



UNIVERSITY OF BENIN



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN


UNIVERSITY OF BENIN

AND

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES

TO

**RUN POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA AND MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN
LEGISLATIVE STUDIES, PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION, LEGISLATIVE
DRAFTING, ELECTIONS AND PARTY POLITICS, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND
CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER ACADEMIC MATTERS**

 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused their Common Seals to be affixed the day and year first above written.

THE SEAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BENIN IS HEREUNTO AFFIXED in the presence of:



VICE-CHANCELLOR



REGISTRAR

THE SEAL OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES IS HEREUNTO AFFIXED in the presence of:



DIRECTOR GENERAL



LEGAL ADVISER

- 1.4 By virtue of an initial affiliation agreement of 20th August, 2013 for five (5) years which expired in 2019 and was renewed for another three (3) years which expired on 31st day of December 2022, the Institute has been affiliated to the University for the aforementioned purposes.
- 1.5 It is the intention of the Parties to extend the MoU for the subsequent three (3) years after which it may be reviewed and re-negotiated for another three-year period, unless terminated according to terms and conditions agreed by the Parties.
- 1.6 Bearing in mind that the aforementioned agreement expired on the 31st day of December, 2022, and desirous of renewing the tenure of the agreement, the Parties entered into negotiation, following which the University agreed to grant a renewal of the MoU for a further term on the terms and conditions hereunder stated.
- 1.7 To regularize the relationship, the Parties have agreed that this renewal should take effect from the date of expiration of the previous MoU, irrespective of the date of execution of the renewal.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BY THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 This MoU sets out the basis upon which the Parties agreed to collaborate for the award of Master and Post Graduate Diploma, as applicable, under the following Programmes:
 - (a) Master in Legislative Studies (MLS);
 - (b) Master of Laws (LLM), Legislative Drafting;
 - (c) Master in Parliamentary Administration (MPD);
 - (d) Master in Elections and Party Politics (MEPP);
 - (e) Master in Constitutional Law and Constitutional Development (MCL);
 - (f) Postgraduate Diploma in Elections and Political Party Management; and
 - (g) Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting (Distance Learning).
- 2.2 For the purpose of fulfilling the terms of this MoU, the Parties shall where necessary permit and allow the exchange of Staff and Students.
- 2.3 **DURATION:** Irrespective of the date of execution, this MoU shall take effect from the 1st day of January, 2023, and be in force for a period of three (3) years, subject to

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is **between** the University of Benin, Benin-City, Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "The University," which expression shall include its Successors-in -Title and Assigns).

And

The National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies, Abuja, Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "The Institute," which expression shall include its Successors-in-Title and Assigns).

1. WHEREAS

- 1.1 The University is a Federal Government owned educational institution established under the University of Benin (*Transitional Provision*) Act Cap U4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and empowered to do all such acts that will enhance its objects.
- 1.2 The Institute is a Legislative and Democratic Institution, established under the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act 2011, and later altered under the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (Amendment Act) 2017.
- 1.3 For the common mission and purpose of:
 - (a) Promoting learning and services to humanity and of producing high quality graduates equipped with the required knowledge and skills for effective legislative service delivery and deepening of democratic culture. The Institute sought and obtained affiliation to the University for the purpose of awarding postgraduate degrees in the following areas:
 - (i) Master in Legislative Studies (MLS);
 - (ii) Master of Laws (LLM), Legislative Drafting;
 - (iii) Master in Parliamentary Administration (MPD);
 - (iv) Master in Elections and Party Politics (MEPP);
 - (v) Master in Constitutional Law and Constitutional Development (MCL);
 - (vi) Postgraduate Diploma in Elections and Political Party Management; and
 - (vii) Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting (Distance Learning).
 - (b) Increasing their cooperation in capacity building in the areas of legislative and democratic studies, parliamentary administration and legislative drafting, among others.