

NIGERIAN SPORTS COMMISSIONS BILL, 2016

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1 the improvement of the standard of sports coaches;
2 (e) to foster co-operation in sport between the Nigerian federation and
3 other countries through the provision of access to resources, services and
4 facilities related to sport; and

5 (f) to encourage the private sector to contribute to the funding of sport
6 to supplement government funding.

Functions

7 4.-(1)The functions of the Commission are:

8 (a) to advise the Minister in relation to the development of sport
9 generally and to the proper and more effective implementation of the
10 provisions of this Act;

11 (b) to co-ordinate the activities in respect of sports conducted by
12 government departments or governmental or non-governmental agencies;

13 (c) to develop and implement programs that promote equality of
14 access to, and participation in, sport by all Nigerians;

15 (d) to develop and implement programs for the recognition and
16 development of:

17 (i) persons who excel, or who have the potential to excel, in sport; and

18 (ii) persons who have achieved, or who have the potential to achieve.

19 standards of excellence as sports coaches, umpires, referees or officials
20 essential to the conduct of sport;

21 (e) to initiate, encourage and facilitate research and development in
22 relation to sport;

23 (g) to make recommendations to the government on the appropriate
24 sports policy to be adopted to facilitate sports development as well as its
25 implementation, where approved.

26 (h) to establish, manage, develop and maintain facilities for the
27 purposes of the Commission;

28 (i) to collect and distribute information, and provide advice, on
29 matters related to the activities of the Commission;

30 (j) to provide access to persons from other countries to the resources,

1 services and facilities of the Commission for the purpose of fostering co-
2 operation in sport between Nigeria and other countries;

3 (k) to raise money through the Nigerian Sports Foundation, or by
4 other means, for the purposes of the Commission;

5 (l) to administer and expend money appropriated by the National
6 Assembly, or raised in accordance with paragraph;

7 (m), for the purposes of the Commission;

8 (n) to provide advice on matters related to sport to the Nigerian
9 Olympic Federation or other persons, bodies or associations; and

10 (o) to co-operate with national and international sporting
11 organisations in aiming to foster a sporting environment that is free from the
12 unsanctioned use of performance enhancing drugs and doping methods.

13 (2) The functions of the Commission may be performed within or
14 outside Nigeria as the case may be.

15 (3) The Commission may perform any of its functions in co-
16 operation with a State, or any individual, association or organisation.

17 (4) In this section, Nigerian Olympic Federation means the
18 Nigerian Olympic Federation Incorporated, being an association
19 incorporated on under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act,
20 2004.

21 5.-(1) The Commission has power to do all things necessary or Powers
22 convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its
23 functions and, in particular, may:

24 (a) enter into contracts; and

25 (b) acquire, hold and dispose of real or personal property; and

26 (c) occupy, use and control any land or building owned or held
27 under lease by the Federal republic of Nigeria and made available for the
28 purposes of the Commission; and

29 (d) make grants or lend money, and provide scholarships or like
30 benefits; and

- 1 (e) appoint agents and attorneys, and act as an agent for other persons;
2 and
3 (f) engage persons to perform services for the Commission; and
4 (g) accept gifts, grants, bequests and devises made to the Commission
5 (whether on trust or otherwise) and act as trustee of money or other property
6 vested in the Commission on trust; and
7 (h) erect buildings and structures and carry out works; and
8 (i) obtain commercial sponsorship for the Commission and
9 participate in marketing arrangements involving the endorsement by the
10 Commission of products and services associated with sport;
11 (j) arrange for the manufacture of, and distribute (whether by way of
12 sale or otherwise), any article or thing bearing a mark, symbol or writing that is
13 associated with the Commission; and
14 (m) provide (whether by sale or otherwise) goods and services to
15 persons using, or otherwise attending at, facilities of the Commission; and
16 (n) do anything incidental to carrying out any of its powers.
17 (2) The Commission may charge such fees, or impose such charges,
18 as are reasonable in respect of:
19 (a) access to, or use of, any of the resources or facilities of the
20 Commission;
21 (b) the provision of programs, services, information or
22 advice by the Commission; and
23 (c) the admission of persons to events and activities conducted by the
24 Commission.
25 (3) The powers of the Commission may be exercised within or outside
26 Nigeria.
27 6.-(1) the Commission shall arrange for the registration of the
28 company known as the "Nigerian Sports Foundation" as soon as practicable
29 after the commencement of this Act.
30 (2) The purpose of the company is to raise money for the development

1 of sport in Nigeria.

2 (3) Except to the extent necessary for the performance of its
3 functions in relation to the Commission, the company is not empowered to
4 do anything that the Commission is not empowered to do.

5 7.-(1) The management of the affairs of the Commission shall be
6 vested in the Council.

Members of the
Council

7 (2) The Council shall consist of the following members:

8 (a) The Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Council.

9 (b) Other members of the Council to be appointed by the Minister
10 consisting of the following:

11 (i) one representative nominated by the Federal Capital Territory
12 Sports Council and each State Sports Council;

13 (ii) three representatives nominated by the Olympic Council of
14 Nigeria;

15 (iii) one representative each of the Ministry of Youth and Sports
16 and the Ministry of Finance respectively;

17 (iv) one representative nominated by the Nigerian Schools Sports
18 Council;

19 (v) five members appointed from amongst persons who in the
20 opinion of the Minister can contribute to the development and promotion of
21 sports; and

22 (vi) not less than three but not more than five members appointed
23 from amongst Ministries which the Minister considers necessary to be
24 represented.

25 (3) (a) The term of office for members of the Council except the
26 Chairman shall be for a period of two years. Members shall be eligible for
27 reappointment.

28 (b) The term of office of a member appointed to fill a vacancy shall
29 be the remainder of the term of office of the member who has vacated the
30 post.

1 (c) The office of a member of the Council other than a member
2 appointed by virtue of office shall be vacated-

3 (i) if he dies;

4 (ii) if he ceases to be qualified;

5 (iii) if he becomes bankrupt, lunatic or of unsound mind;

6 (iv) if he absents himself from three consecutive meetings without
7 leave of the Council; or

8 (v) in the event of his resignation being accepted by the Minister.

9 (4) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Council may determine its
10 own procedure.

Establishment of
Federal Territory
and State Sport
Councils

11 8.-(1) There shall be established in the Federal Capital Territory a
12 Federal Capital Territory Sports Council and in every State a State Sports
13 Council.

14 (2) All the provisions of this Act which refer or apply to a State Sports
15 Council shall, with such modification as the circumstances may require be
16 deemed to refer or apply to the Federal Territory Sports Council.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Sports Commission and other related matters.