

NATIONAL INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF RURAL COMMUNITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL AREAS IN NIGERIA; AND TO CHARGE THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH DIVERSE FUNCTIONS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF THE LIFE IN THE RURAL AREAS

Sponsored by Senator Stella Oduah

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. There is hereby established a body to be known as the National</p> <p>2 Integrated Community Development Agency (in this Act referred to as "the</p> <p>3 National Integrated Community Development Agency") which shall have</p> <p>4 the functions specified in this Act.</p> | <p>Establishment of
the National
Integrated
Community
Development
Agency</p> |
| <p>5 2.-(1) The programme of the National Integrated Community</p> <p>6 Development Agency shall be formulated, guided and broadly supervised</p> <p>7 by a Board which shall comprise a Chairman and not less than four but not</p> <p>8 more than seven other members who shall be appointed by the President.</p> | <p>Board of the
National
Integrated
Community
Development
Agency</p> |
| <p>9 (2) The Chairman appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this</p> <p>10 section, shall be the chief executive of the National Integrated Community</p> <p>11 Development Agency and shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of</p> <p>12 its affairs.</p> | |
| <p>13 3. The National Integrated Community Development Agency</p> <p>14 shall liaise with Federal Government Ministries and Agencies, Integrated</p> <p>15 Rural Development Authorities, State Governments, Local governments</p> <p>16 and local Communities; and also co-operate with all other private and public</p> <p>17 organizations, institutions, enterprises and individuals concerned with the</p> | <p>Liaison with
other bodies</p> |

	1	development of the rural areas.
State formation of the National Integrated Community Development Agency	2	4.-(1) There shall be established in the office of each Governor, a State
	3	equivalent of the National Integrated Community Development Agency to
	4	perform similar functions in the State.
	5	(2) The Governor shall be the Chairman of the State National
	6	Integrated Community Development Agency.
	7	(3) The Governor may appoint a National Integrated Community
	8	Development Agency or Co-coordinator who shall be responsible for the day-
	9	to-day administration of the State National Integrated Community
	10	Development Agency and the co-ordination of the implementation of
	11	programme.
	12	(4) The membership of the State National Integrated Community
	13	Development Agency shall consist of not less than eight and not more than
	14	fifteen persons appointed by the Governor to represent public and private
	15	sector interests and active participants in programming implementation.
Functions of the National Integrated Community Development Agency	16	5. Subject to this Act, the National Integrated Community
	17	Development Agency shall be charged with the following functions, that is-
	18	(a) to identify, involve and support viable local community
	19	organization's in the effective mobilization of the rural population for sustained
	20	rural developmental activities, bearing in mind the need for promoting greater
	21	community participation and economic self-reliance of the rural community;
	22	(b) to identify areas of high production potential for the country's
	23	priority food and fibre requirement and to support production of such
	24	commodities along agro-ecological zones within the context of one national
	25	market with unimpeded inter-State trade in farm produce;
	26	(c) to formulate and support a national rural feeder-road network
	27	programme involving construction, rehabilitation, improvement and
	28	maintenance especially in relation to the nation's food self-sufficiency
	29	programme as well as general rural development;
	30	(d) to formulate and support a national rural water-supply programme

1 with emphasis on full initial involvement of local communities and local
2 government personnel to ensure sustained maintenance of built
3 infrastructures;

4 (e) to identify and promote other programmes that would enhance
5 greater productive economic activities in the rural areas as well as help to
6 improve the quality of life and standard of living of the rural people;

7 (f) to encourage contribution of labour, time and materials by local
8 communities to be complemented by a system of matching grants from the
9 National Integrated Community Development Agency, Local and State
10 Governments;

11 (g) to support the development of information gathering,
12 maintenance and evaluation of culture in rural development programming,
13 with emphasis on utilization of existing agencies with demonstrated
14 competence in the area of management information systems in agriculture
15 and rural development, rural infrastructures, agronomy, agricultural
16 extension, including the continuous generation of basic data on rural
17 infrastructures in each of the local government areas in Nigeria;

18 (h) to commission and support studies and research projects that
19 will facilitate the execution of the functions of the National Integrated
20 Community Development Agency;

21 (i) to determine within each local government area the community
22 basis of rural productive organisation as a means of mobilizing food and
23 other products for more effective service delivery, infra structural
24 development and enhanced productivity;

25 (j) to identify and involve local community leaders and
26 organisations in the effective mobilisation of the rural population for
27 sustained development activities, bearing in mind the need for promoting
28 greater social participation and economic self-reliance in the community;

29 (k) to liaise with Federal Government Ministries and agencies in
30 the design and implementation of programmes and projects in the field of

1 food production and processing, rural water supply, road construction and
2 maintenance and the provision of rural infrastructures, and any other rural
3 development activities;

4 (l) to define, encourage and support any activity calculated to enhance
5 food production, road development, rural water, supply the provision of other
6 infrastructures to rural areas, and any other rural development activities;

7 (m) to encourage the implementation of physical development plans
8 at the community level in order to increase the rural productivity and improve
9 rural accessibility;

10 (n) to prescribe the criteria and determine the level of corresponding
11 financial grant which will adequately stimulate the expansion of food
12 production and processing, rural water supply, road construction and
13 maintenance of rural roads and the provision of other rural infrastructures;

14 (o) to establish an efficient, expeditious and accurate system of
15 financial disbursement to rural communities;

16 (p) to supervise and monitor on a continuous or regular basis the
17 entire range of rural development activities, carried out or supported by the
18 National Integrated Community Development Agency pursuant to this Act;

19 (q) to develop a system of statistical and non-statistical reporting
20 relative to local communities in order to measure the achievements of the
21 National Integrated Community Development Agency in the areas of food
22 production, rural water supply, road construction and repair, rural
23 infrastructural development and other rural development activities; and

24 (r) to do all such other things as will enable the National Integrated
25 Community Development Agency more effectively to perform its functions
26 under this Act.

