

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clause:*

1. Amendment of Cap. N2, 2004
2. Amendment of section 1
3. Amendment of section 2
4. Amendment of section 3
5. Amendment of section 7
6. Amendment of section 10
7. Deletion of section 15
8. Amendment of section 16
9. Amendment of section 18
10. Amendment of section 19
11. Amendment of section 21
12. Citation



# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT CAP. N4, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, RETURNING THE AUTHORITY TO THE SUPERVISING MINISTRY, INCLUDING BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS AS ITS MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDS AND GIVING THE BOARD ADDITIONAL POWER TO CREATE MORE DEPARTMENTS FOR EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

*Sponsored by Hon. Bello Usman Kumo*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act      Amendment of
- 2           Cap. N4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as      Cap. N2, 2004
- 3           "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.
- 4           **2.** Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting in line 1,      Amendment of
- 5           the words, "in the Presidency".                                                              Section 1
- 6           **3.** Section 2 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for      Amendment of
- 7           paragraphs (a) and (b), new paragraphs "(a)" and "(b)"-                                      Section 2
- 8           "(a) a representative each, not below the rank of a Director, of the-
- 9           (i) Federal Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development,
- 10           (ii) Office of Surveyor General of the Federation and
- 11           (iii) Agricultural Research Development Council of Nigeria;
- 12           (b) a representative each of the-
- 13           (i) Federal Universities of Agriculture to be appointed on rotation,
- 14           (ii) Farmers Associations, and
- 15           (ii) six geo-political zones to be appointed by the President on the
- 16           recommendation of the Minister"

	1	(iii) The Executive Secretary.
Amendment of Section 3	2	<b>4.</b> Section 3 (i) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting in line 3,
	3	the words, "and the relocation of population, should this be necessitated by
	4	localised population explosion, pressure or national disasters"
Amendment of Section 7	5	<b>5.</b> Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by-
	6	(a) inserting new subsections "(2)" and "(3)"-
	7	"(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, the Minister
	8	shall exercise all the powers of the Board where the Board-
	9	(a) is not constituted; or
	10	(b) has been dissolved.
	11	(3) In compliance with subsection (2), any action taken or decision
	12	reached by the Minister is valid"; and
	13	(b) renumbering the section appropriately.
Amendment of Section 10	14	<b>6.</b> Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by -
	15	(a) substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection "(2)"-
	16	"(2) The Executive Secretary shall be -
	17	(a) appointed by the President;
	18	(b) a person with relevant qualification(s) in agriculture with cognate
	19	experience of at least 10 years" and
	20	(b) inserting after subsection (6), new subsections "(7)" - "(9)"-
	21	"(7) The Board may, on the recommendation of the Executive
	22	Secretary, establish such number of departments for the effective and efficient
	23	performance of the functions of the Authority. (8) Each Department shall be-
	24	(a) headed by a Director; and
	25	(b) assigned responsibilities, from time to time, as the Executive
	26	Secretary may direct.
	27	(9) The management staff of the Authority are the Executive
	28	Secretary and Heads of Departments."
Deletion of Section 15	29	<b>7.</b> Section 15 of the Principal Act is deleted.

- 1                   **8.** Section 16 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by- Amendment of  
Section 16  
2                   (a) substituting for paragraph (a), a new paragraph "(a)"-  
3                   "(a) all subventions and annual budgetary allocations appropriated  
4                   by the National Assembly for the Authority"; and  
5                   (b) any request of an amount, from time to time, by the Authority to  
6                   use part of the Natural Resources Development Fund as may be approved by  
7                   the President".
- 8                   **9.** Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for Amendment of  
Section 18  
9                   the word, "President", in line 1, the word, "Minister".
- 10                  **10.** Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for Amendment of  
Section 19  
11                  the word, "President", in line 1, the word, "Minister".
- 12                  **11.** Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for Amendment of  
Section 21  
13                  the definition of "development", a new definition-  
14                  "development' means the physical preparation of land for crop and livestock  
15                  production".
- 16                  **12.** This Bill may be cited as the National Agricultural Land Citation  
17                  Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act Cap. N4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by, among other things, returning the Authority to the supervising Ministry, including budgetary allocations as its major source of funds and giving the Board additional power to create more departments for efficient performance of the functions of the Authority.