

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA ARABIC LANGUAGE VILLAGE, NGALA  
AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

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

### PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIA ARABIC LANGUAGE VILLAGE

1.-(1) There is established a village to be known as the Nigeria  
Arabic Language Village (in this Act. referred to as "the Village").

Establishment of  
the Nigeria Arabic  
Language Village

(2) The Village shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession  
and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

1           2. The objectives of the Village shall be to promote the study and  
2 use of the Arabic Language in Nigeria by exploring all relevant and  
3 available avenue, potentials and resources to make the Village-

Objectives of the  
Village

4           (a) an active teaching and learning Centre for the study of Arabic;  
5           (b) a resource Centre for specialized professional services to the  
6 public and private sectors of the Nigeria economy; and

7           (c) a Nigerian inter-University Centre for Arabic Studies

8           3.-(1) There is established for the Village a governing body which  
9 shall be known as the Council of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village (in  
10 this Act referred to as the "the Council").

Establishment  
and Composition  
of the Governing  
Council

11           (2) The Council shall consist of-

12           (a) a Chairman;

13           (b) one person each to represent each of the following institutions  
14 in rotation, for one term at a time-

15           (i) the Federal Universities,

16           (ii) the State Universities, and

1 (iii) the Colleges of Education;

2 (c) one person to represent the Nigerian Association of Arabic  
3 Teachers;

4 (d) two persons with relevant knowledge and experience selected on  
5 individual merit to represent public interest;

6 (e) the Director-General of the Village;

7 (f) the Deputy Director-General of the Village; and

8 (g) the Registrar of the Village who shall act as Secretary to the  
9 Council.

10 (3) The Chairman and members of the council, other than ex-officio  
11 shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

12 (4) The President, during a long absence or temporary incapacity by  
13 illness of the Chairman, may appoint a person to act in the place of the  
14 Chairman and that person while so acting may exercise the functions of the  
15 Chairman.

16 (5) If any other member is incapacitated by illness or long absence  
17 from performing his official duties, a temporary member may be appointed, in  
18 the same manner and in accordance with the same procedure under which the  
19 incapacitated member was appointed, and while the appointment subsists, he  
20 may exercise all the functions of a member.

21 (6) The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this Act  
22 shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other  
23 matters contained therein.

Tenure of office

24 4.-(1) The Chairman shall hold office for a period of 4 years and may  
25 be eligible for re-appointment by the President for one further term of four  
26 years.

27 (2) A member of the Council, other than ex-officio, shall hold office  
28 for 4 years, and may be re-appointed for one further term of 4 years and no  
29 more.

30 (3) A member of the Council shall not appoint another person to

1 represent him at a meeting.

2 5.-(1) The Chairman shall be paid such emolument as may be Remuneration of  
3 specified in his letter of appointment. Members

4 (2) The allowances payable to members shall be in accordance  
5 with such rates as may be approved by the Government, from time to time.

6 6.-(1) If it appears to the Council that the Chairman or any other Removal from  
7 member other than ex-officio should be removed from office on grounds of Office  
8 misconduct, or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council  
9 shall make a recommendation to the President through the Minister.

10 (2) If the President after making such inquiries as he considers  
11 necessary, approves the recommendation, the Minister shall, in writing,  
12 declare the Office of the Chairman or of such a member vacant.

13 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the President,  
14 may remove a member if he is satisfied that it is in the public interest to do so.

15 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

16 7. The Village shall- Functions of the  
17 Village

18 (a) encourage the learning of the Arabic Language in an  
19 environment that will prepare the students in the Village to-

20 (i) speak Arabic fluently,

21 (ii) acquire proficiency in Arabic,

22 (iii) acquire competence in the writing of the Arabic Language,

23 (iv) translate to and from the Arabic Language with reference to the  
24 English languages,

25 (v) interpret simultaneously and consequently to and from Arabic  
26 language with reference to the English and Nigerian languages;

27 (b) hold out to all persons without distinction to race, creed, sex or  
28 political conviction the opportunity of acquiring proficiency in the use of  
29 Arabic Language;

30 (c) provide courses of instructions and other facilities for the  
pursuit of learning Arabic Language;

- 1 (d) develop appropriate curricular to suit the needs of the various  
2 users of the Village;
- 3 (e) award Testimonials, Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees to  
4 persons who complete the courses of study undertaken in the Village.
- 5 (f) provide an environment, having all the socio-cultural, physical and  
6 psychological facilities, that will facilitate the learning of Arabic language,  
7 through a coordinated stimulated process that allows the learner to achieve the  
8 linguistic and cultural immersion that is indispensable for communicative  
9 competence in Arabic;
- 10 (g) operate with the multi-dimensional and omni-directional strategy  
11 of language acquisition for the benefit of-
- 12 (i) University undergraduates, for their statutory Arabic Language  
13 Immersion Programme,
- 14 (ii) students of Colleges of Education, for their compulsory Summer  
15 Arabic Language Immersion Programme,
- 16 (iii) secondary school teachers and students, and  
17 (iv) Government and non-Governmental personnel;
- 18 (h) serve as a centre for the exchange of information of Arabic studies  
19 and of sourcing researches in the area of Arabic studies;
- 20 (i) encourage research into problems of learning and teaching of  
21 Arabic as a foreign language in Nigeria, with a view to carrying out research  
22 into those problems and finding solutions to them;
- 23 (j) encourage the development and publication of materials, including  
24 books, journals and teaching aids for proficiency programmes and for  
25 secondary and tertiary institutions;
- 26 (k) compile, assemble and publish the results of researches in Arabic  
27 studies in Nigeria and popularize those findings where their general  
28 recognition, in the opinion of the Village, is of importance to Nigeria and to  
29 Arabic studies in Nigeria; and
- 30 (l) carry out other activities as are necessary or expedient for the

1 performance of its functions under this Act.

2 8. The council shall-

Functions of the  
Council

3 (a) subject to the provisions of this Act, be charged with the general  
4 control and superintendence of the policies, finances and property of the  
5 village;

6 (b) ensure that the Village is staffed by persons with high  
7 communicative competence in Arabic;

8 (c) ensure that proper accounts of the Village are kept and that  
9 those accounts are audited annually as specified in this Act;

10 (d) organize and control the course of study at the Village and the  
11 examinations held in conjunction with those courses;

12 (e) organize and control the halls of residence and the other  
13 facilities provided by the Village; and

14 (f) perform such other duties as the President, may, from time to  
15 time, assign to it.

16 9. The village shall have power to-

Powers of the  
Village

17 (a) establish such units within the Village as may, from time to  
18 time, be necessary or desirable;

19 (b) institute and grant professorships, readerships, lectureship and  
20 other posts and offices and to make appointment thereto;

21 (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, bursaries,  
22 medals, prizes and other titles distinctions, award and other forms of  
23 assistance;

24 (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of  
25 staff of the Village;

26 (e) hold examinations and grant diplomas, certificates and other  
27 distinctions to persons who have pursued course of study approved by the  
28 Village and have satisfied such other requirements as the Village lay down;

29 (f) grant fellowships or titles to deserving individuals;

30 (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person

1 attending the Village for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Village may,  
2 from time to time, determine;

3 (h) acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise dealt with or dispose of  
4 moveable and immovable property wherever situate;

5 (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to  
6 accept them for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions  
7 attaching thereto;

8 (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee solely or jointly  
9 with any other persons, and employ and act through agents;

10 (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture  
11 halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports ground, playing fields and other  
12 building or things necessary or suitable or convenient for the objectives of the  
13 Village;

14 (l) hold public lectures and to undertake publishing and book selling;

15 (m) subject to the provisions of this Act-

16 (i) invest any money accruing to the Village by way of endowment,  
17 whether for general or special purposes, and such other money may not be  
18 immediately required for current expenditure, in investments or securities or in  
19 the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any  
20 such investments; and

21 (ii) deposit any money, for the time being uninvested, with a bank  
22 approved by the Federal Government, on deposit or current account;

23 (n) to make gifts for any charitable purposes;

24 (o) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or any  
25 other law to do; and

26 (p) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the  
27 foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the Village.

