

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE ASSOCIATION FOR LITERACY SUPPORT (NOGALSS)**

5TH JULY 2018

VENUE: FCT DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION, KARU, FCT

THEME:

The General Assembly was convened to:

- Consolidate and harmonize all NOGALSS activities nationwide.
- Provide all members of NOGALSS with up to date information.
- Reach a consensus as to the modus operandi of the Association nationwide.
- Further reposition NOGALSS to be able to compliment efforts of Governments at all levels in the fight against illiteracy in Nigeria.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance were the Board of Trustees, Patrons, Member of the National Executive Council, Members of the National Working Committee, 36 State Chairmen and FCT, Government Agencies, UNESCO, Member-NGOs, Civil Society Organizations and Volunteers.

OBSERVATIONS

The Assembly observed that:

1. NOGALSS was moribund and inactive for more than 12 years before it was handed over to the present Executive Council in April, 2016.
2. The present Executive Council came into existence after the voluntary dissolution of the past Executive Council by the then Members of the Council for poor performance. The dissolution took place in a meeting organized by the past Administration at the National Mass Education Commission and witnessed by the Executive Secretary of the Commission and his Management Team.
3. The present National President and his Team came on board with no functional executive structure across the Country, no office accommodation, no mobility, no funds, no bank account, no active administrative machinery in place, no data on NGOs, Literacy and Vocational Centers, and no membership data.
4. The National Executive Council led by the National President, Emmanuel Noah O. has commenced the process of rebuilding

NOGALSS and repositioning it for effective service delivery in line with its core mandate of complementing the efforts of the Governments at all levels to achieve a Literate Nigeria.

5. That the present Executives within its two years of existence has made significant strides in the restructuring of NOGALSS nationwide to gain back its relevance and lost glory as the Apex/Umbrella Body of all NGOs and Private Organizations in Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education delivery in Nigeria.
6. That the scrapping of the State Agency For Adult and Non-Formal Education in some states of the Federation is detrimental to the achievement of SDG 4 and will hamper the growth of literacy development in Nigeria.

RESOLUTION

The Assembly passed a vote of confidence to the present Executives and urged them to continue in Office till the rebuilding process of NOGALSS is completed. Consequently, it was resolved that:

1. the tenure of Office for all 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 Executives that is saddled to rebuild NOGALSS in its entirety.
2. Furtherance to the above, the Assembly resolved that:
 - a) The Present Executives should build a befitting National Secretariat for the Association in the Federal Capital Territory and should also furnish, equip and to put in place all the adequate logistic including the purchase of vehicles for the sustainability of NOGALSS.
 - b) The Present Executives should also ensure that the befitting Zonal Secretariats should be built for the Six Geo-Political Zones and State Secretariats in the 36 States and FCT.
 - c) The present executives should achieve financial self-sufficiency, independence and integrated funding for NOGALSS, to also source for funds to carry out all the agreed projects of NOGALSS.

- d) Appointment through recommendations by Members of NOGALSS subject to the ratification of the Executive Council should be sustained.
- e) State Chapters should embark on activities and initiatives to ensure that they are financially balance. Such activities and initiatives should be subject to the approval of the National Executive Council.
- f) The present Executives should achieve for NOGALSS extensive Communications, Media and Publicity strategies to make NOGALSS a household name.
- g) The use of NOGALSS Special Airtel CUG Simcards should be mandatory for all Members of NOGALSS to enable us solve our communication problems within the Association.
- h) The Members of the Board of Trustees that have died or unreachable should be replaced.
- i) New Members of the Board of Trustees should be appointed to ensure balance in numbers across the Six Geopolitical Zones.
- j) The Board of Trustees should be inaugurated.
- k) the present Executives should inaugurate the State Chairman when the States meets the requirements.
- l) The present National Executives should inaugurate the State Chapters when the States meets the requirements.
- m) The present Executives should advocate for the return of the Agency For Mass Education in the affected States and prevent further re-occurrence in other States of the Federation.

SIGNED:

1. **Names:** Mr. Monday Adams

Position: Chairman

Address: National Mass Education, Abuja

2. **Names:** Koko Bassey Crusto

Position: Secretary

Address: Rivers State

3. **Names:** Dr. (Mrs.) Cecilia Pwol
Position: Member
Address: FCT - Abuja

4. **Names:** Dr. (Barr.) Mohammed Tanko
Position: Member
Address: Kogi State

5. **Names:** Mrs. Anaba Sarah N. JP
Position: Member
Address: Abia State

6. **Names:** Amb. Ahmed B. Abdulrahaman
Position: Member
Address: Kaduna State

7. **Names:** Isyaka Dayo Shittu
Position: Member
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8. **Names:** Saraki Yakubu
Position: Member
Address: Bauchi State

9. **Names:** Prince Akintunde Akintayo
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