

NIGERIA NATURAL MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
(ESTABLISHMENT), BILL 2017  
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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**A BILL**

[EXECUTIVE]

**FOR**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA NATURAL MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS**

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIA NATURAL MEDICINE  
2 DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, ETC.

3 1.-(1) There is established an Agency to be known as Nigeria  
4 Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA) (in this Act referred to  
5 as "the Agency").

Establishment of the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency

6 (2) The Agency:

7 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and  
8 common seal;

9 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name; and

10 (c) may acquire hold and dispose of property whether moveable or  
11 immovable.

12 2.-(1) There is established for the Agency, a board (in this Act  
13 referred to as "the Board").

Establishment and membership of the Board of the Agency

14 (2) The Board shall comprise of:

15 (a) a Chairman, who shall be a professional with requisite  
16 qualification and experience in Physical and Life Sciences or  
17 Pharmaceutical Sciences or Science, Technology and Innovation  
18 Management;

19 (b) the Minister charged with the responsibility of Science and  
20 Technology or his representative;

21 (c) the Minister charged with the responsibility of Health or his  
22 representative;

1 (d) the Minister charged with the responsibility of Agriculture and  
2 Rural Development or his representative;

3 (e) the Minister charged with the responsibility of Environment or his  
4 representative;

5 (f) the Minister charged with the responsibility of Trade & Investment  
6 or his representative;

7 (g) the Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Group of  
8 Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (PMG-MAN) or his representative;

9 (h) the President and one other member of the National Association of  
10 Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP); and

11 (i) the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, who  
12 shall serve as Secretary to the Board.

13 (2) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by the  
14 President on the recommendation of the Minister.

15 (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act  
16 shall have effect with respect to proceedings of the Board and other matters  
17 contained therein.

18 [Schedule]

Tenure of office  
of members of  
the Board

19 3. The Chairman and other members of the Board shall hold office for  
20 a period of 4 years and may be re-appointed for a further period of 4 years and no  
21 more, on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their respective  
22 letters of appointment.

Removal,  
resignation or  
Cessation of  
membership of  
the Board

23 4.-(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, any  
24 member of the Board shall cease to hold office as a member, where the  
25 member:

26 (a) resigns his appointment as a member of the Board;

27 (b) by notice under his hand addressed to the President of the Federal  
28 Republic of Nigeria;

29 (c) becomes of unsound mind;

30 (d) becomes bankrupt;

1 (e) is convicted of a felony or any other offence involving  
2 dishonesty or corruption;

3 (f) becomes incapable of carrying on the functions of his office due  
4 to an infirmity of mind or body;

5 (g) is certified by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
6 that it is not in the best interest of the Agency or of the public for such  
7 member to continue in office;

8 (h) has been found guilty under the Code of Conduct or for any  
9 serious misconduct in relation to his duties;

10 (i) in the case of a person who becomes a member by virtue of the  
11 office he occupies, ceases to hold such office; or

12 (j) in the case of a person who possesses professional qualification,  
13 is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the  
14 world, by an order of a competent authority or court.

15 (2) Where any member of the Board ceases to hold office for any  
16 reason whatsoever, before the expiration of his tenure, another person  
17 representing the same interest he represents shall, be appointed to the Board  
18 for the unexpired tenure.

19 5. The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be paid  
20 such allowances and expenses in accordance with such rates as may be  
21 approved by the Federal Government of Nigeria, from time to time.

Remuneration of  
members of the  
governing board  
of the Agency

22 PART II - FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD AND THE AGENCY

23 6. The Agency shall:

Functions of the  
Agency

24 (a) conduct ethno-medicinal and veterinary survey, with a view to  
25 developing a comprehensive inventory of medicinal, aromatic and  
26 pesticidal plants (MAPPs), animal and animal parts, minerals and other bio-  
27 diversities used in natural medicine in Nigeria;

28 (b) promote active cultivation of medicinal, aromatic, pesticidal  
29 plants and other raw materials through the development of appropriate  
30 species identification, good agricultural and collection practices and

1 technologies for adoption by farmers;

2 (c) cultivate and grow medicinal, aromatic and pesticidal plants,  
3 ensure proper identification of active substances used in natural medicine  
4 practice and the translation of relevant information into Nigerian languages;

5 (d) establish model experimental farms and activity centres in each of  
6 the six geo-political zones of Nigeria;

7 (e) establish and maintain a virtual and digital library, national  
8 databank, information reference centre on Nigeria's indigenous traditional  
9 health systems, medication and non-medication healing arts, science and  
10 technologies;

