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THE NIALS JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY: CALL FOR PAPERS

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The gross inefficiency characterizing the husbandry of Nigeria's, nay Africa's resources; the abysmal performance of its economies, the resultant stultification of sustainable economic growth, development and sustainable human development and resultant mass impoverishment of its peoples in spite of its stupendous natural and human resources endowment is due largely to the existence of an interphase between the orthodoxy of economic, social, political, scientific and technological paradigms; economic policies based on these paradigms, the institutional framework of policy implementation and the law which purpose it is to effectuate policies for sustainable economic growth, development and sustainable human development. The interphase creates a lag between such paradigms, policies for sustainable economic growth, development and sustainable human development based on these paradigms; the institutional framework of policy implementation and the law which purpose it is to effectuate such development policies.

The abysmal performance of Nigeria and indeed most African nations in the development process has not been mitigated by very high magnitude of allocation of financial resources to the industrial sector; surfeit of industrial policies; trade policies that avowedly sought to protect domestic industries; articulation of four integrated national development plans between 1962 and 1985; the prioritization of industrialization as the most critical objective of successive governments in Nigeria.

The jury is still out as to whether there is a credible policy process to redress Nigeria's dismal performance in the development process. There are those who argue by underscoring the failures in the socio-economic sector; the unremitting power and energy crises; high inflation rate, very low human development indices; systemic official corruption; low intellectual input in governance and lack of continuity in government policies.

Consequently, it is about time to provide a scholarly platform for this unending discourse in light of Nigeria's nay Africa's committed stance to accomplish the United Nations Millennium Development

Goals (MDGs) by 2015, which inter alia are: positive change in the share and number of people living on \$1 a day pursuant to eradication of poverty; reduction in the child mortality rates water and sanitation, life expectancy; food insecurity and eradication of hunger; girl child education, gender equality and empowerment of women; per capita income; curtailment of maternal mortality and improvement in maternal health; universal primary education and combat of HIV and malaria and ensuring environmental sustainability.

The nation is behind on the attainment of these MDGs because of the lack of enabling policy environment, lack of political will and commitment in governance; non-participatory approaches to policy formulation; the incongruence between policies and the needs of the citizenry; lack of correlation between policies and programmes of the government; lack of linkage between policy and the budget; undifferentiated and inorganic legal, regulatory, institutional framework and lack of transparency. These myriad of problems impede effective and efficient implementation of policies and service delivery. The foregoing problems must be expediently redressed if Nigeria is to take her rightful place in the comity of nations.

The pertinent question is what are the causes of Nigeria's dismal economic performance and resultant stultification of sustainable economic growth, development and sustainable human development. For one, public policies, objectives and strategies in Nigeria are mostly ill-conceived, prone to arbitrary modifications, neglect and outright abandonment. Public policies are conceived and implemented in an *ad hoc* manner usually in the crisis mode in response to political and economic exigencies; without recourse to rational and objective criteria.

The NIALS Journal of Law and Public Policy shall provide a veritable international intellectual platform where scholarly inputs will be made into governance pursuant to redressing the lag existing between paradigm orthodoxy, public policies based on these paradigms, the institutional framework of policy implementation and the law which purpose it is to effectuate public policies.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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The journal will explore the multi-disciplinary relationship between policy in the different sectors of the economy such as health, industry, science and technology, tourism, mining, petroleum, ecology, agriculture and food security, education, information technology, security and defense and so forth; and the relationship between such policies and the paradigms upon which they are predicated and the law which function it is to effectuate, animate and give legal sinew to such policies.

The ultimate desideratum of the NIALS Journal of Law and Public Policy is to provide profound and constructive perception on the various tools of analysis of the different domains, their demonstrable processes and procedures which could be deployed as veritable devices for solving real live problems in the various sectors of the economy at the same time contribute to the development of such processes and procedures. Articles will be required to interphase and establish linkages between paradigms, policies based on such paradigms and the law which purpose is to effectuate such policies. The journal in spite of its inter-disciplinary nature remains a legal journal, and contributors are only enjoined to press to service the theoretical foundations of the different domains as problem solving tools, whilst concomitantly, bringing such theories to bear on real live problems in the public domain pursuant to deploying the law to solving them.

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