghana	12-14 September, 2022
Prof. Peter Akper, OFR, SAN		
Associate Prof. Osatohanmwen Eruaga		
Dr Ardzard Habila		
Dr Nkiruka Maduekwe		
Mrs Lilian Uche		
Mr Saqiq Musa Abubakar		
Engr. Jauda Yusuf.		
Hussaina Amode	Workshop on Managing the Human Resources Sustainable Workshop Rationale	26th – 30th September, 2022
Austine Odokuma	2022 ICAN Annual Conference	10th – 14th Oct. 2022
Uduak Okuboyejo	54th Annual International Conference of The Chartered Institute of Personnel Management	17th – 21st Oct. 2022
Sadiq Musa	2022 ICAN Annual Conference	17th – 21st Oct. 2022
Ufon Obot		
Tochi Nwachukwu		
Yusuf Maunde	Workshop on Office Management and Administration Gombe	17th-21st October 2022
Christopher Okoduwa	Training Workshop on Defensive Driving, Road Hazards Management and Safety Skills Workshop	17th – 21st October, 2022
Agwu Ijeoma	CIPM 54th International Conference and Exhibition	17th – 21st October, 2022

Amara Ekezie	Basic Management Workshop for Secretaries and Personal Assistants	17th – 21st October, 2022
Adaeze Okafor David Oguche	The 42nd Annual Cataloguing, Classification and Indexing	23rd – 28th October, 2022
Abraham Idenyi	Workshop on National Annual Secretarial Conference	25th – 28th Oct. 2022
Falana Bukola	Workshop on Facilities Maintenance Management	24th-28th October, 2022
Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD	Roundtable on Development Actions for Durable Solutionsto Displacement – Lome,Togo	25th October, 2022
Bela'u Abdulkarim Habiba Trisha Abdullahi Agbamuche Roy Echiche Peter Ushie	2022 National Conference of Public Administrators	26th – 28th October, 2022
Godwin Kparav	Training Workshop on Basic Automobile Diagnostic Skills	26th – 28th Oct. 2022
Bokko Ezra	Workshop on Facilities Maintenance Management	24th-28th October, 2022
Ass.Prof. Ibe Ifeakandu	ABC Minds International Anti Corruption Conference 2022- United Kingdom	8th -9th November 2022
Ishola Biodun Ndahi Hyelsinta Raufu Oba Toyin	ASCON Workshop on Procurement and Materials Management.	7th-11th November, 2022
Auwal Inuwa	Workshop on Accountability and Transparency Lagos	7th – 11th November, 2022
Tiamiyu Sharafadeen	Workshop on Problem Solving and Decision Making	14th – 18th Nov. 2022
Elizabeth Ayoo	Training workshop on Supply Chain Management	15th – 17th Nov. 2022
Prof. Uluocha Anyaogu	Mandatory Conference for Certified Librarians	20th – 25th Nov. 2022

Oniosun Jonathan	ASCON Computer Application and record Management Workshop	28th -2nd December,2022
Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan	Global Dialogue on Development Cooperation and Protection Challenges a Displaced Population - Switzerland	7-8 December, 2022
Kalu Agwu	Training programme on Auditing and Investigation	5th – 9th December, 2022
John Yawe	Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme in Lagos	
Benjamin Popoola	One- Day Roundtable on Review of Borstal Institution and Remand Centres Act 2004	6th December 2022

Table 4: Summary of staff capacity development and attendance at learned events for 2022

3.3. Awards of Excellence and Commendations

The Institute firmly believes that hard work and dedication should always be rewarded and commended. Apart from recognising exceptional service, rewarding hard work serves as a motivating factor for other persons. In the period under review, the Institute commended members of staff deserving of commendation

Nigerian Association of Law Teachers Long Service Award

The Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT) in February 2022, conferred five professors of the Institute with the T.O Elias Long Service Merit Award for their outstanding contributions to the development of Nigerian Law and Jurisprudence for least twenty five (25) years of unbroken service. The award was bestowed on the deserving professors, following the submission requirements made by the Institute.

- Professor Ameze Desiree Guobadia (35 years plus)
- Professor Lanre Fagbohun SAN (30 years)
- Professor Adebambo Adewopo, SAN 30 years
- Professor Emily Alemika (30 years)

- Professor Peter Akper,OFR, SAN (25 years)

Award of Excellence

Mr Jacob Kajo, a staff of the Institute on secondment to the Federal Ministry of Justice was honoured with the Award of Excellence Service for deserving persons at the Federal Ministry of Justice, Abuja on the 11th of October 2022.

Commendation for Dedication to Continuing Legal Education Course Facilitation

Following the conclusion of the Continuing Legal Education Courses for 2022, the Institute issued letters of commendation to several staff members for their exceptional dedication towards the smooth running of the course calendar.

Mrs Izuoma Adindu, Mrs Chidiebere Chinwieke and Mr Benjamin Popoola were commended for a successful 2022 course year as acting coordinators of CLE. In addition to the letter of commendation, the Management approved the substantive appointment of Mrs Izuoma Adindu, Mrs Chidiebere Chinwike and Mr Benjamin Popoola as the CLE Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators for Lagos and Abuja, respectively.

In furtherance of the mandate and mission, the Institute designed and executed several free lectures to enhance public awareness about various subject matters. These public lectures comprised the annual fellow's lecture, lectures in collaboration with other organisations and public policy roundtables.

Notably, for the period under review, the Institute engaged the hybrid approach, providing a virtual platform alternative for members of the public.

4.1 Fellows Lecture and Conferment of the Honorary Fellowship of the Institute

The Fellows Lecture provides an avenue for fellows or persons to be conferred with the fellowship to give insights into front-burner issues.

The 2022 lecture, which held on Tuesday, 22nd February 2022, at the Shehu Musa Yar'adua Centre, Abuja, was delivered by Professor Taiwo Osipitan on the theme "A Decade of the 2011 Evidence: Development, Problems and Prospects." The Guest lecturer x-rayed the developments in Nigerian evidence law through pertinent provisions of the Evidence Act 2011. Referring copiously to caselaw, the learned silk passionately highlighted associated lacunas with the Act, such as issues pertaining to the admissibility of electronic evidence, which merited the call for legislative and judicial attention.

The lecture was followed immediately with the Conferment of the Honorary Fellowship to six eminent personalities who have distinguished themselves and made valuable contributions to the growth and development of the Institute. The Fellowship conferees for 2022 were:

- President of the Court of Appeal, Honorable Justice Monica Dongban-Mensem;
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Honorable Justice Chima Centus Nweze,
- Honourable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mr Abubakar Malami SAN;
- Professor Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu of the Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Kano;
- Professor Taiwo Osipitan, SAN of the Faculty of Law University of Lagos; and
- Professor Paul O. Idornigie SAN, of the Faculty of Law, Veritas University, Abuja.

The event was witnessed by eminent dignitaries across the legal profession, including the then Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad, Hon Justice Umaru Abdullahi (Rtd.), the Attorney General of the Federation, ably represented by his special assistant, Dr Umaru Jibril, the Director General of NIALS, Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, past Director Generals of NIALS, Governing Council members of NIALS, His Excellency Prof. Yemi Osinbajo ably represented by his Chief of Staff, and the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court Hon. Justice J. T Tsoho.






