

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO HARMONISE THE FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL ORIENTATION AGENCY AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL ORIENTATION TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EMPOWER THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL ORIENTATION TO ENLIGHTEN THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES, AND SERVE AS A FOCUS FOR ORIENTATION IN CULTURAL MATERS FOR NIGERIAN POLICY MAKERS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- | | | |
|----|---|---------------|
| 1 | 1. The National Institute for Cultural Orientation Act Cap N48 | Amendment of |
| 2 | Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the | Act Cap. N48 |
| 3 | Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. | LFN, 2004 |
| 4 | 2. Section 2 (3) of the Principal Act is amended- | Amendment of |
| 5 | (a) in paragraph (a), by inserting after subparagraph (ii), a new | Section 2 (3) |
| 6 | subparagraph "(iii)"- | |
| 7 | "(iii) information"; and | |
| 8 | (b) in paragraph (b), by- | |
| 9 | (i) deleting subparagraph "(iv)", and | |
| 10 | (ii) inserting new subparagraphs "(viii)" - "(xi)"- | |
| 11 | "(viii) the National Council of Women Affairs, | |
| 12 | (ix) the Nigerian Labour Congress, | |
| 13 | (x) the Nigerian Bar Association, and | |
| 14 | (xi) the Nigerian Union of Journalist." | |
| 15 | 3. Section 3 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after | Amendment of |
| 16 | paragraph (g), new paragraphs "(h)" - "(j)"- | Section 3 (2) |

1 "(h) enlighten the general public on Federal Government policies and
2 programmes;

3 (i) collect, collate, analyse and provide source of feedback from the
4 public to the Federal Government on the policies and programmes of the
5 Federal Government; and

6 (j) propagate and promote the spirit of dignity of labour, honesty and
7 commitment of qualitative services and to eschew all vices in public life."

Repeal of Cap.
N64 LFN, 2004

8 **4.** The National Orientation Agency Act Cap. N64 Laws of the
9 Federation of Nigeria, 2004 is repealed.

Insertion of
section 15A

10 **5.** Insert, after section 15 of the Principal Act, a new section "15A"-

Savings and
transitions

11 (1) All assets, rights, liabilities, interests, and obligations vested in the
12 National Orientation Agency Act Cap N64 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,
13 2004, before the commencement of this Bill, shall, after the commencement of
14 this Bill, be vested in the National Institute for Cultural Orientation.

15 (2) All staff of National Orientation Agency existing before the
16 commencement of this Bill shall, after the commencement of this Bill, shall
17 continue to be staff of the National Institute for Cultural Orientation in
18 accordance with the terms of appointment."

Citation

19 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Cultural
20 Orientation (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to harmonise the functions of National Orientation Agency and National Institute for Cultural Orientation to, among other things, empower the National Institute for Cultural Orientation to enlighten the general public on Federal Government policies and programmes, and serve as a focus for orientation in cultural matters for Nigerian policy makers.