

Charter for Researchers Associated with the French Institute for Research in Africa, IFRA-Nigeria

Preamble

The French Institute for Research in Africa-Nigeria (Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique – Nigeria) is a Unité Mixte-Institut français de recherche à l'étranger (UMIFRE) under the tutelage of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). IFRA-Nigeria aims to promote research in the social sciences and humanities, as well as enhance collaborative work between scholars in France, Nigeria, Cameroon, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Liberia, Gambia, Niger, Chad and Burkina Faso.

The purpose of this charter is to define the rights and duties of Associate Researchers at IFRA-Nigeria.

By signing this charter, researchers undertake to contribute actively to IFRA-Nigeria's missions and scientific activities, while benefiting from the resources and opportunities offered by the Institute.

Purpose of the Associates Programme

The IFRA-Nigeria Associates Programme is designed to foster a dynamic network of early-career and established researchers whose work aligns with the Institute's research priorities and geographical scope. The programme aims to strengthen scholarly collaboration, promote high-quality research outputs and enhance IFRA-Nigeria's academic visibility.

Eligibility

The Associates Programme is open to:

- PhD students and researchers in the social sciences or humanities whose work relates to IFRA-Nigeria's geographical scope

There are no restrictions based on nationality or institutional affiliation.

Duration and Review

- Associate status is granted for a period of two (2) years.
- At the end of this period, the status will be reviewed by IFRA-Nigeria.
- If the associate continues to meet the criteria outlined in this charter and are still willing to be associated with IFRA, the status may be renewed for additional two-year periods.
- There is no limit to the number of renewals.

The associate status may be terminated at any time:

- By IFRA-Nigeria, or
- By the associate, upon request.

Criteria for Associate Status

An IFRA-Nigeria Associate is expected to perform at least one of these functions per year:

- Be an organizer or participant in at least one current research project associated with IFRA-Nigeria.
- Actively contribute to IFRA-Nigeria's publications, including (but not limited to): Working Papers, *Sources*, *Africae* and the patrinigeria blog
- Be willing to serve as a speaker or contributor at IFRA-Nigeria seminars, conferences or workshops.

Responsibilities of Associates

As an IFRA-Nigeria Associate, you are required to:

- Systematically acknowledge IFRA-Nigeria when promoting projects, publications or research activities developed in connection with IFRA-Nigeria.
- Submit to IFRA-Nigeria a comprehensive list of all scientific publications for the year, no later than December.

Benefits of Associate Status

IFRA-Nigeria Associates benefit from:

- Publicization of their publications and academic activities related to IFRA-Nigeria research projects.
- Inclusion on the IFRA-Nigeria website, with a short biographical profile.
- Access to accommodation at the IFRA-Nigeria guesthouse in Ibadan, subject to availability, at a maintenance fee of 2,500 NGN per week.
- The right to mention affiliation with IFRA-Nigeria on their curriculum vitae and in academic or professional affiliations.

Final Provisions

This charter defines the general framework governing IFRA-Nigeria Associates. IFRA-Nigeria reserves the right to amend this charter as necessary to reflect institutional developments or strategic priorities.

Commitment and Signature

By signing this charter, I acknowledge that I am aware of the rights and obligations associated with my status as an IFRA-Nigeria Associate Researcher. I undertake to respect the terms of this charter throughout the duration of my association.

Full Name:

Signature & Date: