

# GUIDE TO NIGERIAN LEGAL MATERIALS ON THE WEB

## LEGISLATION

### Constitution

[Constitution Finder](#): Full texts of 1999, 1979, 1954 and 1951 Constitutions.

[National Assembly](#) at <http://www.nassnig.org/nass/acts.php> Full texts of Acts passed by the National Assembly, 2000-2010.

[Nigeria Law](#) at <http://nigeria-law.org/LawLibrary.htm>: An alphabetical list of the enactments and subsidiary legislation made from 1990 to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2000 that are still in force, selected statutes, 1990-2006 and some procedural court rules. Few are full text. Also includes information about the Court of Appeal and High Courts.

[Commonwealth Legal Information Institute \(CommonLII\)](#) : Links to [Nigeria Law](#)

[World Legal Information Institute: Nigeria](#) at <http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/50813.html>: Selected statutes, full text.

[World Legal Information Institute: Nigeria](#) at <http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/2038.html>: (Multi-National Legislation Collections)

[Nigerian Legal Information Institute](#) at [http://www.nlii.org/LEGISLATION\\_INDEX.html](http://www.nlii.org/LEGISLATION_INDEX.html): Alphabetical list of statutes 1990 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and annual list of laws up to 2006; some full text.

[Nigerian Law Guru](#) at <http://www.nigerianlawguru.com/>: Selected statutes and rules; full text.

[World Law Guide](#) at <http://www.lexadin.nl/wlg/legis/nofr/oeur/lxwenig.htm>: Selected federal and state statutes and rules grouped under subject headings; full text.

### Others

[Hein Online](#) (World Constitutions Illustrated) (restricted access)

## BILLS

[National Assembly](#): Senate, 1999-2010 and of the House of Representatives, 2000-2010. Full text.

## BY SUBJECT

### Abortion

[www.hsph.harvard.edu/population/abortion/abortionlaws.htm](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/population/abortion/abortionlaws.htm) provides text of relevant sections of the law.

## **Competition Law**

[The International Bar Association's Global Competition Forum](#): Links to laws, papers, reports, speeches and bulletins.

## **Criminal Law**

[Criminal law resources on the internet](http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/bclc/resource.htm) at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/bclc/resource.htm> provides links to the full text of the Criminal Code and (the Shari'ah Penal Code of Zamfara State).

## **Copyright, Patents and Trademarks**

UNESCO's Collection of Copyright Laws at [http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=39430&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=39430&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html): Full text.

[WIPO Lex](#) or [Collection of Laws for Electronic Access](#) provides text of the Constitution, IP and IP- related statutes, rules, regulations. Also provides WIPO administered IP regional and IP-related multilateral treaties that Nigeria is a party to, with entry into force.<sup>1</sup>

## **Drugs**

[The Legal Library](http://www.unodc.org/enl/browse_country.jsp?country=NIR) at [http://www.unodc.org/enl/browse\\_country.jsp?country=NIR](http://www.unodc.org/enl/browse_country.jsp?country=NIR): UNODC online database provides text of legislation passed from 1950 to date, to implement international drug conventions. Has a link to [Anti-Money Laundering International Database](#).<sup>2</sup>

## **Environment**

<http://www.ecolex.org/start.php>: Abstracts of laws with links to sources.

## **Food, Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources**

[FAOLex](#): Treaties, national laws and regulations relating to food, agriculture, and renewable natural resources. Abstracts and links to full text.

[FishLex](#) : Fishing treaties, national laws and regulations on coastal state requirements for foreign fishing.

[WaterLex](#): International agreements on water resources.

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<sup>1</sup>. 'It also features related information which elaborates, analyzes and interprets these laws and treaties. It provides streamlined access to reference material of key importance for optimal information on the global IP System.'

<sup>2</sup>. Access to AMLID is restricted to government officials. Access is available on application to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

## Health

[International Digest of Health Legislation](http://apps.who.int/idh-riis/frame.cfm?language=english) at <http://apps.who.int/idh-riis/frame.cfm?language=english>: World Health Organization's database provides summaries of federal laws, with links to full text and states government websites.

## Human Rights

[Disability Discrimination Laws Country Index](http://www.dredf.org/international/lawindex.shtml) at <http://www.dredf.org/international/lawindex.shtml> provides full text of the disability discrimination law.

## Humanitarian Law

[International Committee of the Red Cross](#) provides three databases on international humanitarian law:

- [Treaty Database](#)<sup>3</sup>
- [National Implementation Database](#) is in 2 parts and provides documentation and brief commentaries concerning the implementation of international humanitarian law at the national level.<sup>4</sup>
- [Customary IHL database](#) provides rules of customary IHL and practice.<sup>5</sup>

## Labour, Social Security and Related Human Rights

[ILO Natlex Nigeria](#): Abstracts, indexes and links to full text of legislation.