Power of the  
President to give  
directives

28 **10.** The President, may give to the Village or to the Council directives  
29 of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the  
30 performance by the Village or the Council of its functions under this Act and it

1 shall be the duty of the Village or the Council to comply with these  
2 directives.

3 11. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Minister may give to  
4 the Council such directives of a general nature with regard to the exercise by  
5 the Council of its functions under this Act and it shall be the duty of the  
6 Council to comply with such directives.

Power of the  
Minister to give  
directive

7 PART III - STAFF OF THE VILLAGE

8 12.-(1) The Village shall have the following officers-

Appointment of  
Principal Officers

9 (a) the Director-General of the Village;  
10 (b) the Deputy Director-General of the Village;  
11 (c) the Registrar of the Village;  
12 (d) the Bursar of the Village;  
13 (e) the Village Librarian;  
14 (f) the Co-ordinator of Municipal Services; and  
15 (g) such other officers as the Council may from time to time,  
16 designate.

17 (2) The principal officers, other than the Director, shall-

18 (a) be appointed by the Council; and  
19 (b) subject to section 14 of this Act, hold office for such period and  
20 on such terms, as to emoluments of their offices and otherwise as may be  
21 specified in their letter of appointment.

22 13.-(1) The President shall, on the recommendation of the  
23 Minister, appoint a Director-General who shall be the Chief Executive  
24 Officer and Chief Academic Officer of the Village.

Appointment of  
the Director

25 (2) The Director-General shall-

26 (a) hold office for a term of five years and may be eligible for  
27 reappointment for a further term of four years only Deputy Director-General  
28 of the Village; and

29 (b) be paid such emoluments as may be specified in his letter of  
30 appointment.

Deputy Director-  
General

1                   14.-(1) There shall be a Deputy Director-General of the Village who  
2 shall assist the Director-General in his duties and act in the place of the  
3 Director-General when the office of Director-General is vacant or the Director-  
4 General is for any reason absent or otherwise unable to perform his functions as  
5 Director-General.

6                   (2) The Deputy Director-General-

7                   (a) shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the  
8 Director-General;

9                   (b) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning with the date  
10 of his appointment, and on such terms as to the emolument of his office and  
11 otherwise as maybe specified in his instrument of appointment; and

12                  (c) may be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of two years  
13 only.

14                  (3) A person who had held office as Deputy Director-General for a  
15 continuous period of four years or longer, or would so have held office but for  
16 his resignation, shall not be eligible for appointment as Deputy Director-  
17 General during the two years immediately following the end of that period.

Registrar

18                  15.-(1) There shall be a Registrar who shall be the Chief  
19 Administrative Officer of the Village and shall be responsible to the Director-  
20 General for the day-to-day administrative work of the Village except as regard  
21 matters for which the bursar is responsible in accordance with the terms  
22 specified below.

23                  (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council.

The Bursar

24                  16. The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Village and  
25 shall be responsible to the Director-General for the-day-to-day administration  
26 and control of the financial affairs of the Village.

The Village  
Librarian

27                  17. The Village Librarian shall be responsible to the Director-General  
28 for the administration of the Village Library and the co-ordination of the  
29 Library services of the Village.





1 request, within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice,  
2 make arrangements-

3 (i) for the Appointments and Promotion Committee of the Council or  
4 an ad-hoc Committee of Council to investigate the matter and to report on it to  
5 the Council; and

6 (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of  
7 appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee on the matter.

8 (2) If the Council, after considering the report of the Investigating  
9 Committee is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as  
10 aforesaid, the Council may remove the person concerned by an instrument in  
11 writing signed by the Chairman of the Council.

12 (3) The Director-General may, in a case of conduct by a member of the  
13 staff which in the opinion of the Director-General is prejudicial to the interest  
14 of the Village, suspend that member, and suspension shall forthwith be  
15 reported to the Council for ratification.