4.2 Roundtables

The Institute's roundtables provided a platform to engage relevant stakeholders in addressing front-burner issues in the local and the international scene. Furthermore, it offers the opportunity to enlighten members of the public on the matters interrogated. The Institute organised six roundtables in 2022. These roundtables took an innovative turn in the year under review, with the respective academic department hosting most of the events on behalf of the Institute. The Institute roundtables were as follows:

i. The Review of Nigeria's Trade Law and Policy Discussions on the Finance Act, 2021

This roundtable which the Commercial Law Department hosted on behalf of the Institute, was held on Monday, 31, January 2022. Dr John Isemede, a Trade Law Expert and former Director-General of NACCIMA, served as the lead speaker at the event.

ii. Treaties in Force and Domestication of Treaties in Nigeria

The roundtable hosted by the International Law Department was held on the 15th of March, 2022. The roundtable focused on the jurisprudence of treaty development and domestication in Nigeria. Professor Peter Akper, OFR, SAN and Professor Emmanuel Okon were key speakers at the event.

iii. The Role of Customary Law and Customary International Law Jurisprudence in the 21st Century

Professor Ibidapo-Obe, as the keynote speaker, interrogated misconceptions on the relevance of African customary law, which is linked to failure to appreciate it as a living and evolving jurisprudence and a failure to constantly assess and delineate the limitations of implementing African customary law in the 21st century. A recommendation at the roundtable was the review of the current curriculum of law in the universities to ensure that it reflects African Customary law as a living law concept.

The roundtable, which held on the 15th of March 2022, was hosted by the African and Comparative Law Department.

iv. Creative Economy Law and Policy Roundtable

With 2021 designated the year of the creative economy by the United Nations, it became imperative to increase public awareness within the national space of the importance of the creative sector and its proper regulation. The roundtable organised by the Institute provided a platform for stakeholders to consider pressing issues revolving around the interplay between human creativity and ideas and intellectual property, knowledge and technology. The roundtable was held as a hybrid event on the 27th of July, 2022, with Dr J.O Aisen (Director-General, Copyright Commission) and Professor Animi Sylvannus-Pepple (Director of Research NIALS) serving as the Keynote speaker and Chairperson, respectively.

v. The Role of Private Law in Africa's Economic Integration

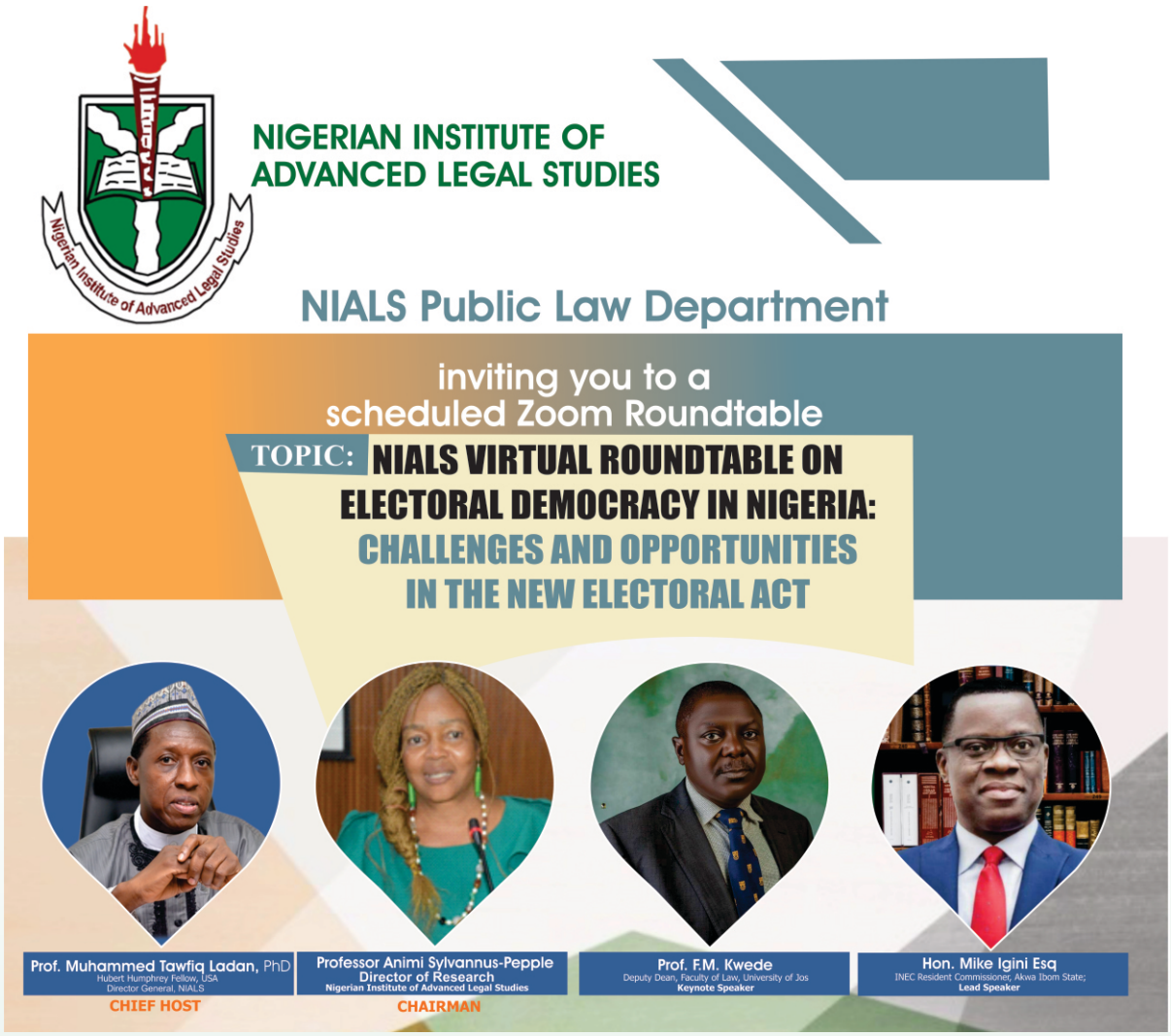
The roundtable sought to highlight several complex issues regarding the applicable legal regime or approach in protecting and enforcing the rights of private persons and entities involved in the different transactions, particularly in the context of the emergence of AfCFTA in 2019, as an indicator of the pursuit of economic integration in Africa. The webinar featured two keynote speakers in the persons of Prof Richard Oppong and Dr Garth J Bouwers, whose presentations were titled 'The Blurring of the Public and the Private Law in International Trade Law: Problems & Prospects for Effective Economic Integration in Africa' and 'Private International Law Systems in African Countries: Problems & Prospects for Effective Economic Integration in Africa.' A pertinent recommendation arising from the event was the need for all states to embrace Pan-African rules of private international law to regulate the rights and provide effective remedies for private parties to boost intra-Africa trade and commerce.

The Private & Property Law Department hosted the roundtable.

vi. Electoral Democracy in Nigeria: Challenges and Opportunities under the Electoral Act

With the enactment of the Electoral Act 2022, various stakeholders have raised concerns about the implementation of its provisions and the implication for the upcoming elections. The institute, through this roundtable, provided perspectives on pertinent electoral issues arising from the Act. The Public Law Department hosted the roundtable on the 22nd of

September, 2022.



4.3 Public Lectures Organised in Collaboration with other Organisations

The institute was instrumental in organising several free public lectures online or physically. These public lectures included the NIALS-McNair International Law Firm Webinar on Dispute Resolution in the International Energy Sector held online on the 18th of October, 2022 and the NIALS-African Heritage Foundation Nigeria Webinar 'Africa by Africa: Creating Awareness of the Challenged African Culture held online on the 19th of December, 2022.

These events demonstrated the Institute's dedication to imparting knowledge.

The NIALS Centre for Continuous Legal Education (CCLE), a unit under the Directorate of Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Regional Integration, is charged with fulfilling the Institute's mandate to offer continuing legal education courses in diverse aspects of law and law-related fields. These courses aim at building the capacity of lawyers, judges and other persons in the thematic areas of the courses.

The Centre for Continuing Legal Education (CCLE) organised general and tailored short courses in 2022.

5.1 General Courses

NIALS advertised 14 Courses in its 2022 training calendar. Of the fourteen (14) Courses advertised, eleven (11) were in-person courses, while three (3) were convened virtually. Six (6) of the eleven (11) physical courses held in Abuja while five (5) were held in Lagos.