Participation by
States and local
government
councils

27 6.-(1) The Government of a State and each local government council
28 in every State shall participate in the functions of the National Integrated
29 Community Development Agency in such manner as the President may
30 determine.

1 (2) Accordingly, and without prejudice to the establishment of
2 State equivalents of the National Integrated Community Development
3 Agency under section 4 of this Act, all local government councils shall be
4 constituted into committees for the development of rural areas as envisaged
5 in this Act.

6 (3) The Chairman of each local government council shall be the
7 Chairman of the Committee constituted under subsection (2) of this section.

8 7.-(1) The National Integrated Community Development Agency
9 shall gear all its efforts towards the development of the entire rural areas of
10 Nigeria in order to improve the quality of life of the rural dwellers.

Special functions
of the National
Integrated
Community
Development
Agency

11 (2) For the purpose of achieving the objective in subsection (1) of
12 this section, the National Integrated Community Development Agency shall
13 use its best endeavours to-

14 (a) encourage and organize increased agricultural and any other
15 activities towards an increased earning power of the rural dwellers;

16 (b) encourage increased agricultural and any other activities in the
17 rural areas to provide agricultural and industrial raw materials;

18 (c) undertake the construction and repair of roads to facilitate
19 communication and distribution of agricultural products;

20 (d) liaise with the appropriate Federal, State and local
21 Governments for the provision of water, health facilities, electricity, means
22 of communication and such other things as the National Integrated
23 Community Development Agency may determine within the rural areas;

24 (e) enlighten the rural communities in order to give them a sense of
25 belonging to the country.

26 (3) The National Integrated Community Development Agency
27 shall also encourage communities to form their own village, community or
28 town improvement or development unions or associations under their own
29 democratically elected leaders to serve as the apex organisation for
30 mobilizing their communities for the successful participatory

Officers of the
National
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Community
Development
Agency

1 implementation of all rural development programmes as initiated by the
2 National Integrated Community Development Agency, each tier of
3 Government or by the communities themselves.

4 **8.-(1)** In the execution of its functions under this Act, the Board of the
5 National Integrated Community Development Agency may appoint such
6 persons to be officers and staff of the National integrated community
7 development agency for the day-to-day supervision and monitoring of
8 programme execution, bearing in mind the need for a small core of
9 professionals in rural road and water supply engineering, agriculture, storage
10 and processing, rural agro-industrialisation, finance and such other sectors as
11 home economics, handicraft and small scale industries.

12 (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, the Board may
13 appoint any person from the public service of the Federation or of a State, either
14 on Secondment or posting with the prior consent or approval of the relevant
15 civil service of the Federation or of a State.

16 (3) The Board may, where it deems fit, enlists or recruits from outside
17 the public service of the Federation or of a State such other persons as may be
18 required for the effective execution of its functions.

19 (4) When a member of any of the public services of the Federation or
20 of a State is seconded or posted under subsection (2) of this section, he shall be
21 notified of the terms and conditions of the Secondment or posting; and the
22 Secondment or posting shall be without prejudice to any pension rights, which,
23 but for the Secondment or posting, may accrue to him.

Directives by
the President

24 **9.** The President may, from time to time, give to the Board directives
25 of a general nature as to the manner in which the National Integrated
26 Community Development Agency is to exercise its functions under this Act
27 and it shall be the duty of the Board to give effect to such directives.

Funds of the
National Integrated
Community
Development
Agency

28 **10.-(1)** The funds of the National Integrated Community
29 Development Agency shall consist of such sums as the Federal Government
30 may, from time to time, provide.

(2) The National Integrated Community Development Agency shall keep proper accounts in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall submit same annually for auditing by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

5 **11.** The Board shall prepare and submit to the President once in Quarterly reports
6 every quarter, a report on the activities of the National Integrated
7 Community Development Agency during the immediate preceding quarter.

8 **12.-(1)** The Board shall have power to regulate its own procedures
9 and may make standing orders not inconsistent with this Act for that purpose
10 and, subject to such standing orders, may function notwithstanding any
11 vacancy in its membership or the absence of a member.

(2) The Board shall meet for the due performance of its functions under this Act whenever the chairman convenes a meeting of the National Integrated Community Development Agency.

(3) Where upon any special occasion the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Board may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meetings as may be necessary and that person while so co-opted shall have all the privileges of a member except that he shall not be entitled to vote.

20 **13.** In this Act, unless the context Roads and Rural Infrastructures Interpretation
21 established by section 1 of this Act; otherwise requires-

22 "National Integrated Community Development Agency" means the
23 National Integrated Community Development Agency established by
24 section 1 of this Act; "functions" include duties and powers;
25 "State formation" means State equivalent of the National Integrated
26 Community Development Agency, the Local Government Rural
27 Development Committees and the communities improvement of
28 development unions or associations.

29 **14.** This Act may be cited as the National Integrated Community Short title
30 Development Agency Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the National Integrated Community Development Agency for the mobilization of rural communities and the development of the rural areas in Nigeria; and to charge the National Integrated Community Development Agency with diverse functions directed towards the improvement of the quality of the life in the rural areas.