11 (f) research, collate, document and disseminate all published and  
12 unpublished research works and findings on all aspects of traditional medicine,  
13 products and practices including medicinal, aromatic and pesticidal plants,  
14 indigenous health sciences and technology;

15 (g) publish and maintain a directory of Nigerian Traditional Medicine  
16 Practitioners for collaborative research and development purposes;

17 (h) facilitate and promote the conduct of safety assessment,  
18 observational studies and clinical trials of Nigeria's traditional therapies;

19 (i) stimulate, support, and facilitate, the development of policies and  
20 legal instruments for the protection and preservation of the nation's intellectual  
21 property rights on traditional medicine knowledge and biodiversity;

22 (j) facilitate and support the development of appropriate benefits  
23 sharing regimes and awareness about issues of intellectual property rights with  
24 regards to traditional medicine knowledge, biodiversity and to prevent bio  
25 piracy;

26 (k) educate practitioners of traditional medicine on the need to  
27 improve their products development, practicing skills and encouraging the  
28 documentation of their traditional medicine knowledge through sensitisation  
29 and interactive workshops and trainings;

30 (l) clarify and increase public awareness and interest in the

1 development, promotion and rational utilization of appropriate natural  
2 medicines, products and services;

3 (m) collaborate with stakeholders to explore and promote the  
4 establishment of model natural medicine clinics attached to existing  
5 hospitals in all the six geo-political zones of Nigeria;

6 (n) promote interaction and collaboration between Nigeria  
7 practitioners of natural medicine and conventional health practitioners and  
8 their counterparts in other parts of the world;

9 (o) encourage participation and involvement of Nigerian  
10 traditional medicine practitioners in the activities of international, bilateral,  
11 multilateral and non-governmental organizations; and

12 (p) perform such other functions as may be necessary for the  
13 actualization of the objectives of this Act.

14 7.-(1) The functions of the Board shall be to:

Functions of the  
Board of the  
Agency

15 (a) formulate policies and advise the Federal Government on  
16 strategies and best practices on how to achieve the mandates, objectives and  
17 functions of the agency;

18 (b) receive and consider proposals, recommendations and  
19 suggestions of Committees, bodies and private individuals on any subjects  
20 relating to the functions of the Agency;

21 (c) consider and approve the work plans, estimates, financial  
22 statements, audited accounts and development plans of the Agency;

23 (d) consider and approve location of offices of the Agency and the  
24 management structure;

25 (e) approve the appointment of principal officers of the Agency that  
26 are necessary for proper discharge of its functions and mandate;

27 (f) constitute committees as may be necessary and charged with  
28 specific functions delegated by the Board,

29 (g) devise strategies for attracting funds and contributions to the  
30 Agency in line with existing Financial Regulations;

1 (h) enter into research and production partnerships with companies,  
2 firms or organizations or individuals as the case may be, for the performance of  
3 its functions under this Act;

4 (i) prepare and submit to the Minister, through the Board, annual  
5 report and audited account of the Agency; and

6 (j) carry out any other duties as may be necessary for effective  
7 implementation of the provisions of this Act.

8 PART III - APPOINTMENT OF STAFF OF THE AGENCY AND  
9 STRUCTURE OF THE AGENCY.

Appointment  
of the Director-  
General and other  
staff of the  
Agency

10 8.-(1) There shall be appointed for the Agency, a Director-General by  
11 the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

12 (2) The Director-General shall be:

13 (a) a person who possesses not less than 15 years post qualification  
14 and research experience in physical and life sciences or pharmaceutical  
15 sciences or technology and innovation management;

16 (b) the chief executive and accounting officer of the agency; and

17 (c) responsible for the execution of the policies and the day-to-day  
18 administration in the Agency.

19 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section,  
20 the Director-General shall:

21 (a) be the head of the secretariat and Secretary to the Board;

22 (b) keep and secure records of the Board;

23 (c) issue notice of meetings of the Board;

24 (d) be responsible for the taking and preparation of minutes of the  
25 Board, from time to time; and

26 (e) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Board.

27 (3) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of 4 years in the  
28 first instance and may be re-appointed for another term of 4 years on such terms  
29 and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment and no more.



1                   9.-(1) The Agency shall appoint:  
2                   (a) co-ordinators for the Zonal Activity Centres, not below the  
3                   Rank of Chief Research Officer, who shall be in charge of the Zonal Activity  
4                   Centre in the six geo-political zones;

Appointment of  
other staff of the  
Agency

5                   (b) such other number of employees as may be necessary for the  
6                   performance of its functions under this Act.