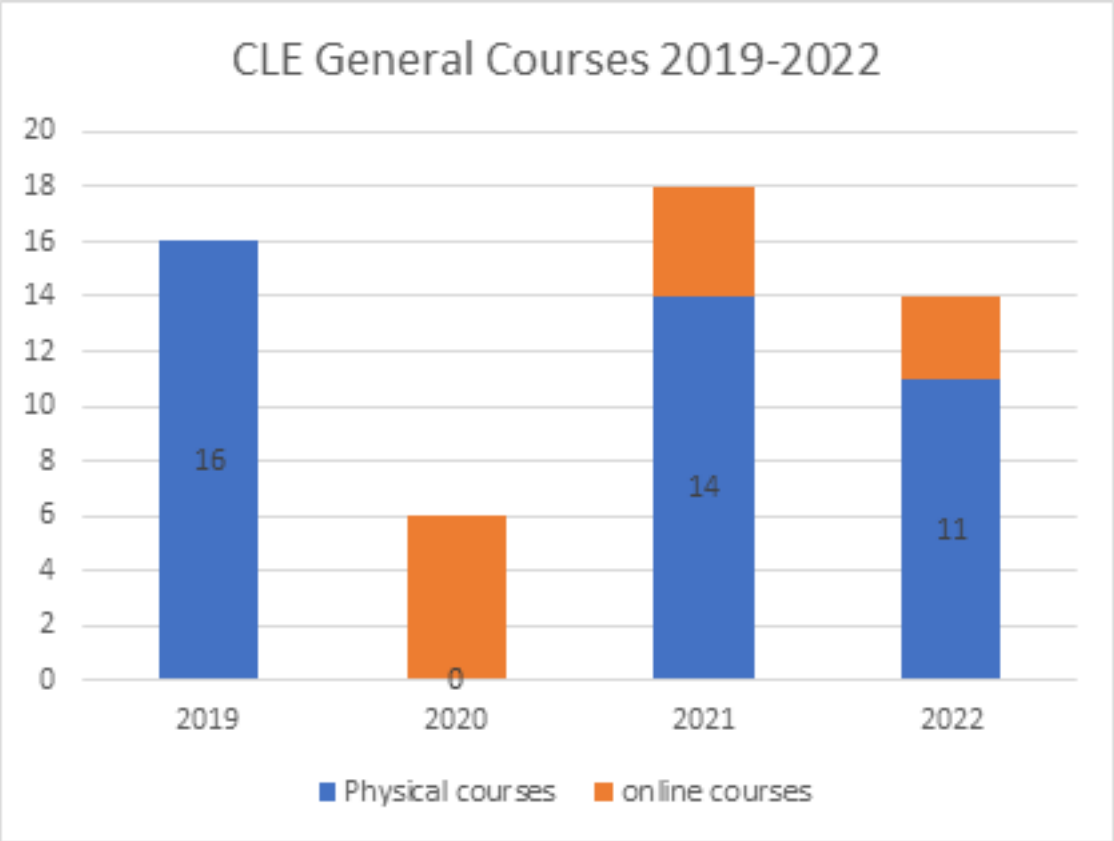


Figure 3: NIALS CLE Courses: 2019-2022

The CLE Team worked closely with Course Coordinators during the year under review to ensure that NIALS courses were marketed using social media channels and conducting physical visits to organisations. All advertised courses held as scheduled. As shown in **Table 5,** the general courses had a total of 364 persons.

S/N	COURSE TITLE	DATE (2022)	VENUE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
	VIRTUAL COURSES			
1.	DIGITAL SPACE LAW AND PRACTICE	29-30 JUNE	VIRTUAL	**44**
2.	THE 21 ST CENTURY LAWYER ESSENTIAL SKILLS, LAW AND PRACTICE	04-05 JULY	VIRTUAL	**17**
3.	TRAINING COURSE ON CYBERCRIME AND ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE (FIRST STREAM)	13-14 JULY	VIRTUAL	**27**
4.	TRAINING COURSE ON CYBERCRIME AND ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE (SECOND STREAM) [1]	18-19 OCTOBER	VIRTUAL	**8**
	IN-PERSON COURSES			
1.	24TH NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICE IN LAW LIBRARIES	06-07 APRIL	LAGOS	**12**
2.	TRAINING COURSE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: LAW AND PRACTICE	06-08 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	**14**
3.	DRAFTING COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS AND BANKING DOCUMENTATION	13-15 SEPTEMBER	LAGOS	**24**
4.	COURSE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION IN TRADE, INVESTMENT, COMPETITION AND DIGITAL ECONOMY LAW AND PRACTICE	20-22 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	**26**
5.	TRAINING COURSE ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND SUSTIANABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE	27-29 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	**23**
6.	TRAINING COURSE IN LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION	03-05 OCTOBER	LAGOS	**4**
7.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE	11-13 OCTOBER	LAGOS	**14**
8.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE	25-27 OCTOBER	ABUJA	**40**
9.	WORKSHOP IN LEGAL WRITING SKILLS AND RESEARCH METHOS	01-03 NOVEMBER	LAGOS	**29**
10.	ADVANCED COURSE IN PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE	08-10 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	**32**
11.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE	22-24 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	**50**
			TOTAL	**364**

Table 5: Summary of courses , venue and number of participants : 2022

The total number of participants in 2022 represents an eighty-eight percent increase from last year's 193 recorded participants. The increase in figures is an indication that participation in continuing legal education is gradually returning to the participant turnout range pre the pandemic outbreak as seen from **Figure 4**.



Figure 4: CLE Course participant turnout compared 2016-2022

Generally, participants' comments about the courses were very commendable, particularly with respect to the value received from the resource persons, the adequacy of the courses in fulfilling their training needs, the coordination of the courses and the professionalism of the administrative support staff. There were however complaints by participants with respect to the tedious process of payment due to the unreliable nature of the Remita platform and the absence of a POS machine for participants who wish to pay for courses onsite.

The 2022 Courses with the highest turnout of participants were:

- **Government Legal Advisers/Law Officers Course, Abuja** with 50 participants. Course Facilitators for this Course were Adejoke Adediran, Benjamin Popoola and Mrs. Temidayo Idowu.
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dispute Management, and Negotiation Skills Course, Abuja** with 40 participants. The Course Facilitators for this course

were Mrs Ijeoma Anozie, Ebele Ogwuda and Mrs Ada Chizoba Okeke-Ogugua

§ **Advanced Course in Practice and Procedure, Abuja** with 32 participants. The Course Facilitators were Emeka Henry Odum, Awele Ikobi-Anyali and Mrs Oluchi Azoro-Amadi

To encourage the spirit of dedication to duty, the Institute commended the CLE coordinators for their commitment to ensuring the smooth running of the courses.

During the Academic planning meeting in December 2022, Management approved the 2022 Calendar of Courses as shown in the table below.

2022 NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE) COURSE SCHEDULE

VIRTUAL TRAINING COURSES

SN	COURSE TITLE	DATE (2022)	VENUE	COURSE FEE (N)	EARLY DISCOUNT (10%) DEADLINE
1.	Digital Space: Law and Practice	29-30 June	Zoom/Gotowebinar App	N50,000.00	31st May, 2022
2.	The 21st Century Lawyer: Essential Skills, Law and Practice	04-05 July	Zoom/Gotowebinar App	N50,000.00	31st May, 2022
3.	Training Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence	13-14 July	Zoom/Gotowebinar App	N50,000.00	31st May, 2022

IN-PERSON TRAINING COURSES

1.	24th National Workshop on Legal Information Service in Law Libraries	06-07 April	Lagos	N75,000.00	19th February, 2022
2.	Training Course in Intellectual Property: Law and Practice	06-08 September	Abuja	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
3.	Drafting Commercial Agreements and Banking Documentation	13-15 September	Lagos	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
4.	Course on Consumer Protection in Trade, Investment, Competition and Digital Economy Law and Practice	20-22 September	Abuja	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
5.	Training Course on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development: Law and Practice	27-29 September	Abuja	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
6.	Training Course in Labour Law, Migration and Industrial Dispute Resolution	03-05 October	Lagos	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
7.	Course in Regulatory and Compliance Monitoring: Principles and Practice	11-13 October	Lagos	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
8.	Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dispute Management And Negotiation Skills Course	25-27 October	Abuja	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
9.	Workshop in Legal Writing Skills And Research Methods	01-03 November	Lagos	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
10.	Advanced Course in Practice and Procedure	08-10 November	Abuja	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022
11.	Government Legal Advisers/ Law Officers Course	22-24 November	Abuja	N150,000.00	31st August, 2022

NOTE: that pre-payment and pre-registration of nominated participants from organizations is mandatory via prior email notification to cle@nials.edu.ng at least one week before each Course

** Requests for specialized training courses/masterclasses from organisations are also welcome at a different rate for participants, based on discussions between NIALS and said requesting organization.

