

**KANO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICE (KANGIS)  
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A BILL FOR A LAW TO MAKE PREPARATION FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OF KANO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
SERVICE AND FOR MATTERS RELATED THEREWITH.

## Part 1

### Preliminary:

**BE IT ENACTED** by the House of Assembly of Kano State as Follows:

**Short Title:**

1. This Law may be cited as the Kano State Geographic Information Service Law 2024.

**Commencement:**

2. This Law shall come into operation on the ----- day of -----2024.

**Interpretation:**

3. In this law unless the context otherwise requires.

“Service” or “KANGIS” means the Kano Geographic Information Service established under section ----- of this law.

“Board” means the advisory Board of the service.

“Director- General” means the Director – General of the Service.

“Governor” means the executive Governor of Kano State.

“Member” means member of the advisory Board and includes the chairman;

“Person” includes any individual partnership, firm, company, corporation (Statutory or otherwise) joint venture, trust, associate, organization or other entity (foreign or domestic, each case whether or not having separate legal personality.

“State” means Kano State of Nigeria;

“Commissioner” Means the commissioner of Ministry of Land and Physical Planning.

Ministry means the Ministry of Land and Physical Planning.

“LIS” means Land Information System; and

“Funds” means the funds established by KANGIS pursuant to section -----of this law.

## **Part II**

### **ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND POWER OF THE SERVICE**

#### **Establishment of the Service**

1. There is hereby established a service to be  
Known as Kano Geographic Information  
Service.

2. The service shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may:

- (a) Sue and be sued in the corporate name; and
- (b) Hold, and acquired property moveable or immovable.
- (c) Grant changes on any immovable property or interest in immovable property.

3. The Service shall be the only official source of Geospatial data in and for the state.

4. The Ministry of land and Physical Planning shall be the supervising Ministry to the KANGIS to achieve the functions of the Service.

## Function of the Service

5. The KANGIS shall;

(a) Establish and maintain a geographic information system (GIS) management for the state.

(b) Compile and collected geospatial information in the State and provide products and services derived from that and other information to the Government and the general public;

(c) Establish and regulate the standards to be applied for the compilation of geospatial data in the State.

(d) Permit access to existing data on land for the purpose of conducting searches for members of the public at a fee to be prescribed from time to time by KANGIS.

(e) Introduce, implement and sustain best practice for land ownership and title recertification in the State.

(f) Receive, conduct due diligence on and verify applications for issuance of right of occupancy for land or the other right over land or subsequent transactions in lands within the state.

(g) Develop and maintain a database of all land with the State particularly with respect to title history, location, size, use and other related issues.

(h) Be responsible for the following aspects of land administration and Management in the State;

- I. Creation and compilation of electronic land registry and electronic registration of power of attorney, deeds of assignment and all other land instruments.
- II. Processing of grants of right of occupancy, issuance of letters of grants, processing and issuance of certificate of occupancy and processing of grants of consent to all land transactions form a data driven GIS and Land information system (LIS) environment.
- III. Repository and Management of Survey information, Cadastral Maps and data sets in a well – structured GIS environment(Digital Survey data).
- IV. Facilitating the functioning of land allocation advisory committee on each local government area and provide administrative and technical support for the processing of grants of customary right of the occupancy.
- V. The creation, production and sale of any digitize of map for the use of the State government and for Sales to the general public.
- VI. Ensure that efficient, reliable services and secured services are made available to all stake holders and to advance good governance and transparency in the State.
- VII. Ensure that the land administration and land management that support the development of social and economic rights in the State.

- VIII. Provision of such other services as are incidental to the maintenance of geospatial data and land information. Land files confirmation of title before approval of building plan in regulations made under the law;
- IX. Ensure conformity with the National Standards concerning geospatial data; and
- X. To develop and maintain a geospatial information system or such appropriate system and structures in the State for research and development of the state.

