

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 2011

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Freedom of Information Act, 2011 (“Fol”) is an Act enacted by the National Assembly with the overall aim of improving public access to information. The Fol seeks amongst other issues, to make public records and information more freely available; ease public access to public records and information; protect public records and information to the extent consistent with public interest and the protection of personal privacy; protect serving public officers from adverse consequences of the disclosure of certain kinds of official information without authorization, and establishes procedures for the achievement of the stated aims, and related matters.

## The Development Bank of Nigeria Plc

The Development Bank of Nigeria Plc (“DBN”) is a public limited liability company registered under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (“CAMA”) and licensed by the Central Bank of Nigeria (“CBN”) as a wholesale Development Finance Institution.

DBN's shareholders are the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (“MOFI”), the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (“NSIA”), the African Development Bank (“AfDB”) and the European Investment Bank (“EIB”).

DBN complies with the Fol because the Federal Government of Nigeria is the ultimate beneficial owner of the shares held by the MOFI and the NSIA in DBN. DBN is however not a Ministry, Department or Agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria and does not receive any budgetary allocation or capital releases from the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation.

## Right of Access to Information

DBN ensures that qualifying information is freely disclosed on the Bank's website, Annual Reports and through print and digital media to stakeholders.

Accordingly, DBN is committed to:

- Making public records and information freely available.
- The proactive and periodic disclosure of qualifying information.
- Providing public access, to qualifying records and information.
- Protecting public records and information to the extent consistent with the public interest and the protection of personal privacy.

Any person may request or access qualifying information from DBN.

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### **Designation of a Freedom of Information Officer**

In compliance with Section 2 of the FoI and related guidance, DBN has established an FOI Desk through which its FoI obligations are managed. DBN has also designated an FoI Officer to man the FoI Desk.

The contact details of DBN's FoI Officer, are as shown below:

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### **The DBN FoI Desk is mandated to:**

- Ensure the proactive disclosure of relevant information, periodically.
- Review FoI applications for access to information and records.
- Ensure that applications are brought to the notice of appropriate Departments, or Units within DBN, as soon as requests are received.
- Liaise with other Departments, to address requests.
- Consult, where necessary, with other stakeholders in and outside DBN on FOI-related matters.
- Ensure the appropriate and timely response to all FoI requests.
- Record all FOI requests and the actions taken.
- Prepare and submit the Annual FoI Report to the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation.
- Ensure that DBN's Annual FoI Report is published and is easily accessible by the public.

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