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

** Tentative venue for Abuja Courses is Supreme Court of Nigeria Complex, Three Arms Zone, FCT Abuja (Confirmation of or change in venue will be communicated to participants prior to the 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.

For further information call: 08159824856; 09062000294; 08035722128 or email: cle@nials.edu.ng; info@nials.edu.ng

For further enquiries about the above courses, please send an email via cle@nials.edu.ng or info@nials.edu.ng.

5.2 Specialised Courses

NIALS also organised bespoke training for organisations to meet the professional development needs of their staff. In 2022, the CLE provided tailored training for the following organisations as shown in **Table 6.**

Event	Venue	Date	Requesting Organisation
Prosecution of Environmental Offences Training	Abuja	7-11 February, 2022	National Environmental Standards and Regulatory Enforcement Agency (NESREA)
2nd Admiralty Law Colloquium	Lagos	8-9 March, 2022	Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)
Alternative Dispute Resolution Techniques(with focus on mediation, human and child rights)	Abuja	21-23 February, 2022	Citizen's Rights Department, Federal Ministry of Justice
Use of the Dewey Decimal Clarification Scheme (DDC) and Indexing.	Lagos	4-8 February, 2022	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Court of Justice
Government Legal Advisers/ Law Officers Course	Lagos	28-29 July, 2022	Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development (FMHADMSD)
Leadership, Negotiation and Management Skills	Online	26-27 September 2022	Shell PLC
Government Legal Advisers Course	Lagos	30 November- 2 December 2022	Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board (NCDMB)

Table 6: Summary of Specialised Courses held in 2022

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

2022 Partnerships and Collaborative Undertakings

The standing of the Institute as the apex legal research institution requires that it constantly engages in collaborative undertakings for funding in-depth research and dissemination. The Institute in 2022, continued with the fulfilment of existing arrangements with international and local organisations while working to establish new partnerships and collaborations. Some of the existing and new partnerships include:

NIALS- NIMASA Collaboration on Admiralty Issues

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in collaboration with Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency and National Judicial Institute held the 2nd NIMASA/NIALS Admiralty/ Maritime Law Colloquium. The event took place at Radisson Blue Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos from 8th -9th March, 2022. The Colloquium was attended by Hon.Justice Kudirat Kekere-E k u n, Justice of the

Supreme Court of Nigeria, President and Justices of the Court of Appeal, Justices of the Federal High Court and Judges of State High Courts in littoral states in Nigeria. The theme of the Colloquium, '***Maritime Safety, Security and Shipping Development: Reflections and the Way Forward***' was enriched by presentations of expert resource persons and the perspectives of various legal and maritime actors.

Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment (FMTI)

This collaboration which began in 2020, involves including NIALS as a member of the National Action Steering Committee of the AfCFTA, facilitated by the Honourable Minister of Trade and Investment. Under the collaboration, 2 members of staff are currently representing the Institute in the work stream on Legal, Policy and Regulatory Frameworks

Ministry of Justice, Republic of Gambia

The Institute entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Ministry of Justice, Republic of Gambia. The MoU which was signed on Wednesday, 6th April,2022 is to enable the Institute design and deliver capacity building services the Ministry of Justice, Gambia.

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS)/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC)

The Institute in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) and Office of the National Security Advisor (ONSA) developed the second Nigerian Training Manual on Counter-Terrorism Measures for Justice sector Actors/Institutions. This Manual was launched on Friday, 18th March 2022 at the Transcorp Hilton hotel, Abuja.

NIALS/MacArthur Collaboration on the Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria 2.0

The project seeks to enhance the understanding of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA), 2015 and the state replica by facilitating implementation through, among other things, the development of institutionalised curricula and guidance instruments

(Component A); development of rules of courts under the ACJA (Component B); and development of case digests and case bulletins on the ACJA (Component C).

Following the end of the MacArthur-funded project for the NIALS Support for the Implementation of and Compliance with Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 (2017-2020), the Institute was awarded another cycle of funding from the same funders for Collaboration on the Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria 2.0. The current phase began in January 2021 and concluded in December 2023.

Under the Project, the Institute organised:

- The 2nd Colloquia for Justices on 'Administration of Criminal Justice Act/ Laws for Judges of The Federal High Court' on the 24th of February 2022 and
- The Training of Trainers Workshop on the Application of the Guidebook on Integrating ACJA 2015 in the Teaching of Relevant Law Courses in Nigeria
- Research into various aspects of justice administration in Nigeria with the publication of 3 policy bulletins and a jurisprudential analysis of suggested amendments as outputs for 2022.

The Institute has also undertaken extensive dissemination of various Institute publications sponsored by MacArthur in 2022, as part of the strategy to enhance knowledge about the criminal justice administration under ACJA 2015 and the state replicas.

National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons

Professor Muhammed T. Ladan, PhD on Friday, 15th July, 2022 played host to The Honourable Federal Commissioner for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs, Honorable Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim who was on a courtesy visit to discuss establishing strategic partnerships between the two organisations.

Collaboration with Commercial Law Research Network Nigeria (CLRNN)

The Institute in 2020 began talks with the Commercial Law Research Network Nigeria support the hosting of an international conference as well as a methodology workshop in that year. However, due to the outbreak of the pandemic, the events could not hold. The partnership was thereafter revived in 2022 with renewed talks of hosting a hybrid International Conference on Insolvency Law in Nigeria in collaboration with other organisations such as the Afronomic Law; University of Readington and Middlesex University

The two organisations also agreed to collaborate in providing some training on research for early career researchers (ECRs) in Nigeria as a side event during the Conference. The workshop, which was fully sponsored, was open to all ECRs, and doctoral candidates, as well as those within either the first 7 years of completing their PhDs or 7 years of their first academic posts.

The Stakeholders Conference and Workshop on Debt and Insolvency Law in Africa: National and Transnational Issues, as well as the ECR Methodology trainin, held at Wells Carlton Hotel,

Asokoro, Abuja from 6th -8th July 2022.

NIALS-TETFUND Collaboration

The Institute formally entered into collaboration discussions with Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) when the Director General with some members of Management Staff paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), Arch. Sunday T. Echono. Arc Echono on Thursday, 28th July, 2022. During the visit, the Chief Executives explored five (5) areas of strategic collaboration, including Advanced Legal research, capacity building of tertiary institutions and support for NIALS's capital project development.

NIALS-Harvard Copyright X Collaboration

The NIALS-Havard Copyright X partnership commenced since 2013. The collaboration aims to conduct a 12-week course organised to propagate knowledge of copyright, create an informed community of copyright owners and users, and encourage more people, particularly students, to develop interest and expertise in the subject. The Institute successfully conducted the 2022 course between March and June 2022 for 43 participants.

UNESCO Collaboration

The Institute, in the last quarter of 2021, began talks with UNESCO on possible collaboration to conduct training on Freedom of Expression in Africa and the Safety of Journalists. In furtherance of the proposal, 2 specialised training workshops for High Court Judges on 'Freedom of Expression, Safety of Journalists, and Access to Information for State High Court Judges were organised in Abuja and Lagos from the 6th to 10th June 2022 and 13th to 18th June 2022 respectively.