16 (4) For good cause, an employee may be suspended from office or his  
17 appointment may be terminated by the Council and for the purpose of this  
18 subsection "good cause" means-

19 (a) physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining  
20 medical advice, considers to be such as render the person concerned unfit for  
21 the discharge of the functions of his office; or

22 (b) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the  
23 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue  
24 to hold his office; or

25 (c) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute  
26 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his  
27 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

28 (5) A person suspended pursuant to subsection (3) and or (4) of this  
29 section shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration  
30 of a period of three months after the date of suspension consider the case

1 against that person and come to decision as to-

2 (a) whether to continue that person's suspension and if so on what  
3 terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

4 (b) whether to re-instate that a person to his office, in which case  
5 the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date  
6 of the suspension;

7 (c) whether to terminate that person's appointment, in which case  
8 the person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emolument withheld  
9 during the period of the suspension; and

10 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against that  
11 person (including the restoration of the proportion of his emoluments that  
12 might have been withheld) as the Council may, determine.

13 (6) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides  
14 to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary  
15 action against a person, the Council shall, before the expiration of a period of  
16 three months from that decision, come to a final determination in respect of  
17 the case concerning person.

18 (7) It shall be the duty of the person who signed the instrument of  
19 removal by virtue of subsection (2) of this section to serve or cause it to be  
20 served on the person concerned, a copy of the instrument.

21 (8) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from making  
22 such regulation for the discipline of other categories of employees and  
23 workers of the Village as it may think fit.

24 24.-(1) If a junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the  
25 Director-General may suspend him for not more than three months and  
26 forthwith shall refer the matter to the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee-

Discipline of  
junior staff

27 (a) to consider the case; and

28 (b) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be  
29 taken by the Director-General.

30 (2) In all case under this section, the junior member of staff shall be

1 informed in writing of the charges against him and be given reasonable  
2 opportunity to defend himself.

3 (3) The Director-General may, after considering the recommendation  
4 made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss, terminate, retire or  
5 downgrade the junior officer concerned.

6 (4) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Director-General under  
7 subsection (3) of this section may within a period of 21 days from the date of  
8 the receipt of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to  
9 the Council to reconsider his case and the Council's decision therein shall be  
10 final.

Discipline of  
Students

11 25.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to  
12 the Director-General that any student of the Village has been guilty of  
13 misconduct, the Director-General may without prejudice to any other  
14 disciplinary powers conferred on him by regulations or by law, direct-

15 (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in  
16 the direction, participate in such activities of the Village, or make use of such  
17 facilities of the Village, as may be so specified;

18 (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be  
19 specified;

20 (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in  
21 the direction; or

22 (d) that the student be expelled from the Village.

23 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this  
24 section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period  
25 and in the prescribed manner, appeal from the direction to the council. and  
26 where such as appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to  
27 be made in the matter as the council considers just, either confirm or set aside  
28 the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

29 (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of  
30 the last foregoing subsection shall not affect the question of the direction while

1 the appeal is pending.

2 (4) The Director-General may delegate his powers under this  
3 section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the Village  
4 otherwise than on ground of misconduct.

5 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
6 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Village otherwise  
7 than on ground of misconduct.

8 (6) It is declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of this  
9 section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this  
10 section.

#### 11 PART IV - ACADEMIC BOARD OF THE VILLAGE

12 26.-(1) There is established for the Village an Academic Board  
13 which shall consist of-

Establishment of  
the Academic  
Board

14 (a) the Director-General as Chairman;

15 (b) the Deputy Director-General;

16 (c) the Registrar;

17 (d) members of the teaching staff;

18 (e) graduate members of staff of the Library;

19 (f) graduate members of staff of the Audio-Visual Unit; and

20 (g) the Academic Secretary who shall be the Secretary to the  
21 Academic Board.

22 (2) The Director-General shall preside over the meeting of the  
23 Academic Board and in his absence the Deputy Director-General shall  
24 preside but in the absence of both, the members present at the meeting shall  
25 select one of them to preside at the meeting.

26 (3) The Academic Board shall meet at least once in a semester.

