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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!

CLIMATE CHANGE BILL

The Climate Change legal working group held a validation workshop from 10th to 11th June, 2021 at Rock View Hotels, Abuja to develop an appropriate legal framework to address the lapses in the Climate Change Bill. Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is currently serving as the National Advisory team on Climate Law to the Federal Ministry of Environment Department of Climate Change.

The workshop sought to reconcile the contentious issues in the Bill, so that it gets an ascent of President Muhammadu Buhari, after he had previously rejected the bill in 2019.

Nigeria had ratified the Paris agreement in 2017, but still lacks the legal framework and regulatory provisions to back its climate change ambitions before 2030. Advocates and climate change experts want these narrative commuted by ensuring that the country has a Climate Change Bill that will serve as a legal instrument to drive Nigeria's Climate change policies. The objective of the meeting was to present and finalize documents on the Climate Change Bill to the Ministry of Environment through its department of Climate Change ahead of the conference of parties in November, 2020.

So far, the Climate Change Bill has passed second (2nd) reading on the floor of the House of Representative, after it was initially rejected by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2019.

The Bill is supposed to guide the process towards achieving zero emissions in Nigeria. Nigeria has pledged to cut down on carbon emission, conditionally by forty five percent (45%) by the year 2030.



Dr irekpitan Okukpon (4th from right), Dr Nkiruka Maduekwe (2nd from right) and Mrs Izuoma Egerouh Adindu (2nd from left)

NIALS AT PROPOSED NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARD AND REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT, 2015

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies representatives (Professor Peter Akper, SAN, Associate Professor Ifeakandu Ibeh Okegbe, Dr Ardzard Habila Saleh and Mrs Lilian Uche) at the National Stakeholders Consultative meeting on the proposed National Minimum Standard and Review of Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 organized by the Centre for Socio-legal Studies, Abuja on Tuesday, 29th June, 2021.



Associate Professor Ifeakandu Ibeh Okegbe, Mrs Lilian Uche) and Dr Ardzard Habila Saleh

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION TRIBUNAL TRAINING

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies commenced a fully sponsored specialized Training of Thirty Eight (38) Legal Officers of the Securities and Exchange Commission Tribunal on Capital Market Law, Practices and Procedure in Lagos State. The training which was in two (2) batches kicked off from Tuesday, June 28th to Friday, July 2nd, 2021.



TOWARD A SEARCH FOR A FISCALLY AUTONOMOUS JUDICIARY IN NIGERIA

Financial Autonomy for the Judiciary has been at center stage for a while now, and issues bordering on implementation and challenges at all levels influenced the discussions at the Founders Day Policy & Law Lecture Webinar Series of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. The lecture was held virtually on Tuesday, July 6th 2021 with a theme: *"Toward a Search for a Fiscally Autonomous Judiciary in Nigeria"* and was delivered by Distinguished Professor Taiwo Osipitan SAN from Faculty of Law, University of Lagos.

It is believed that everyone who approaches the judiciary will get justice, as it is considered to be the hope of the common man. To ensure that justice is not delayed, this arm of government has been pushing for financial autonomy. Though President Muhammadu Buhari has provided a lee way to ensure compliance, but the desired result is yet to be attained. The breathe for a fiscal autonomy was the rationale for this discussion.

The lead Speaker, Distinguished Professor Taiwo Osipitan, highlighted the Mode of Appointment of Judicial Officers, Security of Tenure of Office of Judicial Officers, Financial Autonomies of Judiciary and Judicial Officers: (a) Institutional Independence/Fiscal Autonomy (Judiciary), and (b) Individual Fiscal Autonomy (Judges) as Indicators of Judicial Independence.



He listed some benefits of separation of powers to include; an insurance cover on good governance (Anti-totalitarian government), Promoting of efficiency in government, prevention of abuse of powers and friction among arms of government, as well as a Re-assurance that judicial powers will be exercised by Judicial Officers without fear, favour and sentiments.

In his submission, Professor Osipitan, opined that the provision of Section 84(3) of the Constitution

should be amended in a manner it would be impossible for allowances of judicial officers to be altered to their detriment. An immediate upward review of pay packages of Judicial Officers which has remained frozen since the last review in 2008, and also a periodic review of pay packages of Judicial Officers in order to ensure non-diminution of real value of their take home pay as some of his suggested reforms.

