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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES BILL, 2018**

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**UNIVERSITY OF BUSINESS AND INTEGRATED  
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ACT, 2018**

**AN ACT** to establish the University of Business and Integrated Development Studies as a public tertiary institution to be an outstanding internationally acclaimed applied research and practical-oriented educational institution, dedicated to development of business and integrated development studies and for related matters.

**PASSED** by Parliament and assented to by the President:

*University of Business and Integrated Development Studies*

**Establishment of the University of Business and Integrated  
Development Studies**

1. (1) There is established by this Act, a body corporate with perpetual succession to be known as the University of Business and Integrated Development Studies, referred to in this Act as “the University”.

(2) For the performance of its functions, the University may acquire and hold movable and immovable property, dispose of property and enter into any contract or other transaction that relates to the aims of the University.

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(3) The existing properties of the University of Development Studies at Wa campus shall be transferred to the University of Business and Integrated Development Studies.

(4) Where there is a hindrance to the acquisition of immovable property, the immovable property may be acquired for the University under the State Lands Act, 1962 (Act 125) and the costs shall be borne by the University.

**Aims of the University**

2. The aims of the University are to provide higher education, disseminate knowledge related to development in business and development studies, undertake research and foster relationships with persons outside the institution in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) higher education shall be made equally accessible to all persons suitably qualified and capable to benefit from that education;
- (b) in determining the subjects to be taught, special emphasis shall be given to courses of special relevance to the needs and aspirations of the north-western part of the country, in particular, and the country as a whole;
- (c) use critical tools that include information and communication technology for teaching, research, dissemination of knowledge and administration;
- (d) institute curricula and pedagogy within the context of learner-centred and problem-based learning techniques that are practical and relevant to national needs and aspirations in business and integrated development studies;
- (e) use of teaching methods which promote critical and independent thinking for the benefit of humanity;
- (f) disseminate the results of research through the publication of books, papers and other suitable means;
- (g) undertake research in courses which are within the mandate of the University, but with special emphasis on:
  - (i) business and integrated development studies issues in the country and outside the country;
  - (ii) subjects that relate to the social, cultural, economic, scientific or technological aspects of business and integrated development studies within and outside the country; and

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- (h) provide services through extension and consultancy in business and integrated development studies related course in higher education.
- (i) For the purpose of achieving the aims of the University, the University shall emphasise studies in business and integrated development studies, and shall have a:
  - (i) School of Business;
  - (ii) School of Law;
  - (iii) School of Social Studies;
  - (iv) School of Education and Life-Long Learning;
  - (v) School of Information and Communication Technology; and
  - (vi) any other School, Centre or Institute that the Council may determine.

**Campuses of the University**

3. (1) The main campus of the University shall be situated in Wa, in the Upper West Region.

(2) The University may establish other campuses in the Upper West Region as determined by the Council in accordance with section 25.

**Award of degrees**

4. (1) The University shall, in accordance with subsection (7) of section 14, award its own degrees including honorary degrees, diplomas and certificates.

(2) The University may withdraw a degree, diploma or certificate that the University has awarded, if the University has evidence that proves that

- (a) the degree, diploma or certificate was obtained through fraud or academic malpractice; or
- (b) the process of acquiring the degree, diploma or certificate was tainted by an act that in the opinion of the University undermines the integrity of the award.

*Governance of the University*

**The University Council**

5. (1) The governing body of the University is a Council consisting of eleven members namely:

- (a) a chairperson nominated by the President;