7                   (2) The Zonal Activity Centres co-ordinators shall:

8                   (a) be professionals with adequate qualifications and requisite  
9                   experience in relevant fields;

10                  (b) be the head of the zones they co-ordinate;

11                  (c) assist the Director-General in the management of the Zonal  
12                  Activity Centres;

13                  (d) execute and implement policies of the Agency as they apply to  
14                  the Zonal Activity Centres;

15                  (e) supervise the work of Research Officers and other support  
16                  staffs in the Zonal Activity Centres and render regular reports as may be  
17                  required by the Director-General from time to time;

18                  (f) prepare annual projects, programmes and draft expenditure  
19                  estimates of their Centres; and

20                  (g) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the  
21                  Director-General from time to time.

22                  (3) Appointment of senior and junior staff of the Agency shall be in  
23                  accordance with approved guidelines in the scheme of service for the  
24                  Federal Public Service.

25                  (4) Terms and conditions of service, including remuneration,  
26                  allowances, benefits and pension of employees of the Agency, shall be in  
27                  accordance with terms and conditions of service in the Federal Public  
28                  Service of the federation.

29                  (5) The Board shall have power to:

30                  (a) appoint such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the

1 Board be required to assist the Agency in the discharge of its functions under  
2 this Act; and

3 (b) pay to persons so employed, such remuneration and allowances as  
4 are applicable to Public Service of the federation.

Structure of the  
Agency

5 **10.-(1)** The Agency may with the approval of the Minister through the  
6 recommendation of the Board, have its head office in Lagos.

7 (2) The Agency shall be composed of the following departments:

8 (a) Research Policy and Innovation Planning;

9 (b) Products Development and Quality Assurance;

10 (c) Bio-resources Development and Conservation;

11 (d) Digital Library and ICT;

12 (e) Administration and Supplies;

13 (f) Finance and Accounts:

14 (a) Legal Unit;

15 (b) Protocol and Public Relations;

16 (c) Procurement;

17 (d) Zonal Activity Coordinators; and

18 (e) Staff Clinic.

19 (4) The Agency shall have power to establish such other departments  
20 or units as may be required for actualization of its functions under this Act,  
21 from time to time.

Appointment  
of Directors and  
other staff of  
the Agency

22 **11.** The Board shall promote within the Agency well-qualified and  
23 experienced persons as directors, to be in charge of the departments and such  
24 other members of staff as may be considered necessary for the performance of  
25 the function set out in this Act.

26 **PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

Fund of the  
Agency

27 **12.-(1)** There is established for the Agency, a fund from which shall be  
28 defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Agency.

29 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund:

30 (a) any allocation to the Agency from the Consolidated Revenue Fund

1 of the Federation;

2 (b) any subvention or money as may from time to time, be granted  
3 or lent to the Agency by the Federal, a State or a Local Government;

4 (c) contributions from the Organized Private Sector, Donor  
5 (NGOs) and Agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations and International  
6 organisations;

7 (d) money accruing from fees, awards and charges for consultancy  
8 services rendered by the Agency;

9 (e) all monies raised for the purposes of the Agency by way of gifts,  
10 grants, aids, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

11 (f) special intervention fund dedicated to Natural Products  
12 Research, Development and Promotion, which shall not be less than 0.25%  
13 of net profit of all natural products Development, service, utilizing entities  
14 or organizations in Nigeria;

15 (g) such other monies or assets as may from time to time accrue to  
16 the Agency.

17 13. The Agency shall apply the funds at its disposal to:

Expenditure of  
the Agency

18 (a) the cost of establishing and maintaining the head office of the  
19 Agency at Lagos;

20 (b) research, development, documentation, planning, and  
21 production activities necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the  
22 Agency;

23 (c) human capacity building, training and provision of  
24 scholarships and awards for specialized training for the employees of the  
25 Agency;

26 (d) publication and promotion of research results and locally  
27 manufactured medicinal, indigenous medication and non-medication  
28 products;

29 (e) payment of all patent acquisition expenses, consultancies,  
30 contracts, fluctuation, variations, legal fees and cost on contract

1 administration; and

2 (f) the undertaking of such other activities as are connected with all or  
3 any of the functions of the Agency; and

4 (g) payment of allowances of members of the Board and committees  
5 constituted by the Agency.

Annual estimate

6 14.-(1) The Board shall submit to the Minister, not later than 31st  
7 October of each year, its programme of work and estimates of its income and  
8 expenditure for the following year.

9 (2) The Board shall cause to be kept, proper accounts and records of  
10 the Agency in respect of each financial year in relation to the accounts.