**Power of the Service**

6. The Service shall subject to the approval of

The Commissioner have power to:

- a) Possess, own dispose of charge or otherwise alienate in whole or impart, interest in immovable properly.
- b) Acquire, provide develop and manage software and hardware for storing, assembling, manipulating and displaying geospatial reference material;
- c) Establish a central geospatial information clearing house and set standards in relation to the quality and format of geospatial information.
- d) Plan, establish and manage a directory of geospatial information and the resources available within the State.
- e) Coordinate geospatial information system project including overseeing the development and maintenance of

digital base maps and geospatial information systems throughout the state.

- f) Provide consultancy service and technical assistance, education and training on the application and use of geospatial information technologies.
- g) Maintain, update and interpret geographic information and geospatial information system standards.
- h) Charge fees as may from time to time be prescribe for its service.
- i) Provide geospatial information service, as requested, information system capacities upon payment of the prescribed fees;
- j) In cooperation with other relevant agencies of government, evaluate, participate in pilot studies, make recommendations on geospatial information system hardware and software.
- k) Provide staff support and technical assistance to all level of government on geospatial information system and policies;
- l) Coordinate and provide overview of geospatial information system activities throughout the State.
- m) Review and submit to the Governor through the Commissioner for approval, all proposed Geospatial Information system project in the State.
- n) Pursue funding strategies to continually develop and maintain up –

to date geospatial information system solutions for the entire State.

- o) Provide technical support to assist other agencies of the government or other persons who wish to incorporate geospatial information system capacities in their activities system.
- p) Enter into collaboration with reputable academic institution within Nigeria and internationally for continues technical education for its staff.
- q) Undertake all other steps and initiatives as a required to assist for the proper administration of the Land throughout the State.
- r) Enter into other obligations in pursuance of the delivery of the service, subject to the approval of the Governor; and
- s) Boundary demarcation/identification in district, Local Government Areas, and the State as a whole.
- t) Exercise such power as are incidental to the discharge of the responsibilities of the agency.

### **Power to obtain Information**

7. For the purpose of carrying out the function conferred on the service the Director – General, or any other employee of the service duly authorized in that behalf;

- a) Shall have a right of access to all relevant geospatial data records of any private person or corporate body within the State.



b) May by notice in writing serve on any person require such person to furnish or cause to be furnished geospatial data or other similar data held by him or available to such person, on such matters as maybe specify in the notice.

**Power to Borrow Accept Gift**

**And other Engagement**

8 1. Subject to the approval of the Governor Through the Commissioner

KANGIS may, when the need arises, borrow by way overdraft or otherwise such sum as it may require for the effective discharge of its functions under this Law.

2. Grant charges, including charge over immovable property, as security for its obligations

3. The KANGIS may accept any gift, grant or donation of land, money or other properties from any person upon such terms and condition (acceptable to KANGIS) if any as may be specified by the person making the gift or donations.

4. The KANGIS may accept technical assistance by way of training of its staff or equipment from foreign or internal persons, organizations and multilateral organization that are relevant to the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under this law.

5. The service may enter into collaborative agreement with academic institutions for the purpose of sharing knowledge and obtaining professional training of its staff in key technical operations.

6. The service shall not accept any gift or donation or technical assistance or

equipment if any of the conditions attached there to by person or organization or academic institution making the gift or donation or giving technical assistance or equipment are inconsistent with its functions.

### **Part III**

#### **ADVISORY BOARD OF THE SERVICE**

##### **Establishment and Composition Of the Governing Board**

8. (1) There is established for the service an advisory Board whose members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall consist of:

- a) Chairman.
- b) Commissioner of Ministry of Land Physical Planning or permanent secretary thereof
- c) A member from each Senatorial Districts in the State.
- d) One representative, not below the rank of a director from Ministries responsible for:
  - i. Finance.
  - ii. Justice.
  - iii. Environment.
  - iv. Local Government.
  - v. Agriculture.
  - vi. Ministry of Land & Physical Planning.
  - vii. Office of the surveyor General
  - viii. Ministry of budget and planning
  - xi. Kano State Urban Planning Authority (KNUPDA)
  - x. Ministry of Commerce

- e) A representative of the Kano State Internal Revenue service.
  - f) A representative from Kano State Council of Emirs.
  - g) A representative of Kano State Chairman of commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA).
  - h) The Director General of the service
  - i) The legal Adviser of the service as the secretary of the Board.
- (2) All members shall be part time members except the Director – General and Legal Adviser.

