

A BILL

FOR

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL OIL AND GAS MUSEUM AND
RESEARCH CENTRE OLOIBIRI, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2016**

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[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of

Nigeria as follows:

- 1 **1. There is hereby established a body to be known as the National**
2 **Oil And Gas Museum And Research Centre (in this bill referred as "the**
3 **Centre")**
4 **(2) The centre shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession**
5 **and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;**
6 **(3) The centre hereby being established shall be located in Nigeria**
7 **having its headquarters at Oloibiri in Ogbia Federal-Constituency, Bayelsa**
 State.

Establishment of
the national Oil
and Gas Museum
and Research
Centre

Functions of the
Centre

- 1 (4) The centre shall consist of a national oil and gas museum
- 2 2. The function and purpose of the centre and museum is to:
- 3 (1) Train or educate prospective students in becoming technical
- 4 experts in the field of Oil and Gas sector which will be in line with the modern
- 5 day technology to explore and exploit oil and gas in Nigeria;
- 6 (2) Exhibit and explain how oil and gas are being created, discovered
- 7 and produced, and what they are used for. It will also provide information about
- 8 technological advancement and the way petroleum influences the Nigeria
- 9 economy and society. Original objects, models, films and interactive exhibits
- 10 will illustrate everyday life offshore to technology and dramatic incidents.
- 11 (3) The Centre will focus on accelerating mid- to late-stage oil and gas
- 12 technology development which will comprise research programs in various
- 13 Energy sectors but are not limited to the following:
- 14 (i) Production Systems: next-generation artificial lift technologies,
- 15 well pad electrification and other technologies used for production
- 16 optimization:
- 17 (a) Well Construction Systems: development of transformational
- 18 technologies for drilling and completion operations, including reducing
- 19 environmental impact and footprint;
- 20 (b) Energy Systems: bringing modeling and analysis capability for
- 21 full systems integration and optimization, across the entire value chain-
- 22 upstream, midstream and downstream, including building new markets for
- 23 natural gas;
- 24 (c) Water Systems: advancing technologies to reduce, reuse and
- 25 recycle water, and research new solutions that replace or eliminate the use of
- 26 water altogether;
- 27 (d) CO₂ Systems (Utilization of CO₂): applying new solutions for
- 28 capture, transport, storage and beneficial use of CO₂ including enhanced oil
- 29 recovery.
- 30 (ii) Act as a 'hub' for various energy companies (multinational,

1 servicing, designing and fabricating) operating in Nigeria and also conduct
2 their sample tests, experiments, designs and fabrications. This will create
3 skilled jobs, wealth, improve livelihood to be in accordance with the
4 “LOCAL CONTENT ACT”. Also, it will bring together top-notch scientists
5 and researchers world-wide to solve real national and global problems
6 relating to energy (Oil and Gas);

7 (iii) Aid research partnerships with local and global scientists,
8 researchers, and fellow universities, scholars and students which will
9 produce discoveries with far-reaching economic and environmental impact
10 for advancing responsive energy development around Nigeria and the
11 globe.

12 (4) Train prospective students to be professionals or experts in the
13 oil and gas laws as well as globally recognized and accepted safety standards
14 relating to the sector;

15 (5) Act as a centre for continues professional development (CPD)
16 in teaching, Seminars, conferences and other research activities in relations
17 to sustainability and further advancement of the Centre;

18 (6) Inform the present and future generation of the historic
19 antiquities of oil and gas sites as Oil and Gas museum with the help of audio-
20 visual aids, objects and interactive installations. The exhibitions will
21 provide a fascinating insight into the geological, political, economic and
22 technical factors that affect the oil industry.

23 (7) Act as direct linkage to oil and gas companies' social strategy to
24 disseminate science education in Nigeria.

25 (8) Advice the federal government on financial implications,
26 national policies, priorities and its implementation of such plans in oil and
27 gas research and training.

28 (9) Prepare periodic master-plan for oil and gas research and
29 training

30 (10) Keep a track record of existing faculties of research and

1 training in oil and gas and advise the federal government on their inadequacies.

2 (11) Grant scholarships to students into research and training in oil
3 and gas laws including health and safety in oil and gas.

4 *Cap.N19*

5 (12) The provisions of section 4 (1) (2) of the National Commission
6 for. museums and monuments Act cap. N19. Shall be applicable to the centre.

Functions of the Council

7 **4. The council shall have such powers to:**

8 (i) Handle or direct the day to day running of the centre. Keep proper
9 record books of the centre;

10 (ii) Generally direct and control all other employees of the centre;

11 (iii) Create other relevant committees in the centre for effective
12 performance of the goals and objectives of the centre;

13 (iv) Appoint such number of committee members as required to assist
14 the Centre in the discharge of any of its functions;

(v) Employ such other staffs for the effective performance of the Centre and also terminate employment of defaulting staff or staffs after due legal process is followed;

18 (vi) Prepare payroll for persons so appointed or employed (including
19 allowances and other benefits) by the Centre in line with the rules of the federal
20 civil service commission.

