

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR NOMADIC EDUCATION ACT, CAP N20, LFN, 2004 TO REDEFINE THE CONCEPT OF NOMADIC EDUCATION TO COVER ALL CATEGORIES OF NOMADS INCLUDING MIGRANT FISHERMEN, AND ITINERANT FARMERS, PASTORALISTS AND OTHER PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS THAT FREQUENTLY MOVE FROM ONE PLACE TO THE OTHER IN THE COUNTRY AND TO REDEFINE THE LEARNING METHODS TO INCLUDE MODERN EMERGING LEARNING APPROACHES AND THE USE OF RELEVANT TEACHING AIDS AMONGST NOMADS IN TANDEM WITH MODERN REALITIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The National Commission for Nomadic Education Act, CAP  
2 N20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the  
3 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of  
the Principal Act

4           2. The Long Title to the Principal Act is Substituted for a new long  
5 Title: Amendment to  
the Long Title  
6 "An Act to establish the National Commission for Nomadic Education  
7 charged with the responsibility of catering for the education of all categories  
8 of nomads including migrant fishermen, and itinerant farmers, and for this  
9 purpose establish, manage, and maintain primary schools, promote literacy  
10 through all the methods of distance learning in order to educate and improve  
11 the literacy skills of nomads and their children of school age; and for related  
12 matters."

13           3. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting  
14 immediately after subsection (2), new" subsection (3): Amendment to  
section 1

1                   "(3) The headquarters of the Commission shall be located in Federal  
2    Capital Territory Abuja with zonal offices as follows:  
3                   (a) North-Central Zone - Minna, Niger State;  
4                   (b) South west- Zone - Ibadan, Uyo State;  
5                   (c) South- East Zone - Enugu, Enugu State;  
6                   (d) North-East Zone - Bauchi, Bauchi State;  
7                   (e) North-West Zone - Kano, Kano State;  
8                   (f) South-South Zone - Benin, Edo State.

Amendment  
to section 2

9                   4. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by the substituting for  
10    subsection (3) (g), new subsection (3) (g):

11                   “(g) one person each to represent a State from any of the six  
12    geopolitical zones of Nigeria that have nomadic population as defined in this  
13    Bill”.

Amendment  
to section 3

14                   5. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for  
15    paragraph (d), new paragraph (d):

16                   “(d) establish, manage, and maintain primary schools, sponsor literacy through  
17    all formal, non-formal and informal learning methods/techniques and through  
18    all relevant modern teaching aids in order to educate and improve the literacy  
19    skills of nomads and their children of school age”

Amendment  
to section 4

20                   6. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended:

21                   (a) in paragraph (a), by substituting for the words, "who cross state  
22    boundaries", the words, " in any part of the country "

23                   “(a) implement guidelines and ensure geographical spread of  
24    nomadic education activities and targets for the nomadic people in any part of  
25    the country”.

26                   (b) in lines 1 and 2 respectively of paragraph (b), by substituting for  
27    the words "Livestock Department of the Ministry of Agriculture", with the  
28    words, "relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies, and for the words,  
29    nomadic people", with the words, " and relevant learning aids for the education  
30    and improvement of the literacy skills of nomads across the country”:

1 (c) in paragraph (c), insert the words, " and modern teaching

2 classes/methods and aids for the education and improvement of the literacy

3 skills of nomads across the country";

4 "(c) establish schools and other modern learning centers that

5 should make use of latest technologies for the education and improvement

6 of the literacy skills of all the categories of nomads across the country. "

7 (d) in line 4 of paragraph (j), by substituting for the word,

8 "President", the word, "Minister";

9 "(j) subject to the provisions of sections 11 and 12 of Part V of this

10 Act, receive block grants and funds from the Federal Government or any

11 agency authorized in that behalf, particularly the National Primary

12 Education Commission and allocate them to all categories of nomadic

13 schools in accordance with such formulas as may be laid down by the

14 Minister";

15 (e) in line 2 of paragraph (i) sub-paragraph (iv), substitute for the

16 words "and supporting-grazing reserves", the words, " for nomadic

17 education as defined under this Bill";

18 "(iv) contribution towards the acquisition of sites for the

19 establishment of schools for nomadic education as defined under this Bill. "

20 (f) in line 4 paragraph ( m ), by substituting for the words " settled

21 farmers", the words, " their host communities";

22 "(m) Undertake any other action desirable for the promotion of its

23 responsibilities, for nomadic education, including soliciting for funds and

24 other support activities, organising activities to promote peaceful co-

25 existence between the nomadic people and their host communities and

26 formation of inter-disciplinary and sectoral committees with Ministries,

27 agencies and communities. "

28 7. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting

29 immediately after subsection 3, new "subsection 4":

30 "(4) In exercising his powers under subsection (1) of this section,

1 the President shall give due regard to all States with nomads such as migrant  
2 fishermen, itinerant farmers and pastoralists as well as the principle of federal  
3 character under the Constitution."