27 (4) Subject to subsection (2) and (3) of this section, the Academic  
28 Board shall regulate its own procedure.

29 27.-(1) The Academic Board shall-

30 (a) subject to subsection (2) of this section, formulate, regulate and

Function of the  
Academic Board

1 continuously evaluate the academic programmes of the Village;  
 2 (b) perform such other functions as are traditional to such bodies, as  
 3 the Council may, from time to time, assign to it.

4 (2) The Academic Board shall ensure that, where the Village wishes to  
 5 provide programmes aimed at specific categories of students from certain  
 6 institutions, the particulars of those programmes are first sent-

7 (a) in the case of undergraduate programmes, to the National  
 8 Universities Commission;

9 (b) in the case of the National Certificate of Education programmes,  
 10 to the National Commission for Colleges of Education;

11 (c) in the case of professional programme, to the relevant professional  
 12 body;

13 (d) in the case of any other programme, to the recognized body  
 14 responsible for supervising the institution, for information and in-put.

#### 15 PART V - COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Establishment  
 the Finance,  
 General purpose,  
 Tenders and the  
 Appointment  
 and Promotion  
 Committee

16 **28.** The Council shall establish the following Committees-

17 (a) Finance and General Purposes Committee;

18 (b) Appointments and Promotion Committee; and

19 (c) Tenders Committee.

Composition  
 and functions of  
 the Finance and  
 General Purpose  
 Committee

20 **29.**-(1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee shall consist of-

21 (a) the Chairman of the Council as Chairman;

22 (b) the Director-General of the Village;

23 (c) four members of the Council to be selected by the Council;

24 (d) the Registrar as Secretary.

25 (2) The Finance and General Purpose Committee shall subject to the  
 26 direction of the Council-

27 (a) exercise control over the property and expenditure of the Village;

28 (b) be responsible for elaborating the general plans of the Village and  
 29 co-ordinating the work of such other Committee of the Council as the Council

30 may direct;

1 (c) perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may,  
2 from time to time, delegate, to it.

3 (3) The Finance and General Purpose Committee shall meet as and  
4 when necessary for the performance of this functions under this Decree and  
5 shall regulate is own procedure.

6 (4) The Finance and General purpose Committee shall regulate its  
7 procedure.

8 **30.**-(1) The Appointment and Promotions Committee shall consist  
9 of-

Composition and  
functions of the  
Appointment and  
Promotion  
Committee

10 (a) the Director-General of the Village as Chairman;

11 (b) three members of the Council to be selected by the Council;

12 (c) the Head of the Department concerned;

13 (d) the Bursar; and

14 (e) the Registrar as Secretary.

15 (2) Subject to such policies as may be laid down, from time to time,  
16 by the Council, the Appointment and Promotions Committee shall-

17 (a) co-ordinate and regulate the appointment and promotion of  
18 members of staff of the Village;

19 (b) Consider applications for special training and sabbatical  
20 leaves, leave of absence and for fellowships;

21 (c) perform such other functions ancillary to those in paragraphs  
22 (a) and (b) of this subsection as the Council may, from time to time, assign to  
23 it.

24 (4) The Appointment and Promotion Committee shall meet as and  
25 when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act and shall  
26 regulate its own procedure.

27 **31.**-(1) The Tenders Committee shall consist of-

28 (a) the Chairman of the Council as chairman;

29 (b) the Director-General of the Village;

30 (c) two members of the Council to be selected by the Council;

Composition and  
Functions of the  
Tenders Committee

- 1 (d) the Bursar of the Village;  
2 (e) the Co-ordinator of Municipal Services; and  
3 (f) the Registrar of the Village, who shall act as Secretary to the  
4 Committee.

Establishment of  
the Co-ordinating  
Academic Board

5 32.-(1) There is established the Co-ordinating Academic Board,  
6 which shall consist of-

- 7 (a) the Coordinator of Studies as Chairman;  
8 (b) all Academic staff above the rank of Graduate Assistant;  
9 (c) a representative of the Library;  
10 (d) representative of the Registry; and  
11 (e) a secretary appointed by Management.

