



EKWEREMADU CALLS FOR RENEWED SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

International development partners have been called upon to support the forthcoming induction programmes organized by the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) for fresh legislators. The call was made during the visit of a team from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Democratic Governance for Development (DGD) to the Deputy Senate President and Chairman, Governing Council of NILS, Senator Ike Ekweremadu.

The Deputy Senate President reiterated that the National Institute for Legislative Studies has organized the induction programme to enable fresh legislators take up their new roles as National and State Legislators with ease. He further said that the effort of development partners is evident in every sector of Nigeria's economy as a result of their quest to touch lives through good governance. He assured that Nigeria is prepared to lead in African development as such will reflect in the coming general elections which he said will be violence free and credible.

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NILS WILL SOON MOVE TO ITS PERMANENT SITE

The Director General (DG) of the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), Dr. Ladi Hamalai, is optimistic that in a couple of months from now, the Institute may move to its permanent site which is nearing completion by Julius Berger Nigeria PLC. Speaking during a media tour embarked upon by the Deputy Senate President and Chairman NILS Governing Council, Sen. Ike Ekweremadu at the site, she averred that given the extent of work done and the commitment of both the National Assembly leadership and the Contractor, she is optimistic that the Institute will soon start to operate from its permanent site.

Responding to questions fielded by journalists during the tour, Sen. Ike Ekweremadu said he was delighted with the level of work done by the contractor. He hinted that a huge percentage of the National Assembly's budget is being channeled towards the timely completion of the project. He stated that

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DSP CALLS FOR RENEWED DONOR AGENCY SUPPORT

In his response, the Project Coordinator of the UNDP/DGD projects, Dr. Mourtada Deme, said that the National Institute for Legislative Studies under the leadership of Dr. Ladi Hamalai performed very well in the implementation of the projects funded by the UNDP/DGD which offer support to key committees and processes in the National Assembly towards building and consolidating democratic governance.

While calling for adequate attention and oversight to projects implemented for sustainability, Dr. Deme gave assurance of his organization's renewed commitment to issues that border on good governance and national development in Nigeria.



MOVEMENT TO PERMANENT SITE

the leadership of the 7th National Assembly is leaving no stone unturned in its effort to see that the project is not abandoned. Sen. Ekweremadu said that expeditious action is directed towards the project because once it's completed, it will accord NILS a better and conducive platform to carry out its capacity building and other core functions, adding that in time the Institute will start generating revenue for itself and the National Assembly. This he envisaged would be fast-tracked through the existing affiliations with reputable institutions both in Nigeria and abroad in the area of post graduate studies.

Sen. Ekweremadu alerted the media that the project so far has gulped millions of Naira and will take more upon completion. He said that soon the place would host parliamentarians not only from the National Assembly, but from state legislatures and National legislatures in Nigeria and beyond.

The Site Manager, Julius Berger Nigeria PLC, Mr. Deller Lubesh, assured the Deputy Senate President and his entourage that the project is being executed in strict compliance with global best standard. He added that he has no doubt that the edifice would be one of the best in the continent. He showcased the architectural design to the group and made explanations on some of the technical aspects of the drawing.

House New Motions

Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre as the Central body in Nigeria Responsible for receiving, requesting, analyzing and disseminating Financial Intelligence Reports and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities and for Other Matters Related Thereto:

Hon. A. T. Sam-Tsokwa:

Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science Act, No. 26 of 2007 to properly define the Institute's Regulatory Role, Enforce the Provisions of the Act and Provide Penalties for the Breach Thereof and for Other Related Matters:

Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno:

Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Biosafety Management Agency Charged with Responsibility for Providing Regulatory Framework, Institutional and Administrative Mechanism for Safety measures in the Application of Modern Biotechnology in Nigeria with a View to preventing any Adverse Effect on Human Health, Animals, Plants and Environment and for Other Related Matters:

Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno:

Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on the 2015-2017 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):

Hon. Ahdulmumin Jihrin:

Need to Salute the Bravery and Patriotism of Wing Commander Chimda Hedima and his Colleague:

Hon. Emmanuel Jime:

House New Bills

1. Nigerian Ports and Harbours Authority (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 770) *(Executive) First Reading.*
2. Nigerian Postal Service (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 771) *(Executive) - First Reading.*
3. Nigerian Railway Corporation (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 772) *(Executive) - First Reading.*
4. Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 773) *(Executive) - First Reading.*
5. Consumers Protection (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 774) *(Executive) - First Reading.*
National Transport Commission Bill, 2015 (HB. 775) *(Executive) - First Reading.*
6. National Inland Waterways Authority (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 776) *(Executive) First Reading.*
7. National Roads Fund Bill, 2015 (HB. 777) *(Executive) - First Reading.*

Senate New Bills

1. Nigerian Railway Authority Act CAP N129 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2015 (SB.538) - *Read the First Time.*
2. National Inland Waterways Authority Act CAP N47 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2015 (SB.S39) - *Read the First Time.*
3. Ports and Harbour Bill 2015(SB.540) - *Read the First Time.*
4. Federal Roads Authority (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2015 (SB.541) - *Read the First Time.*
5. National Road Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill-2015 (SB.S42) - *Read the First Time.*