NIALS' National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)-Romanian Ambassador Facilitated Collaboration

With the issues of trafficking in persons and migration of great concern, the Institute on the 3rd of June, 2022, facilitated discussions for establishing a tri-partnership involving NIALS, Nigeria's Ambassador to Romania Dr Safiya Ahmad and the Director General of NAPTIP, Associate Professor Fatima Waziri-Azi. The facilitated partnership is focused on migration, development and security.

NIALS- Pan African Strategic and Peace Research Group (PAN AFSTRAG) Collaboration

NIALS and the Pan African Strategic and Peace Research Group (PAN AFSTRAG) established a collaboration to conduct research and review of the African Union Constitutive Act 2022. The collaboration hosted distinguished experts from Senegal, Brazil, Canada, USA, Ghana, Cape Verde, South Africa and Nigeria to a virtual meeting on Monday 15th August, 2022.

Submissions and Attendance in Response to Call for Memoranda for law and Policy Reviews

The Institute participates regularly in law and policy reviews. This is in furtherance of its mandate to aid in shaping good law and policy in Nigeria. The submissions in response to a call for memoranda on specific policy or law (and attendance of public hearings) are essential process in this regard.

I. NITDA Bill Stakeholders' Engagement for Government Regulatory and Affiliated Agencies. In February 2022, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) hosted key stakeholders to an engagement to discuss the provisions of the NITDA (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2021. The Institute was in attendance at this event and also made relevant contributions to the discussions

ii. Submission of Memoranda on Financial Crimes and Related and Public Complaints Bills.

The Joint Senate Committee on Anti-corruption and Financial Crimes, Judiciary and Human Rights and Legal Matters requested the Institute to make submission on the following bills:

- Money laundering (Prevention and Prohibition Bill 2021 (SB 642 and Sb789);
- Public Complaints Commission (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2022 (Sb644);
- Proceeds of Crime (Recovery and Management Bill 2021 (Sb645).

The Institute made written and oral submissions at the public hearing held on the 17th of February 2022.

iii. Senate Public Hearing for Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 920) & 6 others

The Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal matters invited the Institute to make submission on the following bills:

- Administration of Criminal Justice 2015 (repeal and Re-Enactment Bill 2022 (SB 920);
- Federal High Court Act LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2022 (Sb745);
- Firearms Act Cap F20LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2022 (SB 889);
- Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act 2015 (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Nill 2022 (SB 926);
- Compulsory Treatment and Care of Victims of Gunshot Act 2017 (Amendment) Bill 2021 (SB 748);
- Franchise Regulation Bill (SB969); and
- African Union Convention on the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (Domestication and Enforcement) Bill 2021 (SB 763).

The Institute submitted its written memoranda and made its oral submission at the public hearing held on the 20th of July 2022 at the Senate Conference Hall.

iv. Review of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Statelessness Status Determination (SSD)

The Institute was invited by the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons comment on the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The event was

organized by the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), 1-3 November 2022.

v. 2-Day Stake holders' Workshop to Validate the Draft African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (Domestication and Enforcement) Bill 2022.

To improve awareness and garner support of relevant stakeholders, the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development (FMHADMSD) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) organised the stakeholders' workshop on the 16th-17th of November 2022. The Institute was well represented at the event and make submissions.

vi. 2 Day Stakeholder Validation Event for the Data Protection Bill Organised by the Nigeria Digital Identity for Development (Nigeria ID4D) Project under the National Identity Management Commission

The Institute was invited to comment on a draft document of the proposed data protection bill. The intense 2-Day Stakeholder Validation held on the 3rd and 4th of October focused on commenting and amending the draft provisions of the bill before the transmission of same to the National Assembly as an Executive Bill. The draft with the incorporated comments represents a reworked version of the bill the President had earlier rejected to give his assent.

The Institute receives a very lean capital budgetary allocation. However, this has not tarnished the drive to ensure the Institute operates with the necessary facilities and from a conducive environment in terms of physical infrastructure. Consequently, the Institute focused on enhancing ICT and improving its physical infrastructure in 2022.

7.1 Physical Renovations in 2022

Despite a lean capital budgetary allocation, the Institute undertook an extensive renovation of the Lagos office building in the year under review. The final lot of the 2021 Capital Budget Implementation funds released in the first quarter of 2022 and funds from Capital budgetary allocation of the year under review were utilised for the exercise. The renovation, which was triggered in October 2021 following the submission of a technical report on the structural integrity of the Institute building, was carried out in two phases. Phase one renovation ended in March 2022, while phase two began in July 2022. The renovation completed in September 2022 resulted in

- The rectification of the structural stability issues identified in the technical report;
- Painting of the internal and external walls;
- upgrade of the convenience facilities at the Professor Ajomo Lecture Theatre;
- installation of new air conditioners in several offices, including the Augustine Nnamani Lecture Theatre;
- Tiling works in the foyer and dining sections of the Institute building;
- Rug and door replacements in several offices;
- Newly refurbished and equipped computer room in Lagos Office.





2022 Capital Projects













The Institute also continued with work on its permanent site with the completion of the fencing and the painting of the perimeter fence and security post.



7.2 ICT and Digitalisation

ICT and digitalisation remained a priority for the Institute in 2022. In January 2022, the Institute renewed and purchased new subscriptions for several online resources for the Academic directorate. These e-resources included the Law Pavilion, Legalpedia, Grammarly, Eagle Scan and HeinOnline.

Several ICT-related infrastructures obtained in the period under review include Video Conferencing and other ICT Equipment for the Abuja Conference Room, and the extension of Network connectivity (Phase 1) to the Akinola Aguda Post Graduate School to enhance better work productivity and output was completed in June 2022.

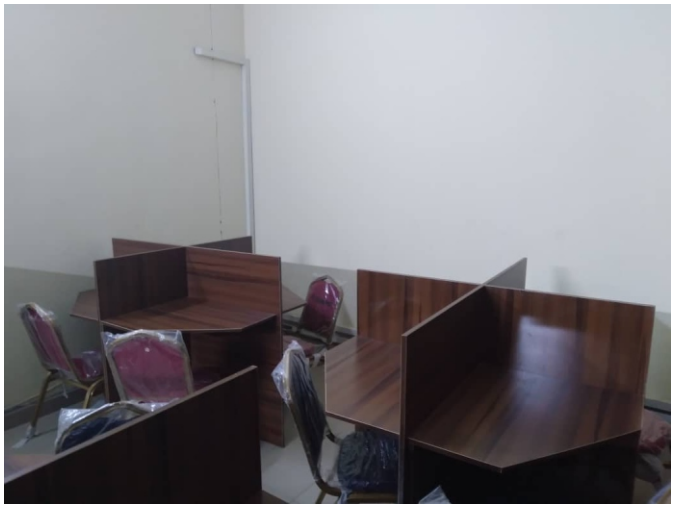
7.3 Establishment of the Abuja Library

Abuja-based staff suffered a handicap of access to the rich resources of the Taslim Elias Library for research purposes. In the past, academic researchers had to travel physically to Lagos to conduct significant research in the library or utilise alternatives such as sourcing research

materials from various law collections in law libraries or court premises.

The current administration thus deemed it essential to invest in establishing a Library in the Abuja office, stocked with relevant titles ranging from reference books, journals, law reports and serials.









8.1 Academic Directorates

The Academic Directorates consist of the Directorate of Research, Postgraduate Studies and Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Centre for Regional and Economic Integration Law

8.1.1 Directorate of Research

The Directorate of Research, headed by the Director of Research is made up of five academic departments of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies namely:

- Department of African and Comparative Law
- Department of Commercial Law
- Department of Private and Property Law
- Department of Public Law
- Department of International Law

Each department is headed by a senior academic of the professorial cadre, except for the department of Public Law which is headed by a senior Research Fellow in an acting capacity.



PROF. ANIMI SYLVANNUS-PEPPLE
Director of Research

The departments organise programmes and engage and participate in all activities of the Institute. The Directorate of Research supervises all academic staff of the Institute. One notable programme having to do with all academic staff is the Staff Seminar Series. The series rans throughout the year. Post 2022, the seminars ran online and is coordinated by two senior academics overseeing the seminars in Abuja and Lagos offices.

The Directorate of Research is equally involved in Institutional Research of the Institute and other Academic Directorates such as the Post Graduate Directorate and the Directorate of Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Centre for Regional Economic Integration Law through the participation of academic staff in the teaching and supervision of students of the Post Graduate school; and academic staff participation in organising training programmes and other research activities.

8.1.2 Directorate of Postgraduate Studies

The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies is responsible for the running of the activities of the Akinola Aguda School of Postgraduate School. The Akinola School of Postgraduate Studies offers courses leading to the award of PGD, LLM and PhD degrees in Legislative Drafting. The Programmes were introduced and designed to meet the capacity deficits in legislative drafting in Nigeria and beyond, make Nigeria a hub for the training and development of high-level manpower in legislative drafting in Africa.



Prof. Emmanuel Okon
Director of Postgraduate Studies



Prof Anyebe
Head of PG School

In March 2021, the Institute entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife for a provisional affiliation. The provisional affiliation was imperative to immediately address certain lapses identified by the National Universities' Commission (NUC), the body statutorily mandated to regulate University degree programmes in Nigeria while working on a long-term plan involving the amendment of the Institute's enabling Act. The MoU has largely shaped the Postgraduate activities and processes

For the 2021/2022 academic session, the Postgraduate School recommended 61

candidates for admission. 44 of the total number of students recommended for admission by the Institute resumed for the session 2021/2022 academic session in Abuja and Lagos. OAU issued the admission letters. The new entrants were joined by 27 old students, based on a joint resolution by NIALS and OAU to accommodate them in the new session.

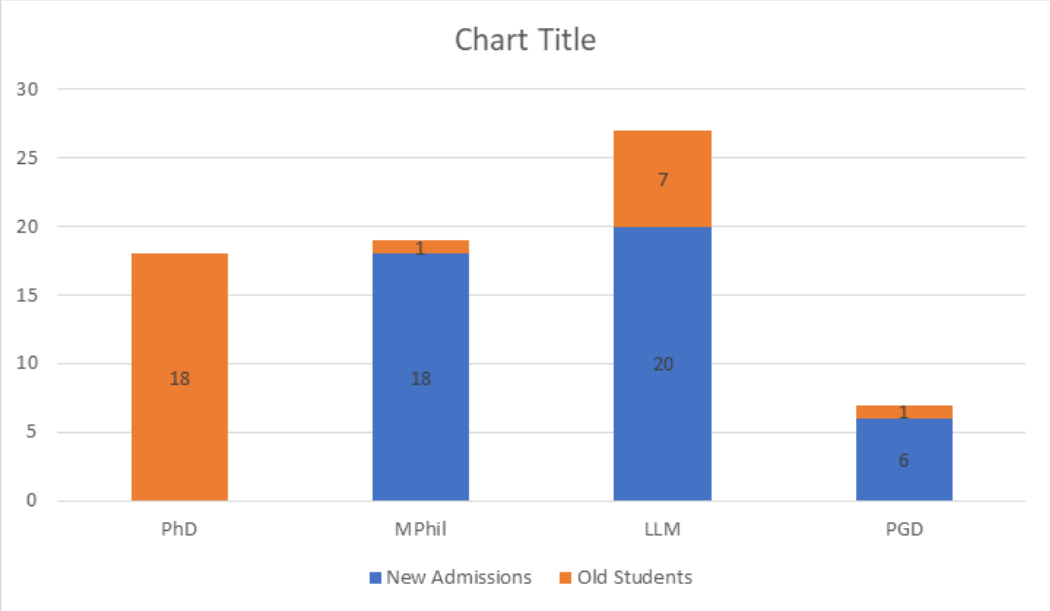


Figure 5: Student Analysis for 2021/2022 Academic session

First semester academic activities commenced on March 3, 2022 and ended on August 15, 2022 while second semester activities commenced August 31, 2022.

8.1.3 Directorate of Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Centre for Regional Economic Integration Law

The Directorate comprises of three divisions- Continuing Legal Education, Consultancy and Centre for Trade and Regional Economic Integration Law- established to, inter alia, coordinate continuing legal education programmes (workshops and training courses) by the Institute in collaboration with Institute's partners/organisation; to generate additional funds through negotiation of the availability of the professional expertise of members of staff of the Institute in the conduct of 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 CLE division conducted a total of 16 general courses with 364 participants. The Consultancy division in the year under review engaged in negotiating several consultancies which are yet to be concluded.

Assoc. Prof. Ibe Ifeakandu
Acting Director, CCLECREIL

8.2 Directorate of Administration



Ademola Tiamayu Sharafadeen
Institute Secretary

2022 has recorded various activities despite the industrial action embarked upon by the Non-Academic staff for a significant part of the year. Activities recorded during the year under review are briefly discussed as follows:

Staff Capacity Building

The Director-General magnanimously approved the sponsorship of a significant number of the Non-Academic members of staff for various workshops and conferences throughout the country. This has actually improved their capacities in the discharge of assigned duties more effectively and efficiently.

The Organisation of Staff Promotions and Conversion Activities

With the approval of the Director-General, Professor Muhammad Tawfiq Ladan PhD, to commence the 2022 Promotion exercise in earnest, the Department was fully involved in the administration of the exercise.

The Director General graciously approved pending Council's ratification, the conversion of the status of some staff as appropriate due to additional relevant qualifications acquired by them.

Digitisation Activities

Management of the Institute in compliance with the Federal Government policy of digitisation of records, approved the constitution of committee on Digitisation headed by the Director, General Administration – Mrs Jerry-Imahiagbe. The Management also approved the sponsorship of the members of the Committee and other relevant ICT staff for workshops on digitisation. These workshops aided the Committee in developing a clear and feasible work plan for the digitisation exercise which is ongoing.

In furtherance of the digitisation exercise, the Director-General approved the purchase of necessary equipment as well as the designation of dedicated offices for the exercise in Abuja and Lagos.

Marketing of Institute Publications

Due to the industrial actions embarked on by universities' academic and non-academic staff, the Marketing Unit recorded limited sales during the year under review.

Renovations and Procurement of Office Equipment.

Significant renovation and improvements took place in the Lagos and Abuja offices in 2022. Furthermore, in addressing various staff requests, the Management approved the procurement of office equipment such as furniture, photocopiers, and air conditioners. The Directorate ensured that the items were allocated as appropriate.

Staff Posting and Records Update.

The Director General approved the redeployment of some key staff and the re-allocation of some schedules to boost productivity.

The Staff Nominal roll was updated as required to capture additional Academic and Professional qualifications obtained by staff and also to note the current status of staff viz-a-viz staff on sabbatical leaves, leave of absence, resignation, secondment and study leave. Statistical/Data Analysis of staff Nominal Roll was also done to show distribution of staff in various categories.

8.3 Library Directorate 2022



The Library Directorate handles the affairs of the Taslim Elias Library in Lagos and the recently established mini-library in the Abuja office.

Prof. Uluocha Anyaogu
Institute Librarian

8.3.1 The Taslim Elias Library

The Taslim Elias Library with its well-developed collection, is identified as having the largest law collection South of the African Sahara. As at the end of the period under review, the collection consists of Fifty-one thousand two hundred and sixty-four (51, 526) volumes of books and bound periodicals, including rare legal materials. Being a Research Library, its materials are not available for borrowing.

There are 4,715 members currently registered to use the Library. The membership comprises of research and postgraduate law students from Nigerian Faculties of Law, Nigerian Law School, legal practitioners as well as members of the Bench. The Library also provided assistance to referred final-year law students from various Universities. In the year under review, there were five (5) new library users registration. Twelve (12) users renewed their membership. As shown in **Table 7, two thousand, one hundred and seventy-four (2,240)** volumes of books were consulted by **five hundred and thirty-three (588)** library readers during the period.

