

Functions of the Institute	1	3. The Institute shall:
	2	(a) Undertake research projects aimed at improving the quality and
	3	efficiency of paper production.
	4	(b) Develop new technologies and methods for sustainable paper
	5	production and recycling;
	6	(c) Provide training and capacity-building programs for industry
	7	stakeholders;
	8	(d) Disseminate research findings and best practices to the paper
	9	industry;
	10	(e) Collaborate with national and international organizations on
	11	research and development initiatives;
	12	(f) Advise the government on policies and regulations related to the
	13	paper industry.
	14	PART II - THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Establishment of the Board	15	4. -(1) There shall be a Board of Governors for the Institute (In this Act
	16	referred to as(" Board of Governors")
	17	(2) The Board shall consist of:
	18	(a) A Chairman, who shall be appointed by the President;
	19	(b) The Director-General of the Institute;
	20	(c) One representative from each of the following ministries:
	21	Industry, Environment, and Education;
	22	(d) Four persons with relevant experience in the paper industry,
	23	research, or academia, appointed by the President;
	24	(e) A representative from the Nigerian Association of Paper
	25	Manufacturers or the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria;
	26	(f) A representative from an environmental NGO.
Tenure of office	27	5. The Chairman and members of the Board shall hold office for a
	28	term of four years and may be re-appointed for another term of four years.
Functions of the Board	29	6. The Board shall:

- 1 (a) Formulate policies and guidelines for the operation of the
2 Institute;
- 3 (b) Oversee the management, administration, and operations of the
4 Institute;
- 5 (c) Approve the annual budget and work plan of the Institute;
- 6 (d) Ensure transparency and accountability in the management of
7 the Institute;
- 8 (e) Make regulations necessary for the effective implementation of
9 this Act.

10 PART III - ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE

11 7. There shall be a Director-General for the Institute who shall be
12 appointed by the President. Appointment of
the Director-
General

13 (1) The Director-General shall be the Chief Executive Officer of
14 the Institute and shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the
15 Institute.

16 8.-(1) The Institute shall employ such persons as it deems necessary
17 for the performance of its functions under this Act. Staff of the
Institute

18 (2) The terms and conditions of service of the staff of the Institute
19 shall be as determined by the Board.

20 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

21 9. The funds of the Institute shall consist of: Funds of the
Institute

22 (a) Grants and subventions from the Federal Government;
23 (b) Donations and contributions from individuals, organizations,
24 and international bodies;

25 (c) Funds generated from research projects, publications, and other
26 sources as may be approved by the Board.

27 10.-(1) The Institute shall prepare and submit to the Board not later
28 than 30th September in each financial year an estimate of its expenditure and
29 income during the next succeeding financial year. Annual Estimates
and Accounts

30 (2) The Institute shall keep proper accounts and records and shall

	1	prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts.
Audit	2	11. The accounts of the Institute shall be audited annually by a
	3	qualified external auditor appointed by the Board, and the audit report shall be
	4	submitted to the National Assembly.
	5	PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Regulations	6	12. The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Board, make
	7	regulations generally for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this
	8	Act.
Repeal and Savings	9	13. -(1) Any existing regulations, orders, or notices related to paper
	10	industry research and development that are inconsistent with the provisions of
	11	this Act are hereby repealed.
	12	(2) Any regulations, orders, or notices made or issued under repealed
	13	laws shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,
	14	continue in force until they are revoked or amended under this Act.
Interpretation	15	14. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
	16	"Institute" means the Research Institute for Paper Industry, Nigeria established
	17	under this Act;
	18	"Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute;
	19	"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for industry;
	20	"Paper Industry" includes all activities related to the production, processing,
	21	and recycling of paper and paper products.
Citation	22	15. This Bill may be cited as the Research Institute for Paper Industry
	23	Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Research Institute for Paper Industry, Nigeria to conduct research, promote innovation, and develop sustainable practices in the paper industry. The Institute will provide training and capacity-building programs, collaborate with national and international organizations, and advise the government on policies and regulations related to the paper industry