#### **NiNAS Brand Visual Identity Manual**



#### Welcome to the NiNAS Brand Guidelines

The following pages take you through the key elements of the NiNAS brand. Use them to assist in the design and production of NiNAS applications, to help create a consistent and coherent brand.

The NiNAS brand guidelines should be followed when commissioning, designing or delivering all communications.

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### **Brand Proposition**

The visual presentation of the brand NiNAS will highly influence the image and the reputation of NiNAS as a whole.

The Nigeria National Accreditation Service (NiNAS) aims to be the sole National Accreditation Body in Nigeria. It will attest the competence and impartiality of conformity assessment bodies - laboratories, certification and inspection bodiesaccording to international standards.

The details opposite reflect the core of the NiNAS brand through its desired Vision, Mission and Core Values. The visual language of the brand has been designed to reflect these elements.

#### Vision

To be a national and regional leader in the delivery of accreditation services to a global standard.

#### Mission

To attest the competence and impartiality of Conformity Assessement Bodies according to international standards, in order to monitor and improve the quality and reliability of their outputs, thus promoting competitiveness, trade, health, safety and protection of the environment.

#### **Core Values**

NiNAS embrace the following core values:

- a) Impartiality
- b) Confidentiality
- c) Integrity
- d) Excellence
- e) Innovation
- f) Customer focus

### **Basic Brand Elements**

The elements shown below are the key ingredients which create the visual language of the NiNAS brand.



2. Accreditation Symbol



#### 3. Font

#### Trebuchet

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#### 5. Photography









## NiNAS Logo

The NiNAS logo has been created to be highly recognisable. It uses the Nigerian national flag green which also represents 'official' institutions.

Our logo has been designed within a circle device for clear recognition and to act as a quality stamp. It uses upper case letters around the perimeter of the circle for clarity and legibility. The central letters use upper case as an accronym of our name, the 'i' is lower case as it does not specifically represent a word but reinforces the 'i' in Nigeria.

The Nigerian Government national logo has been used within the circle to reinforce being an 'official' insitution.

Our logo is specifically in 1 colour for ease of reproduction.

Note: when writing NiNAS in text, use upper case except for the 'i', as we have done in this sentence.



### NiNAS Logo - Primary colour use

The logo in flag green is the primary and preferred - colour of the logo. It should be used whenever possible.

The flag green logo can be used on white and light backgrounds, do not use it on dark backgrounds where it does not read out of the background colour.

In addition, the flag green logo can be used on coloured backgrounds.

The examples to the right can be used as a guide as to which coloured backgrounds the logo is legible on. Use your judgment when choosing the flag green logo on a coloured background.



## NiNAS Logo - Black and White versions

The logo has colour variants in black and white.

There are also black and white versions of the logo which may be used when required. These can be used on black and white backgrounds, use your judgement as to wether they are legible, the examples to the right can be used as a guide.



## NiNAS Logo - Black and White versions

The white variant of the logo enables use on specific colour backgrounds.

The white logo can be used on coloured backgrounds. Do not use the black logo on a coloured background.

The examples to the right can be used as a guide as to which coloured backgrounds the logo is legible on, use your judgement when choosing the white logo on a coloured background.



### NiNAS Logo - Use on imagery

The logo cannot be used on image backgrounds.

Do not use the logo in any colour variations on imaery.



### NiNAS Logo - Clear space

To ensure prominence and legibility, the logo is always surrounded by an area of clear space.

The clear space must always remains free of other design elements such as type and other graphic elements.

The construction of the clear space area is created using the cap height of the 'S' in 'NiNAS'.

The master logo files are created with the clear space area already defined. It is shown on the files as the example to the right. The clear space boundary box will not print when used in artwork layouts.

Note: Remember to leave the clear space area surrounding the logo free of graphic elements.



## NiNAS Logo - Alignment

This page shows the main alignment points for our logo.

These points should always be used to align the logo with other elements, such as type and imagery. The diagram to the right shows the alignment points for the logo.

Note: Remember to leave the clear space area surrounding the logo free of graphic elements.



## **NiNAS Tagline**

Our tagline is our core message to the outside world.

