

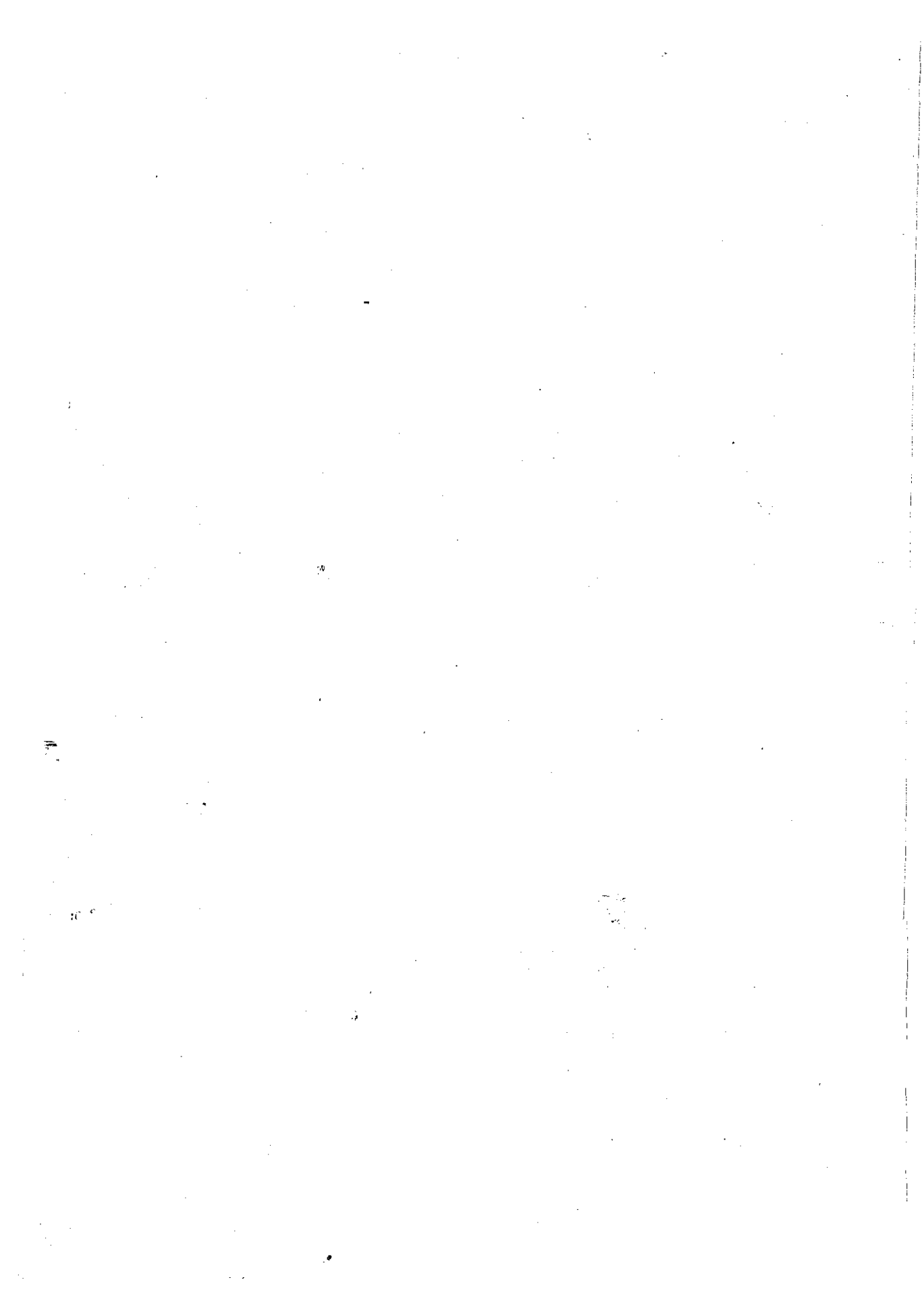
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF LAND RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY, IGBERE

(ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) BILL, 2020

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF LAND RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY, IGBERE TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES, TEACHING, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN LAND RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY AND TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADAPTATION OF TECHNIQUES; AND ALSO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROVOST AND THE OFFICIALS OF THE COLLEGE TO CARRY OUT THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Okezie Kalu

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) There is hereby established the Federal College of Land
2 Resources Technology, Igbere (in this Bill referred to as "the College").

Establishment
of the Federal
College of Land
Resources
Technology, Igbere

3 (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual
4 succession and common seal and shall have the power to acquire and
5 dispose of interest in moveable and immovable properties.

