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Knowledge that makes the Difference.

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!



NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES IS SET TO COLLABORATE WITH NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, UNITY BAR ABUJA AND GWAGWALADA BRANCHES RESPECTIVELY



From Left : Ekene Arubaleze (Chairman NBA Abuja Branch Young Lawyers Forum), Emmanuel Utomi (Provost NBA Abuja Branch), Adefunsho Odebode (Vice Chairman NBA Abuja Branch), M. A. Ebute SAN (Immediate Past Chairman NBA Abuja Branch) Afam O. Okeke, Esq ChMC (Chairman NBA Abuja Branch), Emmanuel Ogunjide (Chairman NBA Gwagwalada Branch) and Fa rida Usman (Financial Secretary NBA Abuja Branch)

The Director General Professor Ladan, received chairpersons of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Abuja Unity Bar and Gwagwalada Branches on Thursday, February 2, 2023. The chairpersons were on a courtesy call to the DG to explore possible collaborations on capacity building for their members, particularly young lawyers.

During the visit, the DG expressed his delight and stated that NIALS was committed to promoting legal education and advancing the legal profession in Nigeria. He further emphasized that the Institute had several programs aimed at capacity building for legal practitioners, and he was willing to collaborate with the NBA to support its efforts in developing young lawyers in the country.

On their part, the chairpersons thanked the DG for the warm reception and expressed their interest in working with NIALS to enhance the knowledge and skills of their members. They also highlighted some of the challenges faced by young lawyers in



their branches and how collaboration with NIALS could help address some of these issues. The chairperson of the Abuja Unity Bar, Mr Afam Okeke, praised the efforts of NIALS in advancing legal education and stated that her branch was keen on exploring opportunities for capacity building for young lawyers.

Similarly, the chairperson of the Gwagwalada Branch, Mr Emmanuel Tayo Ogunjide expressed his gratitude to the DG for the meeting and the opportunity to collaborate on capacity building initiatives. The meeting ended with the DG and the chairpersons agreeing to work together to develop capacity-building programs for young lawyers. It was also agreed that a committee comprising representatives from both organizations would be set up to oversee the collaboration and ensure its success.

The collaboration between NIALS and the NBA Abuja Unity Bar and Gwagwalada Branches is expected to enhance legal education and the professional development of young lawyers in Nigeria.





APPOINTMENT

In a bid to boost its engineering department, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal studies (NIALS) has appointed two seasoned engineers to head its engineering units in Lagos and Abuja. The announcement was made on the 6th of February 2023 by the Director General of NIALS, Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Laden Ph.D.

Engr. Jauda Istifanus Yusuf and Engr. Bokko Ezra were appointed as the new heads of the Engineering units for the Abuja and Lagos offices respectively. They bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of engineering, which will undoubtedly help to advance NIALS' engineering programs.

The appointment of the two engineers is expected to bring fresh perspective to NIALS' engineering operations. It is hoped that they will work hard to justify the confidence reposed on them and take the Institute's engineering operations to new heights.

The appointment of the two heads of unit is a clear indication of NIALS' commitment to excellence and its determination to provide quality output in its engineering operations.



Engr. Jauda Istifanus Yusuf
Assistant Chief Engineer Abuja office



Engr. Bokko Ezra Bitrus
Assistant Chief Engineer Lagos office



NIALS/AGA-AFRICA 2- DAY WORKSHOP CONCLUDES WITH A CALL TO DEVELOP ROBUST ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LANDSCAPE IN NIGERIA



Legal experts and stakeholders have emphasized the need to develop a robust anti-corruption and anti-money laundering framework in Nigeria. This was the focus of the just concluded two-day workshop organized by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) in partnership with AGA-Africa.

The workshop, which was held on the 15th and 16th of February 2023 at the

Ayo Ajomo Auditorium, NIALS complex Lagos, was attended by legal experts, government officials, law enforcement agents, and stakeholders in the anti-corruption and anti-money laundering sectors.

On the second day of the workshop, participants discussed strategies for implementing effective anti-corruption and anti-money laundering policies. They emphasized the importance of a strong legal framework, effective enforcement, and collaboration between government agencies and other stakeholders.

Speaking at the event, the Director-General of NIALS, Professor M.T. Ladan stressed the need for all stakeholders to work together to combat corruption and money laundering in Nigeria. He commended the participants for their contributions and urged them to continue the conversation beyond the workshop.

Photos from the workshop show participants engaged in intense discussions, presentations, and networking sessions. The event was a success, and participants left with a renewed commitment to working towards a corruption-free Nigeria.

The NIALS/AGA-Africa 2-Day Workshop on Developing a Robust Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering Landscape in Nigeria is one of many initiatives by NIALS to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance in Nigeria.





DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NIALS ANNOUNCES A FREE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR LAGOS-BASED ACADEMIC STAFF AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF WITH LEGAL BACKGROUNDS.

The Director-General of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), Professor M.T. Ladan, has mandated all Lagos-based academic staff, including the Institute Secretary (IS), Institute Librarian (IL), Deputy Registrar (DR), and Heads of Departments (HoDs), to attend a free capacity-building program scheduled to hold at the Institute Hall in Lagos.

In a memo released on Friday, 10th February, 2023 to all concerned parties, the Director-General urged all academic staff to attend the programme, which promises to enhance their skills and improve their overall productivity. The memo also stated that the IS should submit a physical attendance list to the Director-General for certification.

Furthermore, the Director-General extended the invitation to non-academic staff members with legal backgrounds who are interested in capacity building. They are also encouraged to register and attend the program. The memo further provided a link for registration, which the Director-General urged all concerned parties to follow as soon as possible. The registration process was expected to be completed the same day or over the weekend.

