## **ABILL**

## FOR

AN ACT TO REPEAL TI-IE NIGERIAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CAP. N 137, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND ENACT THE NIGERIAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019

Sponsored by Hon. Jimoh Olajide

	. [ ]	Commencement
	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of	
	Nigeria:	
1	1(a) There is hereby established, an Authority to be known as the	Establishment
2	Nigerian Tourism Development Authority (in this Bill referred to as "the	of the Nigerian Tourism
3	Authority");	Development Authority
4	(b) The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual	
5	succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate	
5	name.;	
7	Schedule 1	
3	(c) The supplementary provision contained in the First Schedule to	
).	this Bill shall, where applicable have effect with respect to the proceedings	
0	of the Authority and the other matters mentioned therein.	
1	2. There is established a Governing Board of the Authority which	Membership of
2	shall consist of the following:	the Governing Board
3	(a) a part time Chairman who shall be appointed by the President	
4.	and shall be a person of proven integrity and experience in the field of	,
5	hospitality, travel and tourism;	
6	(b) Director General;	
7	(c) two representatives of the Federation of Tourism Association of	·
8	Nigerian (FTAN);	•
9	(d) one member representing public interest who must be a private	

	1	tourism practitioner;
	2	(e) a representative each of the Federal Ministries/Agencies charged
	3	with the responsibility for matters relating to:
	4	(i) Foreign Affairs;
	5	(ii) Immigration;
•	6	(iii) Industry, Trade and Investment;
	7	(iv) Environment;
	8	(v) Customs;
	. 9	(vi) Culture and Tourism;
	10	(vii) Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC);
	11	(viii) representative of Nigerian Police;
	12	(ix) National Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Development
	13	Studies (NIHOTOUR);
	14	(x) Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON).
Tenure of Office	15	3. Subject to the provision of this Bill, a person appointed to be a
	16	member of the Board of the Authority and not being an ex-officio member shall
	17	hold office for a period of three years from the date of his appointment and may
	18	be re-appointed for a further term of three years and no more.
Resignation	19	4. Any member of the Board of the Authority not being an ex-officio
	20	member may resign his appointment by a letter addressed to the Minister
	21	through the Chairman.
Remuneration	22	5. A member of the Board of the Authority not being an ex-officio
and allowances	23	member shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as the President may,
•	24	from time to time, direct.
Removal of	25	6. Notwithstanding the provision of section 5, the President may on
Chairman and member	26	the recommendation of the Minister remove the Chairman or any member of
•	27	the Board of the Authority from office for inability to discharge the functions of
	28	his office arising from:
	29	(a) infirmity of mind or body;
	30	(b) bankruptcy;

1	(c) gross misconduct; and	
2	(d) any other cause by which his continued membership will not be	
3 -	in the interest of the Authority.	•
4	7. The Board shall have the following Standing Committees:	Board Committee
5	(a) the Appointment and Establishment Committee; and	
6	(b) the Finance and General Purposes Committee.	•
7	8. The functions of the standing Committees shall be as	Function of
8	determined by the Board.	Standing Committees
9	9. Membership of all standing Committees shall be as determined	Membership of
10	by the Board.	Standing Committees
11	10. Proceedings of standing Committees shall be conducted in	Proceedings of Standing
12	accordance with the provisions contained in the schedule to this Bill.	Committees
13	11. The Board may, subject to such conditions as it may deem fit,	Delegation
14	delegate any or all of the powers conferred on it by this Bill to any	
15	Committee or Committees of its members or the Director General to:	
16	(a) inquire into and report to the Board on any matter affecting the	
17	Authority;	
18	(b) deal with matters of an urgent nature as approved by the Board,	
19	subject to such conditions as the board may in writing specify; and	·
20	(c) appoint staff of the Authority to advice on matters relating to	
21	appointments and discipline and other relevant tourism issues of the	
22	authority.	
23	12(a) The Board may, from time to time, co-opt any person or	Co-option another person
24	person(s) to carry out any of the functions of the Authority under this Bill;	anomer person
25	(b) Any person co-opted under subsection (a) of this section may	
26	take part in the proceedings of the Board but shall not be deemed to be a	
27	member of the Board for the purpose of voting or forming of quorum.	
28	13. The functions of the Authority shall be to:	Functions of the Authority
29	(a) develop and promote Nigeria as a travel and tourism destination	are runnerny
30	by encouraging people living in Nigeria to take their holidays therein and	