## POWERS OF THE BOARD

8. The advisory Board shall have the power to:

1. Provide advice and guidance generally to the Director – General
2. periodically review KANGIS policies and strategies for the attainment of an efficient geospatial data, infrastructure and Land administrative system in the State and provide direction and general guidance to the Director General.
3. Receive the annual KANGIS business Plan and Budget for their review, any necessary recommendations presented to the Director – general.
4. Receive the quarterly KANGIS Management report for their review, with any necessary recommendations noted.
5. The Chairman shall, through the Commissioner, subsequently forward the KANGIS management report together with any Board recommendations to the Governor for further actions.
6. The Chairman, through the secretary, approve and sign minutes of the meetings and recommendations, and distribute the same to Governor through the Commissioner, the members and the

Director – General, not later than 5 working days after the sitting of a meeting.

7. Do all things which by this Land or any other enactments or administrative directive are required or permitted to be done by the Board.

## REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

9. A member may at any time may be removed from office by the Governor when the member;

a) Become bankrupt

b) Is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to his duties.

c) Becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his duties

d) Is convicted for a felony any offence involving or fraud.

e) In a case of a person possessed of professional qualification, he is disqualified from practicing his profession

f) in the opinion of the Governor, it is in the interest of the Service that the member or be relieved of his membership

10. The office of a members shall become vacant if:

a) His tenure of office elapse

b) He resign by notice in writing to the Governor.

c) He dies

d) He is removed from office by the Governor shall appoint a fit and proper person for the remainder of the term of the office and the successor shall represent same interest.

## CESSATION FROM OFFICE

### **Remuneration of members of the Board:**

11. There shall be paid to every member of the board such remuneration allowance and benefits as may be determined by the Governor.

12. Subject to the provision of this Law, the Governor through the Commissioner may give to the Service and the advisory Board such directives of a General or Specific nature relating to particular function and it shall be the duty of the Service and the advisory board to comply with such directives.

### **Department:**

12. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the service shall comprise of such number of Departments as may be required to exercise its powers and discharge its duties and functions under this Law.

### **Tenure of office of member:**

13. Members shall hold office for a period of four Years and renewable for a further period of four years.

### **Meeting:**

14. a) The Board shall meet quarterly or as may be considered expedient for the effective discharge of its functions.

b) The Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Board and where the Chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall select one of their members present the meeting to preside over the meeting.

c) No two (2) consecutive meetings can be held without the attendance of the Chairman.

**Quorum:**

15. The quorum at meeting of the board shall be simple majority of the members.

**Ad- hoc Committee:**

16. The Board may appoint such members of standing or ad – hoc committee as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the service is concerned.

2. Every committee appointed under subsection (1)

of this section shall be presided over by a member of the Board and shall be made up of a number of persons, not necessary members of the Board as the Board may determine on each case.

d) Secretariat service will be provided by KANGIS including the drafting and circulation of meeting agenda, taking minutes and noting recommendations, and the distribution of minutes of meeting and recommendations.

**Power Co – Opt:**

18. Whenever in the opinion of the Board it is expedient or desirable to obtain the service or advice of any person on any matter under consideration by the Board, the board may co-opt such consideration by the Board, the board may be requested and such person shall have the right and privileges of a member save that he shall not be entitled to vote on any question or be counted towards a quorum.

### **Validity of proceedings:**

19. The validity of any proceeding of the Board or a committee thereof shall not be advisedly affected by;
- a. Any vacancy in the membership of the Board; or
  - b. Any reason that a person not entitled to do so, took part in the proceedings.

### **Voting:**

20. a) All questions at a meeting of the Board shall be determined by a majority of votes members present.
- b. At any meeting of the Board each member shall have a vote and if there is equality of votes, the presiding Chairman shall have a second casting vote.

### **Disclosure of interest by member of the board quorum:**

21. 1. A member of the Board who is in way directly or indirectly interested in a transaction or project of the service shall disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the board and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes' book of the service, and the member shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Board with respect to that transaction or project.
2. For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, a general notice given at a meeting of the Board by member to that effect that he is associated with any trade or business or he is a member of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interest in any transaction or project of the service concerning that trade, business, company or firm shall be regarded as disclosure of his interest in relation to the transition or project.

