

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap N15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to among other things, rename the Centre as Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development in appreciation of her contributions towards national development.

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Arrangement of Sections

Section:

1. Amendment of Cap.N15, LFN, 2004
2. Substitution for section 1
3. Amendment of section 2
4. Amendment of section 5
5. Amendment of section 6
6. Substitution for section 7
7. Amendment of section 8
8. Amendment of section 9
9. Substitution for section 14
10. Amendment of section 18
11. Amendment of section 19
12. Amendment of section 25
13. Citation

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A Bill

For

An Act to amend the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap. N15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the functions of the Centre and rename it after Maryam Babangida; and for related matters.

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria —

1. The National Centre for Women Development (Establishment) Act, Cap. N15, LFN, 2004 (in this Act referred to as the “the Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Act. Amendment of
Cap.N15, LFN, 2004

2. Substitute for section 1 of the Principal Act, a new section “1” — Substitution for
section 1

“1. (1) There is established the Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development (in this Act referred to as “the Centre”).

(2) The Centre —

(a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession; and

(b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The headquarters of the Centre, shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and shall have branch offices in each of the six geopolitical zones.”

3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsections 1—3, new subsection “(1)” — “(3)” — Amendment of
section 2

“(1) There is hereby established for the management of the affairs of the Centre, a Governing Council to be known as Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development Council (in this Act referred to as “the Council”) which shall have general control of the Centre.

(2) The Council shall consist of —

(a) a Chairman,

(b) six other members, one of which shall be a representative of women with disability drawn from each of the six geopolitical zones; and

(c) the Director-General of the Centre.

(3) The Chairman and other members of the Council shall be —

(a) appointed by the President; and

(b) persons with proven integrity, who also have excelled and distinguished themselves in women and children activities.

4. Section 5 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraphs (f), new paragraphs "(g)"- "(k)" — Amendment of section 5

"(g) develop measurable parameters and strategic framework to stimulate creative and constructive ideas for enhancing the overall capacity of women;

(h) developed capacity building on gender and governance to support the activities of women in leadership positions and responsibilities;

(i) initiate campaign that will support women in leadership position to become effective instrument towards achieving democratic and development sustainability;

(j) network and build reliable partnership with development organisations to support such initiatives that engender women effective participation in governance; and

(k) formulate policies on social protection and welfare of women and children."

5. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "Executive Director", the words "Director General" in subsection (4) and wherever it appears in the Act. Amendment of section 6

6. Substitute for section 7 of the Principal Act, a new section "7" —

Substitution for section 7

(1) There shall be appointed for the Centre, a Director-General who shall be appointed by the President.

(2) The Director General shall, subject to the direction of the Council, be —

(a) responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Council and the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Centre;

(b) responsible for keeping proper records of the proceedings of the Council; and

(c) the head of the Council's Secretariat and responsible for the administration thereof and direction and control of all other employees of the Centre with the approval of the Council.

(3) The Director General shall hold office for a period of four years in the first instance and may be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years and no more.

7. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)" — Amendment of section 8

"(1) The Centre shall appoint an officer to be known as the Secretary to the Council, subject to the ratification of the Council, who shall perform the functions of keeping the record of proceedings and decisions of the Council and such other functions as the Council may, from time to time, direct."

8. Section 9 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word "President", the word, "Council". Amendment of section 9

9. Substitute for section 14 of the Principal Act, a new section "14" — Substitution for section 14

"14. The Council shall have powers to award contracts subject to the provisions of existing laws on procurement".

10. Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "Centre", the words, "for onward transmission to the National Assembly". Amendment of section 18

11. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word "President", the words, "National Assembly". Amendment of section 19

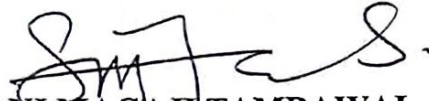
12. Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the definitions of "Centre" and "Council" — Amendment of section 25

"Centre" means Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development, established in section 1 of this Act;

"Council" means Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development Council, established in section 2 of this Act.

13. This Act may be cited as the National Centre for Women Development (Amendment) Citation
Act, 2023.

I, CERTIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 (1) OF THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT, CAP. A2, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.



SANI MAGAJI TAMBAWAL, fena
CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

10th
... DAY OF May 2023

SCHEDULE TO THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

SHORT TITLE OF THE BILL	LONG TITLE OF THE BILL	SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BILL	DATE PASSED BY THE SENATE	DATE PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
National Centre For Women Development (Amendment) Bill, 2023	An Act to amend the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap. N15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the functions of the Centre and rename it after Maryam Babangida; and for related matters.	This Bill amend the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap. N15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the functions of the Centre and rename it after Maryam Babangida.	29 th March, 2023.	5 th April, 2023.

I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.


SANI MAGAJI TAMBAWAL, fcna
Clerk to the National Assembly

10th Day of, 2023


MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

28th Day of, 2023

I ASSENT.