12 (2) (a) The Co-ordinating Academic Board (CAB) shall be directly  
13 responsible to the Village Academic Board (VAB) in-

- 14 (i) designing and proposing necessary academic programmes and  
15 course contents;  
16 (ii) allocating courses to lecturers and ensuring effective teaching of  
17 all programmes; and  
18 (iii) ensuring proper conduct of examinations and timely release of  
19 results for VAB consideration.

20 (b) Undertaking periodic appraisal of Village Academics for  
21 consideration at the Village Appointments and Promotions Committee, A &  
22 PC; and

23 (c) Advising the VAB on all requests for sabbatical leaves, leaves of  
24 absence and other related matters for academics.

Establishment of  
the Co-ordinating  
Board of Examiners

25 33. There shall be a Co-ordinating Board of Examiners, which shall  
26 consist of-

- 27 (a) the Coordinator of studies as chairman;  
28 (b) all Heads of Academic Departments;  
29 (c) a representative of the Library;  
30 (d) academic Secretary; and



- 1 (e) an Administrative Officer as Secretary to the Board  
 2 (2) The Coordinating Board of Examiners shall-  
 3 (a) consider and make recommendation on all examination results  
 4 from the Departments;  
 5 (b) consider complaints about examinations results from students,  
 6 provided the VAB receive such complaints within one (1) calendar month of  
 7 the publication of the examination results;  
 8 (c) consider and make recommendations on reports of  
 9 Examinations misconduct and irregularities brought to the Board by the  
 10 Deputy Director-General;  
 11 (d) prepare and pass referral lists; and  
 12 (e) carry out any other activities and make proposals to the CAB, as  
 13 may be required.

14 34.-(1) There is established the Academic Policy, Research and  
 15 Publications Committee of the Village Academic Board which shall consist  
 16 of-

Establishment of  
 the Academic  
 Policy, Research  
 and Publications  
 Committee

- 17 (a) the Village Director- General, as Chairman;  
 18 (b) the Deputy Director- General;  
 19 (c) the Village Librarian;  
 20 (d) the Registrar;  
 21 (e) a representative of Council;  
 22 (f) all Heads of Academic Departments;  
 23 (h) an administrative officer, as Secretary.  
 24 (2) The Academic Policy, Research and Publications Committee  
 25 shall-  
 26 (a) consider and approve research grants to qualified members of  
 27 staff;  
 28 (b) provide the necessary guidelines and format for assessment to  
 29 intending researchers, consistent with the philosophy and needs of the  
 30 Village;

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of the Library  
Board

1 (c) scrutinise proposed research topics on the bases of area of  
2 specialisation and relevance to national development;

3 (d) recommend staff application for training/ study leave; and

4 (e) determine application of staff qualified to go on sabbatical leave.

5 **35.-(1)** There is established a Library Board, which shall consist of-

6 (a) the Village Librarian, as Chairman;

7 (b) academic Staff of the Library, not below the rank of Librarian II;

8 (c) a representative of the Academics;

9 (d) a representative of the Registry; and

10 (e) a Secretary to be appointed by Management.

11 (2) The Library Board shall-

12 (a) design the operational policy of the Village Library;

13 (b) co-ordinate teaching and research activities in the Library;

14 (c) collaborate with other Departments of the Village;

15 (d) advise on Library holdings;

16 (e) recommend on issues of general welfare of Library staff to  
17 Management; and

18 (f) operate and maintain multimedia network facilities for library  
19 users within and outside the Village.

Appointed of  
other Committees

20 **36.-(1)** The council may, subject to its standing orders, appoint such  
21 other standing and ad-hoc committees as the Council may think fit to consider  
22 and report on any matter with which the Village is concerned.

23 (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a  
24 committee appointed shall be presided over by a member of the Council, and  
25 shall consist of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the  
26 Council, as the Council may determine.

27 **PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

Fund of the  
Village

28 **37.-(1)** The Village shall establish and maintain a fund from which  
29 shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Village.