3. A member of the Board may not attend in person a meeting of the Bard in order to make a disclosure which he is required to make under this section if he takes reasonable steps to ensure that the disclosure is made by a notice which is brought up and read at the meeting.

## **PART IV**

### **MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE SERVICE**

#### **Director General:**

1. The Governor shall appoint a Director General as the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Service, who shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the service.

2. The Director General shall be a registered Estate Surveyor, Town Planner, Land administrator or any other related field of Geospatial science or information Technology obtained from a recognized and reputable institution.

3. The Director - General shall be a person with not less than ten years' cognate working experience in land administration, geospatial information system or information technology.

#### **Duties of the Director General:**

1. The Director General shall be Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of KANGIS and shall be responsible for the execution of its policies and management of its day to day business and administration.

2. The Director General shall prepare draft business plan of the service for the new financial year and submit the plan to the Board for approval.



3. The Director General prepare the quarterly KANGIS Management Report and to present to the advisory Board for review.
4. The fixing of the seal of KANGIS to any contract or instrument shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director General.
5. The Director General shall prepare the annual KANGI business plan and Budget and to present it to the advisory board for review at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of every financial year.

**Director General Tenure and removal from office:**

24. 1. The tenure of the office of the Director General shall be for four (4) years in this First instance and renewable for one other term and no more.
2. The Director General shall hold officer upon such terms and conditions as maybe specified in his appointment letter.
3. The Director General may be removed from office for inability to discharge the functions of the office (whether arising from infirmity of mind, body or any other cause) or for gross misconduct.

**Secretary/Legal Adviser:**

25. 1. KANGIS shall have a secretary/legal adviser who may be posted from the State Ministry of Justice.
2. The secretary/Legal Adviser shall be lawyer of not less than ten (10) years post call experience.
3. The secretary/legal adviser shall serve on such terms and conditions as KANGIS may determine in addition to the following responsibilities:
  - a. issuance of notice of meetings
  - b. Keeping records of proceedings.
  - c. Keeping record of all activities

- d. Advise KANGIS on all legal matters
- e. in Collaboration with the Office of the attorney General of the State, make representation in Court on behalf of KANGIS and
- f. serve as secretary

**Other Staff:**

26. 1. KANGIS may also request and receive on posting such other relevant staff form other relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies as it may deem necessary, for effective performance of its functions under this law.

2. The staff employed pursuant to section 4 (1) (b) of this law shall be upon terms and conditions of service as KANGIS may determine after consultation with the office of head of the State Civil service and the civil serve commissioner as the case may be.

**Experts and Consultants:**

27. 1. KANGIS may, with the approval of the Commissioner, engage the service of experts and consultants in respect of any function where special competence or expertise is required.

2. Experts or consultants engaged under this section may be paid such fees and allowances and be afforded such facilities as KANGIS may determine.

**PART V**

**FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

28. 1. KANGIS shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by it.

- a) State budget allocation

b) Grants or contribution for other sources which shall be accounted from which the State budget

3. subject to the Governor's approval, a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the revenue generated by KANGIS from its operations shall be appropriated to it and applied towards the funding of its operation, provide that any funds that may accrue above the actual budgetary allocations to KANGIS for the year shall be transferred to the State Treasury.

4. There shall be credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section such payments as may be made to it as running expenses and other assets accruing from time to time by the Agency.

5. The funds at the disposal of KANGIS shall be applied to

a. Paying members of the advisory Board or any subcommittee for such expenses as may be expressly authorized by the Director – General

c. The Payment of allowances as may be required by KANGIS

d. Publicize and promote the activities of KANGIS

e. Train the Member of Staff of KANGIS

f. Conduct Research activities relating to the objectives and goals of KANGIS; and

g. To undertake all activities connected with its function under this Law.

### **Accounts and Annual Estimate:**

29. 1. Pursuant to section 28 of this Law KANGIS shall keep a proper account in which conforms to accepted accounting standards, and proper records in relation thereto which shall be opened by the Accountant General of the State.

