NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

CONVOCATION PROGRAMME

Date:
11th-12th December, 2009

Venue:
Ayo Ajomo Auditorium
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies,
University of Lagos Campus,
Akoka-Lagos.
CONGREGATION for
CONFERMENT OF HIGHER DEGREE AND AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
CONFERMENT OF FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE

The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) press was established in 2002. The press is at the cutting edge of Legal Publishing in Nigeria. It is a unit of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. It drives the Institute’s objective of excellence in research, scholarship, legal education and information dissemination in Nigeria.

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria’s call obey, To serve our fatherland With love and strength and faith, The labour of our heros past Shall never be in vain, To serve with heart and might, Our nation bound in freedom, Peace and unity.

Oh God of creation Direct our noble cause Guide our leaders right Help our youths the truth to know In love and honesty to grow And living just and true Great lofty heights attain To build a nation where peace and Justice shall reign

THE NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria, my country To be faithful, loyal and honest To serve Nigeria with all my strength To defend her unity And uphold her honour and glory So help me God.

Vision Statement
To be the primary source of information, training and advice at the highest level of policy formulation on legal matters, effectively impacting on local and international institutions in the development of law.

Mission Statement
To be the nucleus and hub of research and advanced studies in law in Nigeria.

Motto
Knowledge that makes the difference.
HONOURABLE JUSTICE ALOYSIUS IORGYER KATSINA-ALU, JSC, CON, FNIALS
Chairman of the Governing Council,
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

PROFESSOR EPIPHANY AZINGE, SAN
Director-General
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute functions under the general supervision of the Federal Ministry of Justice while its general policy direction is provided by the Governing Council currently Chaired by the Hon. Justice A.I. Katsina-Alu, JSC, CON, FNIALS. The Director-General is responsible for the day to day administration and is supported by Principal Officers, among them, the Institute Secretary and Institute Librarian. The academic activities of the Institute are structured broadly into Studies and Research components and are supervised by the Directors of Research and Studies respectively.

DEPARTMENTS AND CENTRES

1. Directorate of Research
2. Directorate of Studies
3. Institute Secretary
4. Institute Library
5. Bursary Department
6. Audit Department
7. Continuing Legal Education
8. Public & Private Law
9. Postgraduate School
10. Commercial/Property Law
11. Case Law/Litigation
12. Centre for Conflict & Dispute Resolution

PROPOSED CENTRES

The Institute has recently proposed the establishment of the following Centres:

- Abdullahi Ibrahim Centre for Litigation and Case Law
- George Etomi Centre for Strategic Investment and Corporate Governance
- Olisa Agbakoba Centre for Maritime Law
- Chief Gani Fawehinmi Centre for Human Rights Law
- Wale Babalakin Centre for Infrastructure Law
- The Centre for Environmental Law - to be named after any interested Oil Company
- The Women and Children Rights Centre - to be named after the Late Professor (Mrs) Jadesola Akande, OFR, FNIALS.
- Emmanuel Ukala Centre for democracy and Electoral Process.

Aside giving deserved honour, the Centres will further enhance collaboration between the Institute and other stakeholders. The Centres when operational, will be situated in different geopolitical zones of the country to enhance the desired spread of the Institute and to avail its services closer to the people. For purpose of emphasis, the anticipated Centres will not affect the present academic departments as they will operate independently of each other.
As part of her efforts to promote excellence in law and the legal profession, the Institute has, over the years, conferred its prestigious Fellowship on a selected few of Nigeria's leading legal scholars and jurists. They are (in the order in which it was conferred):

