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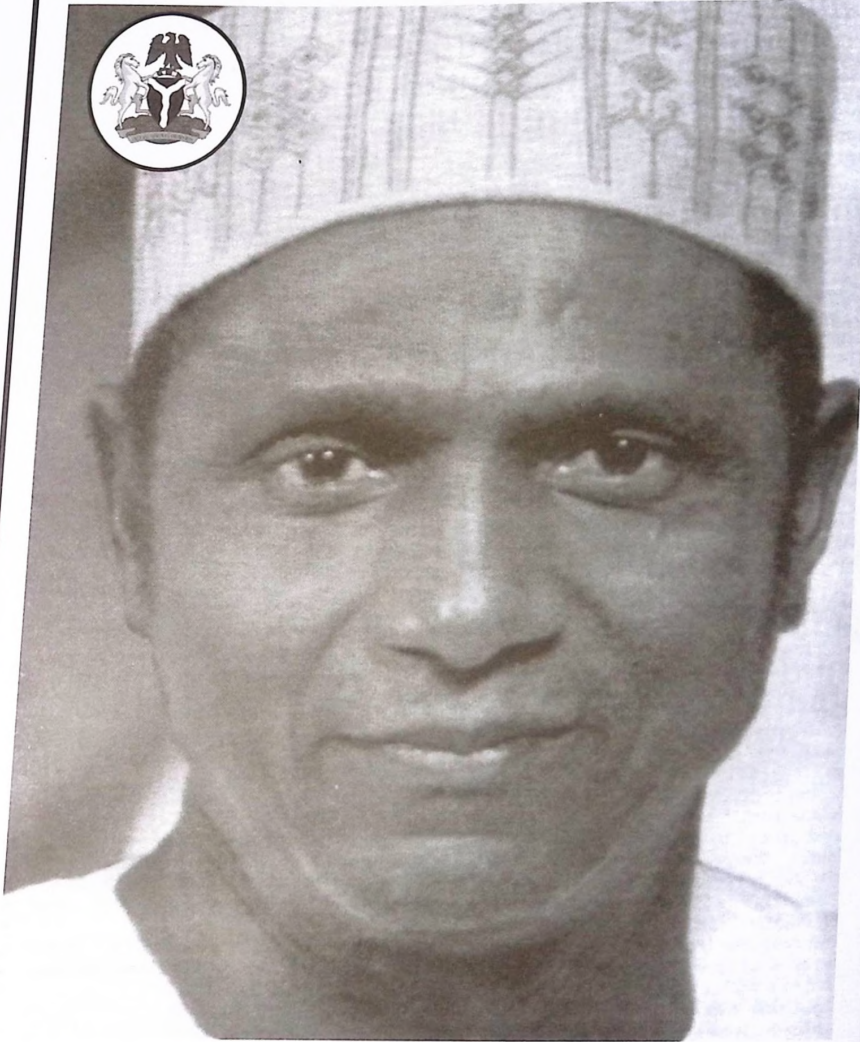
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## Preface



There is no one particular worldview of management generally accepted by all management thinkers to the exclusion of other viewpoints on the subject. Definitions of the subject have largely depended on the perspective from which it is viewed. So there are as many definitions of management as there are different perspectives from which to look at the subject.

While the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of Oxford Advanced Learners English Dictionary considers management as “the act of running and controlling a business or similar organisation” and goes on to state that it consists of “the people who run and control a business or similar organisation” there are other numerous valid definitions offered by different management thinkers who looked at the subject at one time or other on the basis of the task which directly or indirectly calls for the application of the skill of planning, directing, coordinating and achieving a set goal. I would therefore simply define management as that process involving the articulation of ideas, nurturing, and planning such ideas and following up with actions involving co-ordination, direction and instruction, in such a way that produces the desired objectives.

Since management is a function of people in an organisation the dictionary meaning correctly assumes that such people whose responsibilities involve directing and coordinating the activities of an organisation should also be called management. Management faces serious challenges in an ever-changing world and the success or failure of management therefore depends on how well or otherwise the skill of management is applied and the innovativeness of the processes followed in pursuing management goals. Peter F Drucker in a landmark article published in Harvard Business Review expressed the point that “..in the period ahead, entrepreneurial innovation will become the very heart and core of management.” I am sure the period he referred to then has fully arrived. Information overload, technological advancement and sophistication of computational methods are all calling for innovative skills long observed by E. B. White when he said, “what with the tendency of one thing to lead to another, I predict a bright future for complexity.” That future is now.

Complexity thrives and tests our management techniques in industry, business and public service. Complexity thrives on change and the lack of preparation for change increases the degree of complexity. Complex situations in organizations task our abilities in moving organizations forward. We may pause and think of overcoming the complex situations. Intelligence is the answer. When we have fully exhausted management thinking, management techniques and strategies, when management styles have failed, we need the application of intelligent principles and methods which are guaranteed to withstand the vagaries or vicissitudes of technological developments and be a useful springboard for organizational effectiveness. This brings up the subject of management intelligence.

So what exactly do we mean by management intelligence? Management intelligence is a step ahead of current management techniques and strategies. It is the ability of management to at every point in time learn, understand and think in a logical way about things - about developments, about technological advancements, about increasing sophistication of industrial activities, about ideas, about managerial challenges. Managers of low intelligence tend to have low understanding ability, those with average intelligence understand better and faster while managers of high intelligence are the most needed today for their innovativeness and ability to manage complex situations and catch up with changes taking place incrementally around the globe. All around developing countries, there are ineluctable signs of complexities signs that must be constantly watched and managed intelligently.

Management practice also details who does what in an organisation and spells out the work or activities, which must be performed in order to achieve organizational goals. The activities are then related to positions to

make it possible for individuals to be in charge of them, this procedure gives the individual the responsibilities of his position. Each position also derives authority from management, which enables the holder of the position to carry out the responsibilities himself or to instruct others to do so on his behalf. In this process also, the place of management intelligence is established and reinforced. There are practical difficulties in selecting the right people for the various positions of responsibilities established in an organisation. The application of management intelligence simplifies the selection process as it helps in rightly interpreting data collected from candidates, rightly appraising the demands of the responsibilities and rightly understanding the limits of a candidate's ability in handling responsibilities.

I am convinced that the time has come for us to draw a clear distinction between the manager and his intelligence. The fact that a person occupies a management position does not necessarily imply the presence of management intelligence in that person. The fact that we occupy boardroom positions in our country today does not imply we all have management intelligence. The fact that someone is made a minister or permanent secretary does not imply he or she possesses the correct amount of intelligence needed for the position. As we have seen, this is one of the very dangerous weaknesses of our present day adversary politics, which recognizes everything else, but management intelligence.

In this book, we have assembled great Nigerians together in printed format, whose works or activities call for a certain amount of management intelligence. I make bold to assert that there is no subject under the sun that does not need the skills of administration and management in the pursuit of its goals. I advocate for the first time that the subject of management intelligence be introduced in our tertiary institutions and other training centres around the country. The management of Management Masters Limited considers it an obligation to engage in research and publication of texts dealing with the subject of management intelligence. Management practice without the correct amount of management intelligence is like having know-how without the driving force of do-how. No one underrates the effectiveness of sound military intelligence in prosecuting wars, or negotiating ceasefire and peaceful resolution of conflicts between warring factions. It is perilous to underrate the efficacy of management intelligence in driving developing nations forward. It is management intelligence we need in order to move Nigeria forward.

Charles Marcus

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Since the idea for this book took seed in 2005, I have had the opportunity of meeting, and studying the profiles of, so many personalities. Each of these personalities has one way or the other inspired me to produce this book. I appreciate them all and remain grateful to them.

## Introduction



One of the causes of failure of public service and business organizations in Nigeria has been identified as bad management. The only surviving and successful organizations in the world today are mostly those that enjoy the benefits of sound management principles and practices stemming from the efforts of efficient, visionary and resourceful managers, often referred to as leaders.

Based on a recent study of the contributions to economic development of thousands of managers/leaders in both public and private sectors in Nigeria, Management Masters Limited decided to publish a Who's Who of qualified candidates who will also be eligible to receive the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE. The Who's Who is a publication, which enjoys both national and international readership among public service chiefs and industry leaders.

Recognition of this kind in printed format - is a valuable heritage to be shared by thousands of resourceful managers/leaders in Nigeria for many years to come, as the publication will be updated annually. The Who's Who is also a veritable third party endorsement for business and public service purposes. The international community, no doubt, finds the WHO'S WHO very useful in understanding who does what in Nigeria at a management, executive, administrative, education and training, consultancy, technical or auxiliary level. We believe that similar Directories have already been published in Europe, UK, USA and Japan. Now is the time to publish the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO.

Our researchers gather information on resourceful leaders/managers in Nigeria from numerous available sources such as professional associations and societies, trade organizations, clubs, chambers of commerce newspapers and magazines, TV broadcasts, university publications, legal and professional journals and anonymous referrals from accomplished management gurus. He or she who does not merit inclusion in the WHO'S WHO hasn't managed anything successfully!

The Who's Who presents an opportunity for potentially qualified people to have their profiles included in its world-class pages, and this makes them potential candidate for international industry leadership awards and honours of great beauty and tremendous value in addition to the prestigious award of Excellence in Management Intelligence (in your own field). This is usually presented to them at a colourful ceremony, the ceremony for the presentation of this 2008 edition of the WHO'S WHO is scheduled to take place at the prestigious International Conference Centre, Abuja under the Distinguished Chairmanship of Senator Anyim Pius Anyim, LL.B, LL.M GCON, Former Senate President Federal Republic of Nigeria, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 12 noon prompt.

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# **CHAPTER**

# **1**

**Nigeria - A Developing Nation**



## Nigeria's Natural Endowments begging for Intelligent Management

**T**he Federal Republic of Nigeria, has an autonomous Federal Capital Territory (FCT) called Abuja which comprises 36 states. The country is generally referred to as the 'Giant of Africa' with a land area of approximately 923789 sq. km spanning over six ecological zones ranging from the swampy coastal rain forests of the south, to the semi-arid but fertile grasslands of the north. A country in the tropics, Nigeria is bounded on the west by the Republic of Benin on the north by the Republic of Niger and the Republic of Chad; on the east, by the Republic of Cameroon; and on the south, by the Gulf of Guinea.

Nigeria has two well defined seasons the dry season which lasts from November to March; and the rainy season, from April to October. At the coast temperatures seldom rise above 32oC although humidity can be as high as 90%. The northern part of the country has drier weather conditions with temperatures sometimes ranging from 36oC to 12oC. With a land of lush vibrant vegetation, Nigeria's climate varies from tropical at the coast to subtropical further inland.

As an African nation, Nigeria's climate is basically tropical with its temperature ranging between 20oC and 40oC. The diversified geographical region, with the almost inexhaustible variety it provides makes Nigeria excitingly rich in fauna and flora as well as in topography.

Generally, Nigeria's climate is highly favourable to agricultural production all year round. The country's major cash crops are cocoa, rubber, palm produce, peanut, cotton, maize, millet and sorghum while staple foods include cassava, yam, plantain, beans, etc. The country has also increased its production of wheat over the years.

As the most populous country in Africa, Nigeria has huge oil reserves which makes the country the most wealthy nation. The country is also blessed with abundant deposits of other minerals such as tin, coal, uranium, gold, bauxite, feldspar, asbestos and talc. The country is also noted for its huge reserves of coal. Over the years, the country had also discovered raw Gold of ninety-nine percent purity in a place like Ilesha, Oyo State. Other mineral deposits, which are currently being mined in the country, include iron, columbite and limestone.

Among the nations industrial establishments are the booming giant oil industry, iron and steel complexes and steel rolling mills, although some of these are being privatized in line with global trends. The agricultural sector, food processing pharmaceutical industries are growing daily, a sign of prosperity for the nation when properly managed. Over the years the nation has had policies which fully support accelerated development through rapid industrialization.

Nigeria became a nation in 1914 following the amalgamation of the northern and southern protectorates of the country by the then leader Lord Lugard, to pave way for administrative convenience.

The nation has since become greater in population and in the volume of activities. Currently boasting of over 140 million people, Nigeria remains the most populous country in the African continent. Major languages spoken in Nigeria include Ibo, Hausa and Yoruba while English Language remains the official language.

No wonder the Giant of Africa is today in dire need of intelligent managers of human and material resources to help drive its economy forward.