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan in his remark maintained that there is no reason why State governors cannot amend existing laws to re-classify Magistrates and other lower court judiciary Officers as Judiciary officers, away from being typical Civil Servants.

In his conclusion, Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan appreciated participants for attending the Webinar and assured recommendations will be sent to appropriate policy and decision makers on this particular issue, particularly the National Judicial Council, Nigerian Bar Association, Office of the Attorney General of the Federation and the Accountant General's office, etc.

NIALS Partnership

Nigeria Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on Wednesday, 7th July, 2021 entered into partnership with Law Pavilion (the Leading Legal Technology Solutions Provider in Africa). The aim of the partnership is to publish the Institute's books and journals in E-Format and to collaborate on a study project mooted by the Director General on: *The Jurisprudence of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal (2001- 2021) in Series/ Volumes and later of the Federal High Court.* This agreement was reached during a courtesy visit by the Managing Director of Law Pavilion, Mr. Ope Olugasa to the Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan.

In furtherance to above agreement, the Managing Director of Law Pavilion, Mr. Ope Olugasa on Monday, 26th July, 2021 officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute for the commencement of the E- Publishing of NIALS publication. It is hoped that the E-publishing will bring about a wider reach and access to an expanded global target audience and of course, for a diversified Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) drive in a COVID-19 Economic recovery period.





Dr. Osato, Prof. Ladan, Mr. Ope Olugasa Dr. Nkiruka and Law Pavilion Staff

NATIONAL GENDER POLICY ON AGRICULTURE

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan attended a roundtable workshop on the *"Roles, Responsibilities and Timelines of Stakeholders in the Implementation of the National Gender Policy on Agriculture"* organized by the Honorable Minister, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Alhaji Sabo Nanono. The event held on Wednesday, 7th July, 2021 at Grace Point Hotel, Wuse Zone 6, Abuja. It had many participants in attendance, especially from the Agricultural sector.









NIALS STAFF TRAINING

In his quest to enhance staff productivity and efficiency, The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan approved second (2nd) batch In-House-Training for officers below CONTISS 12 for staff members of Administration in Abuja Office. The training was held at the NIALS Seminar Room, Supreme Court Complex, Abuja between Wednesday, 7th and Thursday, 8th July, 2021.







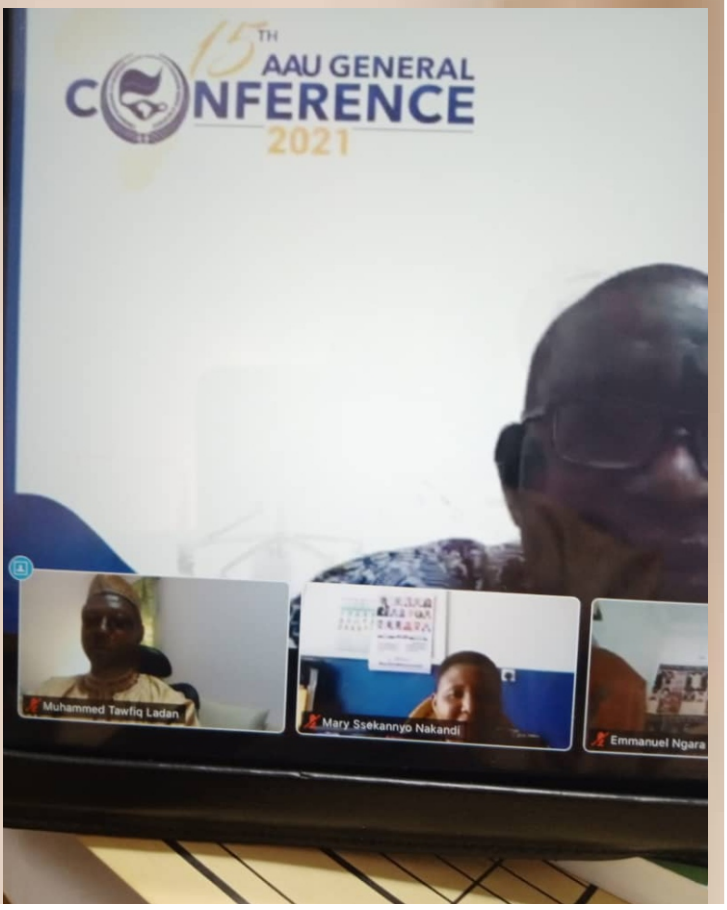
ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan, attended the 15th Annual General Conference of the Association of African Universities (AAU) from Monday, July 5th to Thursday, July 8th 2021. The event was held virtually.

