



CA LS 2005 Annual Report

When in March 2005, we decided to set up the Centre, we were not in doubt as to the difficult road we had chosen to tread. The last one-year has indeed been even more difficult.

Our principal aim then now and for the future is to significantly impact African legal systems by raising the standard of legal research and advocacy. For obvious reasons our work for now will be based primarily on Nigeria. In the coming years, we hope and plan that we will claim our mandate of a truly pan African legal research centre.

In the year under review we have sought, from the Corporate Affairs Commission, registration under the legal competence of the Incorporated Trustees of the Foundation for African Legal Studies.

Physical space for our operations was a serious concern in the year under review. It is with pleasure that I announce that we have moved into our offices, albeit under construction at Plot 73 Andoni Street, Eagle Island, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Our human resources complement improved in the last year. We have hired a secretarial support staff in the person of Miss Gloria Okeke. To strengthen our research programs we engaged Miss Etulan Abigo, a legal practitioner, on a part time basis as a Research Associate. She has now brought the number of the Center's core staff to four (4).

The Centre had a modest outing in terms of our programs and projects. In December 2005, in conjunction with LT Consult and the Augustine Nhamani Campus of the Nigerian Law School, Enugu, we organised a two-day workshop on Advanced Legal Research Methodology.

Some of our programs have moved from the conceptual stage to a planning stage. Some others are however still at a conceptual level. In the coming year, we will strive to bring our research programs and activities to life.

We hope that next year we will begin to demonstrate the Centre's capacity to accomplish its mission.

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