21 (vii) make regulations and governing conditions of service for its
22 employees;

23 (viii) Create such number of departments in the Centre to take charge
24 of other necessary functions therein;

25 (ix) Liaise and partner with international bodies for the advancement
26 of the museum and research Centre;

(x) develop the National Oil and Gas Museum (this includes exhibition hall, conference room, children, youths, vulnerable persons, men and women section (e & visual library), industrial heritages, cafe, recreational centre and a "Research Centre):

- 1 **5.** The Council shall consist of the following members: Members of the
Council
- 2 (i) An executive director who shall be appointed by the President
- 3 on the recommendation of the Minister and shall possess relevant
- 4 qualifications equivalent to a director in the ministry;
- 5 (ii) Assistant director who shall also be appointed by the President
- 6 on the recommendation of the Minister with such qualification of an
- 7 assistant director in a ministry;
- 8 (iii) A chartered secretary;
- 9 (iv) Legal personnel who shall be a LLM holder;
- 10 (v) A Safety Personnel duly certified by a qualified and recognized
- 11 Safety Institute;
- 12 (vi) The Chairman of the National Commission for Museums and
- 13 Monuments
- 14 **6.-(1)** The tenure of office of the executive director, the assistant Office Tenure
- 15 director, members of the council and such other board members shall be for
- 16 a term of four years at the first instance upon appointment and may be
- 17 reappointed for a further term of four years and no more:
- 18 (2) The office of a member of the board shall become vacant if he
- 19 resigns his office by a letter addressed by him to the minister or,
- 20 (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board, it shall
- 21 be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold such office for the
- 22 remainder of the term of office of his predecessor. The successor shall
- 23 represent the same interest and shall be appointed by the President on the
- 24 recommendation of the Minister.
- 25 **7.** There is hereby established a governing board which shall Governing Board
of the Centre
- 26 consist of the following members to be appointed by the President on the
- 27 recommendation of the minister:
- 28 (1) A chairman of the board having a wide knowledge and
- 29 distinction in one or more fields of the sciences;
- 30 (2) A deputy chairman knowledgeable in the field of sciences;

1 (3) The Minister may appoint (if not appointed by the president) one
2 of the members of the centre referred to in subsection (a) to be the deputy
3 chairman of the centre;

4 (4) The Director of the petroleum Training Institute established under
5 cap P16;

6 (5) The chairman of the committee of Deans of the Faculties of
7 Sciences in federal Universities of Nigeria;

8 (6) One person to be appointed by the minister to represent the
9 Federal Ministry of Petroleum;

10 (7) Two persons appointed by the Minister to represent the Nigeria
11 National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);

12 (8) Four persons appointed by the Minister to represent the interest of
13 other bodies (excluding NNPC) engaged in the oil and gas industry in Nigeria;

14 (9) Chairman of the National Commission for Museums and
15 Monuments;

16 (10) One representative of the Federal Ministry of Science and
17 Technology, not below the rank of a director;

18 (11) One representative from each geo political zone to be appointed
19 in rotation, so however that no zone shall have more than one representative at
20 anyone time.

Remuneration
and Allowances

21 8. The members of the Board shall be paid such remunerations and
22 allowances as the federal government may, from time to time, determine for the
23 chairman and members of statutory boards generally.

Funding and
Sponsorship

24 9. The Centre shall be sponsored by 2% of the annual revenue of the
25 various Energy (Oil and Gas) companies operating in Nigeria but does not
26 include private firms:

27 (i) The Centre shall be funded mainly by the Federal Government of
28 Nigeria and partially by the various Energy (Oil and Gas) companies operating
29 in Nigeria;

30 (ii) The Centre may contribute annually to the Federal Government

1 Coffers from its internally generated funds after 4 years of operations;

2 (iii) The Centre shall fund innovative research projects that will
3 bridge gaps in the Energy Industries, and are of benefit to Nigeria at large.

4 (iv) The centre shall be provided with a take-off grant by the
5 government

6 **10.-(1)** The Centre shall be committed in helping the Sustainable
7 Economic, Social and Environmental Development of Nigeria through-
8 technology, Social Investment, Local Content, and Environment and Safety.

Sustainability
Strategy

9 **11.-(1)** Service in the Centre shall be approved service for purposes
10 of the Pension Reforms Act.

Application of
the Pension
Reforms Act

11 (2) Employees of the Centre shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities
12 and other retirement benefits as enjoyed by persons holding equivalent
13 grades in the civil service of the federation

14 (3) Nothing in this bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to
15 any office on terms which preclude the grant of pensions and gratuity in
16 respect of that office.