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Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi Akpanaha	Akuku-Totu/Asari-Totu	PDP
Hon. Olaka J. Nwogu	Eleme/Oyigbo/Tai	PDP
Hon. Deeyah E. Nwika	Gokana.Khana	PDP
Hon. Andrew I. Uchendu	Ikwerre/Emohua	PDP
Hon. George Ford Nwosu	Etche/Omuma	PDP
Hon. Igochukwu N. Aguma	Port Harcourt I	PDP
Hon. Chinyere E. Igwe	Port Harcourt	PDP
Hon. John Kalipa	Okrika/Ogu/Bolo	PDP
Hon. Berewari Christopher	Opobo/Nkoro/Andoni	PDP
Hon. Ike Chinwo	Obio/Akpor	PDP

**SOKOTO**

Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambunwal	Tanbunwal	PDP
Hon. Shuaibu Gwandu	Gobir Isa/Birmi	PDP
Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar	Goronyo/Gada	PDP
Hon. Kabir Marafa	Wurno/Raha/Gandi	PDP
Hon. Haliru Garba G. Hamma	Illela/Gwadabawa	PDP

Hon. Isah Salihu Bashir	Tangaza/Gudu	PDP
Hon. Aliyu Diko	Binji/Silame	PDP
Hon. Saidu M. Gumburawa	Kware/Wamakko	PDP
Hon. Umar M. Bature	Sokoto North/South	PDP
Hon. Aliyu Shehu A.A	D/Shuni/Bodinga/Tureta	PDP
Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari	Yabo/Shagari	PDP

**TARABA**

Hon. Kabiru Jalo	Bali/Gassl	PDP
Hon. Albert Taminu Sam. Tsokwa	Dongo/Ussa/Takum	PDP
Hon. Ishaika Moh'd Bawa	Ibi/Wukari	PDP
Hon. Henry M. Shawulu	Jalingo/Yorro/Zing	PDP
Hon. Jerimon S. Manwe	Lau/K/Lamido/Ardo-Kola	PDP
Hon. Babangida S.M Nguroje	Gashaka/Kurmi/Sarduana	PDP

**YOBE**

Hon. Zakari Yau Galadima	Bade/Jakusko	ANPP
Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan	Bursari/Geidam Yunusari	ANPP
Hon. Khadija Buka A. Ibrahim	Damaturu/Gujba/Gulani/	ANPP
Hon. Baba Gishiwari	Fika/Fune	ANPP
Hon. Baba Buka Machinama	Mechina/Nguru/Karasuwa	ANPP
Hon. Lawan Mahammed Kori	Nangere/Potiskum	PDP

**ZAMFARA**

Hon. Dahiru Zubairu	Kaura Namoda/Birin-Magaji	ANPP
Hon. Bello Abubakar	Shinfati/Zurmi	ANPP
Hon. Abdullaziz Abibakar	Anka Talata Marafa	ANPP
Hon. M. Bello M. Mutawalle	Gunmi/Bukkuyum	ANPP
Hon. Idris Mohammed	Keta Gusau/Tsafe	ANPP
Hon. Abubakar Shehu Bunu	Bunguda/Maru	ANPP
Hon. Mohammed Sani Takoki	Gummi/Bukkuyum	ANPP

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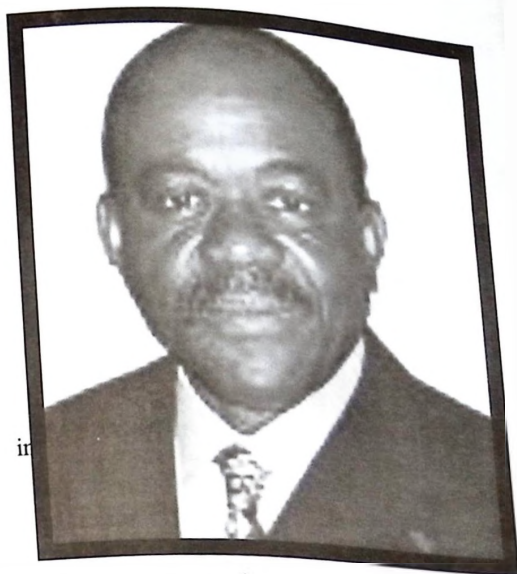
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# ABIA

## Theodore Ahamefulé Orji

Theodore Ahamefulé Orji was born in his home town Amaokwe Ugba, Umuahia Ibeku in Umuahia North Local Government Area of Abia State in the year 1950. He attended St. Michaels Catholic Primary School, Umuahia, Santa Crux Secondary School, Olokoru, Holy Ghost College, Owerri and capped his educational pursuit with a Bachelor of Art Degree from the prestigious University of Ibadan in 1977. As a patriotic young Nigerian, he gladly enlisted for the National Youths Corps Scheme on graduation and was deployed to Sokoto State where he was posted to teach at Government Secondary School, Shinkafi, Isa Local Government Area of the State. On the successful completion of the National Youth Service Corps Scheme in 1978, the Young Theodore Ahamefulé Orji offered himself for public service and was promptly employed as an Administrative Officer in the old Imo State civil service on 18th December, 1979. Subsequently, he served in various capacities in The Cabinet Office, Ministry of Lands and Survey, Ministry of Agriculture and Imo State Government House. At the creation of Abia State in 1991, it was a relatively experienced T.A Orji that returned to Umuahia to champion the course of laying a strong foundation for the new state. He therefore served in Government House, Umuahia, Bureau of Budget and Planning and Ministry of Agriculture. On March 1st 1996, T.A Orji was seconded to the National Electoral Commission of Nigeria (NECON) now INEC, Abia State as Administrative Secretary and was later redeployed to Enugu State



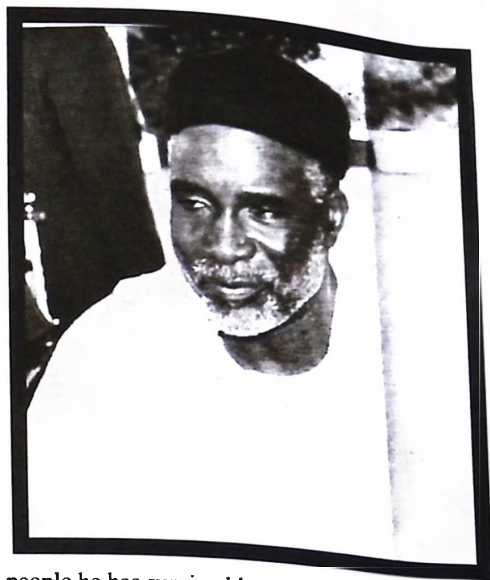
in 1997 where he supervised the elections that ushered in the democratic government in the state in 1999. Thereafter, he returned to Abia State as Principal Secretary, Government House, Umuahia and Chief of Staff to the Executive Governor. Chief T.A Orji has been recognized and conferred with many traditional titles. Some of which include Ochendo Ibeku, Utuagbaigwe of Ngwaland and Ohazurume of Abia South. In December 2006, he won the Gubernatorial Primaries of the Progressive Peoples Alliance to contest the 2007 governorship elections in Abia State. On April 14, 2007, he resoundingly defeated his closest rival by over 200 thousand votes to emerge Governor of Abia State. To the Glory of God, he was sworn in on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 as the 3rd Executive Governor of Abia, Gods Own State. The Executive Governor of Abia State is happily married to Chief Mrs. Mercy Odochi Orji and their marriage is blessed with Five Children

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN  
ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT**

Theodore Orji of Abia	GOVERNOR
(Prince) Chris Akoma	Deputy Governor
Mr. Uchenna Emezue	The Head of Service
Barr. Omkey Amaechi	Attorney General & Comm. for Just.
Deacon Ralph Egbu	Information, Culture & Tourism
Dr. Mrs. Ori Obasi	Agriculture
Mrs. Chinedu Brown	Women Affairs
Hon. Max Ndukwe Adindu	Education
Prince Paul Ikonne	Lands, Survey & Urban Planning
Mr. Richard Harrison	Finance
Barr. K.C. Ugboaja	Works & Transport
Dr. Sam Ahaiwe	Health
Chief. P.C. Mba	Sports
Ezeogo Emeka Onuoha	Environment
Mr. Benjamin Nwankodo	Petroleum & Solid Minerals
Mr. Emeka Okafor	Commerce & Industry
Hon. Donatus Nwankpa	Housing
Mr. F.A. Akatobi	Science & Technology
Chief Johnny Ukpabi	Public Utilities
Barr. Uche Ihediwa	Commissioner for youth Develop.

# ADAMAWA

**Murtala Nyako**



**G**overnor Murtala Nyako hails from Mayo Belwa Local Govt. Area of Adamawa State. The outstanding naval officer who rose to the position of Admiral before his retirement from the Navy, was elected Governor of Adamawa State and he took the oath of office on May 29, 2007. Admired greatly at home by his people he has survived legal battles to remove him as Governor. Evidently, he is not resting on his oars as his people have witnessed an avalanche of projects accomplished by His Excellency Murtala Nyako. This endears him more to the people. He scores very high on provision of infrastructure in Adamawa State.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN ADAMAWA STATE GOVERNMENT

Murtala Nyako	Governor
Barr. Bala James Nggilari	Deputy Governor/Commerce & Industry
Alh. Bello Tukur	Chief of Staff
Kobis Ari Thimnu	Sec. to the State Govt.
Engr Benson D. Jelani	Head of Service
Abdurahaman Abba Jimeta	Information, Culture & Tourism
Dr. Recab E. Bongji	Education
Engr Umar G. Atiku	Works
Tijjani Maksha	Livestock & Nomadic Settlement
Dr. Zainab Kwonchi	Health
Abubakar Madawaki	Local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs
Rufa'i Umar	Youths & Sports
Abdurahaman S Abubakar	Land & Survey
Barr. Aishatu S. Zumo	Women Affairs & Social Dev.
Usman M. Wuro-Chekke	Agriculture
Barr. Shehu Ibrahim Tahir	Justice
Hannatu Kadala	Environment
Mrs Halda Makanto	Special Adviser - Communal Harmony
Dahiru Usman	Special Adviser - Scholarship & Youth Employment
Musa B. Kamale	Special Adviser - Information & Strategy
Japhet Kefas	Special Adviser - Youth Mobilization
Sahilu Yunusa	Special Adviser - Budget Affairs

# ANAMBRA

Peter Obi



**M**r. Peter Obi was born on the 19th of July, 1961 at Onitsha, where his father, a former police officer, had already established a successful business.

He was somewhat precocious, because he was well ahead of his peers in so many respects. In 1980, he gained admission into the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where he read philosophy, graduating B.A (Hons) in that discipline in 1984. No doubt, the course may have contributed in shaping his broad perspectives on issues. It may have also contributed in moulding his character in a way that makes him to subject issues to critical analyses.

It would appear that the business blood in his family also runs in him, for as soon as he finished his education, he delved into that enterprise where he distinguished himself a few years after.

Climbing the rungs of business with impressive speed, he became the Chairman of Next International Nigeria Ltd. It is said in business circles today, tongue-in-check, that without Next International, super markets business will crumble in Nigeria. This is so because Next International imports a good percentage of articles sold in super markets.

With the success of Next International, Mr. Peter Obi's business empire blossomed like a watered rose. As he diversified in his business, he became

the Chairman of Fidelity Bank Plc, the youngest Chairman of 25-billion Naira bank, which appointment he resigned when he became the Governor. He was also the Chairman of Guardian Express Mortgage Bank Ltd, Guardian Express Bank Plc, Future View Securities Ltd, Paymaster Nigeria Ltd, Chams Nigeria Ltd, Data Corp Ltd and Card Centre Ltd.

Recognizing the dynamic nature of the business world Mr. Peter Obi tried, now and then, to upgrade his knowledge and expand his managerial ability. Thus various times, he took top Executive Program and Financial Management Courses at such world renowned management schools as Lagos Business School, Nigeria; London School of Economics; Columbia Business School, New York; Harvard Business School, Boston; Kellogg Graduate School of Management, USA and Institute for Management Development, Switzerland.

Mr. Peter Obi belongs to different professional associations and organizations, some of which are: Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG); Nigeria Chartered Institute of Bankers; Commonwealth Business Council (CBC); West African Business Committee (WABC); British Institute of Directors (IOD); British Nigeria Business Council (BNBC) and Nigerian South African Chamber of Commerce (NSACC).

As a successful businessman, Obi's venture into politics was not by accident. He sees the political terrain as a virgin land which he can conquer if he could face it with the same resilience, hard work tinged on truth and sincerity with which he has confronted the business world.

In 2003, he contested the gubernatorial elections in Anambra State and won overwhelmingly and convincingly, but was rigged out. Nothing daunted, he fought bravely at the Courts and regained his mandate after almost three years. About eight months into his government, he was unconstitutionally impeached and he had to fight again to regain his mandate. When you juxtapose the cordial relationship between him and the faction of the house that unconstitutionally impeached him and the relationship between other Governors that had the same experience with him and their Houses of Assembly, you will appreciate the nobility of his heart. As we speak, our man is still in court for the interpretation of what is supposed to be his tenure in office. We can therefore say that Governor Obi is an inspiring example of one who believes in the rule of law.

Though politics may be a difficult terrain, the giant strides he has already taken within the short time he has been on the saddle, mark him out as a success in that area of life. He is among few politicians that believe that politics should not be devoid of

morality.

As a Governor, he is doing very well. Since he came into office, he has been struggling successfully to re-define politics in his State by playing according to the rules. Thus, he not only shuns thuggery, but always preaches against it. Perhaps among the most touching statement from a Nigerian politician is governor Obi's appeal to fellow politicians to stop using other people's children as thugs when they sent theirs to various schools abroad. He has also embarked on integrated development of his State, by which he approaches development in a holistic manner, that is, developing all sectors simultaneously.

