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INFORMATION BOOKLET

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO NIALS PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

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NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES 2020 COURSE SCHEDULE

VISION STATEMENT

To be 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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

MOTTO

Knowledge that makes the difference

S/N	COURSE TITLE	DATE (2020)	VENUE	COURSE FEE	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT (10%)
1.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE (FIRST STREAM)	11 – 13 MAY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 10 th APRIL 2020
2.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	18 – 20 MAY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 17 th APRIL 2020
3.	21 st NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICES IN LAW LIBRARIES	08 – 10 JUNE	LAGOS	N75,000	Ends 8 th MAY 2020
4.	COURSE IN LEADERSHIP, NEGOTIATION AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS (FIRST STREAM)	15 - 16 JUNE	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 15 th MAY 2020
5.	COURSE IN INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW (FIRST STREAM)	22 – 24 JUNE	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 22 nd MAY 2020
6.	35 th COURSE IN DRAFTING COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS & BANKING DOCUMENTATION	06 – 08 JULY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 5 th JUNE 2020
7.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE (FIRST STREAM)	20 – 22 JULY	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 19 th JUNE 2020
8.	40 th ADVANCED COURSE IN PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (FIRST STREAM)	27 – 29 JULY	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 26 th JUNE 2020
9.	COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	04 – 06 AUGUST	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 3 rd JULY 2020
10.	WORKSHOP IN LEGAL WRITING SKILLS (FIRST STREAM)	14 – 16 SEPTEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 14 th JULY 2020
11.	LABOUR LAW AND INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION COURSE	21 – 23 SEPTEMBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 21 st JULY 2020
12.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE (FIRST STREAM)	05 – 07 OCTOBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 4 th SEPTEMBER 2020
13.	COURSE IN REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE (SECOND STREAM)	12 – 14 OCTOBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 11 th SEPTEMBER 2020
14.	WORKSHOP IN LEGAL WRITING SKILLS (SECOND STREAM)	19 – 21 OCTOBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 18 th SEPTEMBER 2020
15.	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, DISPUTE MANAGEMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS COURSE (SECOND STREAM)	26 – 28 OCTOBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 25 th SEPTEMBER 2020
16.	40 th ADVANCED COURSE IN PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (SECOND STREAM)	02 -04 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 2 nd OCTOBER 2020
17.	GOVERNMENT LEGAL ADVISERS/LAW OFFICERS COURSE (SECOND STREAM)	09 -11 NOVEMBER	LAGOS	N120,000	Ends 9 th OCTOBER 2020
18.	COURSE IN INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW (SECOND STREAM)	16 – 18 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 16 th OCTOBER 2020
19.	TRAINING COURSE ON INVESTMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LAW AND PRACTICE (SECOND STREAM)	23 – 25 NOVEMBER	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 23 rd OCTOBER 2020
20.	COURSE ON TRADE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE (SECOND STREAM)	30 th Nov. – 2 nd Dec.	ABUJA	N120,000	Ends 30 th OCTOBER 2020

*All fees are inclusive of VAT and WHT and covers course materials, tea and lunch only

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

** Tentative venue for Abuja Courses is Rockview Classic Hotel, Wuse 2, Abuja (this will be confirmed).

**The Courses start from 9:00am – 4:30pm on the scheduled course dates

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NIALS PRESS



Computer Room

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies was established through the instrumentality of **NIALS Act Cap N112** Laws of the Federation of Nigerian 2004 primarily for the conduct of research into any branch of law with a view to applying the result in the interest of Nigeria, providing information, supervision, guidance and advice to post-graduate students and other researchers in the field of law and law-related subjects.

More elaboratory, the functions of the Institute shall encompass amongst others, the preparation and publication books, records, reports, journals, as may seem desirable for the dissemination of research findings, seminars, symposia, conference, findings of workshops and lectures.



Digitalized Printing Machine

It is against this background that the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) Press was established in 2002.

Over the years, the Press has worked assiduously to actualize its lofty mandate.

The Press with its state of art facilities, has done well, having published volumes of titles over the years.

It offers quality production, excellent editing and proofreading by a faculty of distinguished Professors, Research Fellows, seasoned in-house editors and an unrivaled indexing of publications



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by technically trained Librarians.

NIALS Press is indeed a one-stop destination for all publishing services from typesetting and formatting of the manuscripts to qualitative finished products.