17 (4) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the
18 Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or
19 other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to
20 make regulations under section 97 of the Act, is hereby vested in and shall be
21 exercisable by the Centre.

22 **12.-(1)** The council shall establish and maintain for the Centre a
23 fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred.

Financial and
Related provision

24 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in
25 pursuance of subsection (1) of this section:

26 (i) Such money as may be available by the federal Government for
27 the running expenses of the Centre; and

28 (ii) All other money which may from time to time, accrue to the
29 Centre.

- 1 (3) The Centre shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its disposal:
2 (i) To the cost of the administration of the Centre;
3 (ii) To the payment of fees, allowances and benefits of members of the
4 Board;
5 (iii) To the payment of salaries, allowances, and benefits of officers
6 and employees of the Centre;
7 (iv) For the maintenance of any property vested in the Centre under its
8 administration; and
9 (v) For and in connection with the functions of the Centre under this
10 Bill.

11 (4) The Centre may from time to time make or enter into investments
12 as internally generated revenue subject to the approval of the Minister.

Power to Accept
Gifts

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

16 (2) Sponsorship or grants both foreign and locally are accepted.

17 (3) The Centre shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by
18 the person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the objectives
19 and functions of the Centre under this Bill.

Annual Estimate

20 **14.**-(1) The Centre shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30th
21 September each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Centre
22 during the next succeeding year and when prepared, they shall be submitted to
23 the Minister for approval.

Accounts and
Audit

24 (2) The Centre shall cause to be kept a proper account of the Centre
25 and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the council, the
26 accounts shall be audited by auditors appointed by the minister from the list
27 and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the
28 Federation.

29 (3) Any affected member of the council or board, or an employee of
30 the Centre who fails (without reasonable cause) to comply with a requirement

1 of an auditor under subsection (2) of this section, commits an offence and is
2 liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding N50,000.00 or imprisonment for
3 a term not exceeding six months or both.

4 **15.** The Centre shall not later than six months of each new year Annual Report
5 immediately submit to the Minister, a report on the activities and the
6 administration of the Centre during the immediately preceding year and
7 shall include in the report, the audited accounts of the Centre and the
8 auditor's report on the account.

9 **16.** Subject to this Bill, the Minister may give to the Centre Directive by the
10 directives of a general nature or relating generally to particular matters, but Minister
11 not to any particular individual or case with regard to performance by the
12 Centre of its functions under this Act.

13 **17.** The Centre may with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations
14 regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

15 **18.** In this Bill: Interpretation

16 "Board" means Governing Board of the Centre;

17 "Centre" means the Oil and Gas Research Centre and Museum Oloibiri;

18 "Chairman" means the chairman of the Board;

19 "Council" means Governing Council of the Centre;

20 "Executive-Director" means the Executive Director appointed by the
21 president;

22 "Member of the Board" includes the Chairman and other such number of
23 members;

24 "Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for
25 Petroleum;

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

27 **19.** This Bill may be cited as the National Oil and Gas Museum and Short Title
28 Research Centre Oloibiri Bill, 2016.

1 SCHEDULE

2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 Subject to this bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the board may make
4 standing orders and those of any of its committees. (Cap. I23)

5 (1) The Board shall meet not less than three times in each year and
6 subject thereto, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the
7 Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not
8 less than one- third of all the members of the Board, he shall summon a meeting
9 of the Board to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is
10 given.

11 (2) Where the board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a
12 particular matter, the board may co-opt him to the board for such period as it
13 thinks fit; but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub- paragraph
14 shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the board and shall not count
15 towards a quorum.

16 *Committees*

17 (1) The council may appoint one or more committees to carry out such
18 other of its functions as the centre may determine.

19 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such
20 number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be
21 determined by the board and a person other than a member of the Board shall
22 hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

23 (3) A decision of a committee so appointed shall be subject to
24 approval by the council.

25 *Miscellaneous*

26 1. The fixing of the seal of the Centre shall be authenticated by the
27 signature of the Chairman, the Executive Secretary or of any other person
28 authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the centre

29 2. Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
30 not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made

1 or executed on behalf of the Centre by the Chairman or any person generally
2 or specially authorized to act for the purpose of the Board.

3 3. Any document purporting to be a document duly executed
4 under the seal of the Centre shall be received in evidence and shall, unless
5 and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

6 4. The validity of any proceedings of the board or of a committee
7 thereof shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of
8 the board or committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of
9 the Board or of a committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so
10 took part in the proceedings of the Board or committee.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill Seeks to Establish the National Oil and Gas Museum and Research
Centre Oloibiri. This is necessitated by the fact that Oil was first discovered
in Oloibiri, and a determination to develop the area.