### Occupational Safety and Health

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<sup>3</sup>. Contains 100 treaties and other texts from 1856 to date and the current situation regarding signatures, ratifications, accessions and successions, etc. made by the States with respect to international humanitarian law treaties.

<sup>4</sup>. 'The first part provides legislation relating to humanitarian law, including relevant penal provisions and laws relating to war crimes and the military. The second part provides related case law'.

<sup>5</sup>. This database is the online version of the Study on customary international humanitarian law, undertaken by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and published by Cambridge University Press in 2005. Summarizes relevant state practice including military manuals, legislation, case-law and official statements, as well as practice of international organizations, conferences and judicial and quasi-judicial bodies'.

[International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre](#). Texts of ILO Conventions and Recommendations dealing with occupational safety and health matters and Codes of Practice and manuals.

### **Non- Profit Law**

[International Center for Not-for-Profit Law](#). Text of laws and cases ‘governing various issues related to non-governmental organizations’. Registration required for free access.

## **LAW REPORTS**

[Judgments of the Supreme Court of Nigeria](#) Selected decisions of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, 1995 -2008. Full text.

[Oxford Reports on International Law ORIL](#) (Oxford Reports on International law in Domestic Courts) - (restricted access)  
<http://www.southernafricalawcenter.org/salc/> (Southern Africa Litigation Centre). Has text of a Nigerian case on HIV/Aids.

### **International cases involving Nigeria**

[Commonwealth Legal Information Institute \(CommonLII\)](#) at <http://www.commonlii.org/resources/2163.html>. Full text.

## **ARTICLES**

### **Criminology**

**African journal of criminology and justice studies, (AJCJS)** at <http://www.ascleiden.nl/Library/FreeOnlinePeriodicals.aspx>. Full text

### **Human Rights**

[ICL - International Constitutional Law | Home | International ...](#) Full text articles on constitutional law and events. Links to **the Vienna Journal on International Constitutional Law** @ [www.icl-journal.com](http://www.icl-journal.com). Full text articles, 2007-date.

### [LLRX.com](#)

#### **Forced Migration**

[Digital Library: Forced Migration Online](#) at <http://repository.forcedmigration.org/?search=NIGERIA&start=0&rows=10> Full text.

[Nigeria: Human Rights Watch publications](http://www.hrw.org/en/africa/nigeria) at <http://www.hrw.org/en/africa/nigeria> “provides access to a collection of press releases, briefing papers and reports about human rights and civil liberties in Nigeria published by Human Rights Watch from the late 1990s to date.”

<http://www.nlii.org/Articles.html> (Nigerian Legal Information Institute): Brief chronological list of selected articles on Nigerian law from 1980-2009.

[Nigerian Law Guru](http://www.nigerianlawguru.com/) at <http://www.nigerianlawguru.com/> Select, full text articles, arranged under 20 subject headings. Its usefulness reduced by the incomplete bibliographical details of some of the articles.

## **Islamic Law**

[Sharia implementation in Northern Nigeria 1999-2006: a sourcebook](http://www.sharia-in-africa.net/pages/publications/sharia-implementation-in) by Philip Ostien at <http://www.sharia-in-africa.net/pages/publications/sharia-implementation-in>: 5 volumes with table of contents.<sup>6</sup>

## **Others**

[EBSCO Business Source Premier](#). (Restricted access)

[HeinOnline](#) (International Non-U.S. Law Journals; Foreign & International Law Resources Database). Full text. (Restricted access)

[JSTOR: Scholarly Journals online](#) (full text) (restricted access).

[Social Science Research Network \(SSRN\)](#). Full text.

[Westlaw UK](#): Journals and Westlaw International: World Journals and Law Reviews (restricted access)

## **TREATISES**

<http://www.nlii.org/Books.html> A brief list of law books arranged by subject.

## **INDEXES**

[AfricaBib](#) A collection of Africana social science titles, a few with links to full text, in two bibliographic databases. Also has links to three useful sources, [African Journals Online](#), [ASA Online: African Studies Abstracts Online](#) and [Catalogue of the African Studies Centre in Leiden](#).

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<sup>6</sup>. Chapters – on “Court Reorganisation”, “Judges of the Sharia Courts”, “Hisbah and the Police”, “Crimes and Punishments”, “Councils of Ulama and Related Bodies”, and “Zakat and Endowments”, are in progress and will be posted when they are ready.

[African Studies Centre \(Leiden\)](#): Library catalogue lists titles of books, journal articles (many with abstracts), book chapters, government reports, etc. some of which are related to law. The web site also includes the full text of working papers and other publications.

[Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals](#) (restricted access)

[Nigeria Law](#) at <http://nigeria-law.org/LawLibrary.htm>: Alphabetical index of statutes and subsidiary legislation, 1990 and still in force as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000.