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WELCOME TO NIALS



Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, PhD,
Director-General

Welcome to the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. NIALS was established in March 1979 under an enabling statutory instrument referred to as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Act, Cap N112 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, as Nigeria's apex institution for legal research and training. The Institute has the mandate to provide information, supervision, guidance and advise to post graduate students and other researchers who are working for post-graduate degree of programmes in any

university in the field of law and practice; to conduct courses of instruction in Legislative drafting leading to the award of post-graduate diploma or a post-graduate degree; to co-operate with Nigerian universities, the Nigerian Law School, the Nigerian Law Reform Commission and such other bodies (whether in Nigeria or elsewhere) engaged in any major field relating to law reform, development or research in the mobilization of Nigeria's research potentials, for the task of national development and dissemination of research findings for the use of policy makers at all levels; to organize training courses, national and international seminars, symposia, conferences, workshops and lectures on any branch of law and related subjects, and to carry out other activities as are necessary and expedient for the full discharge of any of its functions pursuant to the Act.

It is against this backdrop that this information booklet has been prepared to give general information on Institute programmes and activities. In this information guide, all the necessary information and facts needed on the Institute are presented: it's mandate and vision, services, resources and programmes, available at the Institute.

I invite you to take advantage of the opportunities present at NIALS and make best use of the huge resources that the Institute offers. It is my expectation that you will find the information booklet useful.

I would like to use this medium to acknowledge the efforts and hard work of all members of staff and those involved in the various work that we do at NIALS.

Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan (PhD), Hubert Humphrey Fellow, USA
Director-General

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.
December, 2019.



SOME NIALS PUBLICATIONS





SOME INSTITUTE RECENT PUBLICATIONS

S/N	PUBLICATIONS	YEAR PUBLISHED	PRICE
1.	Corporate Governance and Responsibility	2014	10,000.00
2.	Issues on Criminal Justice Administration in Nigeria	2014	3,000.00
3.	Legal Empiricism Writing Skills	2014	5,000.00
4.	NIALS Law of Nigeria Annotated: Evidence Act	2014	15,000.00
5.	Unification of Criminal Laws of Nigeria	2014	5,000.00
6.	NIALS Journal on Intellectual Property Vol. 3	2014-2015	2,500.00
7.	Open Government, Democracy and Human Rights: Best Practices for African Government	2015	1,000.00
8.	International Deportation of Nigerians Within Nigeria: Legal Policy and Political Appraisal	2015	2,000.00
9.	Nigerian Current Legal Problem	2015/2016	5,000.00
10.	Nigerian Current Law Review	2015-2016	5,000.00
11.	The Values of International criminal Justice to Africa	2016	1,000.00
12.	Nigerian Current Legal Problem	2016-2017	5,000.00
13.	Combating Cybercrime in Nigeria: Trends and issues	2017	5,000.00
14.	Intellectual Property in the Context of Developing Countries: Quest for National Innovation System	2017	1,000.00
15.	Nigerian Current Law Review	2017-2018	5,000.00
16.	Explanatory Notes to Administration of Criminal Justice Act	2018	
17.	NIALS Journal of Business Law Vol. 3	2018	5,000.00
18.	Towards Elections with Integrity in 2019: Challenges and Prospects	2018	1,000.00
19.	Nigerian Current Law Review	2018-2019	5,000.00
20.	NIALS Journal of Environmental Law Vol. 5	2019	5,000.00
21.	NIALS Journal of Public Law	2019	25,000.00
22.	Public-Private Partnership and Infrastructure Delivery	2019	
23.	Law of International Investment	2019	5,000.00



WHO WE ARE

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies was established in 1979 as Nigeria's apex institution for research and advanced studies in law and related disciplines, with its headquarters in the Federal Capital Territory. It was a brainchild of the legal academic community. One of the main ideas in founding the Institute was to establish it as the centre for advanced legal research for all the Nigerian universities with Faculties of Law, so that all postgraduate work could be undertaken there under the joint auspices of the most experienced and learned academic lawyers available in the country, whether indigenous or foreign.

Location

The office is located within the Supreme Court Complex at the Three Arms Zone, Abuja. Other academic services take place at the Institute academic building in the University of Lagos, Akoka Campus, Yaba, Lagos.



WHAT WE DO

The statutory mandate as contained in the Institute's enabling law of 1979 emphasizes the obligation on the Institute to provide support facilities for postgraduate studies in any field of law in Nigeria, as well as conduct legal and related research to enhance national development and the application of the results of research in the country's interest. NIALS offers specialized degree awarding programmes such as Post-graduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting (PGDLD) and Master's Degree in Legislative Drafting (LLM), professional development courses as well as research support and facilitates with the highest standards in law and law-related subjects. The Institute has recently commenced a Ph.D Programme in Legislative Drafting.

Workshops / Continuing Legal Education

The Institute through its Centre for Continuing Legal Education (CCLE) organizes both general and tailor-made short courses.

Publication of Books and Journals

NIALS Current Law Review, Journal of Environmental Law, NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property, NIALS Journal of Public Law, NIALS Current Legal Problems.

Annotations

NIALS Annotation on Commercial Laws, NIALS Annotation on Evidence Act.

Digest of Cases

Digest of Electoral Cases, Digest of Cases on Administration of Criminal Justice (ACJA) 2015



LIBRARY

A mandate of fostering advanced legal research requires access to a rich collection of legal materials. The Institute's Library plays an important role in supporting advanced research and writing programmes of the staff and registered members, through its developed collections comprising of numerous legal, physical and online resources, including rare legal materials which are not available for borrowing. The use of the Library is open to all admitted members upon completion of an application forms and payment of the prescribed registration fee.

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

S/N	NAME OF PUBLIC LECTURES	YEAR INSTITUTED
1.	FOUNDERS' DAY LECTURE SERIES	1979
2.	FELLOWS' LECTURES SERIES	1979
3.	FELIX CHUKS OKOYE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES	1986
4.	TASLIM ELIAS MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES	1994
5.	CHIEF CHIKE CHIGBUE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES	2009
6.	DIASPORA LECTURE SERIES	2010
7.	JADESOLA AKANDE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES	2011
8.	INAUGURAL LECTURE SERIES	2011
9.	STATE OF THE FEDERATION LECTURE SERIES	2011
10.	STATE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION	2011
11.	AKINOLA AGUDA MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES	2012
13	MOHAMMED UWAI'S PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD LECTURE SERIES	2012



- Possess NYSC discharge or exemption certificate (for Nigerian Candidates).
- Provide an up to date CV, a 'Statement of Purpose' (one to two pages long; to include any relevant additional information regarding the application, such as reasons for wanting to do an LLM in Legislative Drafting) and a copy of their LLB Degree transcript.

Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting (PGD) (Full Time 9 Months)

Prospective students must:

- *Hold an LLB degree from a recognized university [In exceptional circumstances, any other person whose educational qualifications and cognate experience is deemed sufficient by the institute may be admitted].*
- *Possess NYSC discharge or exemption certificate (for Nigerian Candidates).*
- *1 year LLM in Comparative Regional Economic Integration Law and Practice*

Provide an up to date CV, a 'Statement of Purpose' (one to two pages long, include any relevant additional information regarding the application, such as reasons for wanting to do a PGLD) and their LLB Degree transcript.

Prospective candidates can purchase their application form from the post Graduate Office, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of Lagos Campus, Akoka, Lagos State or The Director General's Office, Supreme Court Complex, Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

For more inquiries contact: +2348023620676, +2348032367571 or spgs@nials.edu.ng



Public Lecture

The Institute engages in public lecture series such as: NIALS Founders' Day Lecture, NIALS Fellows Lecture, Taslim Elias Memorial Lecture, and Felix Okoye Memorial Lecture Akinola Aguda Memorial Lecture

Seminars/Roundtables Discussions

The Institute organizes periodic Seminars and Roundtables on contemporary issues, Prominent events in this context include: The Unserved Handicapped: Raising Respect and Awareness for the Rights of the Disabled in Nigeria; Mitigation Adaption and Climate Change: Capturing Essential Synergies for Nigeria; The Role of Forensic and Investigating Accounting: Challenges for the Banking Industry Arbitration and Mediation as an Alternative to Litigation; Imperatives and Challenges for Credible Elections; Revisiting Death Penalty in Nigeria; Defection of Political Office Holders; Fraud in Sports; Financial Inclusion; Biotechnology and Food Security in Nigeria; Stakeholders' Sensitization Workshop on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA) in Nigeria.