- His Excellency, the Late Judge Taslim O. Elias, GCON, LLB;
- The Late Honourable Justice A. Fatayi-Williams, GCON, M.A;
- The Late Honourable Justice Mohammed Bello, GCON;
- Professor B. O. Nwabueze, SAN, NNMA, LLB;
- Prince Bola Ajibola, SAN, KBE, CFR, LLB;
- The Late Honourable (Dr.) T. Akinola Aguda, OFR, LL.M, Ph.D (London) NNMA;
- Honourable Justice M.L. Uwais, CON, GCON;
- Professor M.A. Ajomo, FCIB;
- Professor C. O. Okonkwo, SAN;
- The Late Chief F.R.A. Williams, SAN, CON, OFR;
- Honourable Justice Adolphus G. Karibi-Whyte, CFR, JSC;
- Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim, SAN, OFR;
- Honourable Justice S.M.A. Belgore, CON, GCON, LLB;
- Honourable Justice Mamman Nasir, GCON;
- Chief Afe Babalola, SAN, OFR, LLB;
- Honourable Justice Kayode Eso, CON, LLB;
- Honourable Justice Emmanuel O. Ayoola, CON;
- Honourable Justice Umaru Abdullahi, CON;
- Dr. Mudiaga Odje, SAN, OFR;
- Professor Ignatius A. Ayua, SAN, OFR;
- Professor David A. Ijalaye, SAN, FNSIL;
- The Late Professor (Mrs) Jadesola O. Akande, OFR;
- Honourable Justice Aloysius Jorgyer Katsina-Alu, JSC, CON;
- Honourable Justice Niki Tobi, JSC, CON;
- Honourable Justice George Adesola Oguntade, JSC, CON;
- Professor Edwin Ifeanyichukwu Nwogugu;
- The Late Honourable Justice Joseph Olakunle Orojo, CON;
- Professor Adedokun Adebayo Adeyemi;
- Professor Michael Iyiola Jegede, SAN;
- Professor Itsejuwa Esanju Sagay, SAN;
- Chief Mrs. Folake Solanke, SAN

**BOOK PRESENTATION**

The Director-General will rise and announce the completion of a Research Project on the Rule of Law and the intention of the Institute to publicly present the Report of the project to the members of the public in form of a book.

**Title:** RULE OF LAW AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

**Authors:** Epiphany Azinge Bolaji Owasanoye (Edited)

**Publisher:** NIALS Press

**Subject:** Rule of Law

**Availability:** NIALS, Abuja and Lagos
**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**
Saturday, December 12, 2009

**PROCESSIONS:**

11.00am

The Processions will enter the Auditorium in the following order: (As the Chairman of the Governing Council’s procession is about to enter the Hall a fanfare will be played, at the sound of which the Assembly is required to stand)

(I) **THE COUNCIL PROCESSION**
   The Attorney-General of the Federation
   The Chairman of the Governing Council
   The Director-General

(ii) **THE FELLOWS PROCESSION**
    Fellows

(iii) **STUDENTS’ PROCESSION**
     Students

(iv) **ACADEMIC PROCESSION**

1. Institute Librarian
2. Institute Secretary
3. Directors
4. Research Fellows
5. Fellows

After the members of the Council’s procession have taken their places on the platform, the National Anthem will be played, after which the Assembly shall be seated.

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**1997/98 - 2006/07 COMBINED CONVOCATION CEREMONIES**

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CONFERMENT OF FELLOWSHIPS

1. Citations of Recipients

2. Conferment of the Fellowship by Chairman of Governing Council, Honourable Justice A.I. Katsina-Alu, JSC, CON, FNIALS

3. Acceptance Speech by Chief (Mrs) Folake Solanke, SAN

A cross section of NIALS Fellows at one of the Institute’s functions

2. CONFERMENT OF HIGHER DEGREES AND AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

Conferment of Master of Laws Degree in Legislative Drafting and award of PGD in Legislative Drafting.

(i) SECRETARY’S STATUTORY PRONOUNCEMENT

The Institute Secretary will say:

“The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 1984, empowers the Institute to grant Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas in Legislative Drafting. It also provides that the Chairman of the Governing Council shall preside at all meetings of Congregation held for conferring Degrees”.

“I humbly invite the Governing Council Chairman to constitute this Assembly as a Congregation for conferring Degrees, awarding Postgraduate Diplomas in Legislative Drafting.