Amendment  
to section 10

4 8. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended:

5 (a) inserting immediately after subsection (1) (c), new paragraph"

6 (d)":

7 "(d) Federal University, Utuoke, Bayelsa State";

8 (b) by substituting for subsections ((3), (4) (a) - (e) and 5 (a):

9 (b), new subsections (3), (4) (a) - (e) and (5) (a) - (b)".

10 "(3) The Centres established under this clause shall conduct research  
11 into nomadic lifestyles within their respective regions, including their  
12 occupations, the role of women, economic activities, migratory patterns and  
13 their demographic distributions, relationship with host or sedentary  
14 community populations and attitudes to education, and recommend  
15 appropriate formal, informal and non- formal educational systems and  
16 evaluate programmes relating to nomads.

17 (4) The Centres shall collate and analyze data from various sources,  
18 such data as may be required by it to develop:

19 (a) the curriculum for nomadic education as defined under this Bill;

20 (b) development of reading and teaching materials;

21 (c) teachers' training programme;

22 (d) outreach programmes, including mobile education learning  
23 programmes; and

24 (e) resource materials.

25 (5) The Centres shall through the Commission collaborate with  
26 universities and other educational research bodies such National Educational  
27 Research and Development Council, the National Teachers Institute and the  
28 National Educational Technology Centre in the discharge of their functions  
29 under this clause.

Amendment to section 11

1 9. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended:  
2 (a) in line 4 of subsection 1, by substituting for the words, " the  
3 Commission shall establish a", the words, " There is established the";

4 " 11. (1) There is established the National Nomadic Education Fund  
5 (in this Act referred to as "the Fund") into which shall be paid all monies  
6 received from the Federal Government, particularly through the State  
7 Governments and other sources, including gifts, endowment and profits, "  
8 (b) in line 3 and 5 subsection 2 respectively, by substituting for the  
9 word "President", the word " Minister", and inserting the words, "its Centres  
10 established under this Bill", immediately after the word, " universities";

11 (2) The Fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the accepted  
12 rules and procedures and in pursuit of the objectives of nomadic education,  
13 as may be directed, from time to time, by the Minister, including the making  
14 of appropriate grants to State Governments, local governments,  
15 universities, its Centres established under this Bill and other agencies and  
16 communities. "  
17 10. Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended:  
18 (a) In line 5 by inserting immediately after the definition of the  
19 word "Commission", the definition of the word, "Constitution";

Amendment to section 17

20 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,  
21 1999 as amended.  
22 (b) in line 10 by inserting immediately after the definition of the  
23 word, " Minister", the definition of the words, "nomads or nomadic  
24 population", "Nomadic Education"

25 "Nomads or nomadic population" means migrant fishermen, itinerant  
26 farmers, and pastoralists or any other person or group of people that are  
27 moving frequently from one place to the other for economic, social or for  
28 any other legitimate means/reasons in any State in Nigeria"  
29 "Nomadic Education" means educational or literacy services delivered to  
30 migrant fishermen, itinerant farmers and pastoralists and any person or

1 persons that are frequently moving from one place to the other in any part of the  
2 country pursuant to the provisions of this Bill."  
Short title 3 **11.** This Bill may be cited as the National Commission for Nomadic  
4 Education Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, and 17 as well as the Long Title to the National Commission for Nomadic Education, Cap N20, LFN, 2004 (the "Principal Act") to define the concept of nomadic education to include all categories of nomads namely migrant fishermen, itinerant farmers, and pastoralists and any person or group of persons that frequently move from one place to the other for legitimate means/reasons, and for among other reasons redefine the pedagogy and approaches to nomadic education under the Principal Act to include the use of formal, informal and non-formal systems and modern teaching aids that promote learning amongst nomads in tandem with modern realities.