30 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to

1 subsection.(1) of this section-

2 (a) such moneys as may, from time to time, be lent or granted to the  
3 Village by the Government of the Federation or of a State or any of their  
4 agencies;

5 (b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Village by way of gift,  
6 grant in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

7 (c) all subscription or less and charges for services rendered by the  
8 Village;

9 (d) all interest received in respect of moneys invested by the  
10 Village; and

11 (e) all other assets, from time to time, accruing to the Village.

12 (3) The fund shall be managed in accordance with guidelines given  
13 by the Minister through the National Universities Commission, and without  
14 prejudice to the generality of the power to give guidelines under this  
15 subsection, the guidelines shall in particular contain provisions specifying  
16 the manner in which the assets of the fund are to be held, and regulating the  
17 making of payments into and out of the fund.

18 38.-(1) The Village may, from time to time, apply the funds at its  
19 disposal-

Expenditure of  
the Village

20 (a) to the cost of the administration of the Village and of any  
21 research institute under the village's administration;

22 (b) for reimbursing a member of any Committee set up by the  
23 Village for expenses expressly authorized by the Village;

24 (c) to the provision of scholarship and other awards for the training  
25 of staff of the Village.

26 (d) to the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration,  
27 allowances, pensions and gratuities or superannuation payable to the  
28 employees of the Village (including the Director-General);

29 (e) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Village; and

30 (f) for in connection with all or any of the functions of the Village

1 under this Act or any other enactment.

2 (2) Except as provided for in subsection (1) of this section, no other  
3 remuneration shall be paid to any member of any Committee appointed by the  
4 Village pursuant to this Act.

Annual estimate,  
accounts and  
audit

5 39.-(1) The Council shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30th  
6 September in each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the  
7 Village during the next succeeding year and when prepared, shall be submitted  
8 to the Minister.

9 (2) The Council shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Village  
10 in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall cause its  
11 accounts to be audited not less than six months after the end of each year.

12 (3) The Council shall appoint auditors from the list and in accordance  
13 with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Annual Report

14 40. The Council shall, not later than 31st July in each year, submit to  
15 the Minister a report, in such form as the President may, from time to time,  
16 direct, on the activities of the Village during the preceding year and shall  
17 include in the report the audited accounts of the Village.

#### 18 PART VII- MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Exclusion of  
discrimination  
on account of  
race, religion,  
etc.

19 41.-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of  
20 the following matter that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place  
21 of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of  
22 becoming or continuing to be a student at the Village, the holder of any  
23 certificate or degree of the Village or of any appointment or employment at the  
24 Village and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any  
25 advantage in relation to the Village by reference to any of those matters-

26 PROVIDED that nothing in this section shall be construed as  
27 preventing the Village from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the  
28 aforementioned persons. Where such person willfully refuses or fails on  
29 grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly  
30 imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty having regard to

1 its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion  
2 of the Village reasonably justified in the national interest.

3 42. For the purposes of the land use Act (which provided for the  
4 compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) the purposes of the  
5 Village shall be public purposes of the federation and where an estate or  
6 interest in any land is acquired by the Government in pursuance to this  
7 section, the Government may by a certificate under hand and seal of the  
8 registrar of Deeds, transfer it to the Village.

Compulsory  
acquisition of  
land

9 43.-(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises  
10 necessary for the performance of its functions, the Village may subject to the  
11 Lands Use Act-

Offices and  
premises

12 (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, building or  
13 property;

14 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

15 (2) The Village may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease out  
16 any land, office or premises held by it, which is no longer required for the  
17 performance of its functions under this Act.

18 44.-(1) The Village may, with the approval of the Minister from  
19 time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums as may require for  
20 the performance of its functions under this Act.

Power to borrow

21 (2) The Village shall not, without the approval of the Minister  
22 borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the Minister.

23 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum  
24 to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Village shall not borrow the sum  
25 without the prior approval of the Minister.

26 45.-(1) The Village may accept gift of land, money or other  
27 property, upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the  
28 person or organization making the gift, provided that such gift is not  
29 inconsistent with the objectives and functions of the Village.