(ii) CHAIRMAN’S CONSTITUTION OF CONGREGATION

The Chairman of the Governing Council will say:

“I hereby constitute this Assembly as a Congregation of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies for the purpose of conferring Degrees, awarding Postgraduate Diplomas in Legislative Drafting.

(iii) THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL’S KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice will read his address

(iv) THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL’S ADDRESS

The Director-General will read his address

(v) PRESENTATION OF ALL GRADUANDS

The Director of Studies will rise, doff his hat to the Chairman and say:

“Chairman Sir, I have the honour to present to you those members of the Postgraduate School who have qualified for degree of this Institute in the 1997-2007 Sessions, those present and those who are unavoidably absent whose names appear on this list and for whom I stand proxy.”

The Director of Studies then requests the graduating students of the Institute who are present and whose names appear on the relevant pages of the Convocation Order of Proceedings to stand up, doff their caps and remain standing until they are admitted to their degrees by the Chairman.
(vi) CONFERMENT OF HIGHER DEGREE

The Chairman will say:

By the authority of the Governing Council I admit you all and severally to the degree of:

Master of Laws (LL.M) in Legislative Drafting.

The graduating students will then bow and resume their seats.

The Director of Studies will then read names of the Recipients of Masters Degree who are present and as he presents each graduating student, he/she will come forward to the Chairman, doff his/her hat, receive the Chairman's handshake and return to his/her seat.

As the Chairman gives each graduating student a handshake, he will say:

“I confer on you the Degree of Master of Laws in Legislative Drafting of the Institute.”

After the graduating students of the Institute have been presented, one of them will deliver a speech on their behalf.

(vii) AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

Similar procedure in (vi) above will be conducted, with variation for PGD graduands.

(viii) CHAIRMAN’S ADDRESS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

The Chairman will then address the Assembly.

After the Address, the Chairman will then dissolve the Congregation, saying:

“I hereby declare the Congregation closed”.

The Assembly will then rise and the National Anthem will be played. The Council’s Chairman’s procession will leave in reverse order preceded by the Mace, followed by the other processions.

(The Assembly is requested to remain standing until the processions have left the Hall).

GRADUATING STUDENTS

1997/1998 SESSION
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PGDLD)

(1) MUKTAR SANI DANEJI
(2) OYAMA CATHERINE EBINDA
(3) TAJUDEEN MUHAMMAD ABDULGANIYU
(4) ADERONKE ADEKEMI ADEREMI
(5) OYEWUMI OYEJOJU BOLA
(6) SABITIYI KIKELOMO GRILLO (MRS)
(7) SA’IDU YAHAYA KABIR
(8) HARUNA ISY AKUMANI

1998/1999 SESSION
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PGDLD)

(1) ATUM DAVID
(2) SAMUEL OKAFOR OGBONNA
(3) EKWEONUC. (MRS)
(4) ADAEZE IDIGO-IZUNDU
(5) NDUPU JOHN JOSEPH
(6) LUKPATA OGANA NICHOLAS
(7) NSOFOR MDULUO

1999/2000 SESSION
MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (LL.M)

(1) PETER AKHIMIE AKHIHIERO
(2) HILARY NWACHUKWU ONWE

1999/2000 SESSION
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PGDLD)

(1) MUHAMMED REKIA O. (MRS)
(2) HARUNA HABILA KERENG
(3) RAHEEM ADESINA ISOLA
(4) ADEBAYO AYO
(5) GONGU AYUBA ILYA
(6) AKOMOLAFA OLABODE
(7) EZONEBI E. AZORBO
(8) AUGUSTINE E. AKPAN
(9) NULE BERNARD IGBAWASE
2000/2001 SESSION
MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (LL.M)
(1) ANGELA N. UZOKWE
(2) BASSEY AUGUSTA GEORGE
(3) EKE SYLVESTER EKE
(4) EKPO EYO BASSEY-DUKE
(5) ETIM OKON EDET
(6) HASSAN LAWAL
(7) MARTIN OGBEDE-NWACHUKWU
(8) MOHAMMED A.B. YUSUF
(9) SENAPON JERRY-IMAHIAGBE
(10) USMAN HAJIA HADJIA
(11) WENDY CHINAKA-EYOITA