AAU is an international non-profit higher education organization dedicated to enhancing the quality and relevance of higher education in Africa, and currently has a membership of about Four Hundred (400) Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Forty Six (46) African countries.

The AAU is one of Africa's oldest higher education organizations', and was established on 12th November, 1967 with the cardinal functions of coordinating and networking HEIs at the continental level, and provides leadership in developing and promoting a common vision for African higher education.





AFRICA-CHINA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION AND SDG 16 ON PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

The maintenance of global peace and security is a cross cutting issue that is critical to achieving all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Several United Nation offices are involved in the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security including: the Security Council, General Assembly, Secretary- General, Departments of Peacekeeping Operations, Field Support Office. Universities and institutions of higher learning are also important actors because they educate future leaders and peacemakers, who will shape the course of peace building in the world.

Technological innovation and Africa-China collaboration and SDG 16 was the rationale for a round table meeting organized by The Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) on Thursday, 15th July, 2021 at the Director General's Conference Room, IPCR office, Abuja, with a theme: *Africa-China Science and Technology Cooperation and SDG 16 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions*





The Director General of the institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Dr. Bakut T. Bakut in his welcome remark saluted all participants and highlighted the impact of the cooperation between the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) and Africa, most particularly Nigeria in the area of Science and Technology. He gave spotlights on the achievement of the Institute in the area of cooperation with the Chinese government. He hopes this cooperation continues.

The lead speaker, Professor Emily Alemika, a Research Professor of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) highlighted the role of Science and Technology in digital crime prevention and access to Justice in Nigeria, and reiterated the fact that Science and Technology (S&T) is germane to Sustainable Development (SD) and security in any given society. She reiterated that lack of capacity building on the side of Africa, has made it difficult for most developing nations such as Nigeria thereby relying more on developed countries like China to acquire the requisite skills in Science and Technology that will promote sustainable development in African countries. Professor Alemika further stated that the China–Africa Cooperation on Science and Technology is a veritable tool for development and should be taken seriously. The paper highlighted how Science and Technology have enhanced crime prevention especially with the aid of Artificial Intelligence and the use of CCTV.

The paper presentation focused on Forum on China-Africa Cooperation FOCAC (2000); China-Africa Science and Technology Partnership Program (CASTEP.2009) and Beijing Action Plan (BAP. 2019-2021). Under these programs, the Chinese Government is also expected to step up support for African countries and help them set up intermediary institutions (Technology Transfer Offices (TTO)) linking research and production while Nigeria should provide an enabling environment for Science and Technology to thrive.

The roundtable was attended by the representative of the Chinese government, members of ICPR, Awele Ikobi-Anyali, a Research Fellow of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) who accompanied Professor Emily Alemika, Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC), National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and other stakeholders.

NASU - NIALS Congress

Non Academic Staff Union (NASU) of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies held its Congress on Monday, 26th July, 2021 at the Seminar Room of the Institute, Abuja. The Congress had in attendance a large number of Abuja staff and NASU Executives. The NASU Chairman, Mr Opeoluwa Owasanoye assured staff members that deliberations and resolutions of the Congress will be channeled to the Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan.







NASU-NIALS VISITS DG

NASU-NIALS Exco met with the Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan on 27th July, 2021 at his Abuja office. In attendance were the NASU Chairman Mr Opeoluwa Owasanoye, Secretary and other Exco members.

THE MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) VIRTUAL CONFERENCE HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM FROM 28th TO 30th JUNE, 2021

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) represent Eighty Four (84)percent of Nigeria's workforce. The MSMEs promote balanced private sector led growth as well as promote Internally Generated Revenue in Nigeria. The MSMEs are considered to be the backbone of most developed economies hence, the need for government to encourage growth of the sector. The theme of this year's conference was '*The Role of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Business Membership Organisations (BMOs) in Enhancing the Capacity and Sustainability of the MSMEs Sector in Nigeria.'* The objective of the conference was to provide a private sector led platform that will stimulate stakeholder's discussions on how NGOs and BMOs can contribute to the growth and sustainability of MSMEs sector in Nigeria, and to examine available Federal Government led interventions for the growth and development of MSMEs COVID -19 and beyond.