Power to accept  
Gifts

Legal proceedings 1                    46.-(1) No suit shall be commenced against the Village unless a  
2 month notice is served on the Village before the expiration of a period of one  
3 month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been  
4 served on the Village by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice shall  
5 clearly and explicitly state-

6                    (a) the cause of action;

7                    (b) the particulars of the claim;

8                    (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and

9                    (d) the relief which it claims.

10                    (2) The notice to in subsection (1) of this section and any summons,  
11 notice or other document required or authorized to be served upon the Village  
12 under the provision of this Act or any other enactment or law, may be served by-

13                    (a) delivering the same to the Director; or

14                    (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Director at the head  
15 office of the Village.

16                    (3) In an action or suit against the Village, no execution or attachment  
17 or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Village, but any sums  
18 of money which may, by the judgment of the court, be awarded against the  
19 Village shall, subject to any directives given by the Village, be paid from the  
20 general reserve of the Village.

Power to make  
Regulations

21                    47.-(1) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister make  
22 regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Act and without prejudice  
23 to the foregoing, regulation shall provide for-

24                    (a) the entry into and the type of courses and programmes approved  
25 for the Village;

26                    (b) the duration of the courses and programmes; and

27                    (c) the certificates, if any, to be awarded by the village.

28                    (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall make it obligatory  
29 for the Council to publish its Regulations in the Gazette.



1 Committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

2 3. At a meeting of the Council, the Chairman or person appointed by  
3 the Council to act in that behalf shall preside but if neither of them is present,  
4 the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to preside at  
5 the meeting.

6 4. The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education and  
7 the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission may attend a  
8 meeting of the Council and may take part in the deliberations of the Council but  
9 shall not be entitled to vote and shall not count towards a quorum.

10 5. The Council shall meet at least once in a quarter and as and when  
11 necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act.

12 6. Any three members of the Council may by notice in writing signed  
13 by them require the Chairman to convene as special meeting of the Council.

14 7. A question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by  
15 consensus; and where this is not possible, by a majority of the votes of  
16 members present and voting.

17 8. The Chairman shall in the case of an equality of votes have a  
18 casting vote in addition to this deliberative vote.

19 9. Where the Council desires to seek the advice of any person on a  
20 particular matter, the Council may co-opt the person as a member of the  
21 Council for such period as it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue  
22 of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and  
23 shall not count towards the quorum.

#### 24 *Committees*

25 10. The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on  
26 behalf of the Council such of its functions as the Council may determine.

27 11. A Committee of the Council shall consist of such number of  
28 persons (not necessarily all members of the Council) as may be determined by  
29 the Council; and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office  
30 on the committee accordance with the terms of his appointment.



1                   12. A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect  
2 unless it is confirmed by the Council.

3   *Miscellaneous*

4                   13. The fixing of the seal of the Village shall be authenticated by  
5 the signature of the Chairman or of some other persons authorized generally  
6 to act for that purpose.

7                   14. Any document purporting to be a document executed under the  
8 seal of the Village shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary  
9 is proved be deemed executed.

10                  15. A contract or an instrument which, if under or executed by a  
11 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal,  
12 may be made or executed on behalf of the Village by the Director-General  
13 and a person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the  
14 Council.

15                  16. The validity of a proceeding of the Council or its Committee  
16 shall not be affected by-

17                   (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Council or of the  
18 Committee;

19                   (b) ~~reason that~~ the person not entitled to do so took part in the  
20 proceedings; or

21                   (c) a defect in the appointment of a member.

22                  17. A member of the Council and a person holding office on a  
23 Committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or  
24 arrangement entered into proposed to be considered by the Council or a  
25 Committee shall-

26                   (a) forthwith disclose his interest to the Council or committee, as  
27 the case may be; and

28                   (b) not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Act but is intended to explain its purpose)*

This Act seeks to establish the Nigeria Arabic Language Village in order to promote the study and use of the Arabic Language in Nigeria by exploring all relevant and available avenues, potentials and resources.