The capacity-building programme is part of NIALS' commitment to enhancing the skills and knowledge of its staff members and promoting productivity in the workplace.



NIALS DIRECTOR-GENERAL APPROVES N100,000 GRANTS FOR PH.D. STUDENTS

The Director-General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Mohammed Tawfiq Ladan Ph.D, on February 19, 2023, announced the approval of 100,000 Naira grants each to three categories of Ph.D. students. The grant is available only to academic staff and aims to support quality research activities and enhance staff career progression. The grant will be awarded in three categories. The first category is for those with documentary evidence of near completion, such as final seminar presentation or rounding up the final chapter or are preparing for oral Viva/external defense or timeline of completion by May 2023. The second category is for students who are midway through their Ph.D. programs and have evidence of 50% approved caps or doing or are completing the fieldwork or with a timeline of completion by December 2023. The third category is for students who have registered and completed coursework or gotten approval of their Ph.D. proposals or Cap. 1 of thesis

He further stated that priority will be given to those in the order of categories listed above, and that round one of the ten applicants are to access the 100,000 for each staff. The earmarked 1 million naira is with effect from March 2023. Also all requests for approval is to be sent direct to the DG with support documents per category by 1st march for review and approval. The Grant is free as an investment in quality research activities and for Enhancing staff career progression. Round 2 will be announced by mid-April. Note that Interested and eligible staff are to submit both hard and soft copies of signed documents to the DG's office in Lagos or Abuja and via email (info@nials.edu.ng).



NIALS ANNOUNCES PRIORITY APPROVAL FOR NON-ACADEMIC STAFF TO ATTEND CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP IN 2023

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) has announced priority approval for non-academic staff members who were unable to secure funding for capacity-building workshops in 2022. The announcement was made by the Director-General of NIALS on February 19, 2023, in a bid to support the professional development of non-academic staff. To benefit from the priority approval, eligible staff members are required to submit their requests through their relevant directors. The requests must also include supporting documents to be verified by the directors. Priority will be given to the first ten applicants who choose venues near either the Lagos or Abuja offices to avoid exorbitant cost implications to the institute.

Furthermore, eligible staff members are required to give at least 60 days' notice to the Director-General, considering their choices of dates and venues. This is to avoid unnecessary rush hour requests and delays in the approval process, to the commencement of any program.

The Director-General emphasized that the priority approval is part of NIALS' commitment to promoting transparency, accountability, and quality professional development activities. The institute remains committed to supporting the growth and development of its staff members. The announcement has been welcomed by eligible non-academic staff members at NIALS, who see it as an opportunity to enhance their skills and contribute more effectively to the institute's objectives.

In conclusion, this is a great opportunity for non-academic staff members at NIALS to benefit from professional development activities. Eligible staff members are advised to take advantage of this opportunity by submitting their requests on time to ensure prompt approval.



NIALS DIRECTOR-GENERAL ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN JORDAN WITH RENOWNED SCHOLARS



The Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan PhD was pictured at the 2-day Amman Jordan School of Law, the University of Jordan International Conference on Environmental Law in the Middle East and North Africa. The two (2) Days conference, which took place from 27th -28th February 2023, brought together environmental law scholars from across the world to discuss the pressing

issues facing the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region

Prof. Ladan was pictured with other renowned environmental law scholars at the conference, including Prof. Damilola Olawuyi SAN, UNESCO Chair on Qatar and Prof. Patricia Mbote, Director Law Division of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Nairobi.

The conference covered a range of topics related to environmental law, including climate change, sustainable development, biodiversity conservation, and the protection of natural resources. It provided a platform for participants to share their knowledge and experiences, exchange ideas, and collaborate on ways to address the environmental challenges facing the MENA region.

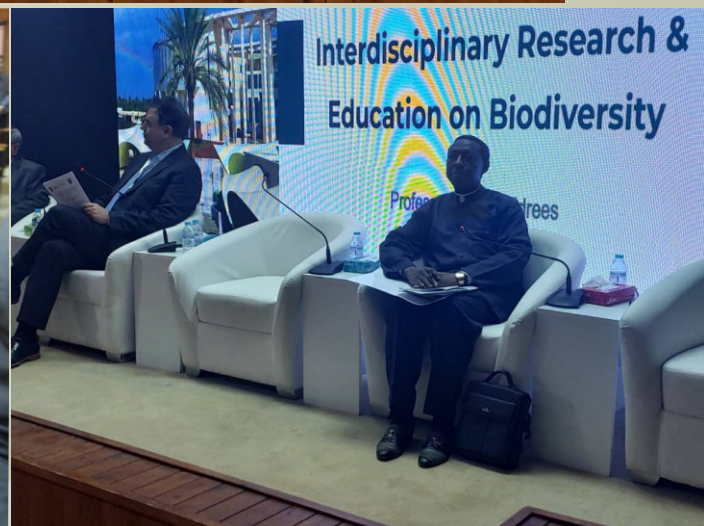
Prof. Ladan's attendance at the conference underscores NIALS commitment to promoting environmental law and sustainable development in Nigeria and beyond. The Institute has been at the forefront of efforts to develop legal frameworks that promote environmental protection and conservation and has played a key role in training legal professionals in this area.

In a statement, Prof. Ladan expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the conference, stating that "the MENA region is facing significant



environmental challenges, and it is important for us as legal professionals to come together and collaborate on ways to address them. I am honored to have been a part of this important gathering, and look forward to continuing to work towards a more sustainable future for all."

The conference was a resounding success, and provided a valuable platform for participants to share their knowledge and experiences, and collaborate on ways to addressing the environmental challenges facing the MENA region. The participation of Prof. Ladan and other environmental law scholars underscores the importance of environmental law in shaping our collective future.





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