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Knowledge that makes the Difference.

MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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

NIALS ENABLING ACT

Commencement Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

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

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL, etc.

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



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

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

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

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

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

NIALS ANTHEM

Ever questioning,
Ever Probing,

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies!

Vision foretold by founding fathers,

Ideas nurtured by patriotic fervor,

Urging us to make the difference,

And be the nucleus of legal studies,

With passion and hope our mandate deliver,

And be the best that we can be,

A truly world class institution,

Nigeria's law abode!



CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan, PhD on Thursday, 1st December, 2022 approved the appointment of the following Continuing Legal Education (CLE) team for their outstanding contributions to Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) drive and for running a successful CLE in 2022. They are;

1. Egeruoh Izuoma Euphemia (Senior Research Fellow) confirmed as the Substantive NIALS Coordinator of CLE.
2. Popoola Benjamin Sijuade confirmed as the Deputy CLE Coordinator, Abuja.
3. Chinweike Chidiebere Angela confirmed as the Deputy CLE Coordinator, Lagos.



Izuoma Egeruoh-Adindu
Senior Research Fellow,



Popoola Benjamin Sijuade
Research Fellow I



Mrs Chidi Chinweike
Research Fellow,

2022 PRESS WEEK

The Nigeria Union of Journalist, Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria Headquarters Chapel held her 2022 Press Week with the theme: **2023 Elections: "The Role of stakeholders in Ensuring Credible and Hitch Free Exercise** from Monday, 5th December, 2022- Friday, 9th December, 2022 at the Press Centre, Radio House, Abuja.

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Mohammad Tawfiq Ladan PhD was the guest speaker at the event.



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE

Federal Ministry of Justice held a One (1) day Roundtable session on Tuesday, 6th December, 2022 at the Rockview Hotel Royale in Abuja.

Benjamin Popoola, Research Fellow 1 from Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies represented Professor Sylvanus-Pepple Animi and Dr. Anyebe Peter at the Roundtable.

The event was organized by the Federal Ministry of Justice with the Nigerian Correctional Service in compliance with the resolution of the 2020 National Roundtable on Correctional Reform and Decongestion on the review of the Borstal Institutions and Remand Centers Act, LFN 2004.

The purpose of the roundtable was to provide stakeholders the platform to further articulate effective strategies for sustainable reform of the child and juvenile justice system in Nigeria.



UNHCR GLOBAL DIALOGUE

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan, PhD joined the management staff of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Permanent Missions from Egypt, Kenya and Nigeria to the United Nation in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Director General in his intervention on How to coordinate movement of humanitarian and financing actors emphasized on the provision of guidance on Human Rights and Development Cooperation nexus as it is a responsibility approach. Professor Ladan also stressed that Africa for the first time joined the continental legally binding treaty for the first time (ie African Kampala Convention) on the protection assistance to the Internally Displaced Persons. The treaty requires all African members states to provide a National Legislature framework, National Policy Action, strategy and social mechanism soft ground as well as budgetary allocation before developing actors , private sectors and countries can come in to support them in strengthening local capacity.

The global dialogue on Development Cooperation and Protection Challenges of Displaced Population held from Wednesday, 7th to Thursday, 8th December, 2022 at the auditorium of the CIC, Geneva, Switzerland.



SUMMARY OF RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY NIALS AND STAFF OF NIALS 2022

The following constitutes a summary of research conducted by NIALS in collaboration with other institutions, and by individual staff.

1. NIALS Research Projects:

a. 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.

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. Collaborative Research by NIALS' Staff

i. Book Chapter on Energy Transition

In June 2021, the following NIALS' staff – Professor MT Ladan (DG NIALS), Assoc. (Prof.) Irekpitan Okukpon and Dr. Nkiruka Maduekwe (co-authors) finalised research on a chapter titled '***Energy Transitions and the Future of Natural Gas Law, Policy and Research***'. The paper discussed the complementarities of natural gas as a sustainable energy source and socio-economic implications of its usage in Nigeria by 2030. The Chapter 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.



The co-authored chapter was published in **The Palgrave Handbook of Natural Gas and the Global Energy Transitions (London: Palgrave Macmillan)** in July 2022. This book has been the subject of various accolades and acclaim in the global energy industry within the past six months.

ii. **Book Chapter on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa**

In January 2022, the following NIALS' staff – Professor MT Ladan (DG NIALS), Assoc. (Prof.) Irekpitan Okukpon and Dr. Nkiruka Maduekwe (co-authors) finalised research on a 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).**

Following reviews by the SDG Book Project Editorial Team ('Editorial Team'), the NIALS' team effected corrections to the chapter on March 3rd 2022, April 4th 2022 and 14th July 2022. Following the final submission of the chapter in July 2022, the chapter has been under review by the Editorial Team and is still awaiting publication.

It is expected that this chapter will be published within the first quarter of 2023.



A&PC MEETING



The Appointment and promotion Committee of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies held its meeting on Thursday, 15th December, 2022 at the National Judicial Council Hall, Supreme Court Complex, Abuja with committee members to deliberate on the 2022 promotion exercise of the Academic and non-Academic staff of the Institute.

Summary of 2022 Promotion exercise as adopted by the Council and recommended by A&PC to Council for Approval are as follows;

- a. Non-academics Staff:** Forty-two (42) non-academics Staff were successful out of a total of forty-eight (48)
- b. Academic Staff:** Nine (9) were successful out of a total of Twenty-four (24) staff shortlisted for internal assessment. Two (2) for Professorship, Two (2) for Associate Professors, Three (3) for Senior Research Fellow, Two (2) for Research Fellow II.