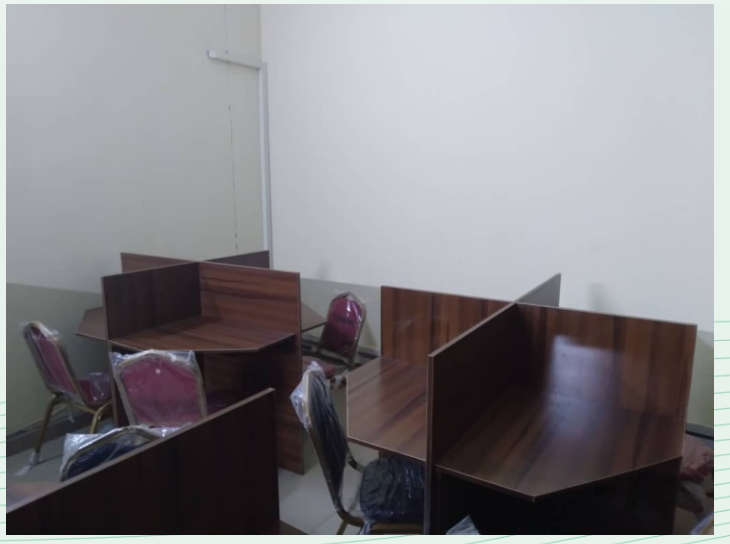
S/N	Months	Total Number of Readers	Total Number of Books Consulted
1	January	32	53
2	February	56	161
3	March	31	62
4	April	68	271
5	May	41	249
6	June	32	183
7	July	35	78
8	August	66	194
9	September	38	460
10	October	51	166
11	November	62	318
12	December	55	66
	TOTAL	**588**	**2,240**

Table 7: Summary of Readers and Books consulted 2022

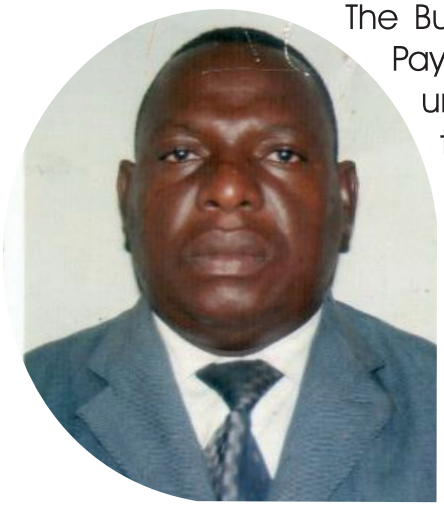
8.3.2 Abuja Library

The Abuja was fully established and officially opened on the 19th of December, 2022. The library which will serve the research needs of the Abuja staff has over 153 titles of legal resources ranging from 16 Journals, 27 Books, 75 Law Reports and 35 Serials.





8.4 Bursary Directorate



The Bursary Directorate comprises Revenue, Expenditure, Salaries and Payroll as well as Budget Planning, Execution and Analysis. For the year under review, the Directorate carried out These units worked together to ensure effective implementation of the financial operations of the Institute. Apart from routine activities the Directorate also engaged in the underlisted activities.

John Yawe
Institute Bursar

External Audit

Mindful of the fact that audited financial statements gives legitimacy to the establishment, the Bursary Directorate ensured that all outstanding submission of audited financial statements were cleared and submitted to the relevant government agencies in the year under review. The process for audit of year 2022 financial statements has already begun in earnest.

Interactive Sessions with Regulatory Agencies

The Directorate in the year under review responded to the demands of agencies such as the Accountant General of the Federation, Auditor General for the Federation, the two arms of the National Assembly (House Representatives and Senate), Tax authorities, and the Budget Office of the Federation as part of the routine duties.

Training of Bursary Directorate Staff

During the year under review, management of NIALS supported and in some cases fully sponsored various staff to attend relevant training programmes. A number of administrative staff went on targeted training courses aimed improving their professional capacity and service delivery. A good number of academic staff were also paid grants in furtherance of their academic pursuits. In addition, a number of staff are pursuing various higher degree programs as well as professional qualifications. Support by management here includes financial assistance and or permission (partial and full-time engagements).

Financing the Institute in 2022

The Institute's main finance source is the Federal Government's budgetary allocation. The Federal Government of Nigeria's appropriation to the Institute was One Billion, eight million, One hundred and twenty thousand and twenty-six naira (N1008,120,026.00) only. The amount comprised of both capital and recurrent expenditure as shown in **Table 8.** The 2022 appropriation was a 0.34 % increase from the 2021 appropriated sum of Nine hundred and seventy-eight million, three hundred and sixty-eight thousand and thirty-two naira (N978,368,032)

Budget Head	**Appropriation**
Capital	41,175,919.00
Total- Capital	**41,175,919.00**
Recurrent-Overhead	91,674,416.00
Recurrent-Personnel	877,269,691.00
Recurrent-Total	**966,944,107.00**

Table 8: Budget Allocation Summary 2022

Of the appropriated Capital budget of Forty-one million, one hundred and seventy-five thousand, nine hundred and nineteen naira only, a total of Twenty-one million, five hundred and eighty-seven thousand, nine hundred and fifty-nine naira, fifty kobo (21,587,959.50) only, was released. This represents a 50 % performance of the budget. Similarly, there was a 91 % and 96% performance of the recurrent overhead and personnel, respectively.