## **Legal Education / Profession**

[Nigerian Law School](#) at <http://mylnsp.com/>

[Nigerian Law School Lagos Campus](#) at <http://www.lawschoollagos.org/>

<http://www.nba.org.ng/> Nigerian Bar Association

## **RESEARCH/LEGAL GUIDES**

[Commonwealth Legal Information Institute \(CommonLII\)](#) Links to web sites of legislation and law reports.

[Cornell University Law School- Legal Information Institute](#) at <http://www.law.cornell.edu/world/africa.html#nigeria> provides links to the Constitution; websites of the Federal Government of Nigeria and some of its agencies; Supreme Court and selected judgements; Court of Appeal; federal legislation; Embassy, Washington DC and the Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

[Eagle-i Internet Portal for Law](#): provides a few links to primary and secondary legal resources.

[ForIntLaw: Nigeria](#): Links to primary and secondary sources of Nigerian law and law firms. [Global Legal Information Catalog: Nigeria](#) provides bibliographic information on Nigerian legal materials in the Law library of Congress reference collection.

[Governments on the WWW](#) at <http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/ng.html> provides links to governmental institutions, representations in foreign countries, political parties, as well as other country-related information. Last updated 17/11/2001.

[Guide to Law Online](#) "...an annotated guide to sources of information on government and law available online. It includes selected links to useful and reliable sites for legal information."

[Intute - Nigeria](#) provides links to free web resources on Nigerian law.

[JURIST: Nigeria](#): Links to primary and secondary sources of law, legal education (including a list of faculties of law), legal profession and a few articles.

Library of Congress at <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/nations/nigeria.php>: Links to legislation, executive, judicial, legislative bodies, legal guides and general information sources.

Multinational Reference Links to Constitutions, executive, judicial, legislative, legal guides and general sources of several countries.

Nigeria Law Covers primary and secondary sources of Nigerian law and the judiciary.

Sources of Online Legal Information for African Countries and the Update! Links to online resources for primary and secondary sources of law of African states and regional organizations.

GlobalLex's UPDATE: Guide to Nigerian Legal Information: a research guide covering the Nigerian legal system, primary and secondary sources of law, legal education and the legal profession, government bodies, etc.

WashLaw Web – Washburn University School of Law at <http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/africa/nigeria.html>: Links to primary and secondary sources of law.

World Law Guide Links to web sites on legislation, cases and law firms.

World Legal Information Institute: Nigeria Provides links to government and legal information web sites.

World Legal Materials from Africa: Nigeria Links to primary and secondary sources of law and government information web sites.

## **LAW FIRMS**

<http://www.hg.org/> (HG.org: Legal directories) at <http://www.hg.org/firms-nigeria.html>.. Links to law firms arranged by City and Practice Area.

World Law Guide at <http://www.lexadin.nl/wlg/lawfirm/nofr/oeur/lxadnig.htm>: Has links to websites of law firms in 5 Nigerian cities.

## **GOVERNMENT**

International Constitutional Law Links to the Presidency, National Assembly and Supreme Court websites and full text of the 1999 Constitution. Includes an article on the constitutional background, history and news about Nigeria.

<http://www.motherlandnigeria.com/govtstructure.html> Structure of the government and links to historical and general resources.

[Government of Nigeria](http://www.nigeriaembassyusa.org/government.shtml) at <http://www.nigeriaembassyusa.org/government.shtml> Links to state governors, ministers, federal ministries and parastatals.

[National Assembly](http://www.nassnig.org/nass/acts.php) at <http://www.nassnig.org/nass/acts.php>. Websites of the Senate and House of Representatives.

[Nigeria Law](http://nigeria-law.org/LawLibrary.htm) at <http://nigeria-law.org/LawLibrary.htm>: Links to superior and inferior courts.

[World Legal Information Institute: Nigeria](http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/54683.html) at <http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/54683.html>: provides links to federal and state government websites and agencies.

## GENERAL

<http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/statistics/nigeria> Statistical data

[AllAfrica.com](http://AllAfrica.com) News

[BBC News Africa service](http://BBC News Africa service) Current news and country profiles, overviews, basic facts and political information, with links to some newspapers and other media.

[Global Legal Monitor: Nigeria](http://Global Legal Monitor: Nigeria) News and events. `

[Lex Africa](http://Lex Africa) Legal business news

[University of Pittsburg](http://University of Pittsburg)'s **Jurist: Legal News and Research** provides legal news.

[The World Fact Book](http://The World Fact Book) - Features facts and statistics on the geography, people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military and transnational issues.

<http://www.aict-ctia.org/> African International Courts and Tribunals. Links to websites of continental courts, sub-regional courts, international criminal courts for African conflicts, and other courts handling African cases.