**Legal Deposit Compliance** inNigeria**:** Issues **and Challenges**

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**Abstract**

*The National Library of Nigeria Act of 1970 in section 4 clearly states legal deposit* *obligations and consequences for any infraction. This proactively provides a cover for* *inclusion of electronic publications which means that irrespective of the medium of* *delivery of the content, the legal provision applies. The number of titles submitted as* *legal deposit nose-dived from 903 and 1042 in 2013 and 2014 respectivelyto 351 in 2015for serials. The rate of change (geometric mean) in legal deposit for serials and* *monographs in the last 10 years (2007-2016) were 1289 and 3399 titles/year* *respectively.Simple computation of legal deposit compliance level based on percentage* *of titles submitted against the total number of serials and monographs published in a* *particular year is also a problem. The details of the specific amendments being proposed* *to the legal deposit legislation are yet to be made public. A monitoring and evaluation* *plan which is a self-auditing process that helps management to identify any deviation* *from set goals is needed. The challenges facing legal deposit compliance in Nigeria* *range from the problem of non-adherence to the time-limit,non-submission of required* *copies,submission of imperfect copies, un-cooperative attitudes of some government* *agencies,publishers and authors to inadequate funding.*

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**Introduction**

National libraries are responsible for acquiring information resources published in their countries of domain and making them available to their citizens and also users outside their countries,thereby enhancing access to information nationally and globally through their legal depository practices. Lor (1997) opined that national libraries have the responsibility of provision of access to publications and information,however distant they may be. According to the author, the IFLA/ UNESCO programme of universal

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