Our tagline has been created using some of our core brand values and other key messages that are vital in communicating the NiNAS brand message.

Integrity Is one of our core values

#### Confidence

It is the aspiration of the brand, tightly linked to our core values and brand attributes

Quality It is a key benefit of accreditation

## INTEGRITY, CONFIDENCE, QUALITY

### **NiNAS Accreditation symbol**

The accreditation symbol has been created to work with the primary colour of the NiNAS logo.

The accreditation symbol has been created using the elements from the primary logo - NiNAS word mark in full and shortened case, the Nigerian Government logo, and the circle device.

It also uses the Nigerian national flag green which also represents 'official' institutions.

Below the circle device is the type of accreditation service that has been awarded eg Testing. Each certificate that the symbol appears on will have a hand written number next to the service, the example to the write shows 001.

Note: when writing NiNAS in text, use upper case except for the 'i', as we have done in this sentence.



## **NiNAS Accreditation symbol variations**

The accreditation symbol has 7 variations.

There are 7 types of accreditation:

- Testing
- Calibration
- Medical
- Product certification
- Management system certification
- Personnel certification
- Proficiency testing

Each accreditation symbol has it's own logo. The logo is only used on the certificate of accreditation where pre set artwork is supplied.



## **NiNAS Colour palette**

Colour is a powerful means of identification; consistently using our Colour palette will make our brand recognisable and cohesive.

NiNAS brand colours must be followed, only these colours may be used.

#### Primary colour: N1

Our primary colour - Nigerian flag green is used to identify and distinguish the NiNAS brand. No other colour should be used for the Primary colour, this is to ensure brand recognition and consistency.

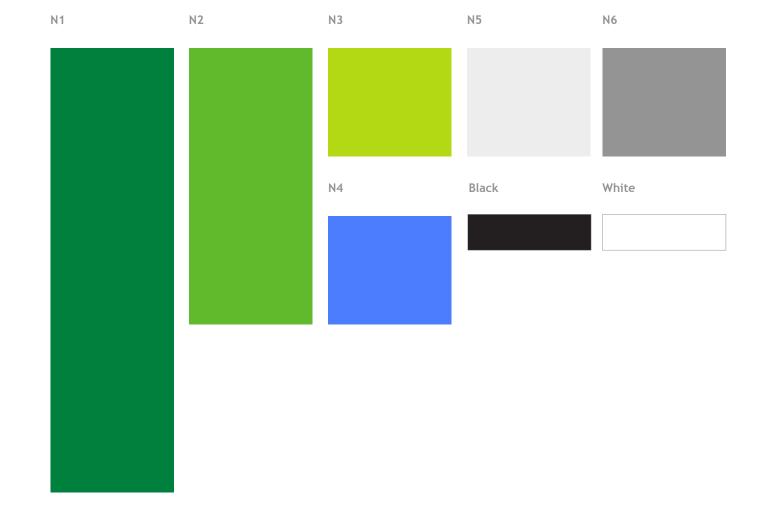
Our supporting brand colours are: N2, N3, N4, N5, N6. These colours work to support the Primary colour. They should be used with the Primary colour and not instead of.

Our 5 supporting Colours are: N2 - Mid green N3 - Light green N4 - Blue N5 - Light grey