6 (3) The College may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

7 2.-(1) There is hereby established for the Federal College of Land
8 Resources Technology, Igbere Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as
9 "the Governing Council").

Establishment
of the Governing
Council

10 (2) The governance and direction of affairs of the College shall rest
11 in the Governing Council.

12 (3) The Governing Council shall have the responsibility to
13 consider and approve the-

14 (a) programme of studies to be undertaken in the College;

15 (b) annual estimates of the College; and

- 1 and accredited by the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria;
- 2 (b) recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;
- 3 (c) demand and receive from any student or any other person
- 4 attending the College, for the purpose of construction, such fees as the
- 5 Governing Council may with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to
- 6 time determine;
- 7 (d) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
- 8 bookselling;
- 9 (e) award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;
- 10 (f) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units
- 11 within the College or extra-mural departments as the Governing Councils may
- 12 from time to time determine;
- 13 (g) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational
- 14 and residential facilities as the College may require;
- 15 (h) create lectureships and other academic post and offices and to
- 16 make appointments thereof;
- 17 (i) receive and make gifts;
- 18 (j) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
- 19 carrying into effect the objective of the College;
- 20 (k) provide amenities for and make such other provisions for the
- 21 welfare of the staff and students of the College;
- 22 (l) encourage and make provisions for research in the College; and
- 23 (m) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing
- 24 and as may advance the objects of the College.
- 25 7.-(1) The Minister shall be the Visitor of the College.
- 26 (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every 5 years, conduct a
- 27 visitation to the College or appoint a visitation panel to consist of not less than 5
- 28 experts to conduct the visitation for-
- 29 (a) the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative
- 30 performance of the College; or

1 (b) such other purpose as the Visitor may deem fit.

2 8.-(1) There shall be established for the College a board to be The Academic
Board of the
College

3 known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following
4 members-

5 (a) the Provost of the College as the Chairman;

6 (b) all heads of departments;

7 (c) the College Bursar;

8 (d) the College Librarian; and

9 (e) not more than 3 members of the academic staff other than the
10 heads of departments to be appointed by the Governing Council.

11 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for-

12 (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the
13 College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of
14 certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction; and

15 (b) discharging any other function which the Governing Council
16 may from time to time delegate to it.

17 9. The Minister may give to the Governing Council directions of Direction
18 general character relating generally to matters with regard to the exercise by
19 the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Governing Council
20 to comply with such directions.

21 10.-(1) There shall be a Provost for the College (in this Bill referred The Provost of
the College
22 to as "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the President on the
23 recommendation of the Minister.

24 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Provost, the
25 Governing Council shall advertise the vacancy in reputable widely read
26 newspapers in Nigeria specifying the -

27 (a) qualities of the person who may apply for the post, and

28 (b) terms and condition of service applicable to the post and
29 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the
30 Minister.

1 (3) The President shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates
2 recommended by the Minister.

3 (4) Subject to the general control of the Governing Council the
4 Provost shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with
5 general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and
6 operations of the College.

7 (5) The Provost shall hold office for a period of 5 years only and on
8 such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

Deputy Provosts

9 **11.-(1)** There shall be for the College 2 Deputy Provosts namely-

10 (a) Deputy Provost (Academics); and

11 (b) Deputy Provost (Administration).

12 (2) The Governing Council shall appoint the Deputy Provosts from
13 among the chief lecturers in the College in any of the following ways, that is-

14 (a) from a list of 5 candidates in order of preference, submitted by the
15 Provost;

16 (b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted for the
17 purpose; or

18 (c) on the nomination of the provost.

19 (3) The Deputy Provost (Academics) shall-

20 (a) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions in academic
21 matters of the College; and

22 (b) act as the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the
23 Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions.

24 (4) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall-

25 (a) assist the Provost in administrative matters of the College; and

26 (b) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Governing
27 Council may from time to time assign to him.

28 (5) Each of the Deputy Provosts shall hold office for a period of 2
29 years and no more.

1 12.-(1) There shall be a Registrar for the College to be appointed by Registrar of the
2 the Governing Council. College

3 (2) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the
4 correspondence of the Council.

5 (3) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to-

6 (a) the Governing Council;

7 (b) the Academic Board; and

8 (c) any Committee of the Governing Council.

9 (4) The Registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him
10 by the Governing Council or the Provost.

11 (5) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of 5 years and no
12 more.

13 13.-(1) There shall be for the College in addition to the Registrar, Bursar and
14 the- Librarian of the
College

15 (a) Bursar; and

16 (b) College Librarian,

17 who shall be appointed by the Governing Council.

18 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College and
19 be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control
20 of the financial affairs of the College.

21 (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the
22 administration of the College library and the coordination of the library
23 services in the teaching units of the College.

24 (4) The Bursar and the College Librarian shall each hold office for
25 a period of 5 years and no more.

26 14. A Principal Officer of the College may resign his appointment- Resignation of
Principal Officers

27 (a) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor; and

28 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Governing Council.

29 15.-(1) The Governing Council may appoint other persons to be Other employees
30 employees of the College as they may deem fit to assist the Provost and the of the College

1 Principal Officers in the performance of their functions.

2 (2) The remuneration, tenure of office and condition of service of the
3 employees of the College shall be determined by the Governing Council in
4 consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

Pension

5 16. Service in the College shall be approved service for the purpose
6 of the Pension Reform Act and accordingly, officers and other persons
7 employed in the College shall be entitled to pensions, gratitude and other
8 retirement benefit as may be prescribed in their respective letters of
9 appointment.

Selection
Board

10 17.-(1) There shall be a Selection Board for the College which shall
11 consist of-

12 (a) the Chairman of the Governing Council;

13 (b) the Provost of the College;

14 (c) 4 members of the Governing Council not being members of the
15 Academic Board; and

16 (d) 3 members of the Academic Board.

17 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
18 Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be
19 determined from time to time by the Governing Council.

Fund of the
College

20 18.-(1) The College shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be
21 applied towards the promotion of the objective of this Bill.

22 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under
23 subsection (1) of this section-

24 (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal
25 Government;

26 (b) all monies raised by the Governing Council by way of gifts,
27 grants-in-aid and monetary disposition; and

28 (c) all subscription, fee and charges for services rendered by the
29 College and all other sums that may accrue to the College from any source.

30 (3) The Governing Council shall submit to the Minister, through the

1 Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria not later than three months before
2 the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct an
3 estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial
4 year.

5 **19.**-(1) The College may accept gifts, money or of other property Power to accept
6 and upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the gifts
7 person making the gifts.

8 (2) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached
9 to the gifts are inconsistent with the functions of the College.

10 **20.** The College shall keep proper accounts of its receipt, Accounts and
11 payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the audit
12 account to be audited.

13 **21.** The Governing Council shall as soon as may be after the Annual reports
14 expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report
15 of its activities during the immediate preceding financial year and shall
16 include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that
17 year and of the auditor's report of the accounts.

18 **22.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires- Interpretation

19 "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing Council;

20 "College" means the Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Igbere
21 established under section (1) of this Bill;

22 "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established under
23 section 2 of this Bill;

24 "Function" includes power and duties;

25 "Minister" means the minister charged with responsibility for agriculture;

26 "Member" means a member of the Governing Council including the
27 Chairman;

28 "Provost" means the Provost of the College established under section 10 of
29 this Bill.

Citation 1 23. This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Land Resources
2 Technology, Igbere (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020.

3 SCHEDULE

4 [Section 2(3)]

5 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,
6 ETC.

7 *Terms of Service*

8 1. There may be paid to the members of the Governing Council or any
9 committee, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and allowances
10 as may from time to time be determined by the President.

11 2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in
12 section 3, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for
13 the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such
14 successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

15 3. The Governing Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its
16 membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a
17 member.

18 *Proceedings*

19 4.-(1) The Governing Council shall meet for the conduct of business a
20 such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall
21 meet not less than once every four months.

22 (2) The Chairman may at any time and shall at the request in writing of
23 not less than six members, convene a meeting of the Governing Council.

24 (3) Where the Governing Council desires to obtain the advice of any
25 person on any particular matter, the council may co-opt persons who are not
26 members of the Governing Council but person co-opted shall not be entitled to
27 vote at a meeting of the Governing Council.

28 (4) The Quorum of the Governing Council shall be one half of the
29 total members of the Governing Council, at least one of whom shall be a
30 member appointed by the President.

1 (5) Decisions of the Governing Council shall be made on approval
2 by a simple majority of members.

3 *Miscellaneous*

4 5.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by
5 the signature of the Chairman, Provost and of some other members of the
6 Governing Council authorized generally or specially by the Governing
7 Council to act for that purpose.

8 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a
9 person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal
10 may be made or executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or
11 specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Governing Council.

12 (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of
13 the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is
14 proved, be presumed to be so executed.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Igbere to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of Ordinary National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, etc. in land resources technology and related disciplines.