2000/2001 SESSION
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PGDLD)
(1) OGHUMA N. I. (MRS)
(2) MANNIX ORROY NYDAN

2001/2002 SESSION
MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (LL.M)
(1) AFOR LOVELYN AJA-NWACHUKWU (MRS)
(2) VICTOR EWOIGBOKHAN ENABOIFO
(3) OLUWATOYIN ADETOUN SOMIDE (MRS)
(4) EDWARD IORLAHA YANGF
(5) UNEGBE U. IKECHUKWU
(6) SULEH SAMUEL TERNAX

2002/2003 SESSION
MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (LL.M)
(1) TUNJI UDUMO ARUYA
(2) PAUL CHIBUIKE ANANABA
(3) ABUBAKAR MUSA USMAN
(4) ETIM DANIEL OKON
(5) LEGOR TORBIRA SENEWO
(6) ANGUWAN JUMA SAIDU ABUBAKAR
(7) BOLANLE DJARAT ONIYANGI (MRS)
(8) VIGILUS CHIWIKE ANYANWU-NDULEWA

2002/2003 SESSION
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PGDLD)
(1) UDOAKANG EFFIONG AKPAN
(2) PUDE KELVIN ATEY
(3) NGOZI IFENIWU OKWESI-BARDA (MRS)
(4) HOPE OBIAPERI NNONA
(5) KATE ALU WUAM (MRS)
(6) BRENDA IJEOMA ARAKA
(7) CHINWEIKE MARCEL IWUCHUKWU
(8) TURKEY NAIDIKI
(9) JOHN AZUBIKE AGWUNCHI
(10) AGATHA IGOLOGBA ABA ROWEI (MRS)

2003/2004 SESSION
MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (LL.M)
(1) MARY AZUMI ABOONU
(2) EZE GEORGE ALALA
(3) HASSAN HAMIS TAHIR
(4) MOSES CHARLES UMOBONG

2003/2004 SESSION
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PGDLD)
(1) NURA MUHAMMED FAGGE
(2) AROH CHINELO CHINWE-EKENE
(3) EUGENE UCHECHUKWU ANYA
(4) ROBINSON OMHNRIIAWO IMHANZE
(5) NDALAKU NSEM OGUMIDE
(6) EBI NNATE EBI
(7) OBARO MOSES GOGO
(8) RUKAIYATU ADAMU JALO

2004/2005 SESSION
MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (LL.M)
(1) OLUSOLA ADEPINOLA ADEYEMI
(2) ANIETIE SOLOMON EKA
(3) EUGENE UCHECHUKWU ANYA
(4) OBAYEMI OMOTAYO TEKARON
(5) LYDIA MWUESE SOKPO (MRS)
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In fulfillment of its mandate, the Institute among other things, conducts research, organizes, national and international seminars, symposia, conferences, as well as workshops and lectures on any branch of law and related disciplines as part of her continuing legal education services. It also serves as a think-tank and major policy analyst for government on legal issues. The mandate of the Institute under the 1984 Law was expanded in 1995 to include postgraduate training in legislative drafting. This led to the introduction of the postgraduate diploma (1997) and Master of Laws Degree (1999) Programmes in Legislative Drafting. The introduction of these programmes by the Institute has saved the country scarce foreign exchange which would otherwise have continued to be expended on such training abroad. Indeed, from 1997 to 1998, the Institute in collaboration with the National Assembly, carried out a nation-wide training for Legislative Draftsmen in the National Assembly and all the State Legislative Houses in the six Geo-Political Zones of the country as part of capacity building in preparation for the return to democratic rule in 1999.

The Post-graduate programme seeks, among other things, to redress the shortage of skilled and motivated drafters in the country. Its broad objectives are to:

- provide a basic foundation and a practical grounding in drafting skills with an view to enhancing job performance;
- encourage law officers in the various drafting services to develop appropriate response to legislative drafting problems and infrastructural inadequacies, with a view to sustaining continued interest in legislative drafting as a career.
- introduce participants to the advantages and complementary uses of computers and other novel devices in legislative drafting.

