



NILS CHAMPIONS AUTOMATION AND NETWORKING OF LIBRARIES

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) has convened a three-day training workshop aimed at building the capacity of legislative librarians through updating and enhancing their automation and networking skills, with a view to empowering them in the discharge of their professional duties. The workshop, tagged “Library Automation and Networking”, was spurred by the need to discard of the old-fashioned way of service delivery by librarians.

In her address, the Director General of NILS, Dr. Ladi Hamalai, said it is pertinent for libraries to move forward using the most modern instruments in upgrading the library. She called on librarians at the Institute to assume a leading role in modernization which will in turn set the ball rolling for libraries at the National and State Assemblies.

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SENATE OKAYS INCREASE IN DIASPORA BOND TO \$300M

The Senate has approved an increase in the amount to be raised through the Diaspora Bond from the International capital market from \$100m to \$300m. The Senate agreed to the increase on the grounds that that the \$100 million Diaspora Bond as passed in the 2012-2014 borrowing plan is not enough.

It will be recalled President Goodluck Jonathan wrote to the senate in 2014 requesting for an increase in the amount to be raised through the Diaspora Bond from the International capital markets.

The proposed increase in the Diaspora Bond is to fund critical infrastructures in the country and to accommodate a greater number of Nigerians in the diaspora who are interested in investing in the the development of their country.

Presenting the report, chairman of the joint committee on local and foreign debts and finance, Senator Ehigie Uzamere, argued that the \$300m is consistent with the public debt management strategy. He added that with the dwindling revenue

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In his remarks, the Institute's Librarian, Dr. Adam Saleh, said the Institute has taken the initiative to fully automate its library using the 'NEWGENLIB' plus, which is said to be the latest Integrated Library Management (ILM) software. He assured that the Institute's library will achieve full automation status in the 2nd quarter of 2015.

In lending her voice to the programme, Registrar of the Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria who was also a resource person at the workshop, Dr. Victoria Okojie, promised that the Council will continue to support the National Institute for Legislative Studies in its yearning for excellence. She reiterated that libraries across the country need to provide effective services for their clients and also facilitate inter library cooperation and networking.

The workshop, targeted at library staff in the National Assembly and the Institute, will open participants to increased access to information resources and alternative channels of formatting information among other things.

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from crude oil sales, it has become necessary to diversify sources of funding for government and for other borrowers particularly in the private sector.

Also, the Senate has confirmed the appointment of Ambassador Abdullahi Shinkafi as a member of the Federal Character Commission after screening and recommendations from the report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-government Affairs. It has also passed the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human rights and Legal Matters on the administration of criminal justice bill.

Meanwhile, the Senate has adjourned sitting until Tuesday, 31 March.