There were individual presentations, panel discussions as well as question and answer sessions which were centred around the following topics: MSMEs Ecosystem in Nigeria- Facts, Figures and Realities, The Role of BMOs on Advocating for MSMEs Development in Nigeria –Lessons from NASME; The Role of NGOS in Enhancing the Capacity and Sustainability of the MSMEs Sector in Nigeria; Strategic Alliance and Sustainable Development of MSMEs in Nigeria; NGOs Best Practices –Voices from North America, and Entrepreneur Field Experience- Challenges and Opportunities. The presenters and panelist were drawn from successful Entrepreneurs, Agripreneurs, Financial Sector, Management Consultants and Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME).

Resolutions adopted at the end of the conference includes; the need for capacity building programmes and consultancy services for MSMES , Tax holiday and tax incentives for start-up businesses should be prioritised, the need to put an end to multiple taxation, the need for infrastructural development, financial and marketing support for MSMEs , the need to provide innovative marketing strategies for MSMEs in Nigeria to enable them compete in the global market, the need to promote linkage between MSMEs Universities and Research and Development Institutions, the need for government interventions for start-up businesses COVID-19 and beyond, the need to encourage corporation and networking between MSMEs, the need for government to open up export opportunities for Micro enterprises in Nigeria.

The MSME's virtual conference came to a close on Wednesday 30th June, 2021 with

Twenty-three (23) NIALS staff drawn virtually from every Department and Unit in attendance.

List of NIALS Staff Nominated by the Director General to attend the MSME 2021 Virtual Conference

1. Danjuma Tangni (Director Council Affairs Abuja)
2. Nancy Senapon Jerry- Imahiagbe (Mrs) (Director General Administration Lagos)
3. Rahmatu Bello (Chief Internal Auditor Abuja)
4. Gumsu Tijjani (Pension) Abuja
5. Abdullahi Habiba Trisha (Press) Abuja
6. Dr. Nkiruka Maduekwe (SA)
7. Ijeoma J. Agwu (Information & Publicity)
8. Imbor Edward Gbamwuan (GS-Transport & Security) Lagos
9. Mrs Torchi Priscillia Chika-Nwachukwu (Bursary) Abuja
10. Mohammed Auwal I. (Bursary) Abuja
11. Lovette Udeh (Council Affairs Abuja)
12. Dr fransica Nlerum E. (HOD Commercial Law, NIALS)
13. Regina Macaulay (Marketing) Abuja
14. Mrs Ufon Obot (Bursary) Abuja
15. Mrs Izuoma Egeruoh-Adindu (SRF) Abuja
16. Fedilis Ibhagbosoria (Protocol) Lagos
17. Comfort Umah (Registry) Abuja
18. Benjamin Popoola (RF)
19. Awele Ikobi Anyali (RF) Abuja
20. Blessing Osogbue (Bursary) Abuja
21. Bilkisu Mani M. (Admin) Abuja
22. Haija Goniri Bulama (Admin) Abuja
23. Mr Ukpi Itiza (Admin) Abuja

FELICITATION

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan on behalf of Governing Council congratulates Mr. Dayo Apata, SAN, Solicitor-General of the Federation and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice on his retirement from service on 25th July, 2021.

ANTI- CORRUPTION ACADEMY OF NIGERIA (ACAN) WORKSHOP

In his quest to meet the yearnings of staff Welfare, Development and Advancement, the Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Twafiq Ladan Ph.D graciously nominated, approved and fully sponsored some staff to a three (3) days' workshop at Anti- Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN) Keffi, Nassarawa State titled *Achieving Zero Tolerance For Fraud and Corruption in MDA's through Forensic Accounting and Auditing* from Wednesday, 14th July to Friday, 16th July, 2021.





Mrs. Temeten and Mr Tony Asiodu

CHILD JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION IN NIGERIA

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan in an interview on Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), addressed the needs of vulnerable children in the context of Access to Justice and Human Rights in Nigeria on Monday, 9th August, 2021.

The Director General said that the impression that successive government has not done enough to Juvenile Justice in Nigeria should be corrected, as the Federal Government in 2003 had enacted a Child Rights Act, a comprehensive legislation to protect the children. This law was supplemented by National Child Policy 2007.

Again, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan mentioned that Section 46 (4) of 1999 Nigerian Constitution put the obligation on the National Assembly to trigger the clause of providing fund where all vulnerable and indigenous citizens, including children seeking Justice to have access to financial assistance and legal aid so they can access Justice in Nigeria.