The secret of Governor Obi's success lies in hard work and his unobtrusive spirituality. Coming from a devout Catholic family, with an elder sister who is a Rev. Sister and a younger brother who is a Rev. Father, he does not joke with his spiritual life. He believes that part of what keeps him going is trying, in spite of human frailties, to live out the ethics of Christ in whatever he does.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNMENT

Peter Obi	GOVERNOR
Dame Virgy Ngozi Etiaba	Deputy Governor
Mr. Chidi Christopher Ezeoke	SSG
Mr. Chidi Christopher Ezeoke	The Head of the Civil Service
Mr. Peter Aguigon Afuba	Attorney General & Comm. Justice
Nkemakonam C. Okeke	Special Duties (Economic Planning)
Mr. Eze R. Echesi	Finance and Budget
Mrs. Cordelia Ego Uzoezie	Women Affairs
Mr. Chima Philip Okafor	Commerce & Industry
Dr. Ifedi Andy Okwenna	Environment & Mineral Resources
Prof. Chinyere Stella Okunna	Information and Culture
Dr. Kay C. Onyechi	Education
Mrs. Elsie Ihuoma Ikemefuna	Youth and Sports
Dr. Amobi Linus Lika	Health

# BAUCHI



Isa Yaguda



**I**sa Yaguda is the first-term Governor of Bauchi State, Nigeria. He is a member of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP).

Yaguda is a former Aviation Minister and former Managing Director of Inland Bank. He has three wives.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN BAUCHI STATE GOVERNMENT

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Isa Yaguda              | Governor                   |
| HE Mohammed Gadi        | Deputy Governor            |
| Shehu Barau Ningi       | Budget & Economic Planning |
| Mallam Mustapha Baba    | Sharia Enforcement         |
| Mallam Bukata Bayero    | Information                |
| Alhaji Yakubu Abdullahi | Agriculture                |
| Alhaji Sadiq Dakingari  | Health                     |

# BAYELSA

## Timipre Sylva

**T**imipre Sylva was born on the 7th of July 1964 in Okpoma, Brass local government council of the present day in Bayelsa East senatorial district.

He started his primary education at St. Pauls Anglican Primary School, Okpoma and finished at Ajeromi central school 1, Lagos in 1976. His secondary education took him to Government secondary school, Twon, Brass from 1976 - 1981.

There after, he secured admission into the University of Port Harcourt, where he majored in English studies / Linguistics. For the mandatory National Youth Service Corps Programme, he served with Shell Petroleum Development Company at Warri, Delta State.

His working career started with the National Minority Business Council, Port Harcourt, where as the Executive Secretary, he diligently saw to the creation of employment opportunities for his people. It was in recognition of his altruism and dedication to duty that his people elected him, to represent them at the state house of assembly in 1991/92. It was on the platform of the then National Republican Convention, NRC. This was however, cut short by the military intervention of the late General Sani Abacha. Thereafter, he went into private business. When the ban on politics was lifted, he became one of the founding members of the United Congress Party, UNCP. He was made the state financial secretary.

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wing the extinction of the then five political parties. He together with his people embraced the People's Democratic Party, PDP.

He was political adviser to the former Governor, D.S.P. Alamieyeseigha up till 2002, when he resigned.

he was also member of the Governing Council, Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike Abia State till 2004.

He has been the special assistant to the Minister of State, Petroleum resources.

He is married with three children.

### LIFE AMBITION

To be of immense help to the society, as the Lord has favoured him to live.

To dedicate his life in service to humanity and see to the upliftment of his people to a comfortable life.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN BAYELSA STATE**  
**GOVERNMENT**

Timipre Sylva	GOVERNOR
Peremobowei Ebebi	Deputy Governor
Mrs. Bolere Ketebe-Nwokeafor	SSG
Mr. Samuel Ogbuku	Chief of Staff
Anthony Ikoli	Justice
Bennett Owezala	Local Govt./Community Develop.
Silva Charles	Finance
Alfred Otiotio	Utilities
Dr. Azibapu Eruani	Health
Chief Asara O. Asara	Balyesa East
Maxwell Oko	Youths

# BENUE

## Hon. Gabriel Suswam

The fifteenth Chief Executive of Benue State, Rt. Hon. Gabriel Suswam was born on 15th November, 1964 in Anyiin, Logo Local Government Area of Benue State. Between 1971 and 1977 he enrolled at NKST primary School, Zaki Biam, Benue State and obtained his First School Leaving Certificate.

By 1977, young Gabriel Suswam who had a brief stint at the St. Andrew's Secondary School, Adikpo, was admitted into Government College, Makurdi where he completed his secondary education in 1982. Hon. Suswam transited through the School of Basic Studies, Makurdi between 1982 and 1984 as he prepared himself for an engaging university education. In 1986 Hon. Suswam was admitted into the Law Faculty of the University of Lagos. Between 1986 and 1989 he read and obtained the LL.B (Hons), and proceeded to acquire the requisite BL Certificate at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos. In 1990, he was called to the Bar. Hon. Suswam did his national Youth Service Corps Scheme at Trendex Finance Firm in Lagos, from 1990 to 1991.

He holds a masters degree in Law from the University of Jos and another in Public Administration from the University of Abuja. In preparation for public service, he took a certificate in management from the University of Lagos, another certificate in Good Governance from Harvard University as well as a certificate in Public Finance from Duke University also in America.

Between 1991 and 1994 Suswam cut his legal teeth at Tokode & Co., a corporate legal firm in Lagos. In

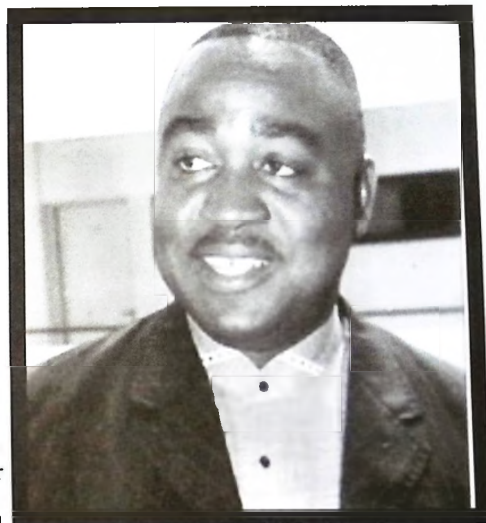
1994 he later formed the

Tingir & Associates Law Firm, based in Lagos. Between 1994 and 1997 Tingir & Associates metamorphosed into a fledgling law firm engaged in legal practice and consultancy in Lagos. Subsequently, he relocated to Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory.

In Abuja, Hon. Suswam partnered with a colleague to float Suswam Ogbole & Co to meet his ever expanding horizons for service. It was while practicing law in Abuja that he succumbed to mounting pressure from the people of Sankera to contest the House of Representatives seat to represent K/Ala/ Ukum/ Logo Federal Constituency at the National Assembly. He contested and won election in 1999 under the umbrella of the Peoples Democratic Party.

Between 1999 and 2001 Hon. Suswam was appointed Chairman, House Services Committee; 2001 and 2003 the House also appointed him Chairman, House Committee on FCT.

In 2003, he was re-elected into the House of Representatives to represent the same constituency on the PDP ticket. Hon. Suswam was also appointed Chairman, Ad-hoc Committee on members' welfare. In July 2003, he was appointed Chairman, House Appropriation Committee, two years later, he was appointed Chairman, House Committee on Power, overseeing power supply and rural electrification in



A widely traveled man, he has visited several countries including the United States of America, Germany, South Africa, Morocco, Israel, China, the Fiji Islands, Holland, Switzerland, Egypt, Ghana, Senegal, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela,

Trinidad and Tobago as well as France.

Hon. Suswam is a Christian and family man who is blessed with two children

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN BENUE STATE

Gabriel Suswam  
 Chief Steven Lawani  
 Dr. Audu Achigili  
 Prof. Saint Gbilekaa  
 Mr. Bem Melladu  
 John Ngbede  
 Chive Kaave  
 Dr. Eugene Aliegba  
 Dr. Mrs Diana A. Ochoga  
 Benjamin Ashaver  
 Ben. Vembeh  
 Dr. Atoato Igirgi  
 Engr. Mrs. Mnena Shija  
 Dr. Jairus Erube  
 Omadach Oklobia  
 Arc. Sam Dura  
 Mrs. Ntol Unongo  
 Mrs. Sam Odeh

#### GOVERNMENT

GOVERNOR  
 Deputy Governor  
 SSG  
 Chief of Staff  
 Commerce, Industries & Tourism  
 Environment & Natural Resources  
 Justice  
 Education  
 Women Affairs & Social Develop.  
 Agriculture & Natural Resources  
 Youth and Sports  
 Rural Develop. & Cooperatives  
 Works Housing & Transport  
 Health & Human Services  
 Finance & Economic Development  
 Lands and Survey  
 Information and Culture  
 Special Adviser on Local Govt

# BORNO

**Ali Modu Sheriff**

**A**li Modu Sheriff has been governor of Borno State in Nigeria since 29 May 2003. He is a member of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP).



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT

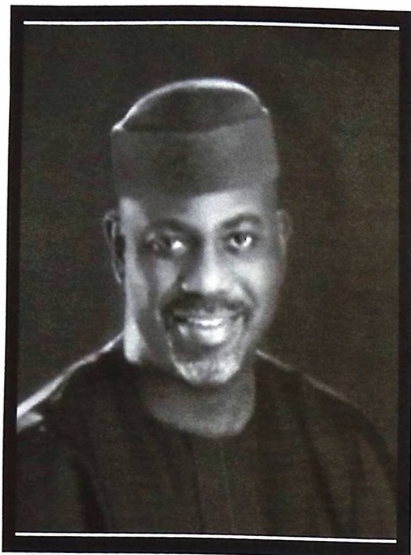
Ali Modu Sheriff  
Ayuiba Izah  
Daniel Mamza

Governor  
Health  
Sport Dev.

# CROSS RIVER



## Liyel Imoke



**2**003 to Oct. 2006 - Honorable Minister  
Federal Ministry of Power & Steel  
Federal Republic of Nigeria

1999 to 2003 - Special Adviser to the  
President On Utilities, Federal Republic of  
Nigeria

2003 - Chairman, PDP Campaign  
Organization Cross River State.

2000 to 2001 - Chairman, National Electric  
Power Authority (NEPA) Technical Board,  
Nigeria.

1999 to 2000 - Chairman, Presidential  
Committee On OMPADEC

1999 - Chairman, Transition and Policy  
Review Committee, Cross River State

1997 to 1999 - Director, Millennium  
Investment Trust Limited, Lagos

A financial consultancy and stock brokerage  
firm specializing in management  
consultancy services, investment/financial  
advisory services, asset management,  
private placements, corporate re-  
engineering, financial leveraging and trade  
and LPO financing. Turnover is estimated at  
over N100 million.

1993 to 1995 - Executive Director, Trident

Petroleum and Gas Ltd., Lagos.

Oil Services, vessel providers and product  
marketers.

1995 to 1999 - Executive Chairman, Value Mart  
Limited, Lagos.

Supermarket and departmental store chain,  
wholesale importers and retailers and  
manufacturers representatives with an estimated  
annual turnover in excess-of 250 million naira.

1993 to 1999 - Managing Consultant, Telsat  
Communications Limited, Lagos.

A firm of telecommunication consultants  
specializing in digital wireless access systems  
and the provision of country wide rural and semi-  
urban wireless access network design and  
planning. Project implementation and  
monitoring and facility maintenance  
management services.

1990 to 1999 - Principal Partner, Liyel Imoke &  
Co., Lagos.

Legal practitioners, Barristers, Solicitors,  
Trademark, and Patent Agents, Notaries public.

1987 to 1999 - Managing Consultant, MAT  
International Limited, Lagos.

Management Consultants with wide spectrum of  
activity-Consultants to the Petroleum Trust Fund

on special projects development, planning and implementation. Project consultants for the planning, organization and management of the 7<sup>th</sup> OAU/AEC All African International Trade Fair. Project consultants on the commercialization and management of the new ultra modern Kaduna International Trade fair complex. Consultancy services in development and adaptation of cost effective and efficient building and construction systems.

1992 to 1993 . Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Member, Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

Member, Senate Police Affairs Committee.

Member, Senate Services Committee.

Member, Senate Judiciary Committee.

Leader, Election monitoring Team, Togolese national Election,

Delegate, International Legislative conference, Ontario, Canada, 1993.

1988 to 1990 Associate, Ike Onyiuke & Co. (Legal Practitioners), Lagos.

1982 to 1988 Trade Consultant, Global African Trade Group Inc., Washington, D.C., USA.

Trade consultancy services, Advisory services, market research, market development and procurement.

**- Education -**

1987 1988 B.L (Hons) Nigerian Law School V/Island Lagos.

1986 1987 Post Graduate studies (international law) American University, Washington DC.

1983 1985 LL.B Hons. (Law) University of Buckingham Buckingham, England.








1978-1982 B.A. (international Relations and Economics) University of Maryland Maryland, U.S:A.

1973 1977 Federal Government College, Enugu.

1985- 1988 Partner, International Law offices of Anwah and Lloyd Ukwu Washington D.C., USA

Attorney at law, legal Consultant services.

SKILLS - project management implementation and supervision.

-  Feasibility studies development
-  project design and management
-  Financial leveraging and loan syndication
-  Project co-ordination for turnkey development
-  Organizational planning
-  Development and implementation of Cooperate financial restructuring
-  Advisory services and strategic planning on operations.

**- ORGANISATION -**

1988 - Member, Nigeria bar Association.

2003 - Fellow, Chartered Institute of Public Administrators of Nigeria.

**- HONOURS -**

2003 - Distinguished award for excellent Performance in the Nigeria Public service.

Chartered Institute of Public Administrators of Nigeria.

2003 - Distinguished alumni award Nigeria Law School, Class of 1988

2002 - Distinguished alumni award Federal Government College Enugu.

2001 - Presidential merit award Nigerian Society of Engineers

2000 - Medal of Honor for Distinguished service Cross River state Government.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN CROSS RIVER STATE GOVERNMENT**

Liyel Imoke	Governor
Barr. Efiok Essien	Deputy Governor
Mr. Fidelis Ugbo	Secretary to the State Govt
Hon. Alex Egbona	Chief of Staff
The Head of Service	Elder Offiong Ekefre
Dr. (Mrs) Sylvia Atsu	Information
Hon. Samuel Mbang Oju	Agriculture
Prof. Offiong E. Offiong	Education
Hon. Edward Ogon	Works
Dr. Joseph Ana	Health
Barr. Leo Etu Aggrey	Attorney General and Comm. Just.
Mrs. Edak Iwuchukwu	Social Welfare
Barr. Edem Effionm Ekong	Lands and Housing
Mrs. Ekama Awara	Women Affairs
Hon. Raymond Otaba Obeten	Local Government
Hon. Edet Okon Asim	Youth Develop. And Orientation
Mrs. Rosemary Ekora Achonwa	Finance
Dr. Ndem Ayara Ndiy	Economic Adviser
Hon. Simon Nkoro	Political & Legislative Affairs
Surveyor Emmanuel Arop	Chieftaincy Affairs
Mrs. Ann Oden	International Devt. Support & State Planning Commission.
Dr. Iyam Ugot	Roll Back Malaria
Mrs. Geraldine Oku	Investment Promotion
Dr. Tom Ogar	Due Process
Mr. Gabe Okulaja	Public Transportation
Dr. Zana Akpagu	Inter Governmental Affairs & Liaison (Abuja)
Mr. Casmir Odock	Special Duties
Dr. Peter Akpa Oti	Budget Monitoring/Evaluation
Barr. Attah Ochinke	Legal Matters

Delta State

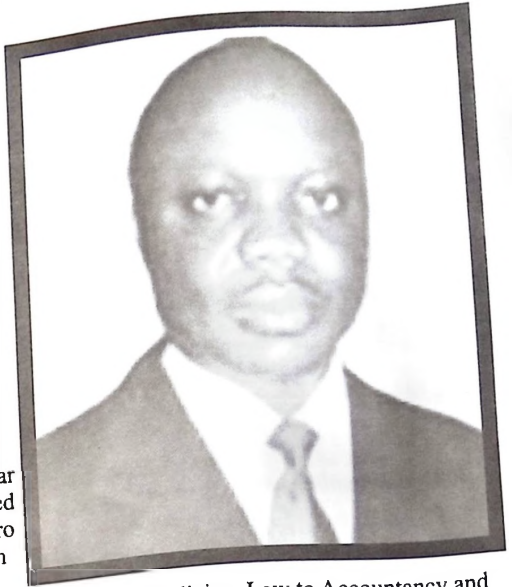
# DELTA

## Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan

As a child and student, his early traits indicated that he was marked out for a leadership role in most circles he found himself particularly among peers. In life after school, selfless service, hard work, discipline and commitment to duty have been the qualities dotting what one would call his road map to success and frontline role. His profile is as intimidating as it is enviable.

Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan was born into the family of Chief Edmund D. Uduaghan and Mrs Cecilia Uduaghan on October 22, 1954. The father hailed from Abigborodo in Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State, while the mother Cecilia hailed from Ubiaja in Esan South-East of Edo State. And so began a journey that had been characterized by several achievements, the result of dogged determination to succeed and fulfil the ambition of offering selfless service to society. His academic career began in Baptist Primary School, Mosogar in Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, where he was a pupil between 1961-1966. He went to Federal Government College, Warri for his secondary education from 1968-1974. The college was one of the elite secondary schools in the country in those days rated among such schools as Government College, Ughelli, Edo College Benin City; Kings College, Lagos; St. Patrick's college Asaba; and Government College Umuhia to mention a few. On successful completion of secondary school in 1974, he longed for greater academic heights. What he had achieved so far was just like laying the foundation for a future career in life. The choices

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Engineering to Medicine, Law to Accountancy and such other popular courses of those days. Emmanuel opted for Medicine at the University of Benin. The choice of study was not only determined by the need to have a means of livelihood, but mostly by an undying urge for selfless service through bringing succour to the sick. It is this motivation that has continued to influence his activities even outside his professional area of medicine.

He was in the University of Benin from 1975 to 1980 after which he graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS). He still needed to enrich his knowledge in his chosen career, to stock up his academic arsenal. He did this successfully by obtaining a Diploma in Anaesthesia from the University of Benin after a course lasting from 1985 to 1986.

In 1981, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan fresh from the university was posted to Kwara State for the one year National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). Here again, he excelled and stood out as a shining star. He was honoured as the most outstanding Corps Doctor in Kwara State at the end of the service year.

The award by the State's NYSC Director was a deserving acknowledgement of his remarkable contribution to the health care delivery system.

This award by a state other than his own was a clear manifestation of Dr. Uduaghan's commitment to hard work and a desire to succeed. This was a pointer to a future life of sterling achievements. His life of work outside school has been quite interesting. He made his debut as an employed medical doctor at the Delta Steel Company (DSC) Medical center, Aladja in Delta State. Here again he continued to manifest his desire to always contribute his best in service. He won the DSC General Manager's prize for outstanding service. Deservedly, he rose to the rank of senior Medical Officer (SMO), within a period of six years; another milestone on his way to success.

Between 1989 and 1994, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan served in a number of healthcare facilities such as Shell Clinic Ogonu; Westend Hospital Warri and Benoni Clinic Benin City Edo State.

Perks for a medical doctor and consultant anaesthesiologist employed in any of these hospitals were quite attractive. But Dr. Uduaghan, propelled by the urge to offer satisfactory service to the people free of the constraints of paid employment, opted to become a private medical practitioner, he then set up his own Abode Clinic in Warri in memory of his grandmother.

Outside his professional field, Dr. Uduaghan's main preoccupation has been politics and in this, he has been successfully braving through. Essentially a grassroots politician, he was chairman and foundation Member of the All Nigerian Congress Association, Warri South Local Government Area. During the late Gen. Sani Abacha's ill-fated transition to civil rule programme, he was a founding member of the Grassroots Democratic Movement (GDM) and later rose to become an executive officer of the party. He is today a foundation member of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). Before then, he had served as Secretary, ALL Itsekiri Politicians Forum.

When the nation returned to democratic rule in May 1999, Governor James Ibori, recognising his ability to perform, appointed him into his cabinet as the Commissioner of Health. After several years of neglect under the military, Delta State's public health.

Care delivery system was near total collapse. SO it was a challenging task that confronted the then new commissioner. He had embarked on a salvage mission.

Existing public hospitals and other health institutions needed rehabilitation. New ones needed to be constructed to meet growing demand. Health workers needed to be motivated. Summarily, the system needed a clinical transformation. In all these Dr Uduaghan performed creditably to the commendation of all. Within his tenure as Commissioner for Health, all the public hospitals in Delta State were rehabilitated and many upgraded. New hospitals were built across the State, while equipment were provided for better services. The out-of-stock syndrome for drugs at the hospitals became a thing of the past. Medical staff were motivated through enhanced allowances and other benefits. In reality, the health sector came back to life and better positioned to adequately serve the people.

His successor must have felt relieved to have something good to build upon. In recognition of his efforts, the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) honoured him as the most outstanding Health Commissioner in the South-South Zone of the country. Given such enviable background, proven ability and experience, not a few Deltans welcomed his appointment on June 1, 2003 to the exalted position of Secretary of the State Government, a key functionary in the government by Governor James Ibori. Most people score his performance as SSG very high. Those familiar with his pedigree will hardly be surprised.

As Secretary to the State Government, he continued to display transparency, honesty and hard work. A stickler to discipline and honest service, he told a seminar organised by the Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria (ASCSN) that the Ibori Administration was determined at checking unethical and fraudulent practices. His words "I will henceforth ensure that discipline is brought to bear in the conduct of our duties as public officers. We must meet the expectations of our people who desire qualitative public service, then, of course must necessarily be proactive and more efficient in the use of the meagre resources available".

Addressing fellow top government functionaries at a workshop, he stressed on a familiar field, which is good governance: "The activities of government must be conducted according to laid down guidelines and procedures. There shall be no shortcuts".

Dr. Uduaghan can be remembered for his prominent role in conflict resolution in a state that was wrecked by communal strife in the Warri area at the inception of the Ibori administration in 1999. He played a prominent role in dousing the tension and ensuring the peace and stability that now reign in the Warri area and the State in general.

A staunch supporter of resource control, true federalism and other causes of the South-South people, he has remained an arrowhead to the attainment of the crusade. His commitment is not in doubt.

On poverty eradication in the society, Dr. Uduaghan believes that the campaign must involve all the stakeholders. He argues that while the political leaders "can do so much to leverage situations on poverty," by virtue of their positions, "other leadership strata within civil society such as men on

top of the corporate or business ladder, religious leaders, NGOs, civil organisations, economic groups and even social critics have their parts to play in the global coalition of concern to fight poverty". In his professional field, Dr. Uduaghan had served as Secretary, Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Warri; Secretary and Secretary of Association of Private Medical and Dental Practitioners, Warri Zone.

He is a member of the Jaycees International, under which auspices he attended several world congresses and activities of the leadership development. He won the Award of the Most Outstanding President of Area 'B' of the Nigeria Chamber of Jaycees International (1989). He is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM).

A Christian of the Baptist Faith, he is married with two children.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN DELTA STATE GOVERNMENT

Dr. Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan  
 Prof. Amos Agbe Utuama, SAN  
 Dr. Arthur Ifeanyi Okowa  
 Dr. Samuel Oghenekome Okpokpor  
 Raymon Bolowe Guanah  
 Barr. Dafe Akpedeye (SAN)  
 Dr. Joseph Otumara  
 Hon. (Dr) Peter Ebireri  
 Queen Victoria Ikenchukwu  
 Macaulay Ovuoourie Samuel  
 Arc. Paul Osaji  
 Mr. George Orogun  
 Mr. Oma Djebah  
 Mr. Lawrence C. Osiegbu  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Uvo Gardener  
 Barr. Ejaife Omizu Odebala  
 Mr. Philip Onochie Okonkwo  
 Mr. Champion A. Kpateghe  
 Mr. Bernald Okumagba  
 Rev. (Mrs) Omatsola Williams  
 Mr. Tony Emeka Nwaka  
 Dr. Ogaranya Tabowei  
 Engr. Abraham Emuerhime  
 Hon. George U. Timinimi

GOVERNOR  
 Deputy Governor  
 SSG  
 Head of Service  
 Lands, Urban & Regional Planning  
 Justice  
 Health  
 Directorate of Culture & Tourism  
 Women Affairs, Commun. & Soc.Dev  
 Energy and Power  
 Works  
 Finance  
 Information  
 Environment  
 Education  
 Directorate of Project Monitoring  
 Special Duties, Government House  
 Special Duties, Govt. House  
 Economic Planning  
 Directorate of Youth Development  
 Directorate of local Govt & Chieftaincy Aff.  
 Agriculture & Natural Resources  
 Housing  
 Water Resources

# EBONYI

**Martin Elechi**



**M**artin Elechi is the Governor of Ebonyi State in southeast Nigeria. He ran in the April general elections on the People's Democratic Party (PP) ticket and assumed the position on May 29, 2007, succeeding Sam Egwu.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN  
EBONYI STATE GOVERNMENT**

- Martin Elechi
- Mr. Fidelis Mbam
- Mr. Dominic Aja
- Dr. Emmanuel Echiegu
- Prof. Joseph Chukwu
- Mr. Timothy Odah
- Mr. Sunday Okoro
- Mr. Reginald Onwe
- Mr. Kenneth Uhwo
- Mr. Jossy Eze
- Mr. Jonah Egba
- Elder Fred Udeogu
- Engr. Paul Okorie
- Emmanuel Onwe
- Ron Cecilia U. Akanu
- Hon. Dr. Sunday Nwangele
- Elder Fred E. Udogu
- Engr. Anthony Igwe
- Hon. Celestine Nwali

- GOVERNOR
- Secretary to the State Govern.
- Head of Service
- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Commerce, Industry & Mineral
- Culture and Tourism
- Education
- Finance & Economic Develop.
- Information & State Orientation
- Justice
- Lands, Survey and Housing
- Lands and Survey
- Works and Transport
- Finance
- Women Affairs & Social Develop.
- Health & Environment
- Grant & Donor Agencies
- Youth & Sports
- Public Utilities

Edo State

# EDO

**Prof. Oserheimen Osunbor,**



**S**enator (Prof.) Oserheimen Osunbor, Knight of St. Christopher legal luminary, academic and a distinguished two-term Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, was born on Friday, October 5, 1951 in Irukpen in present day Esan West Local Government Area of Edo State to Mr. Abraham A. Osunbor, a retired teacher and politician and Dame Felicia E. Osunbor, a retired teacher, who was Iya Egbe of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Irukpen.

