

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2007 TO MAKE MANDATORY, PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS DURING PREPARATIONS OF THE MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK, CONDUCT OF ANNUAL BUDGET DEFENCE AND HEARINGS TO ENSURE PARTICIPATORY AND INCLUSIVE BUDGET PROCESS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Hon. Benjamin Bem Mzondu

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 (in this Bill referred to as
2 "the Amendment of the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
the Fiscal
Responsibility
Act 2007
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- 4 **2.** Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the Amendment of
Section 11 of the
Principal Act
5 phrase "open to the public, the press and any citizen, or authorized
6 representative of any organization, group of citizens, or community"
7 immediately after the word 'states' and before the word 'shall' of that section. Amendment of
Section 13 of the
Principal Act
- 8 **3.** Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection 2 (a) by
9 deleting the word 'May' in the first line of that paragraph and replacing it
10 thereof with the word "Shall".
- 11 **4.** Subsection 2 (a) of Section 13 of the Principal Act is further
12 amended by inserting the word 'communities' immediately after the word
13 'citizens' in the proviso to that subsection. Amendment of
Section 49 of the
Principal Act
- 14 **5.** Section 49 subsection 2 of the Principal Act is amended to read
15 as follow:
16 (2) The National Assembly shall ensure transparency during the
17 Principal Act preparation and discussion of the Medium Term Expenditure

Citation

- 1 Framework, Annual Budget and the Appropriation Bill by making
2 consultations open to the public, the press and any citizen or authorized
3 representative of any organization, group of citizens or community.
4 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Fiscal Responsibility Act
(Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 to make it mandatory for open consultations with the public and all interested Nigerians during the preparation and discussion of the Medium Term Expenditure Framework, Annual Budget and the Appropriation Bill and ensure participatory and Inclusive Budget Process in Nigeria.