
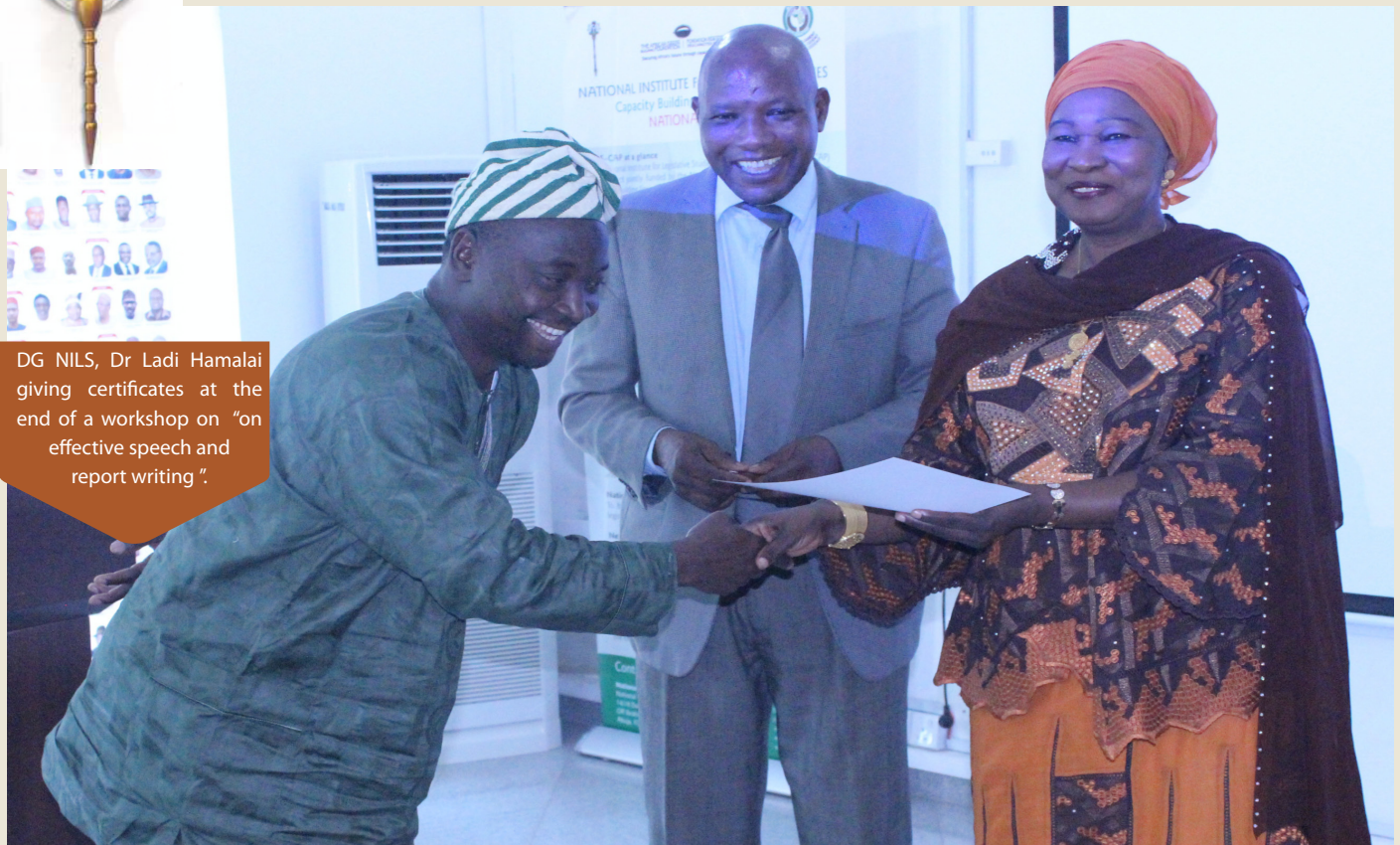


# National Institute for Legislative Studies

## Weekly Digest



DG NILS, Dr Ladi Hamalai giving certificates at the end of a workshop on “on effective speech and report writing”.



## Workshop on Report Writing Skills Ends

The training workshop on effective speech and report writing for parliamentary staff was brought to a close on 27/11/14. With about 65 participants from various West African countries, the 3-day training workshop exposed participants to the techniques and styles of report and speech writing in a legislative setting and effective communication skills, delivery and presentation methods among other essential topics. In her closing remarks, the Director General, National Institute for Legislative Studies, Dr. Ladi Hamalai, said the Institute goes for the best resource persons in and outside the country because it is an establishment that does not compromise knowledge and value. Dr. Hamalai emphasized that

effective speech and report writing is key to legislative processes because the law making arm of any government thrives on official reports, committee reports, minutes of votes and proceedings, Hansard, oversight reports and many more. She reiterated that the legislature hinges its credibility on effective, efficient and excellent reports that will eventually stand as record of service. After receiving their certificates, participants expressed appreciation to the National Institute for Legislative Studies for organizing such a stimulating workshop and assured their sponsors of an improved quality of work. With an expected outcome of staff proficiency in speech and report writing, the training workshop

was organized under the auspices of the African Capacity Building Foundation's anchor institution of the "NILS-CAP" project targeted at promoting good governance in Nigeria and across West Africa through strengthening the capacity of the legislatures.





## In The Senate This Week

Activities resumed at the National Assembly on Tuesday 25, November 2014 after it was shut down following the crisis that erupted in an attempt to prevent the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Aminu Tambuwal from accessing the National Assembly complex to perform his Constitutional duty. The teargas was purported to have been introduced in a bid to stop the legislators from sitting. Owing to the extent of abuse of power by the police and public affront on the Constitutional provisions protecting the fundamental rights of the citizens of Nigeria, the President of the National Assembly, Sen. David Mark announced the shutdown of the National parliament till Tuesday. The Wednesday's plenary session deliberated exclusively on the matter. The Senate had summoned the Inspector General of Police to appear before it, to explain the role of the police in the whole saga. However, the IGP instead sent a Deputy Inspector General of Police to answer to the senate, but he was reject by the apex chamber, insisting the IGP must make himself available. Meanwhile, the Senate played host to the Service Chiefs, who were said to have been invited to brief the senate on the measures taken to curb insecurity in the country. The meeting with the Service Chiefs lasted for more than 6 hours in closed doors. Meanwhile, the Senate President hinted the public that no discussion has further been made on the request for the extension of State of Emergency

in the States of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe. The following day, Thursday, 20 November 2014 the Senate set up a 7-man ad hoc committee to investigate the remote cause of the breach of security in the National Assembly. The resolution to constitute the ad hoc committee came on the heels of a motion brought before the chamber by the Senate Leader, Victor Ndoma-Egba, urging the senate to condemn in strong terms the incident in the National Assembly premises, describing it as an affront on the symbol of democracy in Nigeria. Senator Abdul Ningi, who seconded the motion, decried the role of the police that are saddled with the responsibility of ensuring law and order but rather was at the fore front of fermenting chaos and using teargas on Federal legislators who were present to perform their legitimate duties. He stated that the legislative powers and privileges as captured by the Constitution makes the National Assembly premises immune to police attack. The senate suspended plenary and adjourned till 2nd December 2014. This is to enables the lawmakers go for their party clearance exercises. Meanwhile, the Senate has congratulated the Clerk of the Senate, Mr. Ben Efeture, on his recent promotion to the rank of Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly.