THE CONSTITUTION OF

CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PREAMBLE

We, the members of CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT a not forprofit and non-political organisation do firmly and solemnly resolve to provide for ourselves a constitution and to be governed by the provisions therein contained.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the Association is CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE 2: ADDRESS

The address of the Association shall be: NO. 53, MAMBOLO STREET, WUSE ZONE 2, ABUJA, FCT, , ,

ARTICLE 3: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

SN	THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE:					
1	TO PROMOTE INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM					
2	TO ENGAGE IN CAPACITY BUILDING OF JOURNALIST					
3	TO BE INVOLVED IN RESOURCE DEVELOPING IN REPORTING TOOLS					
4	SUPPORT JOURNALISTIC DEVELOPMENT					
5	TO IDENTIFY AND PROMOTE RESEARCH, INFORMATION SERVICES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIUM AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE JOURNALISM IN NIGERIA AND ELSEWHERE					
6	TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND NON PARTISAN FORUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND VIEWS ON ALL					

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QUESTIONS CONNECTED AND/OR RELATED TO JOURNALISM AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

ARTICLE 4: TRUSTEES

- A. The Trustees of CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT for the purpose of the Companies and Allied Matters Act CAP C20 LFN 2004, shall be elected at a General Meeting charged with responsibility of selecting the Trustees with 2/3 majority votes of members present.
- B. Such Trustees (Hereinafter referred to as, "The Trustees") shall not be less than 2 and more than 15 in number.
- C. A Trustee may hold office for 5 years but shall cease to hold office if he:
 - 1. Resigns his office
 - 2. Ceases to be a member of the registered Trustees of the body.
 - 3. Becomes insane
 - 4. Is officially declared bankrupt
 - 5. Is convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Court of competent jurisdiction
 - 6. Is recommended for removal from office by a board of Governors and Trustees majority vote of members present at any General Meeting of the body
 - 7. Ceases to reside in Nigeria
- D. Upon a vacancy occurring in the number of Trustees a General Meeting will be held to appoint another eligible member of the Association.

ARTICLE 5: COMMON SEAL

- A. The Trustees shall have a Common seal.
- B. Such seal will be kept in the custody of the SECRETARY who shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees.
- C. All documents to be executed by the Trustees shall be signed by such number of them and sealed with the Common seal.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

For effective administration of the Association, there shall be the following meetings

SN	MEETING NAME	MEETING QUORUM		
1	THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS	ONE-THIRD OF THE USUAL MEMBERS		
2	MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS	TWO-THIRDS OF THE USUAL MEMBERS		

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3	EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING	ONE-THIRD OF THE USUAL MEMBERS
4	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	TWO-THIRDS OF ELECTED MEMBERS

ARTICLE 7: GOVERNING BODY

THE CENTRE SHALL BE RUN BY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THEIR REMUNERATION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL RENDER PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE STATE OF THE CENTRE

ARTICLE 8: SOURCES OF INCOME

The sources of income for the Association shall include:

- 1. ACCEPT DONATIONS (IN CASH AND/OR KIND) FROM INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATE BODIES, CENTRE AND ORGANISATIONS IN NIGERIA OR ELSEWHERE.
- 2. RECEIVE GRANTS OR ASSISTANCE FROM COUNTRIES, INDIVIDUALS, TRUSTS, CENTRE AND ANY CHARITABLE OR PHILANTHROPIC ORGANISATION IN NIGERIA AND OUTSIDE NIGERIA
- 3. ACCEPT DONATIONS AND LEVIES FROM THE MEMBERS
- 4. COLLECT MONIES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH ANY LAWFUL MEANS

ARTICLE 9: DISBURSEMENT AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE CENTRE SHALL BE FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR.

ARTICLE 10: KEEPING ACCOUNT

THE CENTRE SHALL OPERATE BANK ACCOUNTS IN ITS NAME. THE SIGNATORIES TO THE ACCOUNT THE CHAIRMAN AND CENTRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

ARTICLE 11: APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR(S)

- 1. Independent qualified and licenced Auditors shall be appointed by the general meeting to audit the financial records of the Association annually and submit an audited report to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 2. The audited financial statements (balance sheet and income and expenditure account) duly certified by independent auditors shall be annexed to the annual returns and file with the Corporate Affairs Commission.

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ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The Association may alter the provision of its Constitution at a General meeting by a resolution passed by a simple majority of its members and approved by the Commission.

ARTICLE 13: SPECIAL CLAUSE

- 1. THE INCOME AND PROPERTY OF CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objective of the body as set forth in this RULES ANDREGULATION/CONSTITUTION: and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly orindirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Association.
- 2. PROVIDED that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith, or reasonable and properremuneration to any officer or servant of the Association in return for any service actually rendered to the Association:
 - a. With the exception of ex-officio members of the Governing Council, no member of the Council of Management or Governing Body shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Association or any office of the Association paid by fees; and
 - b. No remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the body to any member of such Council or Governing Body except repayment of out of pocket expenses or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised, or let to the Association or reasonable fees for services rendered.
- 3. If in the event of a liquidation/winding-up or dissolution of the corporate body there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other institutions, having objects similar to the object of Association, such institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution.
- 4. If effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions, then the remaining property shall be transferred to some charitable object.

DATED THIS		29	DAY OF	January	19	
Jan 29, 20	19				Jan 29, 2019	
Signatur Chairm					Signature of Secretary & Date	

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Registrar General

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