

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR LITERACY SUPPORT SERVICES (NOGALSS) HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2024 AT NOGALSS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA**

**OBJECTIVES**

The General Assembly was convened to:

1. To provide all members of NOGALSS with up-to-date information on the present status of;
  - ✓ NOGALSS structure nationwide.
  - ✓ Programmes and Projects Activities.
  - ✓ Partnerships.
2. To receive reports from the states through the National Vice Presidents.
3. To consolidate and harmonize all NOGALSS activities Nationwide.
4. To further reposition NOGALSS to be able to compliment efforts of Government at all levels in the fight against illiteracy in Nigeria.
5. To make resolutions on way forward for NOGALSS.

**ATTENDANCE**

In attendance were the Board of Trustees, Members of the National Executive Council, Members of the National Working Committee, State Chairmen and FCT, Federal Ministry of Education, National Commission for Mass Education (NMEC), FCT Department for Mass Education, NATCOM-UNESCO, National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies (NBAIS), National Commercial Tricycles & Motorcycles Owners and Riders Association (NATOMORAS), Member NGOs, Civil Society Organizations and Volunteers. Fifty-nine (59) members participated physically while 21 participated online.

**OBSERVATIONS**

1. NOGALSS has made a lot of progress in the last six (6) years.
2. NOGALSS members are volunteers and have sacrificed a lot to the development of NOGALSS.
3. The six (6) National Vice Presidents in the zones have done a lot to keep the structure working.
4. Some members still don't think they can make sacrifices in the association which makes the work difficult as few hands are seen doing the work.
5. NOGALSS activities in some states are commendable but many states need to do more.
6. State chapters should try to be financially buoyant by having projects at the state level as well as increase membership registration.
7. NOGALSS now have a befitting National office and this should be replicated in the zones and states.
8. NOGALSS as at today now have membership in all the states of the federation.
9. Some state chairmen and Board of Trustees (BoTs) members are inactive which is slowing down the progress of NOGALSS.

10. NOGALSS is making all efforts not to depend on funding from government to carry out her mandates.
11. There is an alleged conspiracy to remove the National President by the National PRO Alh. Idris A. Musa, a member of BoTs Mrs. Fehintola Aguda and a National Vice President of North West Alh. Barwa Dutse.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Both old and new members of NOGALSS be trained on the operations of the Organization.
2. ID cards should be issued to financial members that's those that pay their Annual Dues. The ID card fees is N3,500.00 renewable every two years.
3. The National Vice Presidents should always present their reports typed to include narratives and financial reports at the NEC and General Assembly meetings.
4. NOGALSS should ensure that her activities impact on the security of the Nigerian nation especially with her partnership with NATOMORAS.
5. NOGALSS literacy programmes should include training on the importance of safe and healthy environment.
6. NOGALSS should step up her advocacy on the Mass Media.
7. NOGALSS should use radio announcement to boost her literacy programmes.
8. There are distractions from identified members and NOGALSS is not going to succumb to voice of distraction in the observed conspiracy.
9. The alleged conspirators have been suspended immediately and will face disciplinary committee to prove their case. The outcome from the disciplinary committee will determine their fate in the Organization.
10. All annual dues be paid to a designated account and what is due to zones and states be paid to them accordingly within one week.
11. Kaduna State Chairman Amb. Ahmed B. Abdulraham was appointed as Acting National Vice President North West and Hajia Aisha Mousa Lawal was appointed as Acting National PRO.
12. Annual dues could be divided to be paid either twice or thrice within the first quarter of the year. But for this year 2024 it should be paid before the end of the second quarter.
13. Deadlines for Annual dues is June 2024 and any officers that can't pay should consider their position shaking.
14. The appointments of new Board of Trustee's members were ratified.
15. Zones should work on their structures as National Executives will soon move from zone to zone to meet with the new BoTs.
16. The National Secretariat should write a letter of introduction to each State Governor attentioned Secretary to the State Government and the NOGALSS State ExcOs should follow up accordingly.
17. There should be an insurance policy for NOGALSS officers on duty.
18. The National Secretariat should find out the appropriate insurance package for NOGALSS officers on duty.
19. The tenure of officers at all levels shall start running only when all the structures of all the departments, committees, and initiatives are sustainably working and replicated down to

the grassroots by this present Executive committee that is saddled with the responsibility of rebuilding NOGALSS in its entirety.