N6 - Mid grey

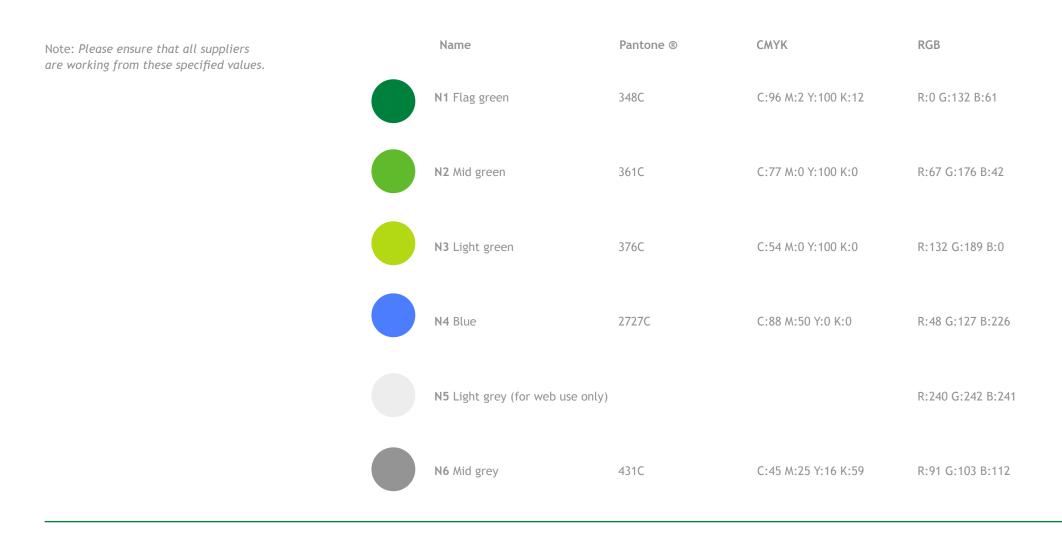
No other Colours should be used for the supporting palette, this is to ensure brand recognition and consistency.

Note: In instances where Colour isn't available, such as newsprint and black and white laser printing, use 100% black alongside 75% and 10% tints of black, and white can be used.



## **NiNAS Colour references**

This page specifies all the breakdown values required for print and digital versions of our colour palette.



## NiNAS Typography

The NiNAS brand makes use of a distinctive typeface which is used to create a consistent look and feel.

The NiNAS font is Trebuchet, only this font may be used.

It has been specifically selected as it is a system font found on all PC's and MAC's. Designed in 1996 it has large x heights and round features to promote clarity and readability.

Always use Trebuchet for all NiNAS brand communications. The weights available to use are Regular, Italic and Bold. Radiant *Vivacious* Heartening Lively Admirable Swooping **Clear Outstanding** 

Trebuchet - Regular

Identifying

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Trebuchet - italic

Efficiency

Trebuchet - Bold

Clarity

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## NiNAS Typography - Weights

Trebuchet has been chosen for its clarity and readability across print and digital applications.

Using our brand typeface consistently across all our communications to provide consistency and clarity.

Always use Trebuchet for all NiNAS brand communications. The weights available to use are Regular, Italic and Bold, shown to the right. Trebuchet - Regular

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Trebuchet - Italic

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Trebuchet - Bold

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## NiNAS Typography - Style

When preparing copy for a page layout always assess the content of the copy and establish a clear and logical hierarchy of information.

Emphasis can be added through contrasting weight, Colour and/or type size, but keep the number of different type sizes and weights to a minimum in order to avoid confusion and keep the page clear and concise.

In any application keep the number of type sizes to a minimum. For example 4 type sizes on a brochure, 1-2 type sizes in a letter, 4-5 sizes on a website. This will ensure we keep a consistent visual language that is easily identifiable.

Note: Colour can be used to help add interest and visual clarity to the page. Refer to the Colour section for the Colours available and their breakdown references. Headings

Main headings are always set in Trebuchet Bold and in sentence case; they can appear larger than the sub-headings. Our primary colour may be used to create stand out.

#### Body copy

The body copy should be set in Trebuchet Regular. Where possible the body copy should be in N6, tints should be avoided to maintain legibility at smaller sizes.

#### Italics

Italics can be used to add emphasis and for referencing; we only use italics in the Regular weight, never bold. Always set italics in Trebuchet Italic never use the italic setting in a piece of software.

## NiNAS Typography - Grid system

A simple bit of maths to create a grid and type sizes will mean consistency across applications.

For all printed communications such as a poster a basic grids should be used as the starting point. A wellconsidered grid will not constrain a layout but will allow for variation, flexibility and pace.

Grids aid legibility and consistency, ensuring that layouts can successfully incorporate visual elements such as captions, photographs, illustrations and diagrams.

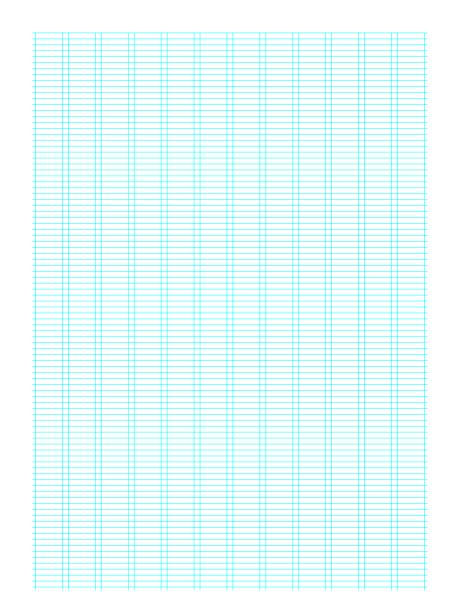
Baseline grid (A4) & (A5)

The baseline grid uses 9pt vertical increments, based on the 9pt/12pt line spacing of the body text. It is important to use the baseline grid to align type and imagery to ensure consistency.

9pt baseline grid allows type to be set with a line spacing of 6pt/9pt/12pt/15pt/18pt/21pt/24pt/27pt /30pt/36pt, etc.

#### 12 column grid

This division of a page helps to create columns of type, align type and imagery to ensure consistency.



## NiNAS Typography - Grid system / layout

Type size and leading (line spacing) for print based on increments of 3pt and 9pt.

The example on this page illustrates the guiding principles for creating grids for our communications. The grids allows the flexibility necessary to create accessible and engaging materials, allowing appropriate space for headlines, body copy, images, charts, captions, etc.

This will create flexible layouts, using the grid to help show clear hierarchy between headings, text and captions.

#### Type size

Type is incremental in 3pts, try to use as few sizes as possible. Where possible use increments from 9pt upwards. Type should never appear below 5pt. There is no maximum limit for a type size.

#### Leading

Examples have been shown to the right giving the font size over leading size. These can be used as a guide for different types of copy for print eg Heading, Sub heading, Body copy and Footer. Leading should be increased by 3pts from the type size eg 9pt/12pt, 15pt/18pt. Accreditation is a process. The result is the assessment of whether the CAB is reliable.

competent, impartial and whether it fulfills the necessary standards.

#### The value of Accreditation

Promoting competitiveness recentuition to international standards means that the respire automatic automatic the competitivers of our companies. Promoting health Protecting the and safety

> o the highest standards. means many products and services of goo will be usually detected quality that respect the environment and and services reach the result in better sustainability.

## NiNAS Typography - Grid system / layout

#### Type sizes for the website.

The website example to the right illustrates the guiding principles for type sizes on the website.

Keeping copy limited to set weights and sizes creates consistency and recognition.

Copy should be anchored and aligned using the grid.

Note: Type should never appear below 12px. The maximum limit for a type size on the website is 100px.



### **NiNAS Photography**

Photography is a powerful tool to portray the people connected with the NiNAS brand.

A selection of images have been pre-selected and are available in the NiNAS image library for use in applications such as the website, posters etc. They are Royalty Free images and can be used in any application.

Our photography style shows both women and men working within the areas that NiNAS accredit. We can tell a story using images, demonstrating the products being accredited, people working and the products being exported.

The areas of imagery available include: Chemistry / Microbiology Food Electrical / Manufacturing Engineering Textiles Export

Image orientation Images within the library can be used in both portrait and landscape orientations.



#### Basic elements in use - Brochure

When all of the basic elements are brought together they create a unique and recognisable language for the NiNAS brand.

The example to the right shows the basic elements brought together in brochure spreads.



For economic development it is essential to have adequate, effective and sustainable National Quality Infrastructure in place that is consistent with international and regional principles and practices.



Arcreditation is process. The result is the assessment of whether the CAB is reliable, competent, impartial and whether it fulfills the necessary standards.