NIALS Director General

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan delivered a lecture on Thursday, 19th August 2021 for the University Of Ghana School Of Law, Ph.D Programme: 2020/21 Academic year on the topic *The Regional Legal Framework for Trade in Goods, Services and Investment in Africa* via zoom platform.





NIALS PARTNERSHIP

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan delivered a remark on Thursday, 5th August 2021 at the inauguration of the partner Institutions; Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), NPG, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), LAC, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Forum on Children Access to Justice funded by EU-UNICEF in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Justice (FMOJ).



Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies nominee on the forum is Prof Emily Alemika.

29th COREN ASSEMBLY

Engr. Jauda Yusuf S A to the Director General on ICT and Documentation participated at the 29th Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria. (COREN) Assembly held from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th August, 2021 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja with the theme: *Advancing the Frontiers of Engineering Practices and Entrenching Professionalism for National Development.*



HUMAN RESOURCE FORUM

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Twafiq Ladan PhD on Monday, 23rd August, 2021 approved the following staff of both Abuja and Lagos offices to attend the 13th Special Human Resource Forum with the theme: *Managing People and Resource in a Disrupted Economy .*

The underlisted Staff of the Institute attended the training:

1. Hajara B. Goniri
2. Lukman Olomada
3. Regina Macauly
4. Belau Abdulkarim
5. Agwu Ijeoma Joyce
6. Mrs Sobanjo Bukola
7. Ebone Janet Onos
8. Bukola Azeezat Falana
9. Cynthia Onyia

Budget Training



The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Twafiq Ladan PhD nominated some staff of the Institute to participate at the 2022 Budget preparation training, held at the Public Service Institute of Nigeria, Abuja, from Thursday 26th – Saturday, 28th August, 2021.

Standing from behind: Yau Moses, Ahmed Haruna, Drisu Stephen, Mrs Ufon Obot, Michael Ugo and Abraham Agbaragba

NIALS 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET



The 2021 Capital Budget/ Open Bid and Evaluation exercise was held at Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Abuja office on Monday 30th August, 2021. Present at the event were external observers from Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), as well as Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies staff on procurement committee.

2021 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE DISAPPEARED

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in collaboration with CLEEN Foundation organized a public lecture to commemorate the International Day of the Disappeared 2021 on Monday 30th August, 2021 at Bukhari Bello Auditorium, National Human Rights Commission



headquarters, Abuja.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission, Tony Ojukwu, Esq in his welcome statement and Lunch of pilot project in Borno State welcomed the Special Guest of Honor and other participants to the event. He said that the United Nations has set aside this day to honor the disappeared, as it gives us an opportunity to acknowledge the number of persons who go missing around the world. He further stated that the Commission has since 2016 worked towards ensuring that the register of missing persons is opened, and also formally inaugurate the pilot project in Maiduguri, Borno state which seeks to raise awareness of the missing in

Nigeria and the plights of their families, to ensure that authorities acknowledge the missing and the rights of their families, and to advocate, clarify the whereabouts of missing persons.

In his opening remarks, the out-going Executive Director of CLEEN Foundation, Dr. Benson Olugbuo, said that Nigeria has the highest record of missing persons in Africa, with over Twenty-three thousand (23,000) persons missing as reported by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The Honorable Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Dame Pauline Tallen OFR, who was the Special Guest of Honor, in her remark appealed to all Nigerians to show love and concern to each other, while sharing in the trauma of families affected.

Goodwill Messages

Ambassador Bolaji Akimremi, who represented the Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs, commended the United Nations for dedicating every 30th day of August as the National Day for the Disappeared, and also NHRC for starting a pilot project in Borno state.

Professor Kamari Clarke from University of Toronto, who joined via zoom platform, said a day like this is when we should stand in solidarity with the disappeared across the globe.

The Chief of Defense Staff, General Lucky Irabor who was represented by Rtd Commodore Oluwole Akinsanya said that it is essential for a proper assessment to be carried out on how far we have gone, challenges identified, as well as proffering pragmatic solutions on this important initiative.

The Inspector General of Nigerian Police, Usman Alkai Baba, represented by Josephine Nna, Commissioner of Police, Anti Human and Child Trafficking Unit, FCID, Abuja voiced that the program is timely considering the challenges of this kind, and enjoined all stakeholders to ensure that the Disappeared families gets justice .