## SENATOR (PROF.) OSUNBOR

Attended Provincial Teachers' Training College (PTTC) Demonstration School, Igueben (1957 1962)

Attended Anglican Grammar School, Ujoelen, Ekpoma (1963 1968)

Attended Holy Trinity Grammar School, Sabongida-Ora for his Higher School Certificate (1969 1970)

Attended University of Nigeria, Nsukka (1971 1975) and graduated with a First Class honours Bachelor of Law (LL.B) degree

Was awarded the certificate for the Best Student in the Department of Public and Private Law (1975)

Attended Nigerian Law School, Lagos (1975 1976)

Received the coveted Certificate for Best Overall Performance in the Nigerian Bar Examination and the Dr. Taslim Olawale Elias Prize.

Won a Rhodes scholarship to pursue his doctorate degree in Law at the University of Warwick, Coventry, England from 1977 1981, when he was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in law.

Won a University of Nigeria, Nsukka Foundation Scholarship (1972 1975)

Was the Orator of the 1975 Grandaunts of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Appointed Lecturer in Law, Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna (NYSC 1976 1977) and taught Company Law, Commercial Law and General Principles of law.

Was appointed lecturer II, Faculty of law, University of Lagos (1981); Lecturer I (1983) and Senior Lecturer (1986 1990)

Was appointed Professor of Law, Lagos State University, Lagos (1990)

Was Sub-Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos (1989 1990)

Was Professor and Head of Department of Business Law (1990 1996) and Dean, Faculty of Law (1996 1999), Lagos State University.

Was visiting Fellow (Law of Public Companies), the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland (1986 1987)

Was Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar on Transnational Law and Legal Institutions, Salzburg, Austria (1992)

Has practiced law with emphasis on legal drafting and litigation since 1976.

From 1988, Senator (Professor) Osunbor became Consultant on Performance Evaluation of Nigeria's Institutions for Science and Technology to

Canada. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and World Bank on Foreign Direct Investments and Strategies for creating a Favourable Legal/Economic Environment for Foreign Direct Investments in Nigeria.

Participant at 60th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. (2004 and 2005)

Was Executive Council Member of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (1993-1995)

In 1994-1995, Professor Osunbor was delegate to the Constitutional Conference and Chairman of its Sub-Committee on Population.

Won election twice (1999 2003) and (2003 2007) as a distinguished Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Was for 14 years (1982 1992), the National Treasurer of the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT).

Was an Executive Council Member of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (1993 1995)

Chairman and Vice chairman of various committees and ad-hoc committees in the Senate (1999 2007).

Various Chairman of the Senate Committees on

INEC, NEPAD, Inter-parliamentary Affairs, Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters. Vice Chairman Senate Committees on Rules and Business, Insurance Committee.

AD-HOC Committee on Anambra crisis and matters others.

Is Chancellor, Esan Diocese of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sponsored many bills at the Senate, e.g. Electoral Bills of 2002, National Industrial Court Bill and Revised Laws of the Federation Bill 2006.

Member of ECOWAS Parliament.

Conferred with Award of Honour by St Mary's Catholic Church, Iruokpen 2006.

Merit Award and Honour of St. John's Anglican Church, Igarra, 2006.

Grand Merit Award of the Diocese of Sabongida Ora Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion, 2006.

Award of Honour by Esan Students Association, Nigeria, UNIBEN/UBTH Chapter.

NANS Distinguished Excellence Award 2006.

Midwest Senator of the Year Award 2005.

SSANU/AAU Award for Excellence 2007.

Award of Honour by Imo State Government.

Is married to Lady Ussieh and are both blessed with six (6) children.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN EDO STATE GOVERNMENT

Oserheimen Osunbor  
Mr. Lucky Imasuen  
Dr. Joseph Akhigbe  
Dr. Simon Imuekemhe  
Barr. O.A. Omonuwa (SAN)  
Prince Aghatise Erediauwa  
Barr. (MS) Uyi Ogbenudia  
Hon. Sylvester Ewanehi  
Mr. Anthony Iyalekhue  
Dr. Mrs P. Abieyuwa Osemwenkhae  
Calculus Enoma  
Mrs. Sera O.Y Adetugbohoh  
Mr. Brown Ebeuele  
Hon. Kenneth Ihensekhien  
Barr. Sabirak Kassim Momodu  
Barr. Jega A. Momoh  
Chief Samson Ekhabafe  
Dr. Wilson Imongan  
Dr. Patrick Ojebuoboh

#### GOVERNOR

Deputy Governor  
SSG  
Head of Service  
Attorney General & Com. Of Justice  
Finance & Budget & Economic Devt.  
Basic Education  
Higher Education  
Lands, Surveys & Housing  
Commerce and Industry  
Information & Orientation  
Transport & Environment  
Local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs  
Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Women Affairs  
Works and Public Utilities  
Energy and Water Resources  
Health  
Special Duties (Solid Minerals.)

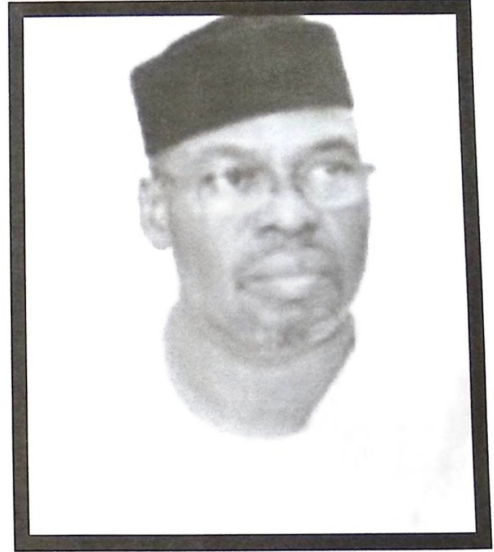
# EKITI

## Olusegun Oni

**B**oth parents, Hezekiah Adebomi Oni, Late Baba Ijo, Methodist Church Cathedral, Ilogbe, Ifaki-Ekiti, and Comfort Ajayi Oni, have their roots firmly in Ifaki Ekiti. Young Segun started schooling at Methodist School, Ilogbe, and Ifaki by happenstance, having been declared too young, but accepted, on a non-formal status in January, 1959. He was not admitted formally into the school register until after the first half-year examinations, having proven by his results in the examinations that he could cope with school life despite his age. He completed his Primary School education in the same school in December 1964. In the last two years at school (1963 & 1964) he was the school Librarian. At Ife, Segun Oni read Chemical Engineering but was actively involved in student Journalism as a member of the defunct Spit-fire News Agency, and politics.

He was an Electoral Commissioner in 1977/1978 session in the commission that conducted probably the then best-ever students union elections in Ife having introduced amongst other innovations a press parley (at Moremi Hall common room!) for Presidential candidates and relocation of the election-speech night from the cafeteria to Oduduwa Hall amphitheatre. That election widely acclaimed by students, staff and the authorities of the University, produced the then youngest ever President of the Students Union of the University.

Olusegun left Ife with a Second Class Upper Division degree in Chemical Engineering in June, 1979. He was thereafter at National Steel Development Authority (NSDA) Ajaokuta, later Ajaokuta Steel Company (ASCO) for the National



Youth Service scheme (1979 - 1980). During the National Youth Service Corps in Ajaokuta, Segun worked at the Metallurgical Coal Research Laboratory.

After NYSC, he was offered immediate employment by Ajaokuta Steel Company where he worked briefly as Chemical Engineer II in the Planning Division. Engr. Segun Oni joined Rank Xerox Nigeria Ltd as Technical Support Manager in May, 1987. Here, he was responsible for operational and strategic planning for the Customer Services and Logistics Division. His performance on this job was recognized with a move to the position of regional Sales Manager for the Western region covering present day Ekiti, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Ogun, Kwara, Kogi, Edo and Delta states in January 1992, a position he held briefly, leading the Western region from the last position (out of seven) to first position in six months.

In July 1992, Segun was posted out to Kenya by Rank Xerox Headquarters (in UK) as an expatriate, the first time an African was being so treated. In Kenya, he held the position of Customer Service Operations Manager responsible totally for service and logistics, including imports and exports. In Service Support to the Xerox Dealership operations all countries of the entire East and Central Africa sub-region. He returned to Nigeria in General

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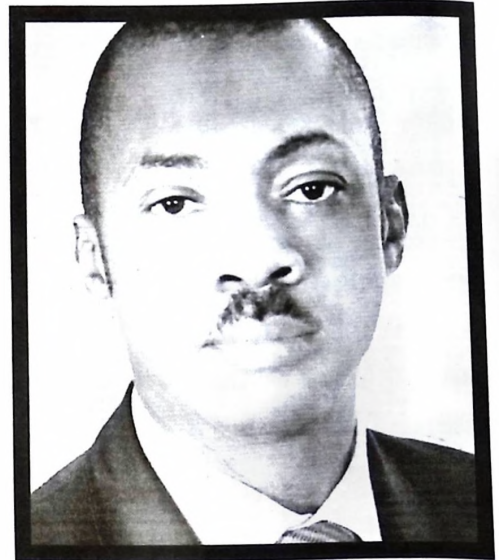
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Engr. Segun Oni	Governor
Dr. Sikiru Lawal	Deputy Governor
Mr. Olufemi Adewunmi (mni)	Head of Service
Hon. Segun Ilori	Chief of Staff
Hon. Femi Thomas	Health
Hon. Tunji Adeniyi	Finance
Hon. Gboyega Oyewole	Attorney Gen. & Com for Justice
Hon. Abiola Ayinmonche	Education & Technology
Hon. Dare Omotosho	Commerce & Industry
Hon. Tunji Olatunde	Works & Infrastructure
Hon. Yakubu Sanni	Lands, Housing & Environment
Amb. Dare Bejide	Sec. To the State Govt.
Hon. Odunayo Ategboro	Information & Civil Orientation
Hon. Abiodun Bamiteko	Local Govt. & Culture
Hon. Rufus Ajayi	Youths & Sports
Hon. Omotomilola Osunde	Women Affairs & Social Welfare
Hon. Bisi Aje	Special Adviser to Energy
Hon. Ben Oguntuase	Special Adviser on Policy & Strategy

# ENUGU

**Sullivan Chime**



**G**overnor Sullivan Chime is a perfect example of a visionary leader who is committed to the realization of the goals and aspirations of his people. He became the Governor of Enugu State under the ticket of the Peoples Democratic Party. Sullivan Chime is diligent and articulate in handling the Administration of Enugu State.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN ENUGU STATE GOVERNMENT

Sullivan Chime	Governor
Mr. Sunday Onyebuchi	Deputy Governor
Mr. Martin Ilo	SSG.
Mrs. Ifeoma Nwobodo	Chief of Staff to the Governor
Albert Edoga	Head of Service
Prof. Hilary Edoga	Agriculture
Mrs. Ndidi Chukwu	Education
Dr. Matin Chukwunweike	Health
Chief J.C. Udeh	Commerce & Industry
Mr. Chuks Ugwuoke	Information, Culture & Tourism
Mr. Chijioko Agu	Environment
Barr. Nduka Ikeyi	Attorney Gen. & Com. For Justice
Dr. F.S.A. Uzor	Lands and Housing
Engr. Emeka Ani	Public Utilities
Mrs. Vivian Eze	Gender Welfare & Social Devt.
Mr. Okezie Nwanjoku	Youths and Sports
Engr. Luke Mmamel	Works and Transport
Mr. Mathew Idu	Human Devt. And Poverty Red.
Dr. Willy Ugwuanyi	Finance
Barr. Frank Asogwa	Local Government
Mr. Godwin Ogbo	Chieftaincy Matters
Mr. Chuka Anyaogwu	Science & Technology

# GOMBE

**Mohammed D. Goje**



**M**ohammed Danjuma Goje (born October 10, 1952 in Kashere, Akko/Gombe State) has been governor of Gombe State in Nigeria since 29 May 2003. He is a member of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP).

