

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACT, TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE THE AGENCY WITH POWERS TO PROTECT ARTISANS, MARKET WOMEN, AND TRADERS AND TO ORGANIZE THEM INTO CLUSTERS FOR OPTIMUM BENEFITS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency
2 (Establishment) act 2004 herein referred to as the “Principal Act” is hereby
3 amended as set out here under.

4 **2.** The Principal Act is hereby amended in section 2(3)
5 “Establishment and membership of Governing Board”, to add to “ex-officio
6 members” of the board, association of artisans, traders and market women.

Amendment of
Section 2

7 **3.** The Principal Act is amended in section 8, "Functions of
8 Agency", by adding:

Amendment of
Section 8

9 **(Y)** Protection of traders, artisans, and market women where ever
10 they may be fund.

11 **(Z)** Organizing into clusters, traders, artisans and market women,
12 for optimum benefits which may include protection from environmental
13 abuses, improve skills and capital and efficient tax collection.

14 **4.** The Principal Act is amended in section 2, “Powers of the
15 Agency”, by adding:

16 **(d)** Identifying suitable areas in within towns and cities where
17 clusters can be formed and better managed, protected and monitored.

18 **(e)** Liaising with relevant government agencies, private

Amendment of
Section 26

1 individuals and corporate organizations with interest in helping individual
2 develop their basic skills and capacity in the informal sector of the economy.

3 5. The principal Act is amended in section 26, "Directive by the
4 Amendment of section 26 Minister", to immediately after, "complied with",
5 add:

6 In like manner, the Director General may suggest to the minister or draw the
7 attention of the minister to any government policy that may be considered
8 counter-productive to the functions, policy or goals of the agency and may by
9 such actions suggest better ways of improving them.

10 26(B);

11 For the purpose of this act, the minister may suggest to any minister ways of
12 collaborations in pursuit of the noble objectives of the agency and for same
13 purposes point out areas of conflict and how to avoid them and for such purpose
14 forward a blue print on areas of collaboration.

15 6. The Principal Act is amended in section 27 by adding a new section,
16 "27 subsection l(a)"

17 Notwithstanding the provision of this act or any other law, it shall be unlawful
18 to manhandle traders, artisans, market women who are lawfully plying their
19 trade or for any kind of enforcement, cause them bodily harm or injuries or any
20 form of action that may be dehumanizing to their human dignity.

21 Any person found to have contravene this section may upon conviction be
22 liable to a fine of N150,000 or five years imprisonment or both.

23 27 Subsection l(B);

24 It shall be unlawful under this act to confiscate, seize or appropriate
25 commodities, items, tools or wares belonging to ordinary traders, artisans or
26 market women; or act with intend to divert or convert to personal use, items or
27 commodities belong to them.

28 A person found to have contravene this section shall upon conviction, be liable
29 to a fine of N150,000 or five years imprisonment.

- 1 7. In This Act-
- 2 "Agency" means the small and medium scale Enterprises Development
- 3 Agency;
- 4 "Cluster" means to group or organize into groups for the soul purpose of
- 5 achieving economic benefit;
- 6 "Minister" means minister of industries;
- 7 "Traders" mean small scale traders;
- 8 "Artisans" means skilled labourers;
- 9 "Market Women" means women traders.

Interpretation

- 10 8. This Bill may be cited as the Small and Medium Scale
- 11 Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill,
- 12 2016.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the small and medium scale Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment) Act 2004 to expressly provide the Agency with powers to protect traders, artisans and market women and to organize them into cluster for optimum benefit.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for a systematic approach to data collection and the importance of using reliable sources of information.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the analysis of the collected data. It discusses the various techniques used to identify trends, patterns, and anomalies in the data, and how these insights can be used to inform decision-making.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of communication and reporting. It emphasizes that the results of the data analysis must be clearly and effectively communicated to the relevant stakeholders in order to ensure that they can take appropriate action.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation. It emphasizes that the data analysis process is not a one-time activity, but rather an ongoing process that must be repeated regularly to ensure that the organization remains up-to-date on its performance.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of data security and privacy. It emphasizes that the organization must take appropriate measures to protect the confidentiality and integrity of the data it collects and analyzes, and that it must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the importance of data quality. It emphasizes that the accuracy and reliability of the data are critical to the success of the data analysis process, and that the organization must take steps to ensure that the data it collects is of high quality.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of data integration. It emphasizes that the organization must ensure that the data it collects from different sources is integrated and analyzed together, in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of its performance.

9. The ninth part of the document discusses the importance of data visualization. It emphasizes that the use of charts, graphs, and other visual tools can help to make the data more accessible and understandable, and that this is essential for effective communication and reporting.

10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of data-driven decision-making. It emphasizes that the organization must use the insights gained from the data analysis process to inform its strategic and operational decisions, and that this is essential for long-term success.