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## Foreword

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This book is a product of the joint efforts of four brilliant, hardworking and promising scholars. Members of the Nigerian academia have been accused of not writing textbooks in their areas of specialisation to serve millions of our youths in the country's universities. While the work of the co-authors, Jacob Fatile, Aderonke Majekodunmi, Abiodun Oni and David Adejuwon is a welcome development to answer the clarion call for publications by Nigerian writers, it is at the same time unique because it is a book combining two distinct areas of public administration. While a few Nigerian authors have written on *public administration* and *local government* in recent times, it is very rare to find books written by the same group from the comparative perspective.

I have gone through all the chapters in this work titled *Issues in Public Administration and Local Government: The Comparative Perspective*. With every sense of modesty, as someone who has been privileged to combine theory and practice in these two fields – having spent over three decades in the public service, more than two-thirds of which was in local government administration, coupled with another decade of research and teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in Babcock University – I am therefore able to state, without any fear of contradiction, that the quality of the work is very high and that the authors have successfully achieved their aim of providing a standard textbook in these two areas of specialization.

The book robustly discusses topical issues in comparative public administration and comparative local government.

Apart from discussing the foundations of concepts, theoretical models for comparison, the significance and challenges of comparison, as well as the ecology of public administration and local government, the book has equally done an in-depth assessment of other vital areas like the administrative systems in developed and developing societies, and local government in developed and developing societies. Written in a very simple and straightforward manner, the book has adopted the APA style of referencing and the bibliography shows that it is a standard, up-to-date material for researchers.

I therefore recommend this modest contribution to knowledge as a "must-buy" and "must-read" textbook and reference sources book to stakeholders in our tertiary institutions of learning: undergraduate and postgraduate students, researchers and library authorities in particular, as well as public servants at all levels and the general reading public.

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# Issues in Public Administration and Local Government

The Comparative Perspective

**T**HE book is a unique and brilliant fusion of scholarly ideas by four promising scholars. It presents a concise, comprehensive overview and balanced understanding of public administration and local government across national boundaries.

The book covers the nature of comparative studies, theoretical models for comparison, the significance and problems of comparison. It explains the various approaches to the study of public administration and local government.

Apart from the explanations of the two major field of study, the book takes a cursory look at the nature and structure of administrative and local government systems in developed and developing societies and establishes the relationship between them. The book will satisfy the intellectual needs of undergraduate and postgraduate students in tertiary institutions, administrator, politicians, civil servants as well the general public, particularly those interested in understanding public administration and local government from comparative perspective.

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