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN GOMBE STATE GOVERNMENT

Mohammed Danjuma Goje  
Mallam Mohammed Hassan Deba  
Professor Rufai Ahmed Alkali  
Alh. Inuwa Yahya  
Alh. Ahmed Yayari  
Hajiya Aishatu Ahmed Bose

Governor  
Youths and Sports Affairs  
Information  
Finance  
Sports & Culture  
Education

Imo State

# IMO

## Ikedi Godson Ohakim



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Some leaders they say are born, others are made. If on August 4, 1957 when His Excellency, Sir Ikedi Ohakim was born it was not clear to his parents Chief and Mrs. Maxwell Nwachukwu Ohakim of Okohia, Isiala Mbano, Imo State of Nigeria that he was a leader it soon became evident as the young Ikedi grew that indeed he was destined to lead. It was the recognition of his exploits as a vibrant, dynamic youth that earned him the traditional title by which he is known today: Ochinawata One who became a king at an early age. He married Lady Barrister Chioma Priscilla in 1982 and they are blessed with two sons and three daughters.

A knight of St. Christopher, he has also been honoured with five other chieftaincy titles for community service, funding numerous development projects, encouraging peaceful and harmonious coexistence between communities. He has been similarly cited for taking up the burden of reconciling warring communities like the Anara community peace accord as well as several honours by student union bodies and trade unions for his funding of youth development programmes and encouraging industrial harmony.

Ikedi Ohakim, holds a Bachelor in Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Lagos and a Masters of Science in Management also from the University of Lagos. He is currently a PhD candidate. He is a Fellow of the Nigeria Institute of Marketing.

He possesses management consultancy experience

t spans over twenty years and has a deep understanding and grasp of contemporary international economics with bias for market dynamics. For more than 15 years, he served in senior commercial and Executive Management capacity in two multinational Engineering and manufacturing companies in Nigeria First Aluminum and Tower Groups. He received extensive management training both in Nigeria and overseas and rose to the position of first, Executive Director and later Managing Director and Chief Executive of Alucon in 1997.

He was the chairman of Mekahog Group of Companies, an integrated engineering group providing world class products and services for defense, security, construction, fabrication, oil & gas sectors. He was also the principal partner in Mekahog Consulting Group, a diversified management consulting partnership. Ohakim served as a Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and tourism in his home state Imo between 1992 and 1993. He was a highly visible member of the State Executive Council and was instrumental to the first time an African was being so treated. In Kenya, he held the position of Customer Service Operations Manager responsible totally for service and logistics, including imports and exports.

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policies and projects in his state. One of such programmes ever to be launched in Nigeria The Clean and Green Initiative. It was the fulcrum of government's philosophy and ideology around which his policy thrust revolves. The hugely successful Clean and Green Initiative which has gained international acclaim, has brought a total transformation of a state that was in ruins and a capital that had become one huge refuse dump.

We present to you the man of the moment, a strategist, a visionary leader, a branding icon, a man that is driven by a consuming passion to render selfless service and to lead change in the society Governor, Ikedi Ohakim.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN IMO STATE GOVERNMENT

Ikedi Godson Ohakim	Governor
Dr. Ada Okwuon	Deputy Governor
Cosmos Iwu	SSG.
Chief Chuka Odom	Works, Housing & Transport
Prof. Jude Njoku	Lands, Survey & Urban Planning
Prof. Nnamdi Obiaeri	Youths and Sports
Dr. Vin Odokwu	Health
Mrs. Comfort Chukwu	Education

Jigawa State

# JIGAWA

Sule Lamido



office on 29 May 2007.

**S**ule Lamido (born 1948) served as foreign minister of Nigeria from 1999 to 2003. He is a member of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP).

In April 2007, Lamido contested and won the governorship election in Jigawa State. He took

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN JIGAWA STATE GOVERNMENT

Sule Lamido  
Alh. Ahmed Mahmoud  
Fatima Widi Jalo  
Nasiru Roni  
Mr Tijjani Inuwa  
Alhaji Muktar Birniwa  
Alhaji Jinjiri Abdulkadir  
Yusuf Mato  
Prof Ruqayya Rufai

Governor  
Deputy Governor  
Women Affairs & Social Welfare  
Local Govt Affairs  
Justice  
Information, Youth Sports and College  
Rural Infrastructure and Community Development  
Environment  
Education

# KADUNA

## Mohammed Namadi Sambo



**W**hen Governor Arch Mohammed Namadi Sambo assumed office at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House (Government House May 29, 2007) Kaduna, the administration came in with the priority goal of running a government that is dedicated to the service of collective interests of the State as necessitated by the peculiar socio political and economic environment. Namadi's 11 point Agenda for the state is an epoch vision, principled and guided by matching words with action. Governor Arch Namadi Sambo has continued to run an open and responsive government. He has been exhibiting the principles of fairness, social justice, and equity and has always ensured sound financial management, transparency and the guarantee of efficiency and good governance. Apart from the enormous support being rendered to the Security Agencies in the state, the administration has created Operation Yaki to rapidly respond to security and maintenance of peace all around the metropolis and environs in the state.

Arch Mohammed Namadi Sambo was born on the 2nd of August, 1954 in Zaria, Kaduna State of Nigeria. He started his Educational Career between the year 1959 at Baptist Primary School, Kakuri, Kaduna, Kobi Primary School in Bauchi and

Towns School No. 1 in Zaria. Between 1967 to 1971, he attended Government Secondary School now Alhuda-Huda College in Zaria. He attended the School of Basic Studies at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1972, after which he gained admission into the famous Department of Architecture, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and graduated in 1976 with Bachelor of Science degree with Honours in Architecture (B. Sc. (H)) and holds a Masters degree (M. Sc.) Arch 1978. He served with the Oyo State Ministry of Works and Housing for the National Youth Service Corps until August 1979.

When Bauchi State was created in 1976, the prospects of career advancement was provided by the new Government, he gained employment with the new State and served the State Government as the first set of Architects that were involved in the design of various Offices and Staff Housing Schemes. He was also provided with the honour and privilege of being the Architect responsible for the upgrading of the Yankari Games Reserve Holiday Resort during this period. In 1979, he was assigned to the newly created Bauchi State Urban Development Board where he was directly responsible for Development Control and the Production of Master Plans for Bauchi Town and various other towns that include Gombe, Azare. In February 1986 he was appointed the Honourable Commissioner of Agriculture with the Kaduna State Government, where he executed the Kaduna State

Agricultural Development Project, a World Bank assisted programme which transformed the State into a major food basket for Nigeria and the West African region in general. He also developed the Strategic Grain Reserve Facilities and Forestry Development and Reserve Projects which were implemented as a major contributory factor for the arrest of desertification in Nigeria.

In 1988 he was appointed Honourable Commissioner for Works, Transport and Housing. During his tenure in the Ministry of Works he concluded the Kaduna Metropolitan Expanded Water Supply Scheme and initiated the implementation of the World Bank assisted First Multi-State Water Supply Project, which benefited a population of over 3 million people. He also initiated the Kaduna State 99 Towns Electricity Project with over 70 towns connected to the national grid power supply (as against 3 towns initially connected).

#### EXPERIENCE: SELF RELIANCE

In 1990 Arc Namadi Sambo left the service of Kaduna State Government and went back to his private practice. He has three companies under his stable and they include Coplan Associates, Nalado Nigeria Limited and Manyatta Engineering Services Limited. The companies over the years have acquired tremendous experience in their fields of specialization and are well known in Nigeria as major Engineering Companies through the clientele of the World Bank Assisted, Federal and State Government projects, as well as private organizations. Coplan Associates is mainly concerned with consultancy services which include architectural and engineering services, procurement, installation, commissioning, Oil and Gas pipeline design and flow stations and training with particular focus to projects financed by international financing agencies which include but not limited to the International bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), African Development Bank etc. The company was incorporated in 1982; and has executed successfully various projects which include:

- ✎ Supervision of the construction of the National Stadium Complex and Games Villages Abuja for the Federal Government of Nigeria

- ✎ Adjudication for award of contracts and Construction supervision of 330/132 KV Power Transmission lines and associated Substations at Umuahia and environs for Transysco section of the PHCN
  - ✎ Consultancy services of Low Cost housing Estate for Junior and intermediate staff at Abuja for both NRA and NMA
  - ✎ Resettlement of Villages along Bill Clinton's and Airport roads, and Proposed Federal Civil Services College Abuja for the Federal Government of Nigeria
  - ✎ Management consultancy services for Petroleum Training Institute/University for Oil and Gas, Warri, and Consultancy services for the Development of National Institute of Technology Bonny and Federal Polytechnic for Oil and Gas Ekowe Bayelsa State for the PTDF
- Nalado Nigeria Limited also a company incorporated in 1998 and specialized in Oil and Gas Services, Water Supply & Waste disposal; Building and Civil Engineering; Energy (Power) Generation, Transmission and distribution; Air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration, Turnkey industrial suppliers; and Procurement of equipment and machinery. The company overtime has executed quite a number of projects some of which include but not limited to the following:
- ✎ Provision of Heavy Duty Land Drilling Rig (diesel / electric drilling Rig number 70117 type ZJ 70D, as pre-inspected and approved by NPDC, a subsidiary of NNPC (the drilling sites are in Warri)
  - ✎ National Rural Water Supply Programme - Contract Lot SK1 /B, PTF project for Sokoto State for the Petroleum (Special) Trust Fund
  - ✎ Construction of Eko Tourist Resort and Amusement Park at Ibeju-Lekki Tourist Village, Akodo, Lagos for the Lagos State Government
  - ✎ National Water Rehabilitation Project Zone C- Contract No. CBO/1C 01 and zone A - Contract no. ANG 01 ICB, World Bank assisted projects for Borno and Niger States respectively, both for the FMWR.
  - ✎ Supply of Power and Distribution Transformers to

- ✦ National Electric Power Authority for the National Electric Power Authority (now PHCN)
- ✦ Upgrading and Rehabilitation of Kaduna Township Stadium for the Kaduna State Ministry of Sports and Youth Development
- ✦ Rehabilitation of Zaria Water Supply Scheme, an Upper Niger River Basin project and Biu Water Supply Project Contract 2, both of which are in progress for the Federal Ministry of Water Resources

Manyatta Engineering Services Limited was incorporated in 1998 as a procurement outfit mainly dealing with offshore procurements of Electro-mechanical items, Laboratory equipments, Hospital equipments, Special Vehicles, Aircrafts and Airport facilities, Service and Maintenance, etc. Amongst the projects executed to satisfactory completion are:

- ✦ Rehabilitation of Agro-Aviation facilities at Old Kaduna Airport for the Federal Ministry of Agric and Rural Development
- ✦ Supply of H. V. Line Restoration Towers and Movement Trucks to the National Electric Power Authority (PHCN) and Supply of X-Ray equipment and accessories to the National Maritime Authority, Lagos

- ✦ Supply of 2no., Bell Helicopters to the Nigeria Police Airwing for the Nigeria Police Force (delivery of another 2no. Helicopters are in progress)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Governor Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo became a member of the "Architect Registration Council of Nigeria from 1985 and was later admitted into College Fellows of the Nigerian Institute of Architects in 2001. He was appointed fellow "Institute of Corporate Administrators of Nigeria in 1998 and later became a member of the Nigerian Water Supply Association from 1999. Also, he is a member of the Kaduna Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KADCCIMA), member of Nigerian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCCI) and privileged carrying member of Franco-Nigeria Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ENCCI). Furthermore, he was member of "University of Oyo" Governing Council from 1999 and appointed member of the Board of Directors Niger Dock in 2000. He was later appointed member of the Board of Directors of the Nigerian Railway Corporation in February 2001 to 2003. He is now a member of the Board of Directors of TOTAL NIGERIA PLC. He was elected the Executive Governor of Kaduna state and sworn-in on May 29, 2007

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN KADUNA STATE GOVERNMENT**

- Mohammed Sambo
- Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa
- Mrs. Joanna Yaki Jatau-Kadiya
- Mrs. Safinatu Kato
- Mrs. Maryam Laka Madami JP
- Alhaji Mukhtar R. Yaro
- Abubakar M. Abubakar
- Garba Yusuf Anchau
- Joshua Shekarau Uchissa
- Iro Ibrahim Paki
- Yusuf Shehu Makarfi
- Alhaji Magaji Sadiq
- Mohammed sani Bello
- Hon. Saidu A. Adamu
- Ahmed Samaila Abdullahi
- Alhaji Mohammed Yaro
- Abdulaziz Ibrahim Mohammed
- Dr. Yari Everton Peters
- Mr. Mohammed Sani Sidi
- Mr. Tsahiru Bako
- Mr. Yohanna Bako Chindo
- Mr. Allahmagani H. Yohanna
- Hon. Bitiyong Yakubu Nkom
- Hon. Polycarp A. Akoje
- Alhaji Suleiman L. Kauru
- Alhaji Shehu Adamu

- GOVERNOR
- Deputy Governor
- Attorney Gen. & Com. For Justice
- Solid Minerals
- Women Affairs
- Finance
- Rural & Community Devt.
- Chieftaincy Affairs
- Poverty Alleviation
- Land & Survey
- N.G.O & Student Affairs
- Economic Planning
- Science & Technology
- Information
- Agriculture
- Local Governments
- Inter-Govt. Affairs
- Health
- Environment
- Water Resources
- Commerce
- Culture & Tourism
- Sports
- Works
- Education
- Special Duties

# KANO

## Ibrahim Shekarau

Malam Ibrahim Shekarau was born and bred in the heart of the ancient city of Kano. He was born in Murmawa quarters on the 5th of November, 1955. He hailed from Giginyu village in Nassrawa local government area. He was educated at Gidan Makama Primary School (1961-1967), then at Kano Commercial College (1973-1977) and finally at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1973-1977) where he bagged a Bachelor in Education (B.Ed) in Mathematics/Education.