The Continuing Legal Education Programmes of the Institute are constantly reviewed in response to the identified needs of lawyers in both the public and private sectors. Prior to 1997, legislative draftsmen had to be trained abroad in the West Indies and the United Kingdom. The introduction of these programmes by NIALS has saved the country scarce foreign exchange which would otherwise have been expended on such training. Apart from existing courses on her Continuing Legal Education Mandate, a few more programmes have been designed in response to identified needs of the legal profession in Nigeria. These include a Certificate Course in Comparative Company Law, an Intensive Certificate Course in Legislative Drafting as well as training in International Criminal Justice. The last has been designed to prepare Nigerian Lawyers to be able to take up job offers available in the International Criminal Court. It is also meant to equip legal practitioners with the skills required to practice before that court. The training will, in addition, provide all those involved in peace keeping and other humanitarian operations the knowledge required to carry out those operations in accordance with internationally acceptable standards. It would also help them avoid the adverse consequences that may flow from breaches of international obligations undertaken under the Rome Statute. The Comparative Company Law Course is designed to expose Nigerian Lawyers who increasingly advise multinational companies on salient issues in company law across jurisdictions. In addition, to these three courses a fourth course in Legal Writing and Communication Skills for Law Academics and Legal Practitioners is slated for the last quarter of this year. Apart from these recently added courses, NIALS retains the capacity and continues to fashion out programmes to meet the constantly increasing needs of the legal profession.

In line with the mandate of the Institute, we have continued to carry out Continuing Legal Education Programmes in various aspects of the Law. The Institute in the year under review intensified efforts at revamping its Continuing Legal Education Programmes and marketing them effectively.

1. **PH.D Programme**
   - The Institute has continued to admit students into its postgraduate diploma or postgraduate degree programmes in Legislative Drafting. The Institute also recently established a PH.D Programme in Legislative Drafting, the first of its kind in Africa.

2. **Research Projects**
   - In fulfillment of its research mandate, the Institute has carried out several group and individual research projects which have also resulted in publications. Among these projects are:
     - (a) The Law and Population Project
     - (d) The Nigerian Court Procedures Project (1999-2001)
     - (g) The Uwais Court Project (2006)

In line with government policy, the Institute in the last five months has carried out research study on the “Rule of Law” which will be presented to the public on the 12th December, 2009. Research is underway for regulatory framework for Private Partnership Project (PPP) and Concession Agreements. The Institute has taken delivery of the Laws of Nigeria (Annotated) Criminal Justice Administration Vols I and II of the Laws of Nigeria Project. Work is nearing completion on both Banking and Matrimonial Causes Enactment set of the Laws of Nigeria Project. The Institute apart from researching into the justiciability of Chapter 2 of the Constitution is also engaging in ground breaking research on RESTATEMENT OF CUSTOMARY LAW IN NIGERIA.

The SMA Belgore Chair in Law and Development, endowed by Honourable Justice S.M.A. Belgore (Retired CJN) in 2007 has been filled by Professor Nnamdi Aduba of the University of Jos.
In its 30 years of existence, the Institute has published a wide range of books, monographs and journals on different areas of law. Among these are:

3. **The Annual Lecture Series**
   - This comprises:
     - (a) the Founders' Day Lectures instituted in commemoration of the establishment of the Institute.
     - (b) the Taslim Elias Memorial Lecture instituted in memory of the Late Judge Taslim Olawale Elias for his pioneering role in the establishment of the Institute.
     - (c) the Distinguished Fellows' Lecture instituted in 2006.