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	1	of the Authority to comply with the directions.
Appointment of	2	19(1) There shall be appointed for the Authority, a Director General
the Director- General	3	who shall have such professional qualification and experience in tourism and
•	4	allied matters appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of that
	5	office under this Bill.
	6	(2) The Director General shall:
	7	(i) be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the
	8	Minister;
	9	(ii) hold office for a term of four (4) years in the first instance and may
	10	be re-appointed for a further term of four years and no more;
	11	(iii) hold office on such terms and conditions as to emolument,
	12	conditions of service as may be specified in his letter of appointment and on
	13	such other terms and conditions as may be determined from time to time by the
	14	Minister with the approval of the President;
	15	(iv) be the Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the
	16	Authority for the purpose of controlling and disbursing funds accruing to the
	17	Authority and as established pursuant to section 22 of this Bill;
	18	(v) be responsible for the execution of the policies of the Authority;
	19	(vi) be responsible for the day to day administration of the affairs of
	20	the Authority and is answerable to the Board for the performance of the
•	21	functions of that office; and
	22	(vii) perform any other function determined by the Board.
	23	(3) The Director General may delegate a function to an officer of the
	.24	Authority but shall not be relieved of the ultimate responsibility for the
	25	performance of the delegated function.
Appointment of	26	20(1) There shall be appointed a Secretary to the Board who shall:
Secretary to the Board	27	(a) be the head of legal services and legal adviser of the Authority; and
	28	(b) be a legal Practitioner of not less than 10 years post call
•	29	experience.
	30	(2) The Secretary to the Authority shall:

	1	report a copy of the audited account of the Authority for that year, and the
	2	Auditors report therein;
	3 ,	(b) The Authority shall cause to be kept proper account of the
9	4	Authority in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and
	5	shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of
	6	each financial year by external auditors appointed from the list and in
	7	accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the
*	8:	Federation.
Powers to borrow	.9	25. The Authority may, with the consent of the Board or Minister,
	10	borrow on such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine such
	11	sums of money as it may require in the exercise of its functions under this Bill.
Establishment of the Tourism	12	26. There is hereby established by this Bill a Tourism Development
Development Fund	13	Fund, which shall be warehoused in the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).
Object of the	14	27. The object of the Fund are:
Fund	15	(i) to provide funding for tourism development and tourism-related
	16	projects and programmes;
	17	(ii) to achieve the object of the Fund, monies from the Fund shall be
	18	applied for relevant tourism activities as the Board may determine including in
	19	particular:
	20	(a) marketing and promotion of tourism;
	21	(b) capacity building, market research and development of tourism
	22	infrastructure;
	23	(c) development and promotion of other entrepreneurial activities;
	24	(d) tourism export trade-oriented activities of institutions; and
	25	(f) tourism education and training.
Sources of the Fund t	26	28. The sources of the Fund include:
	27	(a) such monies as may be provided by the Federal Government as
٠.	28	seed capital by way of intervention fund, contribution, loan, grant or otherwise
	.29	howsoever;
	30	(b) donations from States, Federal Capital Territory, Local

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•	1	(f) evaluate, approve, review and monitor the execution of projects
	2	and programs approved for funding by the Authority;
	3	(g) determine the certification necessary to ensure that work is
	4	completed according to specification;
<i>a</i>	5	(h) review the annual programmes and projects submitted by the
	6	public and private sector agencies for funding;
	7	(i) to provide financial investments by whichever instrument deemed
	8	desirable and beneficial in tourism, travel and hospitality development projects
	9	by tourism operators in the six geo-political zones and Federal Capital
	10	Territory as the Board may approve;
	11	(j) to disburse approved funds and provide a framework for which
	12	registered and accredited tourism enterprises can access investment and
	13	financial incentives for the development of tourism and hospitality facilities;
•	14	(k) to manage and disburse resources from the Fund for the
	15	development of national standards in training and human resource skills and
	16	capacity building in hospitality and tourism;
	17	(l) subject to any general or special direction, the Board may invest
	18	the Fund and maintain general financial reserves.
Tourism	19	30(1) There shall be established a Tourism Development Levy
Development Levy	20	which shall be used to promote tourism and shall support the fund where and if
	21	necessary Sources of the levy.
-	22	(2) The Sources of the levy shall include but not limited to:
	23	(i) a Tourism Visa Fee as may be approved from time to time;
	24	(ii) a Tourism Development Contribution levy of one (1) per cent per
	25	room rate or flat rate or any rate as may be prescribed by the authority;
	26	(iii) Tourism Departure Levy, for the promotion of domestic tourism,
	27	which shall be paid by all travellers leaving the country at a rate to be
	28	prescribed from time to time by the Authority;
	29	(iv) levy on corporate Nigeria comprising an approved minimum
	30	percentage of interest rate on banks, telecommunications and other corporate