Malam Ibrahim Shekarau came from a humble background. His father was a renowned, honest, police officer, who was able to instill in the young Ibrahim and his three other children the discipline of modesty, respect for elders and dedication to their studies at school and to their duties at home. Although today, the mind of Malam Ibrahim Shekarau has expanded and his experience deepened through the rhythm of life, he has managed to cling tenaciously to those teachings he received from his father. Needless to say, they became ingrained traits of his character. They remain the torchlight that illuminates his path as he pursues his career in life. God destined Malam Ibrahim Shekara to go into the civil service. While in the civil service, Malam served his state diligently. He started his career as a Mathematics teacher at Government Technical College, Wudil in 1978. Two years later he became Principal at Government Day Junior Secondary School, Wudil. In 1980 he was transferred to Government Secondary School, Hadejia, then to Government College Birnin Kudu in 1986, then to Government Secondary School, Gwammaj and then to Rumfa College in March 1988, all as the schools'



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lam Ibrahim Shekarau became Deputy Director of Education in charge of Bichi Zonal Education Area in 1992. One year later, he was promoted to Director Planning, Research and Statistics in Ministry of Education. Two year later, he became Director General (Permanent Secretary), Ministry of Education and Youth Development. In January, 1995, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau was transferred to Ministry of Water Resources, Rural and Community Development, then back to Ministry of Education in January May 1997 before he was asked to moved to General Service Directorate of the Cabinet Office, all as Permanent Secretary. By February 2000, Malam was on the move again to Civil Service Commission, where he stayed for only four months before the Government of Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso decided to send him back to classroom as Chief lecturer (Mathematics) at the Department of Physical Sciences, Kano State College of Arts, Science and Remedial Studies (CASRS) in May 2000. The reason for Governor Shekarau's open support of the people's clamour for the implementation of Shari'ah, much to the chagrin of the then administration in the state. Malam remained in this post for 17 months before he voluntarily retired from the services of Kano State Civil Service from the 2nd of October, 2001.

### Election of Malam Ibrahim Shekaru

Many analysts agree that a materially wealthy man never became the Governor of Kano State. Those who have so far won the election did so because of some higher values cherished by the people of the state. The first elected governor of the state was Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi, whose populist party the PRP won the election against the wealthy NPN. With the break-up of the PRP, many though those ruling the state who, decamped to Nigeii Peoples Party (NPP) will win the election, but Sabo Bakin Zuwo the PRP candidate eventually emerged the winner. Even during the aborted third republic, the unexpected happened when Alhaji Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya won the election under the banner of the NRC because the SDP was divided and was unable to arrive at a consensus. In 1999, there was a consensus of the leading political cities of Kano who were in the PDP and even within that party, Dr. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso the less materially wealthy candidate won the primaries over the wealthier candidates. His major quality at that time was the ability to build consensus within the party by bringing major stakeholders at the state and national levels to his side.

Kano and other states of northern Nigeria with Muslim majority were swept by a current of legal reforms that incorporated the provisions of Shari'ah Criminal law as interpreted by Maliki School of Islamic Law. Ahmad Sani Yarima, the Governor of Zamfara State spearheaded this movement and all the other states had to follow, even though reluctantly. In Kano, the PDP government under Dr. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso was forced to launch the Shari'ah. The government gradually became unpopular because some key sections of the society were antagonized. These were a sections of the Ulama, whose antagonism was compounded by the government's a nti-Shariah posture on pensioners as well as many civil servants. The PDP national government was also very unpopular because of its northern posture through the victimization of northerners in the public service as well as worst case of corrupt practices in Nigeria's history as assessed by transparency international. General Muhammadu Buhari, the leader with the best public record in Nigeria was forced to join partisan politics to undo the damages done by the PDP led Federal Government. He joined the ANPP and he clinched

the party's presidential nomination. The hitherto obscure ANPP was thus revived. Malam Ibrahim Shekaru has been associated with Islamic activities since his secondary school days when he was an active member of the Muslim Studies Society. He continue with these activities the university and after when they formed the Muslim Ummah Organization, which in Kano became famous with the establishment of the Hudaibiyya Foundation. His Islamic activities included presentation of lectures and offering general assistance to various categories of needy people. He remained always at the frontline of various efforts of societal reformation. Therefore when the efforts reforming the legal system to incorporate the Shari'ah came to lime light, he became one of the leaders who provided inspirati for the organisers of public advocacy endeavours. This led the Kano State Government under Dr. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso to demote him from the position of a Permanent Secretary to that of a schoolteacher. This boosted his image and public esteem mor, especially when government agents kept on witch hunting him while he was a teache Malam Ibrahim Shekarau voluntarily resigned fr the public service and joined the private sector fi where he also resigned and plungeded into partis politics. His major asset was the social capital he acquired over the years. Social capital is defined here as "an instantiated norm that promotes cooperation between two or more individuals".<sup>1</sup> It shows that the norms that constitute "Social capi can range from a norm of reciprocity between tw friends" up to "the complex and elaborately articulated doctrines". He was an active and successful president of the All Nigeria Conferen of Secondary Schools Principals (ANCOPS), wh isn one of the bodies that contain the largest num of educated people. He was also one of the prim movers of Inuwar Jama'ar Kano (Kano Forum),<sup>1</sup> of the most successful Non-Governmental Organisations in Kano. With this network of goodwill in addition to several years of experien as a distinguished civil servant who rose to the position of Permanent Secretary, the highest professional position, he was well prepared for th difficult task of leading the state.

Malam Ibrahim Shekarau joined the ANPP and his supporters began to strategize for him to win the gubernatorial nomination. Other candidates also emerged in the party. They were Alhaji Ibrahim Ali Amin, Engineer Magaji Abdullahi, Alhaji Kabiru Muhammad, Alhaji Muhammad Bello and Alhaji Bashir Garba. In the end only Malam Ibrahim Shekarau and Alhaji Ibrahim Ali Amin (popularly known as Ibrahim Little) were able to buy the nomination forms. The other aspirants also used their aspiration as a platform to further their political careers. During the crisis as a result of irregularities in the nomination procedure the national secretariat of the party felt that Malam Ibrahim Shekarau was a better candidate for the governorship of Kano State based on his wealth of experience as a public servant and an active member of the civil society. Several other people made desperate attempts to snatch the ticket of the ANPP because of the realization that with General Muhammadu Buhari

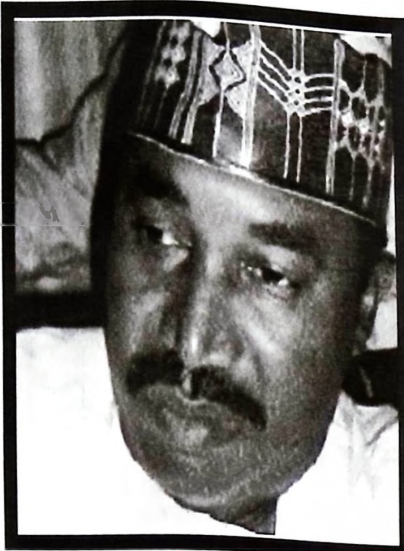
the party was poised for victory. They did not give up their intrigue until at the last rally in which General Buhari presented Malam Ibrahim Shekarau as the candidate of the party.

The PDP made all attempts to rig the elections in Kano but to no avail because the people were determined to unseat that party. The security situation was tense and any attempt to upturn the elections in Kano as was done in other states would have led to major bloodshed and in the end they had to announce the winner in person to Malam Ibrahim Shekarau. The volatility of Kano and Lagos saved them from the grand design of the PDP to take over all states of the federation. The PDP accepted defeat in Kano and did not even go to court and Malam Ibrahim Shekarau was sworn in as the elected Governor of Kano State on the 29th of May, 2003.

He was re-elected in 2007 for another 4-years term, breaking the jinx to become the first elected governor to serve twice.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN KANO STATE GOVERNMENT

Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau	GOVERNOR
Engr. Magaji Abdullahi	Deputy Governor
Alhaji Abdulkarim Hassan	SSG
Alhaji Rabiou Zakariyau	Head of Civil Service
Alhassan Muhammed Dawaki	Transport & Tourism
Ishaq Mahmud Umar	Commerce & Industry
Salihu M. Sagir	Water Resources
Kabiru Abubakar Bichi	Environment
Dr. Sanda Muhammad	Health
Prof. Abdu Salihi	Works & Housing
Ahmad Garba Ririwai	Agriculture
Musa Sulaiman Shanono	Financé
Abdullahi Sani Rogo	Local Govt. Rural & Comm. Dev
Balaraba Bello Maitama	Education
Ibrahim Garba	Land & Physical Planning
Barr. Aliyu Umar	Justice
Garba Yusuf Abubakar	Information, Youth, Sport Culture.
Nour Sani Hanga	Budget & Econ. Planning Comm.
Dr. Gaji Fatima Dantata	Women Affairs



# KASTINA

**Ibrahim Shema**

Ibrahim Shema is a Nigerian politician from Dutsin-Ma, was educated at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Kaduna State. Shema was elected Governor of the northern Katsina State during the 2007 general elections.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN KATSINA STATE**

**GOVERNMENT**

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| Ibrahim Shema           | Governor                                     |
| Alhaji Abdulahi Aminchi | Deputy Governor                              |
| Alhaji Dauda Yahaya     | SSG.   |
| Abdulazeez Mamman       | Agriculture & Natural Resources              |
| Nasiru Mua'zu Danmusa   | Water Resources                              |
| Zainab Dari             | Women Affairs                                |
| Dr. Ismaila Tsiga       | Education                                    |
| Abdullahi Garba Faskari | Justice                                      |
| Nafiu Lawal Kurin Gafa  | Lands & Environment                          |
| Danlami Garba           | Health                                       |
| Adamu Babangida Ibrahim | Finance                                      |
| Aminu Jamo              | Commerce & Industry                          |
| Musa Sada               | Works and Housing                            |
| Sani Makana             | Information                                  |
| Musa Adamu assigned     | Rural & Youth Development                    |
| Gide kMusa Dandagoro    | Higher Education                             |
| Ibrahim Ahmed Kaita     | Employment & Vocational Training             |
| Adamu Mato              | Economic Affairs                             |
| Musa Nashuni            | Solid Minerals Devt.                         |
| Abubakar Yusif Bindawa  | Small & Medium enterprises                   |
| Nasir Lawal Dutsi       | Local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs            |
| Bilkisu Mohammed Kaikai | Women Affairs                                |
| Nasiru Abdul            | Special Adviser on Media & Public Relations. |

# KEBBI

## Usman S. Dakingari



**H**is Excellency Usman S. Dakingari holds forte as the Executive Governor of the land of Equity, Kebbi State. He is a devoted member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and one of the strong politicians who regard service to humanity as the most important contribution to the human race. Overall his style of administration has endeared him to his teeming supporters who appreciate the rapid changes taking place in the State. Dakingari will go down in history as one Governor who does not allow limited resources to be used for not achieving the objective of sound governance. His regarded as an excellent administrator by all who are acquainted with his humble contributions to the progress of Kebbi State.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN KEBBI STATE GOVERNMENT

Usman S. Dakingari  
 HE Ibrahim Aliyu  
 Habiba Umar  
 Garba Hammani  
 Hajia Habiba Umar  
 Alh. Ibrahim Gwandu

Governor  
 Deputy Governor  
 Women Affairs  
 Information  
 Women Affairs  
 Agriculture

# KOGI



## Ibrahim Idris



**I**brahim Idris (born 1944) has been Governor of Kogi State in Nigeria since 29 May 2003. He is a member of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP). Idris is a Igala from Omala.

Prior to his electoral success in the general elections of 2003, Idris was a successful businessman and furniture maker. Among his businesses is the three star IBR hotel in Abuja.

