

NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA COMMISSION (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

1. Amendment of Act No. 15, 2017
2. Amendment of Section 2
3. Amendment of Section 7
4. Amendment of Section 8
5. Amendment of Section 13
6. Amendment of Section 14
7. Amendment of Section 26
8. Citation

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA COMMISSION
(ESTABLISHMENT) ACT NO. 15, 2017; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Onofiok Luke

Co-Sponsors:

Hon. Cornelius Nnaji

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Hon. Nsikak Ekong

Hon. Isa Dederi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria:

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| 1 | 1. The Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (in this Bill referred to | Amendment of |
| 2 | as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. | Act, No. 15, 2017 |
| 3 | 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended as set out below: | Amendment of |
| 4 | (a) by substituting for the existing subsection (1) (c) a new | Section 2 |
| 5 | subsection (1) (c) to read thus- | |
| 6 | “1 representative each from the Nigerians in Diaspora | |
| 7 | Organizations from: | |
| 8 | (i) North America; | |
| 9 | (ii) South America; | |
| 10 | (iii) Asia; | |
| 11 | (iv) Oceania; | |
| 12 | (v) Africa; | |
| 13 | (vi) Europe; and | |
| 14 | (b). Section 2 (3) is amended by deleting the entire subsection (3)” | |

Amendment of Section 7	1	3. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words
	2	“of the Board” immediately after the word “membership” in line 1.
Amendment of Section 8	3	4. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
	4	subsections “(b)” ; “(j)” ; and “(k)” the following new subsections “(b)” ; “(j)” ;
	5	and “(k)” as set out below:
	6	(b) mobilise and execute programmes that will complement and
	7	advise the Federal Government on major areas of accelerated development;
	8	“(j) strengthen the existing administrative set-up of all Nigerians in
	9	Diaspora Organisations;
	10	(k) work in concert with all Nigerians in Diaspora Organisations,
	11	professional sub-committees, sub-committees on the professional groups and
	12	the various socio-cultural groups; and”.
Amendment of Section 13	13	5. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the
	14	existing subsection “(a)” ; “(b)” ; “(o)” ; and “(q)” a new subsection “(a)” ; “(b)” ;
	15	“(o)” ; and “(q)” as set out below:
	16	“(a) methods used in attending to and collecting information about all
	17	Nigerians in Diaspora Organisations members, professional group members
	18	and socio-cultural groups for the purpose of registration and storage of their
	19	proposals as specified and created under this Act;
	20	(b) mobilisation framework and parameters that will articulate
	21	proposals of all Nigerians in Diaspora Organisations members or
	22	organisations, professional groups and socio-cultural organisations;
	23	(o) dissemination of information on all Nigerians in Diaspora
	24	Organisations members;
	25	(q) improved administrative facilities at the all Nigerians in Diaspora
	26	Organisations Continental Headquarters in Washington DC area (America),
	27	London, Europe, Singapore, Asia and Accra or Johannesburg (Africa);”.
Amendment of Section 14	28	6. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
	29	subsection (3) to read thus:
	30	“(3) 2.5% of the remittances charges from international monetary

1 transfer operators shall be credited to the Commission through the Central
2 Bank of Nigeria to be used directly by the Commission for diaspora
3 programmes”.

4 **7.** Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended as set out below: Amendment of
5 (a) "by substituting the words “continental NIDO” in line 1 the Section 26

6 words “all Nigerians in Diaspora Organisations” immediately after the word
7 “the”; and

8 (b) by deleting the entire line 9 of section 26.

9 **8.** This Bill may be cited as the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission Citation
10 (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerians in Diaspora (Establishment) Act to
bring it in conformity with current realities for improved service delivery of
the activities of the Commission.