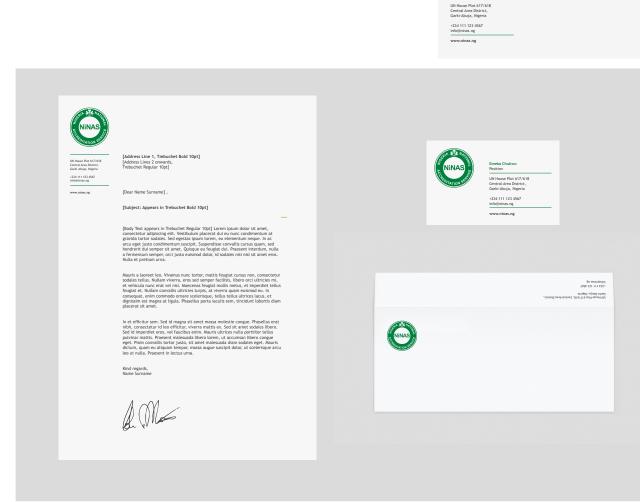




### **Basic elements in use - Office stationery**

When all of the basic elements are brought together they create a unique and recognisable language for the NiNAS brand.

The example to the right shows the basic elements brought together in office stationery.



To: Cc: Subject

Dear Sir,

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Best regards, Emeka Chukwu Position

NiNAS

From: Emeka Chukwu - emeka.chukwu@ninas.ni

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### **Basic elements in use - Accreditation certificate**

When all of the basic elements are brought together they create a unique and recognisable language for the NiNAS brand.

The example to the right shows the basic elements brought together in an Accreditation certificate.



# Certificate of Accreditation

This is to certify that

#### Laboratory X

Building Name, No. Street Name, District, City/Town, State.

Has been assessed by the Nigeria National Accreditation Service and meets the requirements of the International Standard

ISO/IEC 17025:2005

with demonstrated technical competence in the field of

#### Testing

for the specific services listed in the approved Scope of Accreditation.

On behalf of the Nigeria National Accreditation Service:

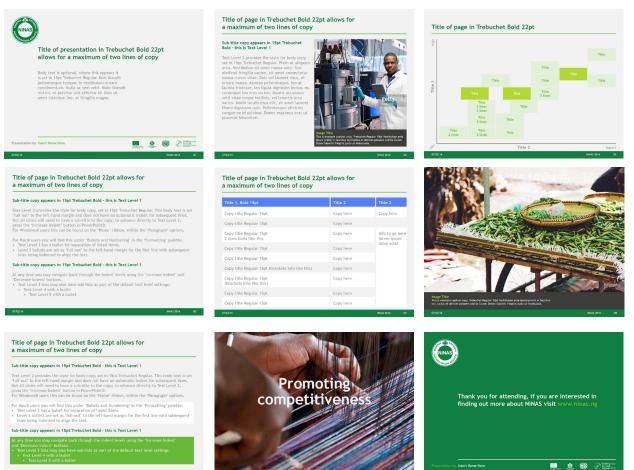
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### Basic elements in use - Powerpoint template

When all of the basic elements are brought together they create a unique and recognisable language for the NiNAS brand.

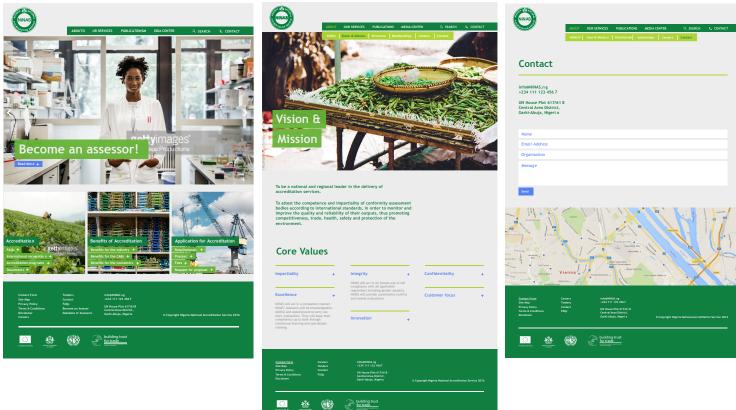
The example to the right shows the basic elements brought together in a powerpoint template.



#### Basic elements in use - Website

When all of the basic elements are brought together they create a unique and recognisable language for the NiNAS brand.

The example to the right shows the basic elements brought together in website pages.



## Contact

Any questions?

Contact: info@ninas.ng