



Institute for Historical Studies, Biographical Research, Documentation, and Legacy (IHS-BIRD & L)

PublicRecords.ng Terms of Use

1. Introduction

Welcome to **PublicRecords.ng**, a citizen-led digital archive dedicated to preserving and providing public access to Nigeria's official and historical records. By accessing or using this website, you agree to abide by these **Terms of Use**, the **Upload Policy**, and all applicable Nigerian laws and regulations.

If you do not agree with these terms, please do not use this platform.

2. Purpose of the Platform

PublicRecords.ng is operated by the ***Institute for Historical Studies, Biographical Research, Documentation and Legacy (IHS-BIRD & L)*** as a public-interest repository. Its mission is to make authentic public records, gazettes, decrees, circulars, and other official documents accessible for research, education, and civic engagement.

3. Acceptance of Terms

By using PublicRecords.ng, you:

- Acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to these Terms of Use.
- Represent that you are at least 18 years old or have obtained parental/guardian consent if younger.
- Agree to comply with all site policies, including the **Upload Policy** and **Privacy Policy**.

4. Permitted Use

Users may:

- Access, view, and download publicly available materials for personal, educational, or non-commercial research purposes.
- Cite documents from PublicRecords.ng with proper attribution.
- Share links to the platform and its content responsibly.

5. Contributor Responsibilities

If you register as a contributor and upload materials, you must:

- Ensure all uploads are lawful, authentic, and relevant to Nigeria's public record.
- Respect the Upload Policy and intellectual property laws.
- Not upload defamatory, forged, or confidential materials.
- Provide truthful metadata and provenance information.

PublicRecords.ng reserves the right to edit, verify, or remove uploads that violate these terms.

6. Intellectual Property Rights

- All site content, design, structure, and metadata remain the property of PublicRecords.ng and/or IHS-BiRD & L.
- Uploaded documents remain the intellectual property of their lawful owners or creators.
- By submitting content, contributors grant PublicRecords.ng a **non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free license** to store, reproduce, and make the material publicly accessible.
- Users may quote or cite records with full acknowledgment of PublicRecords.ng as the source.

7. Accuracy and Authenticity

PublicRecords.ng strives to ensure the accuracy and authenticity of hosted records. However:

- The platform provides materials **"as-is"** without warranties, express or implied.
- PublicRecords.ng does not guarantee completeness, accuracy, or current relevance of any document.
- Users are responsible for verifying information before relying on it for legal or official purposes.

8. Prohibited Conduct

Users must not:

- Upload or distribute illegal, offensive, or malicious content.
- Attempt to hack, disrupt, or compromise site security.
- Misrepresent their identity or the origin of uploaded materials.
- Use the site for political propaganda, fraud, or misinformation.

Violations may result in suspension, removal of content, or legal action.

9. Data Protection and Privacy

PublicRecords.ng respects user privacy and handles personal data in accordance with its **Privacy Policy** and applicable data protection laws.

The platform may collect limited personal information for registration, verification, and communication purposes only.

10. Limitation of Liability

PublicRecords.ng and IHS-BIRD & L shall not be liable for:

- Any direct, indirect, or consequential damages arising from the use or inability to use the website.
- Loss of data, corruption of files, or inaccuracies in uploaded materials.
- Acts or omissions of contributors, users, or third-party services.

Use of the site is at your own risk.

11. Links to External Sites

PublicRecords.ng may contain links to third-party websites for reference or context. Such links do not imply endorsement. The platform is not responsible for the content or practices of any linked external site.

12. Takedown and Dispute Resolution

If you believe a document violates copyright, confidentiality, or personal rights, please contact **takedown@publicrecords.ng** with evidence of ownership or harm.

Verified complaints will be addressed promptly through a takedown or review process in accordance with applicable laws.

13. Modifications to Terms

PublicRecords.ng reserves the right to amend or update these Terms of Use at any time without prior notice.

Revised terms will take effect immediately upon publication. Continued use of the platform signifies acceptance of the updated terms.

14. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms of Use shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the **Federal Republic of Nigeria**.

Any disputes arising shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Nigerian courts.

15. Contact

For inquiries or clarifications:

Email: contact@publicrecords.ng

Website: <https://publicrecords.ng>

Institutional Operator: *Institute for Historical Studies, Biographical Research, Documentation and Legacy (IHS-BiRD & L)*