Accounts and  
audit

11 15. The Agency shall, not later than 30th June of each financial year,  
12 submit its accounts to auditors appointed from the list of qualified auditors in  
13 accordance with guidelines laid down by the Auditor-General of the Federation  
14 and the auditor's fees and expenses shall be paid from the Funds of the Agency.

Annual report

15 16.-(1) The Agency shall prepare and submit to the Minister through  
16 the Board an annual report of its activities not later than 30th June of each year  
17 and such report shall include a copy of the audited accounts and the auditor's  
18 report of the Agency.

19 (2) The Agency shall, not later than 30th September of each year,  
20 submit to the Minister through the Board, an annual report of each of its  
21 subsidiary institutions for the preceding year.

Exemption from  
income tax

22 17.-(1) Income derived by the Agency from the sources specified in  
23 subsection (2) of section 12 of this Act, shall be exempted from income tax and  
24 all contributions to the fund of the Agency shall be tax deductible.

25 (2) The provisions of any enactment relating to taxation of companies  
26 or trust fund, shall not apply to the Agency or the Board.

Disposal of  
surplus funds

27 18. The Board may invest any surplus funds of the Agency in profit-  
28 yielding ventures and notwithstanding the power of the Agency, the President  
29 may issue to the Agency directives as he thinks necessary to the disposal of any  
30 surplus funds for the Agency.



Staff regulations,  
etc.

1                   21.-(1) The Board may make staff regulations and adopt staff  
2 conditions of service in line with the conditions of service in the Civil Service  
3 of the Federation, which may provide for:

4                   (a) remuneration and tenure of office of members of staff of the  
5 Agency;

6                   (b) appointment, promotion, fringe benefits and productivity  
7 incentive, for members of staff of the Agency; and

8                   (c) appeal procedure for members of staff of the Agency against  
9 dismissal or other disciplinary measures.

10                  (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall  
11 not have effect until approved by the Minister and published in the Federal  
12 Government official Gazette.

Power to accept  
gifts

13                  22.-(1) The Agency may accept gifts of land, money or other property,  
14 on such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person or  
15 organization making the gift.

16                  (2) The Agency shall not accept any gift, if the conditions attached by  
17 the person or organizations making the gift are inconsistent with the objectives  
18 and functions of the Agency.

Power to give  
directives

19                  23. The Minister may give to the Agency, directives of a general  
20 character relating to the policies and functions of the Agency and the Agency  
21 shall comply with any directives given.

Legal proceedings

22                  24.-(1) No suit shall be commenced against the Agency before the  
23 expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to  
24 commence the suit have been served on the Agency.

25                  (2) The notice shall specify the plaintiff or his Agent and clearly state  
26 the:

27                  (a) cause of action;

28                  (b) particulars of the claims;

29                  (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and

30                  (d) the relief sought in the claim.

1 (3) The notice referred to in subsection (1) of this section relates to  
 2 any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served  
 3 on the Agency in this Act or any other enactment or law, may be served by:

4 (a) delivering same to the Director-General, or

5 (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Executive Vice  
 6 Chairman at the head office of the Agency.

7 (4) In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution or  
 8 attachment or process of any nature thereof, shall be issued against the  
 9 Agency, but any sum of money which may, by the judgment of the court, be  
 10 paid from the general reserve of the Agency.

11 25. The Agency may make Regulations to prescribe:

Power to make  
 Regulations

12 (a) methods of payments into the fund of the Agency by private-  
 13 sector;

14 (b) the fees to be paid for services rendered by the Agency; and

15 (c) generally for the purposes of carrying out or giving effect to the  
 16 provisions of this Act.

17 26.-(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises  
 18 necessary for the performance of its functions, the Agency may subject to  
 19 the Land Use Act:

Acquisition of  
 interest in land  
 or property

20 (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, farms, building or  
 21 property; and

22 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

23 (2) The Agency may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell out any land  
 24 or office premises held by it, which is no longer required for the performance  
 25 of its functions under this Act.

26 [Cap 202 LFN.]

27 27.-(1) Subject to this Act, the provisions of the Public Officers  
 28 Protection Act shall apply to any suit instituted against the Agency, an  
 29 officer of the Agency or employee of the Agency.

Limitation of  
 suit against the  
 Agency

30 (2) No suit shall lie or be instituted in any court against the Agency,

1 a member of the Board or any principal officer or employee of the Agency for  
2 an action carried out in pursuance to the execution of this Act or any enactment,  
3 or of any public duty in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the  
4 execution of this Act or duty or authority, unless it is commenced:

5 (a) within three months of such act, neglect or default complained  
6 thereof; or

7 (b) in the case of a continuation of damages or injury, within six  
8 months after the ceasing of the act, neglect or default.