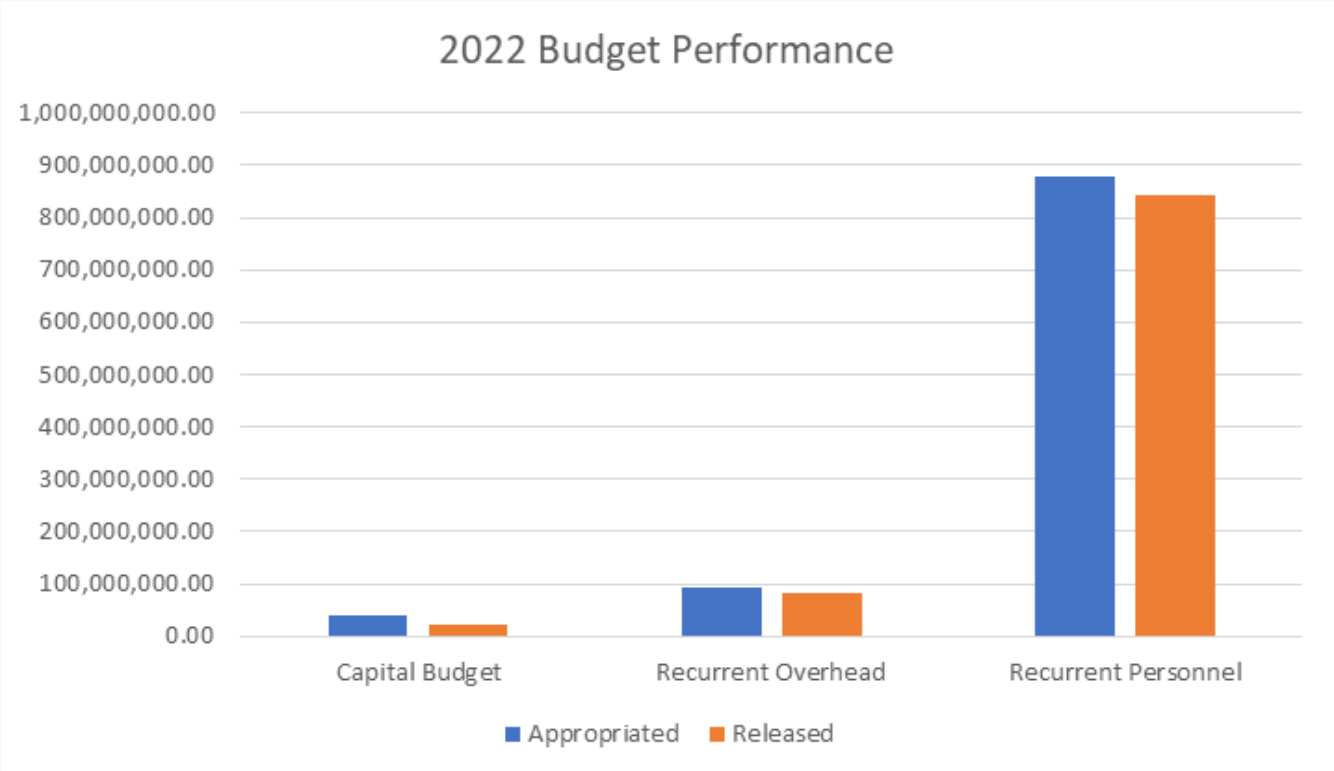


Figure 6: 2022 Budget Performance

Financing the Institute in 2022

Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) also played a significant role in the activities of NIALS in 2022. The Internally generated revenue sources included Post Graduate fees collection, Workshop fees/consultancy services, earnings from library services, Sales of Journals &Publications as well as disposal of Government Assets. In the first half of 2022, the IGR for the Institute was Twenty-two million, seven hundred and thirty-nine thousand, seventy-four naira and thirty-nine kobo (**22,739,074.39).** A significant part of this amount was derived from the workshop and Postgraduate school fees. Over 70% of this amount was remitted to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Major expenditure lines for the Institute for 2022 included the following:

- Electricity Payments(Lagos)
- Training of Staff(Lagos & Abuja)
- Welfare to staff(Lagos & Abuja)
- Maintenance Costs-Cleaning &Security Staff(Lagos)
- New Imprest System(Lagos & Abuja)

Challenges of the Institute in 2022

The Institute faces general and specific challenges in fulfilling its statutory mandate. Pertinent among them are the issues of suitable office space and budgetary constraints.

a. Office space challenge

The Supreme Court has graciously housed the Institute since the NIALS established its headquarters in Abuja. However, as the population of the Institute has grown over the years, there is now a need for appropriate and sufficient office space to cater for its one hundred and seventy-eight (178) members of staff located in its Abuja office. Additionally, the NIALS Lagos office building inside the University of Lagos Campus, Akoka, Yaba Lagos, also needs more office spaces for its academic and administrative staff. Since NIALS secured land to construct its corporate headquarters, reasonable progress has been made. The Management is, however, constrained by finances in the quest to develop and build NIALS corporate headquarters as the primary source of NIALS revenue source for undertaking capital projects still needs to be appropriated from the government.

b. Budgetary Constraints

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

The budgetary allocation to the Institute needs to be revised as a significant amount of its funding is recurrent expenditure. The Institute grappled with poor budgetary release from its capital appropriation in 2022. The overhead remains meagre and irregular, and running the Institute has become a significant challenge. The Institute is addressing this challenge through strict accountability procedures and the provision of Consultancy services. Unfortunately, COVID-19 and its aftermath have equally impacted the revenue generation avenues of the Institute negatively. Consequently, running the Institute to ensure it undertakes research, disseminates the findings through publications, and conducts events to meet international best practices and standards has become a significant challenge.

2022 in Pictures

January





2022 JUSTICE SECTOR SUMMIT



DIGITIZATION SENSITIZATION INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

February



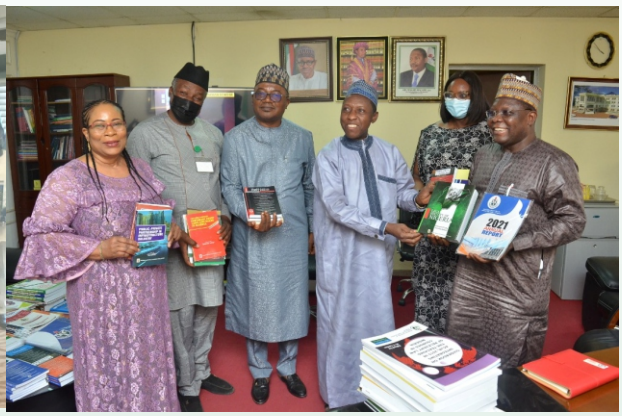


17TH CONFERMENT OF NIALS HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

March



NIALS, UNODC/ONSA LAUNCH SECOND NIGERIAN TRAINING MANUAL ON COUNTER TERRORISM MEASURES FOR JUSTICE SECTOR ACTORS/INSTITUTIONS



(IPCR), Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs Courtesy visits

April



MOU WITH GAMBIAN DELEGATION



PEACE, SECURITY AND RECONCIALIATION

May



ILA 2022 CONFERENCE



DRAFTING GUIDE IN NIGERIA

June



NIALS-NAPTIP PARTNERSHIP

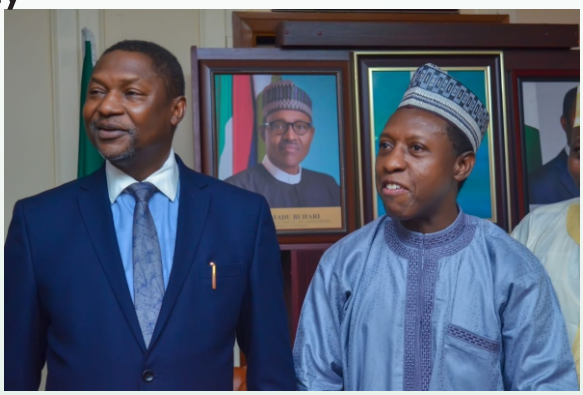


UNESCO-NIALS –JAPANESE EMBASSY

July



WORKSHOP FOR JUSTICES



COURTESY VISIT TO HAGF

August

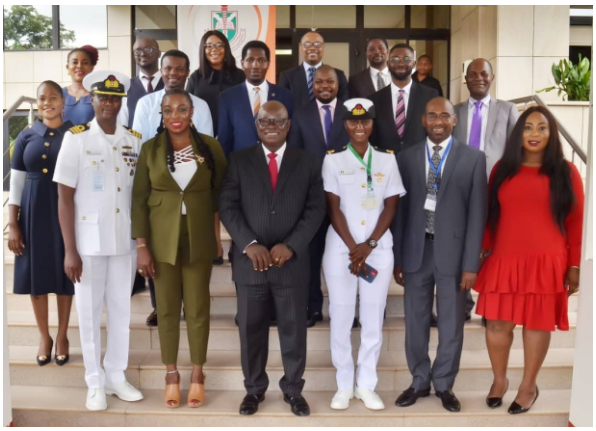


2023 BUDGET



Courtesy visit of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to Nigeria/ECOWAS Abuja

September



CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE) 2022 COURSE



NIALS/MacARTHUR FOUNDATION PROJECT TEAM IN ACCRA GHANA

October



UNHCR ROUNDTABLE



2022 NATIONAL AWARD

November



CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION



APPLICATION OF THE GUIDEBOOK ON INTEGRATING ACJA 2015

December



A & PC MEETING



UNHCR GLOBAL DIALOGUE

Closing the Curtains on 2022

2022 has been an eventful year for the Institute. Despite the national economic downturn, the Institute maintained its niche as the leading institution for collaboration, partnership, research and continuing legal education for law and law-related subjects.

New partnerships and collaborations formed, and existing ones maintained, were key to advancing the tripod cause of increasing the Institute's global visibility, supporting the Institute in fulfilling its mandate and providing an avenue for the Institute to generate revenue. It is believed that in the coming year,

The Institute was intentional in its commitment to staff and infrastructural development in 2022. This commitment was imperative to ensure the capacity to function effectively and meet the expectations of global growth and emerging trends. With these investments in capacity and infrastructural development in 2022, the Institute firmly believes that the stage has been set to achieve greater heights in 2023.


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