# BYE-LAW FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN TOWN PLANNERS IN NIGERIA (AWTPN) DATED 16th OCTOBER, 2023

**ARTICLE 1: NAME AND ESTABLISHMENT**

**Section 1**: Pursuant to Section 20.1 (c) of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners Constitution 2010 as amended in 2020 and recognized as a body of Women in Planning, the Association shall be known and called **ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN TOWN PLANNERS IN NIGERIA (AWTPN),** hereinafter referred to as **THE ASSOCIATION** and shall be non-profit making and non-political.

**Section 2: PREAMBLE:**

We, members of **ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN TOWN PLANNERS IN NIGERIA (AWTPN)** a professional sub-group within the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP) hereby firmly and solemnly resolve to give this Bye-Law.

**Section 3: BINDINGNESS:**

Bye-laws and its provisions shall bind and guide the conduct of the Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria (AWTPN) and her members. Nothing in this Bye-Law shall be construed or interpreted to deviate from any directive of the National President, Council or Constitution of the NITP and to National Chairman, State Chapter Chairperson of the Association in the case of State branches as the case maybe.

**Section 4: REGISTERED OFFICES OF THE ASSOCIATION**:

The Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria (AWTPN) its Registered Office shall be in Nigeria, in the National Secretariat of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP) and at all State Chapter Offices.

**Section 5: INTERPRETATION:**

In this Bye-law unless otherwise described or modified, the following expressions shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them:

1. "AWTPN'': Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria.

2. "Institute": The Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP).

3. "The Law": The Bye-law together with any subsequent amendment drawn up by the Association, the National Council and ratified at the National Council of Nigerian Institute of Town Planners.

4. "Town Planner": A fully registered professional whose name is in the register of the Town Planners' Registration Council (TOPREC).

5. "TOPREC": Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria.
6. "Member": A Female Member of the NITP.
7. "Town Planning" to refer to the various names by which the profession is called such as Urban and Regional Planning, Town and Regional Planning, Town Planning, Community Planning, Urban Planning, Physical Planning, Spatial Planning, Urban Design.

**ARTICLE 2:**

**Section 1: VISION:**
Empowering Women Town Planners for sufficient knowledge-sharing and effective professional practice in the field of urban and regional planning comparable to similar Associations globally.

**Section 2: MISSION STATEMENTS:**

i. To support Women Town Planners through capacity building and skill acquisition.
ii. Provide guidance and mentorship for Female Urban and Regional Planning Students in Tertiary Institutions.
iii. Provide opportunities for training, educational advancement, and skill improvement for Female Urban and Regional Planning Students.

**Section 3: CORE VALUES**

i. Professionalism
ii. Integrity
iii. Accountability
iv. Inclusiveness
v. Partnership
vi. Team Work

**Section 4: AIM-** To empower Women Town Planners for effective professional service delivery in the field of Urban and Regional Planning in Nigeria

**OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

1. Promote, preserve and protect the interest of Women who practice Town Planning.
2. Create and sustain public awareness on the role of the Women in Town Planning.

3. Develop, maintain and enhance partnerships with Common wealth Association Planners (CAP), United Nations (UN) Women Member Organization, Women in Cities International, Women Transforming Cities and other organizations pursuing similar female gender related objectives in the built environment through Nigerian Institute of Town Planners.
4. Strengthen the voice and leadership of women through continuous advocacy in sustainable human settlement and ensuring that gender equality issues remain high on the National agenda in the built environment.
5. Initiate, organize, promote and enter into any enterprise deemed beneficial to the Association as may be approved by National Council of NITP.
6. Encourage young ladies and women to acquire education, training and pursue a career in the profession.
7. Carry out any activity consistent with the aim and objectives of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP).

**ARTICLE 3**

**Section 1 - MEMBERSHIP-** Membership of the Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria (AWTPN) shall consist of the following:

1. **Female Member** of the Institute (NITP) who is of good financial standing.
2. **Other Female Members** shall be:
   - **I.** Nigerian Women Town Planners Practicing and resident Abroad.
   - **II.** Nigerian ladies whose qualifications, experiences and conducts are acceptable to the NITP.
   - **III.** Non-Nigerian ladies whose qualifications and experience at the time of the application are acceptable to the NITP.

**Section 2- DESIGNATION LETTERS**: The following members shall be entitled to use the under listed letters after their names:

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| **1.** | Past Chairman | PC -AWTPN |
| **2.** | Fellow | FNITP |
| **3.** | Member | MNITP |
| **4.** | Graduate Member | GMNITP |
| **5.** | Student | SMNITP |

**ARTICLE 4**

**Section 1 - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Association of Women Town Planners in Nigeria (AWTPN) shall have National Executive Committee Members comprising:

1. **Chairman**
2. **1st Vice Chairman**
3. **2nd Vice Chairman**
4. **General Secretary**
5. **Assistant General Secretary**
6. **Financial Secretary**
7. **Treasurer**
8. **Public Relations Secretary**
9. **Internal Auditor**
10. **Welfare officer**
11. **Immediate past Chairman**
12. **Immediate past General Secretary**

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