(d) eligibility for financial incentives, subsidy grants and

concessionary interest loans from the Tourism Development Fund; and

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tourism facilities:

	1	(e) promotion of member establishments by the Authority.
Establishment of Hospitality,	2	37(1) There is hereby established, a division of the Authority to be
Travel and Fourism Division	3	known as the Travel and Tourism Division.
	4	(2) It shall be the duty of the Division to:
-	5	(a) monitor the accreditation, classification, and grading of
	6	Hospitality, Travel and other tourism establishments according to th
,	7	prescribed standard as determined by the Authority; and
	8	(b) collect fees and impose such sanctions as may be prescribed o
	9	reviewed from time to time by the Authority.
ssignment of ompliance	10	38(1) The Authority may if deems it fit, assign from time to time
fficers	11	persons to be known as compliance officers for the purposes of this Bill.
	12	(2) Compliance officers assigned under this Bill shall, for the purpose
	13	of the execution of this Bill, have powers to do the following:
•	14	(a) to enter, inspect and examine by day or by night any premises
	15	being used as a hotel or allied hospitality establishment who is an accredited
	16	member of the Alliance;
	17	(b) by notice require the proprietor of such or allied hospitality
	18	establishment to furnish in such form as he may direct any information on such
	19	matters as may be specified by him on notice; and
	20	(c) to make such examination and inquiry as may be necessary to
	21	ascertain whether any regulations made under this Bill are being complied
	22	with.
	23	(3) If a Compliance Officer is of the opinion that a hotel, or allied
	24	hospitality establishment who is an Alliance member is not up to the prescribed
	25	standard he shall serve an improvement notice on the persons under whose
	26	control the hotel or allied establishment lies, requiring the person to take
	27	measures to rectify any defects or meet the prescribed standards within such a
	28	period as he shall therein specify.
	29	(4) Where a person fails to comply with an improvement notice issued
	30	under subsection (2), the compliance officer shall serve a notice of non-

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l	compliance on the hotel or allied hospitality establishment until such time as	
2	the prescribed standards are met.	
3	(5) A person who is aggrieved by a notice issued by a compliance	
4	officer under sub-section (3) may, within thirty days from the date of such	
5	notice, appeal to the Authority who may after considering the appeal by	
- 6	order in writing confirm, revoke or vary the notice.	
7	(6) A person who is aggrieved with a decision of the Authority	
8	made under subsection (4) may within thirty days from the date of the	
9	decision, appeal to the Board.	
10	(7) W hout prejudice to the right of aggrieved persons to seek	
11	redress in a court of law, the decision of the Board on the appeal lodged	
12	under subsection (5) will be final and binding on the Person.	
13	39(1) it is an offence for a person to:	Offences and
14	(a) refuse access to a hotel or allied hospitality establishment to a	penalties
15	compliance officer or a person assisting the compliance officer;	
16	(b) obstruct the compliance officer in the exercise of his powers	
17	under this Bill or any regulation made there under, or induces or attempts to	
18	induce any other person to do so;	à
19	(c) prevent or attempt pt to prevent any other person from assisting	
20	the officer;	
21	(d) in any other way, hinder, impede or oppose the compliance	
22	officer in the exercise of his powers under this Bill or any regulation made	
23	there under:	
24	(e) fail to provide the compliance officer any information required	
25	under this Bill or Regulation made there under;	
26	(f) make a statement, which he knows to be false:	
27	(i) in purported compliance with the requirement to furnish any	
28	information imposed by or under any of the relevant statutory provisions or;	₹.
29	(ii) for the purpose of obtaining a document under any of the	
30	relevant statutory provisions for himself or another person.	