The Director General of Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Dr. Bakut T. Bakut represented by the Director of Administration, Dr. Emmanuel Mamman in his goodwill message said that everything must be done by all persons to promote peace and security, and eschew violent conflicts.

Testimonies were taken from some families of the missing, and thereafter prayers (both from Christian and Muslim) for missing families.

Air Commodore Darlington Abdullahi (Rtd), in his lecture titled: *Commemorating their Lives: Taking Stock and Charting New Directions in the Search for the Missing* highlighted road accidents, cultism, ritual killings, kidnapping and the one chance syndrome, abduction of travelers along roads/highways, political rivalries, inadequate political will to deal with the abduction as causes of disappearances. He suggested several measures to prevent these to include; providing opportunity for people to report missing persons/abductions, developing and

publicizing a database of missing persons with periodical reviews, enhancing the operations of the Police and other agencies in rescuing victims of abduction through the use of technology, surveillance and tracking systems, punishing adequately any person or group of persons found to be involve in abductions, putting measures in place to adequately compensate victims of forced abductions, providing legal aids to persons who may not be financially endowed to seek redress for enforced abductions, conducting security sector reform, especially the police reform with a view to building capacity to effectively conduct internal security operations among others .

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies was represented at the event by Bar. Ijeoma Agwu.

NIALS PARTNERSHIP

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan on Wednesday, 1st September, 2021 signed a Memorandum of understanding with the principal partner of the Compass Chambers at his Abuja office on Capacity Building of Justice Sector actors including Continuing Legal Education/ Specialized training programmes.



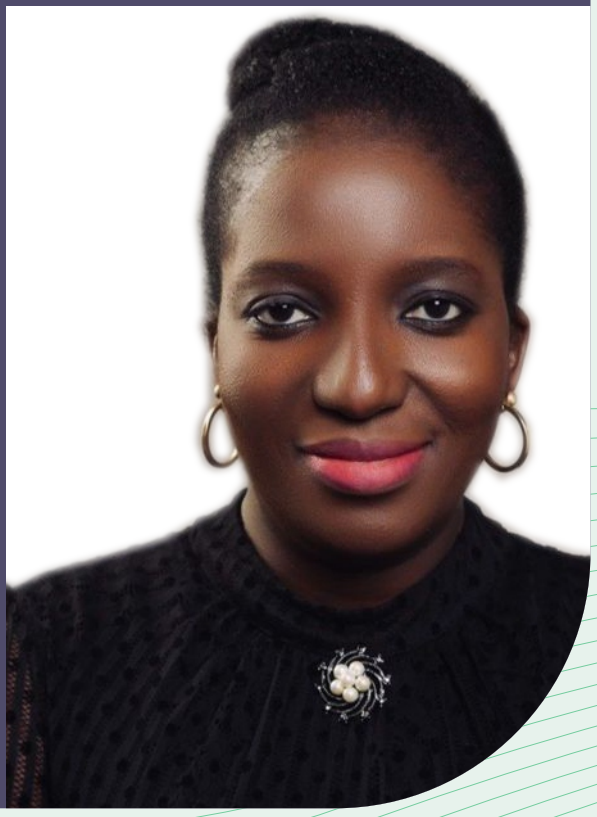


NIALS Promotion

Dr. Peter Anyebe was promoted and confirmed as an Associate Professor of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on Friday, 3rd September, 2021. This is indeed a value addition to the Institute's professorial cadre profile. Congratulations!!!

Appointment

President Muhammadu Buhari on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 approved the appointment of Fatima Waziri PhD as the Director General of National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). Waziri is a former Head of Department of Public Law at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. She is a Women's Right advocate, a campaigner against domestic and sexual violence and an expert in Rule of Law.



Health Sensitization

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies held Health sensitization programme for Lagos staff on General Health care management on Thursday, 16th September, 2021 at Professor Ayo Ajomo Auditorium, Lagos.







ECOWAS CONVENTION

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan attended validation workshop on Harmonized Guidelines on The ECOWAS Convention on SALW and "Harmonization of Arms and Weapons Treaties for Implementation in ECOWAS. The Convention was held at Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire from Wednesday, 15th to Friday, September 17, 2021.