4. **New Proposed Lectures**
   - (a) Chike Chigbue Memorial Lecture
   - (b) New Frontiers Lecture
   - (c) Inaugural Lecture
   - (d) Diaspora Lecture

These lectures provide platforms for incisive analysis of legal and allied topical issues to discerning members of the public (a mixed audience of the cream of the legal profession, key functionaries of government and members of the diplomatic corps among others). Speakers who have delivered one or other of these lectures include Professor Ben O. Nwabueze, SAN, Africa's best known scholar in Constitutional Law. He delivered the 10th Anniversary Lecture and has the distinction of having also delivered one of these lectures to the Institute. Among others have been invited to deliver the 2009 Founders' Day Lecture to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Institute. Speakers who have deliveredformer Chief Justice of Nigeria; Professor E. L. Nwogugu; Professor Cheryl Saunders and Ian Brownlie CBE, QC.

5. **The Nigerian Current Law Review**
   - This peer review journal, the Institute's main Journal, began as a quarterly publication in 1982. It is now published annually. It contains scholarly researched articles by various contributors and provides current information on statutes and cases.

6. **NIALS Conference Series**
   - This series consists of compilations of the proceedings of national and international conferences organized by the Institute. Publication of the series began in 1991 with *Tax Law and Tax Administration in Nigeria* by M. A. Ajomo and O. Akanle. Other titles in the series include *Regulation of Trade and Investment in an Era of Structural Adjustment: the African Experience* by M. A. Ajomo and O. Akanle; *Legal Education for Twenty-First Century Nigeria* by I. A. Ayua and D. A. Guobadia; *Nigeria: Issues in the 1999 Constitution* by I. A. Ayua and D. A. Guobadia et al.

7. **NIALS Research Project**
   - This series comprise the published results of empirically based research carried out under the coordination of the Institute such as the Technical Report on the Court Procedures Project (2001).

8. **The Institute Library**
   - Named after Dr. T. O. Elias, the Institute's Library, a veritable aid for research is second to none in the country and its collections rank amongst the very best in Sub-Saharan Africa.

9. **The Institute's Honorary Fellowship**
   - As part of efforts to acknowledge service rendered to the Institute and distinction attained, a prestigious order of Fellows of the Institute was established in 1981. The Fellowship has been conferred on a very distinct group of Nigeria's leading legal scholars and jurists. In the 30 year history of the Institute, only thirty-two persons have been so honoured.

10. **International Links**
    - To enhance its relevance and efficiency, NIALS has established links with similar Institutions and relevant agencies in other jurisdictions. They include, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London; the British Council; the Ford Foundation amongst others. It is also a corporate member of a number of learned societies including:
      - The International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law since 2006.
      - The International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) since 2006.
      - The Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law since its inception in 2006.

   The Institute has renewed old ties and relationships with organisations that have provided technical and financial assistance to it in the past such as the British Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), the University of Southampton amongst others. NIALS already working on areas of common interest in which it intends to engage in serious collaborative academic understanding such as exchange programmes for Research Fellows with these Institutions.

   **Collaboration**
   - NIALS has in recent times reached out to a number of organisations such as the Nigerian Communications Commission, the National Industrial Court and the National Judicial Institute collaboration in different aspects of legal research and continuing education. The Institute has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Infrastructure Concession Regulation Commission (ICRC).

11. **Creation of New Centres for Research**
    - The Institute has recently established the following Centres:
      - Shabir Ibrahim Centre for Litigation and Case Law.
      - George Etomi Centre for Strategic Investment and Corporate Governance and Oloisa Agbakoba Centre for Maritime Law.
      - Others include, Chief Fawehinmi Centre for Human Rights Law and Wale Babalakin Centre for Infrastructure Law.

    The Centre for Environmental Law is to be named after the Late Prof. (Mrs) Jadesola Akanle. Aside giving deserved honour, the Centres will further enhance collaboration between the Institute and other stakeholders. The Centres, when operational, will be situated in different geopolitical zones of the country to enhance the desired spread of the Institute and to avail its services close to the people.

   For the purpose of emphasis, the anticipated Centres will not affect the present academic departments as they will operate independently of each other.

12. **Permanent Site**
    - The Institute has been able to resolve the issue surrounding its permanent site and has been allocated a parcel of land measuring about 10.5 Hectares for building its permanent site along the Airport Road, Abuja.