The meeting was presided by the Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan, PhD, who is the chairman of the committee.



POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies management staff in Lagos had a photo session with the 2021/2022 Postgraduate Students on Friday, 16th December, 2022 after their second semester examination.



NIALS MINI LIBRARY

The First ever Mini Library created, furnished and stocked by the current administration of the Director General, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan, PhD was opened on Monday, 19th December, 2022 at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies office, Supreme Court Complex, Abuja.

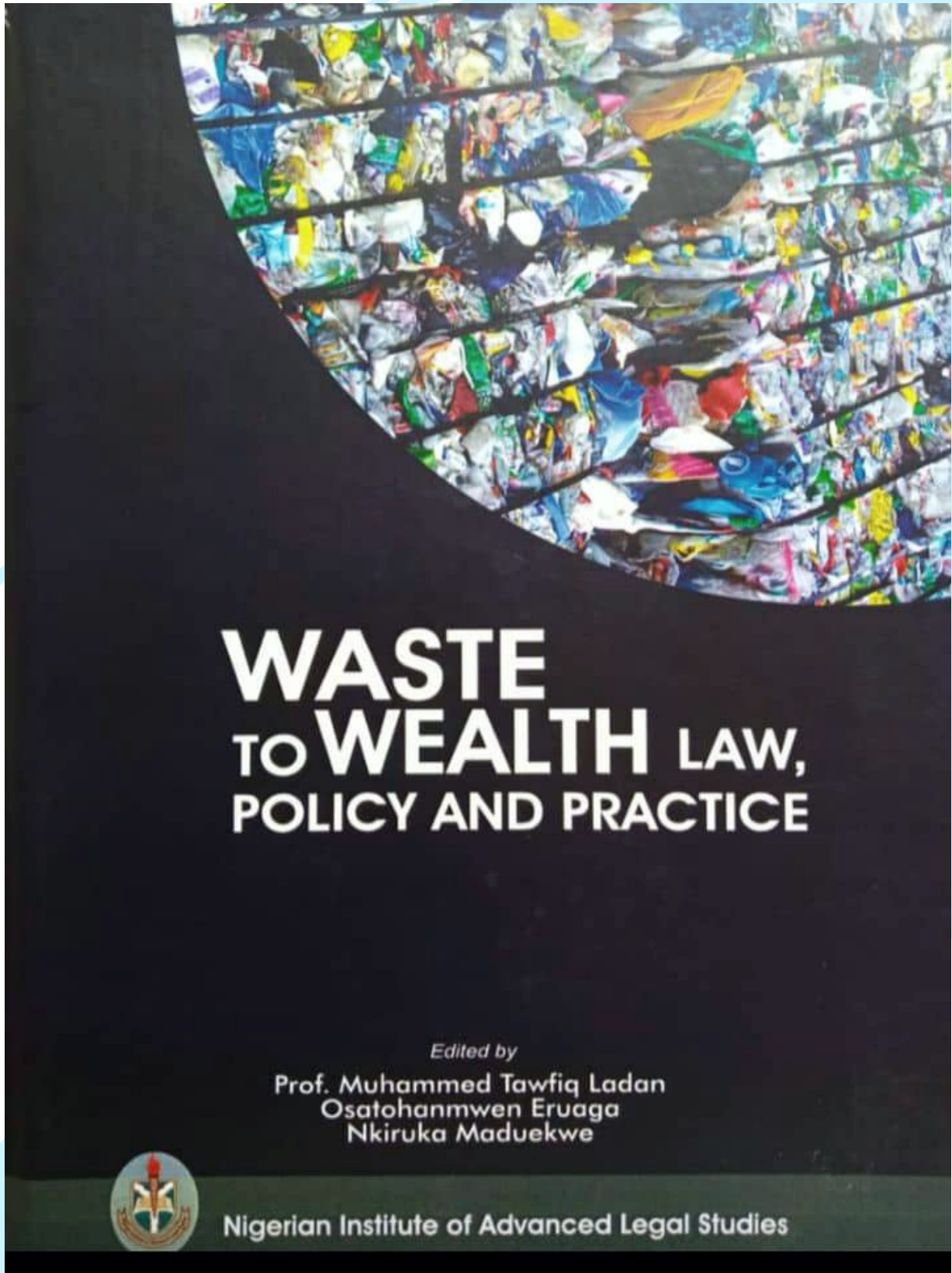
The library is stocked with preliminary materials and more publications (over 100 titles ranging from law reports, books, journals and serials) for Abuja based Research Fellows. The Institute Librarian, Professor Anyaogu Uluocha will announce soonest the Time table for usage/ access and cataloguing, etc as well as gradual migration from analogue to digital.

Subsequently, Batch one Law Report 2022 was released to the Mini Library.





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Webinar on

AFRICA BY AFRICA: CREATING AWARENESS OF THE CHALLENGED AFRICAN CULTURE



MON. 19TH DEC. 2022
12:00PM



ZOOM

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WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE CONVERSATION?

In January 2020, the United Nations recognized the role of the creative economy in fostering sustainable development, especially in developing countries.

The creative economy which includes arts and culture, as at 2021 is stated to be worth \$4.5 billion. It is important to note that as part of driving investment in this sector, the Federal Government has granted 'pioneer status' to the industry – meaning tax holidays from payment of corporate income tax and withholding tax on dividend from pioneer profits.

Given the significance of this sector, the webinar aims to interrogate and increase understanding of participants on the cultural industry, prospects, challenges, and investment opportunities. Attendees will hear experts address crucial areas of arts and culture in Nigeria, including critical policies and legal framework necessary to provide the support system for this industry.

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is excited to invite you to engage in the conversation.



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