IPPIS IN-HOUISE

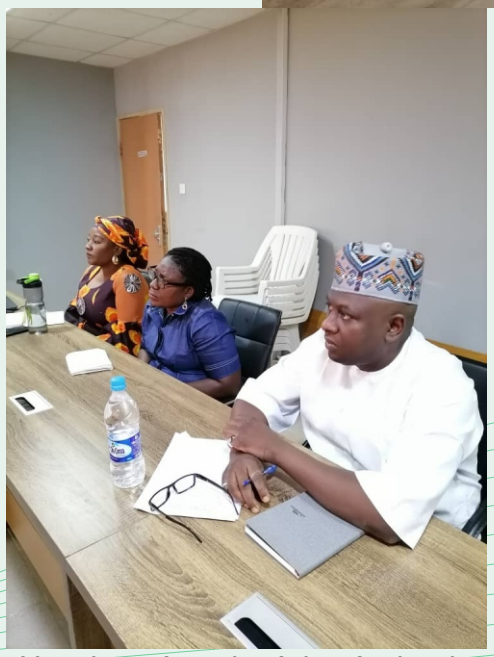
TRAINING

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies organized two (2) days In-House training for Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) officers from Friday 17th September, 2021 to Monday 20th September, 2021 for Abuja staff with representatives from the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation at the Seminar Room, Abuja.

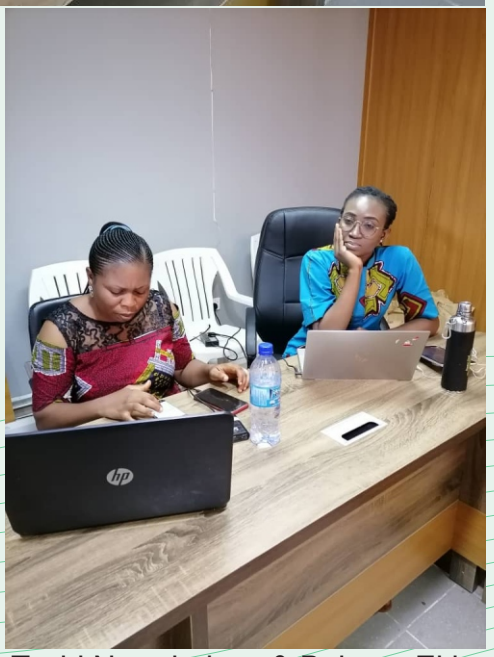




Ramatu Bello & Ene-Itodo Paul



Hussiana Amode, Ariyo Anthonia & Mohammed Auwal



Tochi Nwachukwu & Belema Ekine

NIALS CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Directorate of Research and its five (5) Departments held a one (1) day interactive engagement with professors/ mentors on career development, etc on Tuesday, 31st August, 2021 at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Seminar Room, Abuja.

Also, in a similar development, an Interactive/ Sensitization engagement was equally organized for the Academic Department on Thursday, 2nd September, 2021 at Ayo Ajomo Hall of the Institute in Lagos.



Prof. Peter Akper, Prof. Ameze Guobadia & other Research Fellows



Cross Section of NIALS Research Fellows

NIALS 2021 PROMOTION EXERCISE

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan on Thursday 9th September, 2021 approved the proposed Academic and Non-Academic staff eligible for 2021 promotion exercise.



WORKSHOP ON WORKFORCE PLANNING

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan nominated Hajara Goniri and Mrs Comfort Umah to attend the 2021 workshop on Workforce Planning and Budgeting titled: *Workforce Planning and Budgeting in a Resource Constrained Environment* on Tuesday 14th September, 2021 which was held at Keffi, Nasarrawa State.

NIALS APPOINTMENT

The Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed T. Ladan approved the appointment of Research Fellow, Benjamin Popoola as the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Continuing Legal Education and Consultancy Services (CLEC) Assistant Coordinator on Monday, 27th September, 2021 due to his proven excellent effort in mobilizing participants for CLEC's 2021 courses.



IPPIS PAYROLL TRAINING

In his quest to meet the yearnings of staff welfare, development and advancement, the Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Professor Muhammed Twafiq Ladan PhD approved and fully sponsored some staff of the institute to the Nationwide IPPIS Payroll Training for IPPIS Role Players at Honourable Justice Legbo Kutigi International Conference Center, Minna, Niger State from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th September, 2021.

