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WHITE PAPER

On the Establishment of the Community Administration Council (CAC)

By the Oil and Solid Mineral Producing Area Landlords' Association of
Nigeria (OMPALAN)

1. Executive Summary

The Oil and Solid Mineral Producing Area Landlords' Association of Nigeria (OMPALAN), a federally recognized NGO composed of eminent leaders and stakeholders, proposes the creation of a grassroots governance model known as the Community Administration Council (CAC). This model is intended to combat escalating insecurity, communal tensions, and administrative fragmentation by integrating existing local institutions into a unified, clan/community-driven governance and security structure. The CAC is envisioned as a cost-effective, inclusive, and sustainable framework to foster national cohesion, drive local development, and uphold the rule of law.

2. Background and Context

Nigeria faces complex and multifaceted challenges including: persistent insecurity and the proliferation of small arms; youth restiveness and mass unemployment; erosion of traditional governance systems; and ethnic, religious, and political divisions undermining national integration. OMPALAN recognizes that national stability must be built on clan/community-level peacebuilding and local institutional synergy.

3. The Community Administration Council (CAC) Model (applicable to Clans)

3.1 Purpose:

To create a legally recognized and community-owned governance structure that consolidates existing grassroots leadership and security apparatus into a harmonized platform for development and peace.

3.2 Components of Clan/Community CAC:

- Council of Chiefs and Traditional Rulers
- Town Unions and Ward Councils
- Women's Organizations
- Youth Leadership Structures
- Community Vigilante and Security Groups
- Religious Leaders and Clerics

- Civil Society and Development Partners

3.3 Functions:

- Facilitate conflict prevention and resolution
- Serve as a platform for inclusive decision-making and policy dissemination
- Promote local economic development
- Support interfaith harmony and religious coexistence
- Partner with security agencies
- Foster accountability in local resource distribution

4. Legal and Institutional Integration

To ensure national recognition and effectiveness, the CAC will:

- Operate as a recognized local governance unit under the National Council of Traditional Rulers of Nigeria (NCTRN) and the Ministry of Interior
- Be codified through a proposed Community Administration Council Bill to be passed by the National Assembly
- Be aligned with the Local Government Reform Framework
- Be audited annually by the Office of the Auditor-General for Local Government Administration

5. Implementation Strategy

5.1 Pilot Phase:

Initial rollout in 6 strategic states across the six geopolitical zones.

5.2 Training and Capacity Building:

- National workshops for traditional rulers and community leaders
- Security and civic education for youth and vigilante units
- Gender-sensitive leadership training for women stakeholders

5.3 Funding and Sustainability:

- Start-up funds from federal and state governments
- Community Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions from private sector
- Support from international donors and multilateral agencies

5.4 Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Oversight by OMPALAN Monitoring Committee
- Periodic public scorecards and stakeholder feedback

6. Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened national unity through institutionalized grassroots engagement
 - Reduced insecurity and youth violence
 - Revitalization of local economies
 - Increased public trust in governance
 - Enhanced inter-religious dialogue and peaceful coexistence

7. Conclusion and Call to Action

OMPALAN urges the Federal Government, National Assembly, development agencies, and all Nigerians to support the Community Administration Council initiative as a strategic national policy. This framework offers Nigeria an indigenous solution to her deepest challenges - ensuring unity, peace, and sustainable progress.

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Formal Endorsement

This white paper has been officially endorsed by the leadership of OMPALAN as a strategic policy proposal to strengthen national unity, grassroots governance, and internal security in Nigeria.

OMPALAN calls on all Nigerians to embrace peace, tolerance, and unwavering support for the rule of law.

With compliments from OMPALAN Leadership:

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- Apostle Udo Azogu
President/Chairman, BOT
National Leader/Leader, South East



- Prof. Eyo Etim Nyong
Vice President (Administration)/National Secretary
Leader, South-South

Appendix A: List of OMPALAN Leadership

Principal Officers

Apostle Udo Azogu - President/Chairman, BOT, National Leader and Leader, (South East)

Prof. John Akanya Ndanusa, OON - Deputy President/Vice Chairman, BOT, Deputy National Leader and Leader (North Central)

Prof. Aliyu Jibia - Vice President, Executive/Chairman NEC, Leader (North West)

Prof. Eyo Etim Nyong - Vice President (Admin)/National Secretary, Leader (South-South)

HRM Oba (Dr.) Olubayo Adesola Windapo - Vice President, Chieftaincy Affairs, Leader (South West)

Alhaji Hammadu Abubakar - Vice President, Foreign Affairs, Leader (North East)

Other Members of the BOT

- H.E. Brig-Gen. John Yeri (Rtd) – Principal Trustee (Rivers/Bayelsa)
- H.E. Amb. (Senator) Haruna Garba – Principal Trustee/National Treasurer
- H.E. Amb. Dr. Yahaya Muhammad Kyabo Fagge – Principal Trustee/National Adviser, Political Affairs
- Hon. Jibrin Maigari – Principal Trustee
- Hon. Justice Paul Obidigwe (Rtd) – Principal Trustee/National Legal Adviser
- Hon. Justice Andrew Okon (Rtd) – National Coordinator, Peace & Security