Commissioned Law Review

The Institute undertakes the revision of Laws of the States of the Federation

Research Projects

Actualizing the core aspects of the Institute mandate requires that it constantly engages in collaborative undertakings for funding in- depth research and interrogation of relevant areas of law. The Institute has in so many ways and in different researches collaborated with the following organizations:

- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** on development of modules on the project on Deradicalization, Counter-Terrorism, and the Protection of Victims and Witnesses for



Law Enforcement Agencies Access to Justice.

- **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** Counter Terrorism Project. The project was for Provision of Specialized Services for the Nigerian EU-UNODC Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) Partnership on Strengthening Criminal Justice Responses for Multidimensional Security (Terrorism), 2014 - June 2015.

British Council: Training Nigerian Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP) field research and developing a report titled “Dealing with the Past: Justice, Reconciliation and Healing in North East of Nigeria.

Open Air: The Open African Innovation Research Partnership

TY Danjuma Foundation

Ford Foundation

MacArthur Foundation: The project on Implementation of and Compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 in Nigeria.

Law Pavilion: The NIALS partnership with Law Pavilion Prime software provides a platform for Research Fellows to recent Judgments and keep abreast with judicial innovations in the Nigerian legal system.

FACILITIES

- Large and resourceful law library
- Post graduate school
- Lecture theater
- ICT outfit to facilitate and publish the activities of the Institute.
- The Press: A standard press for the printing of NIALS books, external Journals and books.



POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES /DURATION/ REQUIREMENTS

Doctor of Philosophy in Legislative Drafting (Ph.D) (Full Time 3 Years Requirement)

- (i) *LL.M in Legislative Drafting of Institute; or*
- (ii) *LL.M in Legislative Drafting from any other recognized University from the Commonwealth Law System or the United States of America; or*
- (iii) *LL.M from any other recognized University.*

A prospective student for the M.Phil/Ph.D degree may additionally be required to undergo a selection exercise. Where a candidate does not have a LL.M degree in Legislative drafting, the candidate shall be required to undertake such other pre-requisite or concurrent studies as may be prescribed by the Institute.

All prospective M.Phil/PhD students shall first be admitted into the M. Phil programme.

Prospective students shall be required to provide:

- *A research proposal (of not more than 2500 words including the title of the thesis, research question/thesis abstract, outline of the study, research methodology, time frame, summary and contribution to knowledge and bibliography).*
- *A 'Statement of Purpose' (one to two pages long, include any relevant additional information regarding the application, such as reasons for wanting to do a PhD).*
- *An up to date CV.*
- *A copy of their LL.M transcript.*
- *Application fee receipt.*

Masters of Law in Legislative Drafting (LL.M) (Full Time)

- Hold an LLB degree with a minimum of second class lower division from a recognized university.



2. DIRECTORATE OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND CENTRE FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LAW AND PRACTICE

The Institute plays a prominent role in continuous legal education delivery in Nigeria. The Legal profession remains a dynamic vocation, responding to the ever-changing needs of the Faculties of Law within and outside the country, remaining quite large and practically impossible for any undergraduate or post graduate student to exhaust during the period of study. The Continuing Legal Education Programme of the Institute offers the legal community with a formal opportunity to further improve themselves, especially in aspects of law they never had opportunity to be schooled in while in the university while the Consultancy Services Unit seeks to generate IGR for the Institute, the new Centre for Regional Economic Integration Law and Practice seeks to explore opportunities for research and training collaboration with ECOWAS and African Union institutions and personnel on advancing regional integration agenda in Africa.

3. THE DIRECTORATE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

The Directorate of Studies is headed by the Director of Studies (DS). Apart from coordinating the Nigerian Current Legal Problems which is a bi-annual compilation of the Staff Seminar Series, the DS oversees the activities in the Akinola Aguda Post Graduate School, as well as the Centre for Continuing Legal Education

Akinola Aguda Postgraduate School: The Akinola Aguda Postgraduate school caters for only Legislative Drafting in various field of law at the postgraduate level. In a bid to assist in narrowing the deficit in demand and supply of the nation of persons with expertise in legislative drafting, the Institute through its PG School runs a carefully structured post Graduate Diploma, Masters and PhD programmes in Legislative Drafting Programmes.



WHAT WE CAN DO

a) Review and Drafting of Federal and State Laws and policy instruments to attain the objectives of law reform and sustainable development of Nigeria.

b) Consultancy Services on Policy Oriented Empirical Studies on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) / Risk Assessment and Regional Economic Integration Law and Practice, Trade and Investment Law and Policy.

The Institute engages in analyzing/evaluating issues connected to the attainment of these related to SDG's, such as Economic Integration (Goal 8). Achieving Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (Goal 16). Quality of Education (Goal 4). Advocating and Researching on Gender Equality (Goal 5), and proffer recommendations to appropriate government institutions.

c) Training

In line with the statutory mandate of the Institute, NIALS is a unique position to offer bespoke training on any area of law. The Institute also has capacity to prepare and deploy training manuals and handbooks to ensure properly guided training and expert feedback from participants with respect to clearly outlined objectives.

d) Funded Research on Topical Issues

Legal/socio-legal research are primary areas of research which the Institute has demonstrated its capacity. The Institute also publishes for the purpose of dissemination of findings/outcomes of research conducted.



STAFF PROFILE

The Institute has a robust Staff file ranging from Professors of Law to Research Fellows and Administrative staff. The Institute has a total of Seventy Nine (79) Academic Staff specialized in different areas of law, and Two Hundred and Twenty Three (223) Administrative staff, including Bursary, Accounts and Technical Staff.

Of the Seventy Nine (79) Academic Staff of the Institute Eleven (11) are Professors of Law out of which Five are Senior Advocates of Nigeria, Three (3) Associate Professors (Readers), and Nineteen (19) PhD holders with specialization in different areas of law such as Environmental Law, Maritime Law, Arbitration, International Criminal Law, Natural Resources Law, Islamic Law, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law, Constitutional Law, Corporate Law, Investment Law, Criminal Justice, Law and Gender, Intellectual Property Law, Labour Law etc.

Presently, Twenty One (21) Research Fellows are doctoral scholars at different universities all over the world.



business world – Contracts, Companies, Partnerships, Insolvency, Labour Law, Tax Law, Shipping Law and Competition Law. As such, research and academic priorities of this Department in the Institute are integrally linked to themes revolving around mergers and acquisitions, business schemes and development, national/ international trade and dispute resolution. The Department also manages the NIALS Business Law Journal.

- c. **Private and Property Law Department:** The Department of Private and Property Law covers academic scholarship in the broad priority areas that relate to the real and personal property rights. The Department embarked on several book and research projects on behalf of the Institute in 2017 which are currently ongoing. The Department of Private and Property Law is in charge of the Journal of Intellectual Property (JIPL). JIPL is the first peer-reviewed journal in the field of intellectual property law in Nigeria. The Journal provides a platform for dissemination of knowledge.
- d. **Public Law Department:** The Department of Public Law focuses on areas of the law that traditionally fall within public law domain. This includes areas such as Criminal Law, Human Rights, Legal Interpretation, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, International Humanitarian Law and Environmental Law, The Department runs the Public Law Journal (PLJ) on behalf of the Institute. The PLJ is a broad based journal that accepts submissions of articles on any of the areas mentioned above.
- e. **International Law Department:** The main concern of the International Law Department is interrogating definitions, regulations and rights across international boundaries, irrespective of whether they are private or public oriented. The International Law Journal of the Institute is domiciled and managed by members of staff of the Department. Members of staff of this department manage the Institute International Law Journal.



Directorates: There are three directorates in the Institute- the Directorate of Research, Directorate of Postgraduate Studies and Directorate of Continuing Legal Education and Consultancy.

Academic Departments: The Institute has five academic departments.

1. THE DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH

The Directorate of Research, is headed by the Director of Research. The DR is appointed by the Director –General from among senior Academic staff for a period of two years.

The DR provides general guidance on supervision for individual, group or commissioned research projects generally or under any of the Institute's fourteen 14 research centres of excellence. All the legal academic departments, including the case law/ litigation centre are supervised by the Director of Research.

The Directorate of Research is also the Editor of the Current Law Review and all journals of NIALS that consider contemporary legal issues in Nigeria.