Service of  
Notice t

9 28.-(1) Any notice or other document required or authorized to be  
10 served on or given to any person for the purposes of this Act, may be served or  
11 given by delivering it to that person, or by leaving it at his usual or last known  
12 place of residence or business or at the address specified by him in the notice,  
13 application or other document made, given or tendered to the Agency under  
14 this Act, or by posting it by registered mail to him at that place of residence or  
15 business or at that address.

16 (2) Where any of such notice or other document sent by registered  
17 mail, unless the contrary is proved, it shall be deemed to have been delivered to  
18 where it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of posting a mail  
19 unless the contrary is established and in proving the delivery, it shall be  
20 sufficient to prove that there is return post office slip showing actual delivery.

21 (3) Where for any purpose under this Act, a notice or document is  
22 required to be served on a firm or company, the notice or document may be  
23 served on the Secretary, Executive Officer, or other officer holding a similar  
24 position in the organisation and the service unless otherwise directed by the  
25 Agency, be deemed to have been served on all persons who are members of the  
26 organization.

27 (4) Service of notice or process on the Agency shall be by registered  
28 post or by personal service on any of the Principal Officer of the Agency.

Restriction on  
execution against  
property of the  
Agency

29 29.-(1) In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution or  
30 attachment of process shall be issued against the Agency, not less than three



1 months' notice of such intention to execute or attach has been given to the  
2 Agency.

3 (2) Any sum of money, which by the judgment of any court, has  
4 been awarded against the Agency shall, subject to any direction given by the  
5 court, where notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid  
6 from the fund of the Agency.

7 **30.** Members of the Board, Director-General or employee of the Indemnity  
8 Agency shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Agency against any  
9 proceedings brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Board,  
10 Director-General, officer or employee of the Agency, where the act  
11 complained of is not ultra vires his power.

12 **31.-(1)** Any of the Board members or the Director-General or Duty of secrecy  
13 officer of the Agency shall:

14 (a) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information which  
15 has come to his knowledge in the exercise of this power or obtained in the  
16 ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board or as a Director-  
17 General or officer of the Agency;

18 (b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his  
19 knowledge in the exercise of his power or is obtained in the performance of  
20 his duties under this Act; and

21 (c) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of  
22 this subsection, except when required to do so by a court or in such other  
23 circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

24 (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of  
25 this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not  
26 less than N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or  
27 to both.

28 **32.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation  
29 "Agency" means Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency  
30 established by section 1 of the Act;

1 "Board" means the Governing Board of the Agency established by section 2 of  
2 this Act;

3 "Chairman" means Chairman of the Board;

4 "fund" means the Fund of the Agency established under Section 12 of this Act;

5 "member" means member of the Governing Board;

6 "Minister" means Minister charged with the responsibility for Science and  
7 Technology;

8 "President" means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Short title

9 30. This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Natural Medicine  
10 Development Agency (Establishment), Bill 2017.

11 SCHEDULE

12 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC

13 1. Subject to this Act and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the  
14 Board may make standing orders to regulate its proceedings or those of any of  
15 its committees.

16 *[Cap. 192 LFN 1990]*

17 2. The quorum of the Board shall be the two-third of members of the  
18 Board or 5 members including the Chairman or the person presiding at the  
19 meeting and the quorum of any of the committee of the Agency shall be as  
20 determined by the Board.

21 3. The Board shall meet not less than four times annually and subject  
22 thereto, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if,  
23 the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than four  
24 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14  
25 days from the date on which the notice is given.

26 4. At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman or in his absence, any  
27 member duly chosen by other members of the Board shall preside at that  
28 meeting.

29 5. The Board shall meet to conduct business of the Agency at such  
30 places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint.



1 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

2 4. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or its committees  
3 shall not be adversely affected by:

4 (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Board or of any committee  
5 thereof;

6 (b) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the  
7 proceedings, or

8 (c) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or  
9 Committee.

10 5. Any member of the Board and any person holding office on a  
11 Committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or  
12 arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or a  
13 Committee thereof shall:

14 (a) forthwith disclose his interest to the Board or Committee, as the  
15 case may be; and

16 (b) not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

*(This note does not form part of the above Act but is intended to  
explain its purport)*

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA), 2017 with a view to conducting research in areas of ethno-medicinal and veterinary surveys, so as to develop comprehensive inventory of medicinal, aromatic and pesticidal plants in animals and animal parts, minerals and other bio-diversities used in natural medicine in Nigeria.