

**CUSTOMARY COURT OF APPEAL OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL
TERRITORY, ABUJA (JURISDICTION ON CHIEFTAINCY MATTERS)
ACT, 2011.**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act increases the general appellate jurisdiction of the Customary Court of Appeal, to confer exclusive original jurisdiction on dispute on or arising from chieftaincy matters in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja on the Court.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION:

- 1 Jurisdiction of Customary Court of Appeal to determine chieftaincy dispute.
- 2 Repeal of section 12 of Act No. 8 of 1997.
- 3 Interpretation.
- 4 Citation.

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A Bill

For

An Act to confer exclusive original jurisdiction in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, on Chieftaincy Matters on the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and for related matters.

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria —

1. Subject to section 267 of the Constitution, the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, shall-
 - (a) exercise appellate and supervisory jurisdiction in proceedings where the subject matter of the claim is on, or relates to customary law; and
 - (b) have exclusive original jurisdiction in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja to hear and determine dispute on or relating to Chieftaincy matters.

Jurisdiction of
customary court
of appeal to
determine
chieftaincy
dispute
2. Section 12 of the Chiefs (Appointment and Deposition) (Federal Capital Territory) Act is repealed.

Repeal of
section 12 of
Act No. 8 of
1997.
3. In this Act—

Interpretation.

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

“Customary Court of Appeal” means the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

4. This Act may be cited as the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja (Jurisdiction on Chieftaincy Matters) Act, 2011. Citation

CERTIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 (1) OF THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT, CAP. A2, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.



SALISU ABUBAKAR MAIKASUWA, mni
CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2011

Matters) Bill, 2011

SHORT TITLE OF THE BILL	LONG TITLE OF THE BILL	SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BILL	DATE PASSED BY THE SENATE	DATE PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja (Jurisdiction on Chieftaincy Matters) Bill, 2011	An Act to confer exclusive original jurisdiction in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, on Chieftaincy Matters on the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and for related matters.	This Bill seeks to increase the general appellate jurisdiction of the Customary Court of Appeal, to confer exclusive original jurisdiction on dispute on or arising from chieftaincy matters in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja on the Court.	1 st June, 2011	6 th July, 2010

I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.



SALISU ABUBAKAR MAIKASUWA, mni

Clerk to the National Assembly
2nd Day of June, 2011



DR. GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN, GCFR
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

3rd Day of June, 2011

I ASSENT.