The following are Departments under the Directorate of Research :

a. Department of African and Comparative Law: The Department of African and Comparative Law mainly focuses on in-depth study of laws across the African continent and its comparability with laws outside the continent on fundamental and emerging global issues. Aside from individual and group research, the Department is also responsible for the Institute’s Journal of African and Comparative Law. (JACL) JACL seeks to present information on pressing issues pertaining to international and comparative law. It also includes articles on public and private International Law with some focus on Pan-African issues. Papers submitted for publication in this journal undergo a process of double-blinded peer-review.

b. Commercial Law Department: Commercial law forms the legal framework against which business decisions are made both in public and private sector. It regulates and develops the



S/N	Names	Office	Specialization	Remarks
1	Prof. Ladan Muhammed Tawfiq	Director General	Public International Law, Human Rights, Comparative Regional Integration Law Gender, Humanitarian, Environment, Energy, Natural Resources and Security Laws in Africa	Appointed by the Federal Government as the current DG
2	Prof. Guobadia Ameze Desiree	Professor of Law	Constitutional Law/Corporate Law Legislative Drafting	
3	Prof. Adekunle Adedeji Olusegun SAN	Professor of Law	International Criminal Law/Criminal Justice and Legislative Drafting	Leave of Absence
4	Prof. Owasanoye Bolaji Olufunmileyi	Professor of Law	Public Law, Commercial Law, Criminal Law and Legislative Drafting	Leave of Absence
5	Prof Omorogbe Oluyinka Osayame	Professor of Law	Energy Economic Law, Natural Resource Law and International Law	Leave of Absence
6	Prof. Akper Peter Terkaa, SAN, OFR	Professor of Law	International Economic Law, Mining Law, Policy Environmental Infrastructure Law and International Criminal Law	
7	Prof. Awah Animi E. (Mrs.)	Professor of Law	Commercial Law and Legislative Drafting	
8	Prof. Fagbohun Adigun Olanrewaju, SAN.	Professor of Law	Environmental Law/Natural Resources/ Climate Change Law	Leave of Absence
9	Prof. Adewopo Adebambo Anthony, SAN	Professor of Law	Intellectual Property Law	
10	Prof. Alemika Emily Ifejola	Professor of Law	Human Rights and Criminal Justice, Criminology, Research Methodology and Law Librarianship	
11	Prof. Idornigie Paul O. SAN CARB. (UK)	Professor of Law	Arbitration, Commercial Law and Business Law	
12	Assoc. Prof (Mrs.) Udombana Ngozi Justina	Reader	Legislative Drafting and Human Rights Law	
13	Assoc. Prof. Okon Emmanuel Edem	Reader	Environmental Law and International Law	
14	Assoc. Prof. Nlerum Francisca Ekwutosi (Mrs.)	Reader	Commercial Law	



MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE

The Governing Council

The Institute has a Governing Council known as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Council.

There are 18 Council Members as appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It consists of the Chairman who is usually the Chief Justice of Nigeria, a representative of the Federal Ministry of Justice; a representative of the Federal Ministry charged with responsibility for higher education; six Deans or heads of faculties, or other formations of Nigerian universities offering degree courses in law at not less than graduate level; 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 two shall be women to be appointed by the President; and the Director-General of the Institute.

Current Governing Council (2019)

S/No.	NAME	POSITION
1.	Hon. Justice Ibrahim T. Mohammed, CFR, FNIALS	Chairman
2.	Chief Adegboyega Awomolo, SAN, FNIALS	Member
3.	Mrs. Ibirobo Tamuno-Adekola	Member
4.	Prof. Abubakar Ridwanu Matazu	Member
5.	I.K. Sanusi, SAN	Member
6.	Mr. Bernard Hon, SAN	Member
7.	Mr. Haruna Alabi Isa	Member
8.	Mrs. Ajibade Oluwagbemisola	Member
9.	Dean of Law, University of Lagos, Lagos	Member
10.	Dean of Law, University of Nigeria, Nsukka	Member
11.	Dean of Law, Rivers State University of Science & Tech.	Member
12.	Dean of Law, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	Member
13.	Dean of Law, University of Jos, Jos	Member
14.	Dean of Law, University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	Member
15.	Member of the Judiciary nominated by the CJN	Member
16.	Director General , Nigerian Law School	Member
17.	Representative of the Nigerian Bar Association	Member
18.	Director General of NIALS	Member



The Director General

The Director General is appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and is the Chief Executive of the Institute. He is responsible for the execution of the policies and decisions of the Governing Council and the day-to-day running administration of the Institute.

DEPARTMENTS OF THE INSTITUTE

ACADEMIC DIRECTORATES DEPARTMENT/UNITS	NON-ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT/UNITS
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