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1	(g) with intent to deceive, forge or use a document issued or
2	authorized to be issued under any of the relevant statutory provisions or
3	required for the purpose there under make, or have in his possession a
4	document so closely resembling any such document as to be calculated to
5	deceive; or
6	(h) falsely pretend') be a compliance officer;
7	(i) refuse to renew accreditation within the prescribed time.
8	(2) A person guilty of an offence under section 39(a) shall be liable on
9	conviction to:
10	(a) a fine not exceeding N200,000;
11	(b) imprisonment for a term not more than two years;
12	(c) both fine and imprisonment for a term not more than two years;
13	(d) further fine of N5,000 for each day during which the offence
14	continues.
15	(3) Any Establishment which refuses to comply with the standard
16	improvement notice served, and/or refuses to renew accreditation within the
17	prescribed time or refuses to comply with any other provision of this Bill, will
18	after the expiration of the prescribed due process lose his membership of the
19	alliance and a public disclaimer will be made.
20	(4) Any establishment which contravenes the provisions of
21	subsection (3) of this section and the contravention is perceived to be against
22	public interest and safety or to be as a security threat to the public, will be sealed
23	by the Authority and the Authority may call in the assistance of any law
24	enforcement agent and it shall be the duty or such law enforcement agent to
25	assist the Authority in enforcing the provisions of this Bill.
26	(5) The Authority shall have power to impose such other sanctions as
27	may be prescribed from time to time.
28	40. The Minister may with the approval of the President, make
29	regulations generally for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this
30	Bill

1		41(1) The Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Act CAP.	Repeal
2		NI37 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2014 is hereby repealed.	
3		(2) The transitional and savings provisions in the second schedule	
4		to this Bill shall have effect in relation to the employees, assets and liabilities	
5		of the Corporation dissolved under this section and other matters mentioned	
6		therein notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this act or any other	
7		enactment.	
8		42. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:	Interpretation
9		"a person" includes hotels, travel agencies, tour operators and all other	
10		hospitality and tourism establishments who are accredited;	
11		"Company" means the Tour Operating Company established by section 17;	
12		"Authority" means the Nigerian Tourism Development Authority	
13		established by section 3 of this Bill;	
14		"Division" means Hospitality, Travel and Tourism Division established by	
15		section 43 of this Bill;	
16		"Director-General" means the person appointed as Director General by	
17		virtue of section 19 of this Bill;	
18		"Tourism Development Fund" means the fund created under section 26 of	
19		this Bill;	
20		"Compliance officer" means the person appointed as Compliance officer	
21		under section 39 of this Bill;	
22		"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;	
23	٠.	"Senate" means the Senate or the National Assembly;	
24		"Minister" means the Honorable Minister in charge of Information, Culture	
25		and Tourism.	
26		43. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Tourism Development	Citation
27		Authority (Repeal and Enactment) Bill. 2019.	

Ì	SCHEDULES
2	FIRST SCHEDULE
3	Proceedings of the Board
1	1. The Board shall meet at least four times in each year at such times
5	and places as may be determined by the Chairman.
5	2. If not less than five members make a written request to the
7	Chairman for an extraordinary meeting to be convened, the Chairman shall
3	summon a meeting to be held within fifteen days from the date on which he
9	received the request.
10	3. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board and if he is
11	absent from a meeting the members present shall elect one of their member to
12	preside at the meeting.
13	4. At a meeting of the Board six members shall form a quorum and
14	questions shall be decided by a majority of" till' c present and voting; but in the
15	ease of an equality of votes, the Chairman or other pc '(I presiding shall have a
16	second or casting vote.
17	5. Subject to this Bill, the Board may make standing orders regulating
18	the proceedings of the Authority or of any Committee thereof.
19	6. Any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to
20	be served on the Authority may, except where there is express provision to the
21	contrary, be serve by:
22	(a) delivering it to the Director General; or
23	(b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Director General as
24	the principal officer of the Authority
25	7. The fixing of the seal of the Authority shall be authenticated by the
26	sign; lire of the chairman or the Director-General, and the Secretary.
27	8. Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
28	not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be
29	made or executed on behalf of the Authority by any person generally or
30	specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Authority.