- Maj-Gen. Yakubu Usman (Rtd) – Principal Trustee
- HRM Samuel Lebara Aadum Nnee – Asst. VP, Chieftaincy Affairs
- H.E. Amb. Ezema Joseph Chibuzo – Principal Trustee
- Alhaji Mukhtar Garba Abubakar – Principal Trustee/National Protocol Officer
- Otunba Kojo Aruna Elewi – Principal Trustee
- Dr. (Mrs.) Abimbola Odiase – Principal Trustee
- Dr. Balarabe Zahradeen Ahmad – National Coordinator, Oil & Gas
- Dr. Yusuf Musa, CON – Principal Trustee
- Chief Joe Eze – Coordinator, Environmental Protection Overseas (CEPO), USA
- Princess Ajibola – National Women Leader
- Engr. Prof. David Esezobor – National Coordinator, Solid Minerals Development
- Engr. Prof. Hilary Ijeoma Owamah – National Coordinator, Research & Entrepreneurship
- HRM Eze (Dr.) Abdulfatah Chimeze Emetumah, Grand Imam of Igboland – National Coordinator, Inter-Religious Affairs
- Prof. Katuka Yaki – Chairman, Welfare Committee
- Prof. Victor Kogah – National Coordinator, Education Infrastructure (NCEI).
- Dr. Ndukwe Adindu – National Financial Secretary
- Chief Chibunna Ubawuike – Principal Secretary
- Chief Ifeanyi Oliaku – Head, Admn/Planning
- Nafiu Shehu – National Youth Leader

Appendix B: Proposed Community Administration Council Bill (draft outline)

OMPALAN ON NATIONAL UNITY & SECURITY

The Oil and Solid Mineral Producing Area Landlords' Association of Nigeria (OMPALAN) is a Federal Government-recognized elite Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) comprising eminent Nigerians and key stakeholders in the oil, gas, and solid minerals sectors. It was established in direct response to escalating threats to national security, proliferation of arms, youth restiveness, and communal conflicts fueled by political, religious, and ethnic divisions.

OMPALAN serves as a strategic platform for advocacy by mobilizing traditional rulers, youth and women groups, religious institutions, civil society organizations, and government agencies to promote unity, address grievances through peaceful means, and support community-based initiatives that reinforce national cohesion.

There is no gainsaying the fact that only local communities, working in synergy with government security agencies, can bring lasting peace to troubled regions of the country. Our esteemed organization proposes leveraging the enduring influence of traditional governance as a fulcrum for inclusive and participatory administration at the grassroots level nationwide.

OMPALAN's strategic proposal seeks to tackle the multifaceted challenges confronting local communities across Nigeria through the establishment of a unified structure called the Community Administration Council (CAC). This cost-effective, bottom-up model aims to integrate entrenched local institutions - such as Councils of Chiefs, Town Unions, Women and Youth

Organizations, and Community Vigilante Groups - under a single functional umbrella.

Core objectives of the CAC include:

- Promoting peace, unity, and stability.
- Enhancing grassroots security and local development.
- Creating a framework for equitable resource distribution.
- Stimulating socioeconomic progress and national integration.

The CAC model is designed to address the mismanagement of resources and social tensions resulting from fragmented governance structures. It also seeks to generate momentum in countering the growing security threats in local communities through an inclusive, community-led approach.

Furthermore, the initiative exemplifies a sustainable public-private partnership model, offering adaptable funding and operational strategies with the potential to evolve into a self-sustaining and economically viable framework.

The CAC will also empower rural populations to overcome economic hardships by embracing modern technology to unlock Nigeria's agricultural potential, tap into marine wealth, and harness its favorable climate for food and wealth creation.

By cultivating community cohesion, fostering collaboration, and reinforcing a shared sense of national patriotism, the CAC is tailored to:

- Eliminate criminal activities such as cultism and other forms of violence.
- Enhance cross-border and inter-community security.
- Promote grassroots ownership of governmental programs and policies.
- Uphold the rule of law and enable a conducive environment for investment and sustainable development.

Moreover, the CAC will drive human capital investment and inclusive governance. Its implementation will deter criminal exploitation of community vulnerabilities and ensure perpetrators are held accountable. The model remains adaptable and subject to continuous refinement to better address emerging local and national challenges.

Appendix C: Proposed Implementation Timeline (12–24 Months)

Phase	Time	Key Activities	Lead Responsibility	Expected Outcomes
1. Preparation & Legal Framework	Months 1–3	- Drafting and validation of CAC Bill - Stakeholder consultations - Engagement with the National Assembly and Ministry of Interior	OMPALAN BOT & Legal Unit National Assembly	Legal foundation established; Bill prepared
2. Pilot Launch & Capacity Building	Months 4–9	- Selection of 6 pilot states (1 per geopolitical zone) - Identification of pilot communities - Recruitment of local leaders and community actors	OMPALAN National Secretariat Traditional Councils Local Governments	CAC pilot units activated; trained leadership teams deployed
3. Operational Integration	Months 10–18	- Community-level inauguration of CACs - Resource mobilization through CSR and donor partnerships - Public awareness and media campaigns	Zonal Coordinators OMPALAN Monitoring Committee	CACs fully functional in pilot states; public support increased
4. National Expansion & Legislative Passage	Months 19–24	- Final push for passage of CAC Bill - Legislative advocacy and media engagement - Expansion into additional communities and states	OMPALAN Leadership Advocacy Coalitions Ministry of Interior	National rollout of CAC; Bill enacted; long-term institutional sustainability

Cross-Cutting Measures (Throughout 12–24 Months)

- **Gender Mainstreaming:** Ensure women’s full participation at every phase
- **Youth Engagement:** Mobilize local youth as peace and development agents

- Interfaith Dialogue: Foster religious coexistence through clerical involvement
- Periodic Evaluation: Quarterly stakeholder meetings and biannual progress reports

This timeline ensures gradual but strategic implementation, aligning policy formation, grassroots activation, and national endorsement into a coherent, scalable model for grassroots governance and peacebuilding in Nigeria.