20. In furtherance to the above, the present Executives should achieve financial self-sufficiency, independence and integrated funding for NOGALSS and to also source for funds to carry out all the identified and approved projects of NOGALSS.
21. That appointments into various offices through recommendation by members of NOGALSS subject to the ratification by the Executive Council be sustained.
22. Zonal and State Chapters should embark on activities and initiatives to ensure that they are financially balanced. Such activities and initiatives should be subject to the approval of the National Executive Council.
23. The present National, Zonal and State Executives should achieve for NOGALSS extensive Communication, Media and Publicity strategies to make NOGALSS a household name.
24. That dead members of the Board of Trustees and those that are not reachable or available to carry out their duties as Trustees be replaced.
25. New members of the Board of Trustees be appointed to ensure balance in number across the Six Geopolitical Zones.
26. NOGALSS as an Organization was seen to be a veritable tool that can help to move our dear Nation forward, not only in areas of literacy and Empowerment but in the unity of Nigeria as a whole.
27. That NOGALSS is essentially a service-oriented group and is advised to provide quality service that would positively contribute in the achievement of the SDG4.
28. As observed that NOGALSS is a service-oriented group, which thrives on service delivery, all Officers and Members who are not willing to discharge their duties and obligations towards the development of NOGALSS' Vision, should humbly resign immediately. Non-performance is frowned at and vehemently resisted.
29. That NOGALSS Council of Elders for a Literate Nigeria and new Members of BoTs should be inaugurated.
30. The independence and autonomy of NOGALSS was discussed and members resolved that as a Non-Governmental Organization duly registered by law as an autonomous Association, it should be considered and remain as such while partnering with NMEC and other relevant stakeholders in the Non-formal Education Sector. It should focus on its objectives and commitment to service delivery and at the same time, its internal operations should demonstrate respect for democratic principles.
31. It was further resolved that the leadership of NOGALSS should uphold the rebuilding process in line with the constitution of the Association.
32. It was further resolved that as a legal entity, NOGALSS should function as such and its constitution be respected

### **PRIORITY AREAS**

1. Train the trainers workshop
2. Increase staff welfare
3. Enlightenment of all members on the operations of NOGALSS Cooperative.
4. Staff, regular National Officers and Members welfare should be prioritized.

5. Proposals on Literacy and Empowerment Programmes to include consideration for violent extremism.
6. Opening of zonal and state chapters' account.
7. The relationship between NOGALSS and State Agencies for Mass Education (SAME) should be enhanced.
8. Advocacy visits should be made by respective EXCOS at all levels (Zonal, States and LGAs).
9. NOGALSS at all levels should have matrons, patrons and advisers that should be powerfully inaugurated.
10. NOGALSS ID cards be renewable every two years.
11. All officers should be active on all platforms.
12. NOGALSS Model Literacy Centres should be established.
13. The use of CUG SIM in NOGALSS should be sustained.
14. Pension and gratuity for Staff should be considered

### **VOTE OF CONFIDENCE**


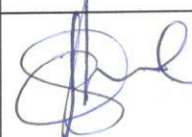

The National EXCO of NATOMORAS, NOGALSS Board of Trustees and the entire members present in the General Assembly emphatically passed their vote of confidence on the incumbent National President Comrade Noah Emmanuel and his team and that there should not be distraction on the present executive and management structure to avoid disruption of the ongoing progress in NOGALSS.

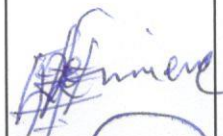
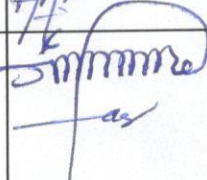

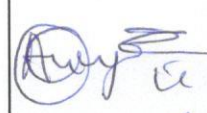


The vote of confidence is based on the observed dedication, vision and achievements of the National President and his team.

### **CONCLUSION**

We the members of the Communique drafting Committee wish to express our profound gratitude for the confidence reposed in us to serve in this capacity. It is our hope and desire that if this Communique is well implemented, it will better position all stakeholders to fight illiteracy to a halt in Nigeria.

### **Signed: COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

S/N	NAME	POSITION	ORGANIZATION	SIGNATURE	DATE
1.	Mr. Monday Adams	Chairman	National Mass Education Commission (NMEC)		21/03/24
2.	Dr. Mrs. Cecilia Pwol	Secretary	NOGALSS		21/3/24
3.	Mr. Partrick Obasi	Member	NOGALSS		21/03/24

4.	Pastor Peter Fimene	Member	NOGALSS		21/3/24
5.	Alhaji Yakubu Saraki	Member	NOGALSS		21/03/24
6.	Barr. Madonna Corosi	Member	NOGALSS		21/3/24
7.	Dr. Titilayo Onyia	Member	NOGALSS		21/03/24
8.	Amb. Ahmed B. Abdulraham	Member	NOGALSS		21/3/24
9.	Ms. Rasheedat Tijani	Member	NOGALSS		21/3/24