



Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Nigerian Office for Trade Negotiations

and

The Harvard African Law Association

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms of understanding between the Nigerian Office for Trade Negotiations (NOTN) and the Harvard African Law Association (HALA) with the purpose of establishing a channel for HALA members to regularly perform clinical work at NOTN in areas identified and indicated in this MOU. The ultimate intent in this mutually agreed MOU shall be to establish a formal trade law clinic at Harvard Law School (HLS) centered on the work priorities at NOTN.

Background

During the month of January 2018, two (2) members of HALA in the Harvard winter-term independent clinical program, with the support of faculty, served as attachments to the newly-established NOTN. In this role, the HALA members provided material research, writing, and editorial support to staff in the newly established NOTN on various trade policy assignments. Recognizing the mutual benefits of this relationship, the Director-General of NOTN, Ambassador Chiedu Osakwe, and the HALA members identified opportunities to strengthen the legal and policy research bonds between NOTN and HALA as a means to support the negotiating priorities of the NOTN, as well as investing in and training the foundational generation of NOTN Negotiators. The NOTN and HALA commit to establish a standing professional working relationship in which Harvard Law students contribute and serve in well-defined attachment roles with the NOTN.

Attachments will be tasked with researching and developing trade policy issues, drafting legal documents and policy memoranda, and providing editorial support, as requested and required, based on world-class standards. As an example of standard work assignments, original HALA contributors supported the first-ever trade remedies bill for the Nigerian economy. HALA contributors and researchers also provided support on NOTN's Annual Trade Policy Review substance. In addition, researchers created a macro-enabled tool for the analysis and comparison of trade remedies legislation, globally.

Purpose

This MOU establishes a platform for members of HALA to provide legal and policy research assistance to the NOTN, as required on agreed terms. It serves as a starting point for the eventual development of a formal trade law clinic at HLS.



The foregoing goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

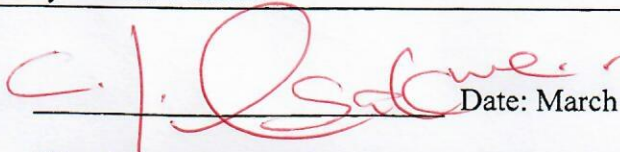
- NOTN will develop and provide substantive work programs for HLS students during the winter term that adhere to HLS's Department for Clinical and Pro Bono Programs guidelines.
- NOTN will respond to requests to work in its office by HLS students in a reasonable and timely manner that enables the completion of international independent clinical applications within the timetable determined by HLS's Department for Clinical and Pro Bono Programs.
- NOTN shall set the terms and supervise the policy and research engagement, in accordance with the full academic independence and autonomy of HLS and the policy priorities of the NOTN as the agency of the Nigerian Government.
- HALA will advertise and promote opportunities to its membership to work at the NOTN via HLS's international independent clinical program during the winter term.
- HALA will identify trade law professors and specialists at HLS who shall act as faculty supervisors to students interested in working at the NOTN during the winter term.

Funding

This MOU does not represent a commitment of funds by either party, except as to be agreed by the parties on specific projects.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the NOTN and HALA. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the NOTN and HALA and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by either party by mutual consent.


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