



# ASSOCIATION OF LEGISLATIVE DRAFTERS AND ADVOCACY PRACTITIONERS (ALDRAP)

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United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNDOC),  
Nigeria Office,  
Abuja,  
Federal Capital Territory.

Dear Head of UNDOC, Nigeria Office,

## **REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES (A COMBINATION OF LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND LITIGATION) TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOAL OF LEGALISATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS/HEMP IN NIGERIA**

By way of introduction, we are the Association of Legislative Drafters and Advocacy Practitioners (ALDRAP). Our Association comprises of lawyers and other professionals who are employed at the National Assembly and other legislatures within Nigeria. Our major goal is to promote the professionalism of legislative drafting within Nigeria. Our website: [www.legislatorsaldrapng.org](http://www.legislatorsaldrapng.org).

We have enclosed copies of the certificate of incorporation from the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).

Mrs. Joy Adesina, SAN (a Senior Advocate of Nigeria) is our Matron along with Professor Amari Omaka, SAN, Dean, Faculty of Law, Ebonyi State University and Professor Sylvester Shikyl, SAN respectively serve as our Patrons.

We have recently (August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2017) conducted an in-house training workshop for over fifty (50) lawyers and staff of the Nigeria Law Reform Commission (NLRC), you can confirm the quality of our training programmes by contacting Barrister Kefas Magaji, the Chairman, Nigeria Law Reform Commission (NLRC).

More recently, during August 2020, our Association drafted two Bills for the legalization of medical cannabis which are now undergoing debate at the Nigerian



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National Assembly. Last May 2019, we undertook training of the staff of the Legal Unit of the Nigerian Institute for Soil Science. On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018, we trained the lawyers and staff of the Plateau State Ministry of Justice. As well as on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, we conducted a legislative drafting training for ninety lawyers and staff of the Edo State Ministry of Justice. This is in addition to the 11 and 12 September 2017, the Hon. Attorney-General of Nasarawa invited us and we provide training workshop on legislative drafting for lawyers and staff of the Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice and the Legal Department of the Nasarawa State House of Assembly.

We write to request UNDOC's technical and financial assistance to implement activities (a combination of legislative advocacy and litigation) towards achievement of the goal of legalization of medical cannabis in Nigeria.

Our target is to educate and persuade the four hundred and sixty-nine (469) legislators of the Nigerian National Assembly to enact the two Bills currently under consideration at the National Assembly for the legalization of medical cannabis/hemp in Nigeria.

Please kindly find enclosed with this letter our concept note:

Subject to your convenience, we are available to discuss our strategy, timelines and relevant fees anytime before the commencement of the Christmas holiday period.

For prompt replies to your queries, please kindly contact us on mobile phone number 09056760119 or 07019132939.

Best regards.

FOR ALDRAP:

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Secretary (ALDRAP)