2) The accounts of the Service shall be audited at the end of each calendar year by auditors appointed by the Auditor General of the State in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

3) The service shall not later than 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year, submit to the Governor through the Commissioner an estimate of its expenditures and income (including estimates of expected payments in to the funds) during the next succeeding year.

4) Pursuant to section 28 of this Law, the payment of the State Budget allocation or any other grants, contributions and appropriates will be credited to this account

5) Pursuant to section 28 of the Law, all Costs and fees will be debited from this fund account.

6) The Service shall, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year submit to the Governor through the Commissioner, a report on the activities of the Service and its year and shall include in the report the audited accounts of the Service.

## **PART VI**

### **GENERAL PROVISION**

#### **Governor's General Directives:**

30. 1. Subject to the provision of this Law, the Governor may through the Commissioner give to KANGIS such directives of general nature relating to any or all of its functions under this Law it shall the duty of KANGIS and/ or the Advisory Board to comply with such directives.

#### **Regulations and Supplementary Review:**

31. Subject to the provision of section 30, The Advisory Board, may with the approval of the Commissioner make such regulations as necessary or expedient for carrying in to effect the provisions of this Law.

**Gifts and Donations to Service:**

32. The Service may accept any gift, technical assistance, grants or donation of Land, Money or other property from any person upon such terms and conditions acceptable to the service.

**Right of Access to Information:**

33. 1. For the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred upon the service under this Law, The Director General, or any employee of the service duly authorized in that behalf:

a. Shall have a right of access to all relevant geospatial records, data and information of any person in the State.

b. May by notice in writing, served on any person required such person to furnish or cause to be furnish geospatial information or other similar information held by or available to such person, on such letters as may be specified in the notice.

2. It shall be the duty of any person required to furnish information pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to comply with the notice within the period specified in the notice or where no period is specified, within a reasonable period.

**Regulations:**

34. 1. The service may subject to the approval of the Governor by an order published in the Gazette make

regulations for the effective operation of this law and the due administrative thereof.

2. the service shall have power to review charges for service rendered from time to time which shall be published in the Gazette.

**Offence:**

35. Any person who:

a. Interfere with the service or obstructs any authorized officer of the service in the exercise of any power conferred on it by this Law, or

b. Fails to comply with any Lawful enquirer or requirement made by an authorized officer in accordance with the provisions of this Law commit an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine of not less than one Hundred Thousand and Naira (100,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not less than Six Months or to both fine and imprisonment.

**Pre- Action Notice:**

36. 1. No suit shall commence against the service before the expiration of a period of 30 days after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon it by the intending plaintiff and the notice shall clearly and explicitly State:

(a) The cause of action

(b) The particulars of claim, and

(c) The relief which is claim

2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) of this section and any summons, notice or other documents required or authorized to be served upon KANGIS in other connection with any suit by or against KANGIS shall be served by delivery of same to the office of the Director General of KANGIS.

**Common Seal:**

37. 1. The fixing of the seal of the service shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director General and the Legal Adviser or such other members authorized generally or specifically by the Board.

2. Any contract or instrument, which if made by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be made under seal, maybe made or execute on behalf of the Service by the Director General or by any other person generally or specially authorized by the Board.

3. Any document purporting to be a contract, instrument or other document signed or sealed on behalf of the service shall be recorded in evidence and unless the contrary is provided, be presumed, without further proof to have been so signed or sealed.

**Indemnity:**

38. No member or staff of the Agency shall be sued in his personal capacity for any act done or omitted to be done in the lawful performance of his duties under the law.

**Saving:**

39. The rights, interest, obligations, assets and liabilities of Kano Geographic Information system before commencement of this law under any contract or instrument are hereby vested in the Service.

**DATE AT KANO THIS..... DAY OF  
..... 2024.**

AUTHENTICATION BY THE CLERK TO THE HOUSE

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which was passed by the Kano State House Of Assembly and found by me to be true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

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Clerk/Head of Legislative Service  
Kano State House of Assembly

Assented to this

..... day of .....1455 A.H.

.....day of .....2024

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Alh. Abba Kabir Yusuf  
Executive Governor  
Kano State



