



The Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance 2018

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FRCN releases the Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance 2018

The Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (FRCN) recently released the *Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance* ("the Code"). The Code is hinged on six governance pillars and 28 principles which, if implemented, are expected to enhance business integrity, rebuild public trust and confidence, facilitate trade and investment, and drive business sustainability.

The Code contains the following key provisions:

- Board Structure
- The Chairman of the Board
- Transition to Chairmanship
- The Independent Director
- The Company Secretary

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- Board Committee Structure
 - Internal Control
 - Information Technology
 - Tenure
 - Performance Evaluation
 - Remuneration Policy
 - Remuneration – Clawback/ Exempted Payments
 - External Audit Firm & Audit Partner Rotation
 - Other services provided by External Auditors
 - Risk Management
 - Internal Audit
 - Compliance
 - Whistleblowing
 - Sustainability
 - Disclosures

The implementation of the Code is based on the “Apply and Explain” principle. This assumes application of all principles embedded in the Code and requires entities to explain how the principles have been applied to suit their unique organisational context while still achieving the intended outcomes.

The FRCN intends to monitor the implementation of the Code through sectorial regulators and registered exchanges who are empowered to impose sanctions on noted deviations.

Please click [here](#) to access our publication on the *Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance 2018: Highlights and Implications*.

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