

Yakubu Aliyu, Director, Fiscal Policy, Debt Management and Regional Integration Department

Yakubu Aliyu was appointed Director, Fiscal Policy, Debt Management and Regional Integration Department of the Institute on April 1, 2020, and assumed duties on September 1, 2020. Before taking up his current position, Mr. Aliyu gained extensive professional experience in a wide-ranging 30-year career in the academia, the media, public service and international development. He held various senior positions, including Director (Portfolio Management) in the Nigerian Debt Management Office (DMO), Senior Adviser at the African Development Bank, Technical Adviser (Policy and International Relations) at the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Finance. He was also Consultant (Public Financial Management) with the DFID (UKAid). Earlier in his career, he lectured economics at the Bayero University Kano, edited a federal government-owned national newspaper, and was involved in economic and social research work in the Nigerian presidency.

Mr. Aliyu has been involved in high-level technical work and capacity building initiatives that led to Nigeria's exit from the Paris Club and London Club debts; the enactment and implementation of Fiscal Responsibility Law; the restructuring of Nigeria's Domestic Debt and the reactivation of the Nigerian Bond Market; the establishment of the Nigeria's MDGs Office; the formulation of Sub-National Debt Management Guidelines, as well as the preparation of the Medium-term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), as part of the reforms of Nigeria's budgetary process. He was engaged in several national assignments including membership of the Board of National Universities Commission (NUC), as well as the presidential committees on: Review of Financial Regulations; Review of Tariff and Fiscal Incentives; and Reform of the Downstream Sector of the Oil and Gas Industry.

Mr. Aliyu had attended several international and regional training courses, workshops seminars, and study tours organized by WAIFEM, DRI, UNITAR, IMF, World Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, Joint Africa Institute, DFID, Crown Agents, Forum of Federations, and the Ethica Institute, on Macroeconomic Policy Reforms, Public Debt Management, Debt Strategy and Debt Sustainability Analysis, Sub-National Borrowing and Fiscal Federalism; International Negotiation, Risk Management, Public Financial Management, Development Finance, Public Private Partnerships, and Non-Interest Banking and Finance, and had facilitated several WAIFEM/UNITAR capacity building courses on Public Debt Management in West Africa. He had also participated in the World Bank Sub-National Debt Management Performance Assessment (DeMPPA) Mission to the Nigerian Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in 2018.

Mr. Aliyu earned M.Sc. and B.Sc. degrees in economics from the University of Oxford (1986), and the Bayero University, Kano (1983), respectively. He was awarded Fellow of Public Debt Management by the West African Institute of Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) in 2005. He is the editor of the book: *Developing the Nigerian Bond Market: Proceedings of the First Technical Roundtable on the Nigerian Bond Market*, 2007.