1	9. Any document purporting to be a contract, instrument and o
2	document duly signed or sealed on behalf of the shall be received in
3	evidence and, unless the contrary is presumed without further proof to have
4	been so signed or sealed.
5	10. Any member of the Board or a Committee thereof who has
6	personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to
7	be considered by the Board or Committees shall forthwith disclose his
8	interest to the Board or Committee and shall not vote on any question
9	relating to the contract or arrangement.
10	Committees
11	11. Subject to its standing orders, the Board may appoint such
12	Committees as it thinks fit but the decision of any Committee appointed
13	under this paragraph shall be of no effect until confirmed by the Board
14	12. Where the Board desire to obtain the advice of any person on a
15	particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as
16	it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this paragraph shall
17	not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count
18	towards a quorum.
19	13. The quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be six.
20	14. The Chairman shall preside at meeting, the members present
21	shall elect one of their members to preside at that meeting.
22	15. The validity of a proceeding of the Board or a Committee there
23	of shall not be adversely affected:
24	(a) by a vacancy in the membership of the Board;
25	(b) by a defect in the appointment of member of the Board or
26	Committee; or
27	(c) by reason that a person entitled to do so took part in the

proceeding.

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1	SECOND SCHEDULE
2 · ·	Transitional and Savings Provisions
3	1. By virtue of this Bill there shall be on the commencement of this
4	Bill, be vested in the Authority all assets, fund resources and other movable or
5	immovable property which commencement of this Bill were vested in the
6	Nigeria Tourism his schedule referred to as "The dissolved Corporation").
7	2. Subject to provision of paragraph 1 of this Schedule:
8	(a) the rights, interest, obligation and liabilities of the dissolved
9	Corporation existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under
10	any contract or instrument, or at law or in equity apart from any contract or
11	instrument, shall be virtue of this Bill be deemed as to have been assigned to
12	and vested in the Authority;
13	(b) any such contract or instrument as is mentioned in sub-paragraph
14	(a) of this paragraph, shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of
15	the Authority, and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if the
16	dissolved Corporation the Authority had been named therein or had been a
17	party thereto; and
18	(c) The Authority shall be subject to all the obligations and liabilities
19	to which the dissolved Corporation was subject immediately before the
20	commencement of this Bill and all person shall, as from the commencement of
21	this Bill have the same rights, powers and remedies against the Authority as
22	they had against the dissolved Corporation immediately before the day.
23	3. Any proceeding pending or cause of action existing immediately

3. Any proceeding pending or cause of action existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the dissolved Corporation in respect of any rights, interest, obligation or liability of the dissolved Corporation may be continued, or as the case may require, commenced and the determination of a court of law, tribunal or other authority or person may be enforced, by or against the Authority of the same extent that such cause of action or determination might have been continued or commenced or enforced

by or against the dissolved Corporation if this Bill has not been made. 30

- 4. Notwithstanding the dissolution of the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation by section 40 of this Bill, any person who immediately before the commencement off this Bill held office under the dissolved Corporation shall, on the commencement of this Bill be deemed to have been ..... to the Authority on terms and conditions not less favorable than those obtained immediately before the commencement of this Bill and service under the dissolved Corporation shall be deemed to be service under the Authority for pensions purpose.
  - 5. For the purposes of paragraph 4 of this Schedule, the terms and conditions compared in any transferred appointment not be construed as been less favourable merely because they are not in all respect......or superior terms and conditions enjoyed by person concerned immediately before the commencement of this Bill if the first mentioned terms and conditions ....... offer substantially equivalent or greater benefits.
  - 6. Within the twelve months after the making of this Bill, the Minister, if he thinks fit, may by order published in the ..... make additional transition or saving provisions for the carrying out of the object of this schedule.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to represent Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Act CAP. N137 Laws of the Federation Nigeria and enact the Nigerian Tourism Development Authority, to develop and promote Nigeria as a travel and tourism destination by encouraging people living in Nigeria to take their holiday herein and from abroad to visit Nigeria.

