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OYO STATE OF NIGERIA

No.16

A LAW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AS A CORPORATE SOLE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Date of commencement. ()

Enactment. **ENACTED** by the House of Assembly of Oyo State of Nigeria as follows:

Short Title. 1. This Law is cited as the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Law, 2020.

Interpretation. 2. In this Law-
"Agency" means an Organization providing a particular service for and on behalf of the Government;

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Government charged with the responsibility of Environment and Natural Resources for the time being assigned;

"department" means a section or division in the Ministry;

"director" means the person in charge of a department in the Ministry;

"Government" means the Government of Oyo State of Nigeria;

"Governor" means Governor of the State;

"House of Assembly" means the Oyo State House of Assembly;

"Local Government" includes Local Council Development Areas;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources as established in section 3 of this Law;

"Permanent Secretary" means the Permanent Secretary having authority to supervise the department of government, responsible for the administration of activities which is assigned to the Ministry;

"staff" means all the workers serving in the Ministry;

"State" means Oyo State of Nigeria.

Establishment
of the
Ministry.

3. (1) There is hereby established the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (referred to in this Law as the "Ministry").

(2) The Ministry shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

4. (1) The Ministry shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, have the responsibility to —
- (a) formulate and enforce policies, statutory rules and regulations on waste collection and disposal, general environmental protection, control and regulation of the ecological system and all activities related thereto;
 - (b) advise the government on the environmental policies and priorities and on scientific and technological activities affecting the environment;
 - (c) properly identify, document and protect the State's natural resources;
 - (d) co-ordinate the activities of the Local Governments and the Government agencies on environmental and ecological matters;
 - (e) establish and take measures to ensure effective environmental structures in the State for flood control, solid and liquid wastes collection and disposal, water and air pollution eradication, noise control and general sanitation;
 - (f) protect, develop and manage wildlife in the State;
 - (g) conduct public enlightenment campaigns and disseminate vital information on environmental and ecological matters;
 - (h) prepare master plans for drainage, solid and liquid wastes, and general aesthetics for development of environmental technology and ensure the implementation of such plans;

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(i) promote co-operation in environmental science and technology with bodies whose primary objective is the protection of the environment;

(j) initiate appropriate policy action on environmental impact implications of environment related activities;

(k) monitor sources of toxic pollution in land and water and offer necessary advice to industrial establishments;

(l) mobilise the inhabitants of all areas in the State for the effective observance of environmental rules and guidelines for promotion of healthy and safe environment;

(m) initiate measures to ensure pollution-free air, water and land throughout the State; take steps to obviate, mitigate or eliminate environmental discomfort to individuals or groups on danger to lives and properties;

(n) maintain an orderly exploitation and development of the State's forest resources; ensure continuous and adequate forest production;

(o) advise Government of the suitable policy on the exploitation and exploration of the State's natural resources;

(p) co-ordinate the activities of Environmental Monitoring Units and Environmental Health Officers of the Local Governments in the State;

(q) initiate, formulate and implement policies on climate and other environmental concerns;

(r) monitor Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Audit Report (EAR)

guidelines and procedure on all developmental policies and projects within the State;

* Governmental
Abstraction

* (s) regulate the use, exploration and sanitation of surface and underground water within the State;

(t) maintain parks and gardens within the State;

(u) manage open spaces and statutory setbacks within the State;

(v) manage and control all flood and erosion control projects whether fully funded by the Government or not; and

(w) carry out such other activities as may be necessary or expedient for the full discharge of the functions of the Ministry under this Law.

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Powers of
the Ministry.

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In carrying out the functions contained under this Law, the Ministry shall have power to—

(a) collect and make available, through publications and other appropriate means the basic scientific data, and other information pertaining to eradication of pollution environmental and natural resources protection matters;

(b) register the environmental management contractors and to impose such conditions necessary for carrying on the environmental management business;

(c) enter into contract with other organisations or companies for the purposes of executing and fulfilling its functions and responsibilities under this Law;

(d) enter into agreements with organisations and companies to develop, utilize, co-ordinate

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and share environmental monitoring programmes, research, effects, basic data on chemical, physical and biological effects of various activities on the environment and other environmentally related activities as appropriate;

(e) establish such environmental criteria, guidelines, specifications or standards for the protection of land, water and air as may be necessary to protect the health and welfare of the population from environmental degradation;

(f) establish such procedure for industrial or agricultural, commercial or social activities in order to minimise damage to the environment from such activities;

(g) maintain a programme of technical assistance to bodies public or private concerning implementation of environmental criteria, guidelines, regulations and standards and monitoring enforcement of the regulation and standards thereof;

(h) give directives to government agencies, authorities and departments on matters relating to the protection or maintenance of the environment;

(i) develop and promote such processes, methods, devices and materials as may be useful or incidental to the carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Law;

(j) sanction any developmental project without duly prepared Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Audit Report (EAR) documents; and

(k) superintend the activities of-

(i) Oyo State Solid Waste Management Authority;

(ii) Agodi Gardens;