Tochi Nwachukwu, Mohammed Auwal & Ene-Itodo Paul

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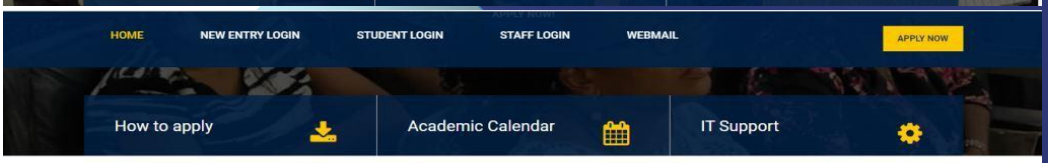
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Abuja and Lagos Delegates participated in the 2021 Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered) Annual National Management Conference (ANMC) from 26th to 28th September, 2021 with the theme: *Managing the Impact of Global Recession* at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.



Cross section of participants from left to right

Fidelis Ibhagbosoria, Naomi Echor, Edward Imbor, Agwu Ijeoma Joyce, Ukpi Itiza, Enuka Elizabeth & Godwin Atsu





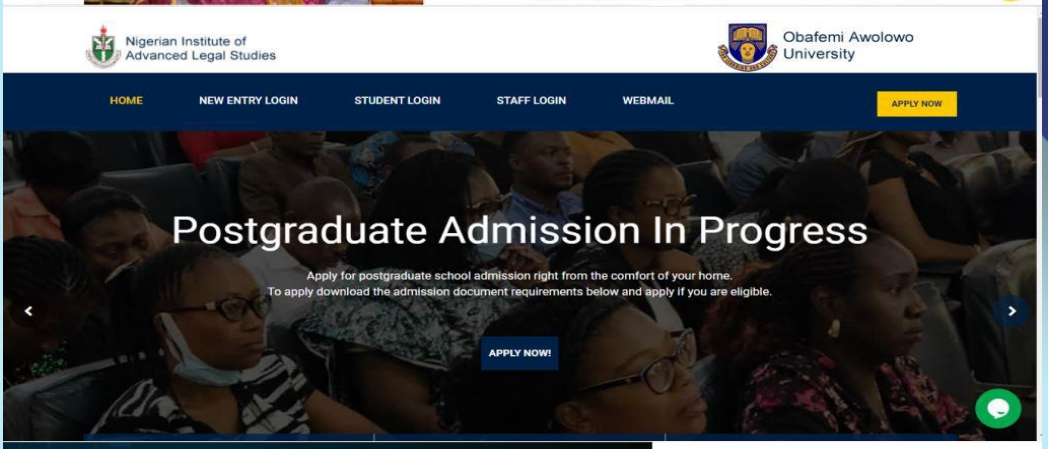


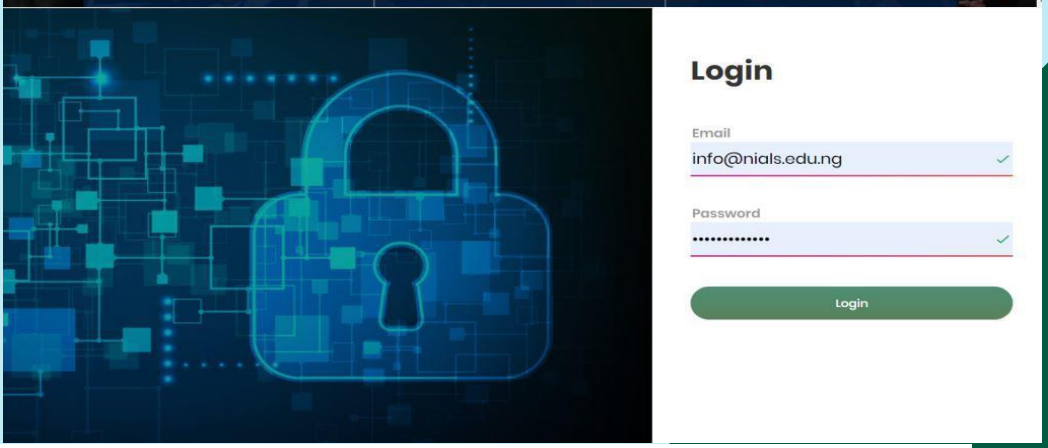
Director General/CEO Welcome Message

Greetings from the office of the Director General/CEO Prof.Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan.

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One of the main ideas in founding the Institute was to establish it as the center 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.





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