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### NILS EXTENDS CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT TO REGIONAL AND STATE ASSEMBLIES

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The Director General of NILS, Dr. Ladi Hamalai has revealed that concerted effort is being made to articulate and develop a proposal for the creation of a data-base for legislative practice and procedures in the West African sub-region. The DG said this in a workshop on 'advanced legislative practice and procedures for parliamentary staff'. She further mentioned that

a Committee will be constituted to frame the methodology and implementation modality for the much needed legislative data-base. She also stated that the thrust of the ongoing workshop was not to teach the parliamentary staff the basics of legislative practice and procedure, but to create a platform for interaction and appreciation of the different national parliament as well as the regional parliaments.

According to the Programme Manager, Valentina A. Tetteh, "the focus of this workshop is to expose participants to the international techniques of practice and procedure in the West African Sub-region as established by the various legislative assemblies either

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## NILS EXTENDS CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTCONT,D

by practice, conventions or precedents in the conduct of the legislative business”.

The training which saw massive attendance by legislative staff from some members of ECOWAS countries such as Guinea, Burkina Farso, Cape Verde as well as staff of both National and State Assemblies from Nigeria, is to among others enhance participants’ knowledge of the methods and sequences through which bills are processed, legislation passed, conduct of oversight achieved in Anglophone, Francophone, and Lusophone speaking countries in West African Sub-region. The training also highlighted the procedures through which effective constituency relations by legislators and law making process are carried out in comparative perspectives.

A Bureau Manager at ECOWAS Parliament, Dr. Kabeer Garba who spoke on behalf of the participants thanked NILS for the reboost and beneficial relationship they have thus far enjoyed in the area of capacity building. “We really value and treasure our relationship with NILS. Being a young parliament, the ECOWAS Parliament need such assistance and hope it would continue. We also welcome the visionary measure of the DG in trying to amalgamate the West African legislative traditions by bringing together experienced parliamentary staff to share knowledge”, he added.

The training is organized by the National Institute for Legislative Studies Capacity Building Project (NILS CAP) pursuant to its mandate to provide capacity development services to Legislators, Parliamentary Staff of the ECOWAS Parliament and National Parliaments of the ECOWAS Sub-region.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



The Director, Finance and Administration at the National Institute for Legislative Studies, Dr. Kabir Ahmed attained another year recently. He was celebrated by the management of the Institute at a brief and modest event where colleagues cheered and made a toast to his good health.

Dr. Ahmed expressed appreciation to the Director General, Dr. Ladi Hamalai and the team of management for the gesture which he called “heartwarming”. A graduate of English

from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria secured his Master’s degree in African Literature from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom.

He earned a Doctorate degree in English from the University of Kent in the United Kingdom after which he worked in different sectors in Nigeria ranging from social to banking and rose through the ranks before joining the National Institute for Legislative Studies in 2012.

Dr. Kabir Ahmed was born on the 11th November in Tambuwal local government of Sokoto state and married with children.

In a similar development, the Director Legislative Support Service, Prof. Okechukwu Oko clocked another year on the 12th of November and the same gesture was expressed towards him as the management staff in a get together toasted to his sound health and prosperity.

The top student in his class, Professor Oko earned the LL.B from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka where he was recipient of the 1981 Rotary Award for Best Law Student. He also earned a BL. With honors from the Nigerian Law School, Lagos, an LL.M from the University of Nigeria and an LL.M and a J.S.D from the Yale Law School.

Married and blessed with children, Professor Okechukwu Oko has written widely on lawyering in developing society.

## SENATE NEW BILLS WEEK ENDING THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2014

**Intestate Succession Bill 2014 (SB. 525) - *First Reading***  
**Sen. Olugbenga O. Obadara (*Ogun Central*)**

**Employment Services Bill 2014 (SB. 526) - *First Reading***  
**Sen. Olugbenga O. Obadara (*Ogun Central*)**

**Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Act CAP. N138 LFN No. 88 of  
1992 (Amendment) Bil12014 (SB. 527) - *First Reading.***  
**Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa (*Lagos East*).**

**Nigeria Export Promotion Council Act CAP. N108 LFN No. 41 of 1988  
(Amendment) Bill 2014 (8B. 528) - *First Reading.***  
**Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa (*Lagos East*).**

**Nigerian Film Corporation Act CAP. N109 LFN No. 61 of 1979  
(Amendment) Bill 2014 (5B. 529) – *First Reading.***  
**Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa (*Lagos East*).**

**Employee's Compensation Act CAP. E7A LFN No. 13 of 2010  
(Amendment) Bill 2014 (5B. 530) – *First Reading.***  
**Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa (*Lagos East*).**

**Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Act No. 362007  
(Amendment) Bill 2014. (5B. 531) - *First Reading.***  
**Sen. Ahmad Lawan, CON (*Yobe North*).**

**Crime and Criminal Tracking System Bill 2014 (SB. 532) -*First Reading.***  
**Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba, SAN, CON (*Senate Leader*)**

**Consumer Contracts (Regulation of Unfair Terms) Bills 2014. (SB. 533)  
- *First Reading***  
**Sen. Olugbenga O. Obadara (*OgU11. Central*)**