

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACT CAP. N66 LFN, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF A REGISTRAR OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, EQUIVALENT OF A DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE SADDLED WITH THE MANDATE OF CORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE INSTITUTIONS IN LINE WITH NATIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ahmed Garba Bichi

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The National Planning Commission Act CAP. N66 LFN, 2004
2 (in this Bill referred to as the “Principal Act”) is further amended as set out in
3 the Bill. Amendment of
Cap. N66, LFN
2004

4 **2.** Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting
5 immediately after the existing paragraph (j), a new paragraph "(jj)" which
6 shall read: Amendment of
Section 4

7 “(jj) provide policy guidelines necessary to harmonize the
8 activities of non-governmental organizations in order to streamline their
9 developmental strategies alongside efforts of the federal government
10 towards a holistic national plan;”

11 **3.** Inserting immediately after the existing Section 6 of the
12 Principal Act, a new section "6A" and "6AB" to read as follows: Amendment of
Section 6

13 “Registrar of non-governmental organizations;

14 6A. There shall be an office of the Registrar of non-governmental
15 organizations to be redeployed in line with the appointment of other staff of
16 the Commission who shall be-

17 (a) an equivalent of the rank of a Director in the condition of

- 1 service of the Commission and Civil Service of the Federation;
- 2 (b) in charge of the office of the Registrar of non-governmental
3 organizations;
- 4 (c) responsible for the registration and coordination of non-
5 governmental organizations in accordance with government planning and
6 development as provided under the provisions of this Act;
- 7 (d) a link between the government and non-governmental
8 organizations; and
- 9 (e) responsible for the arbitration of registration disputes between
10 non-governmental organizations.
- 11 Functions and duties of the Registrar;
- 12 6AB. Functions and duties of the Registrar shall be to-
- 13 (a) advise the Secretary on policy and other matters regarding non-
14 governmental organizations;
- 15 (b) ensure proper implementation of Act;
- 16 (c) ensure that the operations of non-governmental organizations are
17 available for the government and public for consumption;
- 18 (d) encourage co-operation with relevant ministries on matters
19 relating to non-governmental organizations;
- 20 (e) register non-governmental organizations;
- 21 (f) keep and maintain a register of non-governmental organization
22 and such other particulars as may be prescribed;
- 23 (g) keep records and reports regarding non-governmental
24 organizations;
- 25 (h) investigate and inquire into any matter in order to ensure
26 adherence with the Constitution;
- 27 (i) perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the
28 Commission.”
- 29 4. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting

1 immediately after line 4 a new line 5 and renumbering the existing section,
2 to read:
3 "Registrar" means registrar appointed in section 6A of this Bill.
4 **5.** This Bill may be cited as National Planning Commission Short Title
5 (Amendment) Bill, 2017

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the National Planning Commission Act CAP N66, LFN, 2004 to provide for the office of a Registrar of non-governmental organizations who shall be a Director in the Commission and shall be saddled with the responsibility of coordinating the activities of non-governmental organizations registered under this Bill in order to streamline all developmental efforts in the country towards a more holistic national planning and development.