Idris was re-elected in 2007, but later in the year his re-election was nullified. On February 6, 2008, the Court of Appeal upheld this ruling and ordered a new election to be held within three months. President Umaru Yar'Adua ordered the Speaker of the House of Assembly to take over as acting governor. However in a repeat election held in March 2008, Idris was returned as the Governor of Kogi State

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN KOGI STATE**

**GOVERNMENT**

- Ibrahim Idris
- Dr. Philips Salawu
- Hon. Abiodun Ojo
- Dr. Sule Odoma
- Dr. Olorunfemi Stephen Aduku
- Mr. Agahiu Ayuba
- Aminu Yusuf M.
- Enesi Suleiman
- Dan Kadiri
- Mrs. Orebiyi Olori
- Dr. J.A.M Agbonika
- Dr. Abubakar Abdulkarim
- Mr. Seidu Salihu
- Mohammed Sadiq

- Governor
- Deputy Governor
- Finance
- Health'
- Water Resources
- Work/Housing
- Education
- Agriculture
- Sports & Youths
- Commerce & Industry
- Women Affairs
- Justice
- Budget & Planning
- Environment & Physical Planning
- Solid Minerals

# KWARA

Dr. Bukola Saraki



**D**r. Bukola Saraki was born on 19th December 1962 into the family of Dr Abubakar Olusola Saraki, the Turaki of Ilorin. He attended Corona School, Victoria Island Lagos from 1966-1972 for his primary school education and King's College, Lagos from 1973-1978 for his West African School Certificate. Dr. Bukola Saraki was at Cheltenham College, Cheltenham in London from 1979-1981 for his High School Certificate. He proceeded to the London Hospital Medical College, University of London in 1982 and was there till 1987 when he obtained his M.B.B.S (London). Dr. Saraki worked as a Medical Officer at Rush Green Hospital Essex, London from 1988-1989, Senior Casualty officer of Royal Free Hospital, London from 1988-1989 and Director, Societe Generale Bank (Nig) Ltd from 1990-2000. In recognition of his sterling quality, particularly in the area of budgeting and financial management, the Federal Government appointed him as a special assistant to the President on Budget in the year 2000. He worked in collaboration with the ministry of Finance and representatives of the National Assembly in ensuring early preparation of the year 2000 and 2001 National Budget from policy formulation to specific implementation strategies and capital appropriation. He was actively involved in all negotiations with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on behalf of our great country.

As special assistant on Budget, Dr. Saraki served on the Economic Policy coordination committee, the highest economic policy formulation policy in Nigeria that is responsible for the formulation and implementation of key economic measures for the Federal Government. He was also the Chairman presidential committee on non-oil Revenue Generation from year 2000-2001. Dr.

Bukola Saraki made sure that he did not lose grip of the affairs of Societe Generale Bank (Nig) Ltd. Being the Executive Vice Chairman of the Bank from year 2001 to date, he was responsible for the development of the Bank's overall strategy, corporate direction and business plan. He provided the requirement leadership for the articulation and implementation of investment policies that define the bank's "risks and return preferences".

Dr. Bukola Saraki has attended various courses both at home and abroad. These include "Advanced Credit Analysis" at London D.C. Gardner (1992); "Executive Management Programme" at London American Express (1993); private and public sector working together" at Washington (1997); "Values and Visions" at Malaysia (1998) as well as "Nigeria in the Global situation" at Lagos Business School in 1998. He is a member of the Nigeria Medical Council; British Medical Council; World Young Presidents Organization; Board of Trustees; John Kennedy Performing Arts Center, Washington and FITC Governing Council.

Dr. Bukola Saraki contested the gubernatorial election of April 19, 2003 in the State under the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and won overwhelmingly. He was sworn in as the 18th Chief Executive of Kwara State on 29th May, 2003. He is married and blessed with four children. His interests include Tennis, Squash and Reading.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN KWARA STATE GOVERNMENT**

Dr. Abubakar Bakola Saraki	Executive Governor
Chief Joel Afolabi Ogundeji	Executive Deputy Governor
Alhaji Saka Oninago	SSG.
Alhaji Dabarako Mohammed	Head of Service
Alhaji Ladi Hassan	Chief of Staff
Mrs. Felicia E. Owolabi	Deputy Chief of Staff

**Honourable Commissioners**

Alhaji Ahmed Y. Makama	Environment & Tourism
Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi	Education, Science & Technology
Barr. Lanre Daibu	Lands and Housing
Alhaji Mohammed Gana-Yisa	Agriculture & Natural Resources
Barr. Saka A. Isau (SAN)	Attorney Gen. & Comm for Justice
Barr. Fatimoh Yusuf	Women Affairs
Barr. Razaq Atunwa	Works & Transport
Alhaji Salman A. Ibrahim	Rural Development
Dr. (Mrs) Felicia M. Ojeleye	Commerce & Cooperatives
Alhaji Abdul Ganiyu C. Olododo	Water Resources
Alhaji Zakari Mohammed	Sports & Youth Development
Mrs. Helen Popoola	Culture & Social Devt.
Alhaji Abdulrahim Adisa	Information & Home Affairs
Alhaji Abdul Fatah Ahmed	Finance & Economic Devt.
Hajia Ayinke Saka	Health
Chief James B. Ayeni	Local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs
Hon. James Olaniyan	Industries & Solid Minerals Devt .

Lagos State

# LAGOS

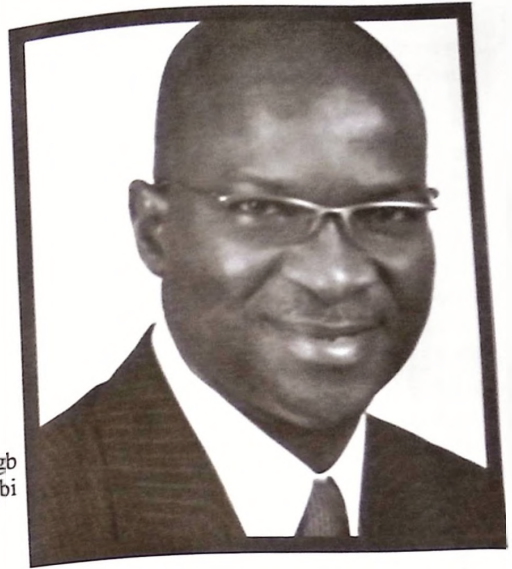
**Babatunde R. Fashola**

**G**ive us Men", the nineteenth Century Poet, Josiah Gilbert Holland once prayed fervently, "Men from every rank, fresh and free and frank; Men of thought and reading, Men of light and leading, Men of loyal breeding, The Nation's welfare speeding; Men of faith and not of fiction, Men of lofty aim in action; Give us Men I say again, Give us Men!"

There is no doubt that in Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN), Lagos State has been endowed by God with an exemplary leader whose noble vision and purposeful mission is inspired by a matchless passion for his beloved state. The unassuming leader of men moves about Lagos quietly without sirens in an amazing demonstration of humility.

Yet from one end of Lagos to the other; in diverse sectors including roads, security, health, education, the environment, housing, job creation and poverty alleviation, there is abundant evidence of democracy dividends being delivered for the benefit of the people. These are the undeniable sirens proclaiming for all to hear the virtues of a visionary Governor.

Born on June 28th, 1963, at the Island Maternity Hospital, Lagos to the Fashola Family of Isale-gangan, Lagos, Babatunde Raji Fashola, also a direct descendant of the Shomade Family of Isale-Eko through his paternal grandmother, as well as a descendant of the Bashua and Suenu Families of Lagos, began his educational career at Sunny-Fields Primary School, Adelabu, Surulere in Lagos. He then proceeded to Birch Freeman High School, Surulere, Eko Boys High School, Mushin and


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College, Yaba, all in Lagos in pursuit of academic laurels for his secondary and post secondary education.

Focused, hardworking and determined right from the youth, Babatunde Fashola made up his mind early in life to study Law. It was this ambition that motivated him to seek and obtain admission into the University of Benin, to study Law.

As a brilliant budding scholar, the young Fashola came out with laurels earning the Bachelor of Laws, L.L.B (Hons) degree in 1987 from the University of Benin, an institution that had set for itself the most rigorous standards of academic excellence.

Mr. Fashola was called to the Bar in November 1988 after a successful one year stint at the Nigerian Law School. His journey towards an accomplished legal career began in 1990 in the law firm of Sofunde, Osakwe, Ogundipe and Belgore, where he cut his legal teeth as a litigator over wide-ranging areas of specialization.

In 1993, he voluntarily disengaged from the firm of Sofunde, Osakwe, Ogundipe and Belgore and joined

the law firm of K.O. Tinubu & Company as an investing Partner. He was the Managing Partner, Lead Counsel and highest fee earner of the firm from 1994 to August 2002 when he was appointed the Chief of Staff to His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Governor of Lagos State. He served as Chief of Staff to Governor Tinubu from 16th August, 2002 to 6th November, 2006, when he resigned voluntarily to contest for office as Governor of Lagos State.

Before and during his appointment, he had the privilege to serve the State in various capacities as follows:

Secretary of the Lands Committee of the Transitional Work Groups; 1999

Member of the Panel of Enquiries into Allocation of Houses on the Mobolaji Johnson Scheme at Lekki, 2000

Member of the State Tenders Board; 2002-2006

Member of the State Executive Council; 2002-2006

Member of the State Security Council; 2002-2006

Member of the State Treasury Board; 2002-2006

Chairman, Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of Asset Distribution among Local Governments.

He served on and chaired a number of State Executive Council Committees set up to consider such matters as laws, Governor's consent procedures and costs, state honors and awards to mention but a few.

He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), the International Bar Association (IBA) and an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria. He is a Notary Public of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, and has been variously honoured with awards and certificates of merit, including the Distinguished Alumnus Award conferred on him by the University of Benin Alumni Association.

He is also a recipient of the Lagos State Public Service Club Platinum Award for outstanding contribution towards the development of the Club.

Babatunde Fashola is a Patron of the Law Students Association of the University of Benin. He is the second law graduate of the University of Benin and the first member of the Nigerian Law School graduating class of 1988 to be conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN).

Since coming into office, Mr. Babatunde Fashola

has distinguished himself as an astute administrator, a thoroughbred technocrat, a prudent manager of public funds, an incisive analyst, a rigorous debater, a dispassionate decision maker and a compassionate humane officer of the first order.

Little wonder then that more honours have come his way unsolicited. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Grand Patron of the Association of Nigerian Theatre Practitioners (ANTP), Lagos State Chapter. He was recently honoured by the Lagos Command of the Nigerian Police for his unparalleled support just as he also received the Igbobi College Old Boys Association (ICOPA) Professional Award for Excellence in the field of law.

Mr. Fashola is an ardent sportsman who passionately loves playing and watching soccer. He belongs to a number of social clubs, notably Eko Club, Island Club, Ikoyi Club, Lagos Lawn Tennis Club and Eagle Club, Surulere. He is a Patron of Lagos Island Club, Yoruba Tennis Club and the Lagos Country Club by virtue of his office as Governor of Lagos.

He is married to Mrs. Abimbola Emmanuella Fashola and they are blessed with children.

Morning shows the day, with barely a year in office. Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you The Governor of the Year 2007 according to the LEADERSHIP Newspapers published in the Federal Capital Territory. He was also conferred with the Governor of the Year for Infrastructure Development according to the Board of Editors of THISDAY Newspapers. However this award, Governor Fashola has honourably returned when became apparent that it was meant to compromise him in the faithful discharge of his duties as Governor and the oath of office to do right by all manner of people according to the law without fear or favour. He is also the Governor of the Year 2008 in the judgement of Global Excellence Magazine.

Surely, a Brighter and Rewarding Future beckons Lagosians through the tireless exertions of this man of destiny.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN LAGOS STATE**

Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN)  
 Mrs Sarah Bisi Sosan  
 Adenrele Adeniran Ogunsanya  
 Mr. Yakub Abiodun Balogun  
 Mr. Lanre Babalola  
 Hon. Adeniyi Oyemade  
 Mr. Ben Akabueze  
 Dr. Muiz Banire  
 Mr. Jide Sanwoolu  
 Mr. Rotimi Oyekan  
 Dr. Jide Idris  
 Hon. Tunde Balogun  
 Hon. Dele Onabokun  
 Mr. Opeyemi Bamidele  
 Mr. Supo Sasore  
 Mr. Rotimi Agunloye  
 Mr. Bolaji Abosede  
 Prince Lanre Balogun  
 Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat  
 Dr. Tola Kasali  
 Sen. Tokunbo Afikuyomi  
 Prof. Bamidele Badejo  
 Prince Adesegun Oniru  
 Mrs. Joke Orellope-Adefulire  
 Prince Demola Adeniji-Ade  
 Hon. Oyin Danmole  
 Mrs. Olusola Oworu  
 Dr. Elijah Olu Adewale  
 Mr. Sesan Olanrewaju  
 Mr. Femi Adebajo  
 Mr. Akinsanya Sunny Ajose  
 Hon. Toyin Hamzat  
 Mr. Jimoh Ajao  
 Mr. Segun Ayobolu  
 Hon. Olalekan Ifemade  
 Hon. Abdul Lateef Abdul Hakeem  
 Hon. Paul Kalejaiye  
 Mr. Afolabi Kofo-Abayomi  
 Mr. Ad Ipaye  
 Mr. Kayode Opeifa  
 Engr. Ganiyu Johnson  
 Dr. Dolapo Badru

**GOVERNMENT**

Governor  
 Deputy Governor  
 SSG.  
 Head of Service  
 Chief of Staff  
 Commerce & Industry  
 Economic Planning & Budget  
 Environment  
 Establishment Training  
 Finance  
 Health  
 Home Affairs & Culture  
 Housing  
 Information & Strategy  
 Justice  
 Local Government  
 Physical Planning & Urban Devt.  
 Rural Development  
 Science & Technology  
 Special Duties  
 Tourism & Inter Government Rel.  
 Transportation  
 Water Infrastructure  
 Women Affair & Poverty Alleviation  
 Youth, Sports & Social Devt.  
 Special Adviser Central Bus. Distr.  
 Special Adviser Commerce  
 Special Adviser Education  
 Special Adviser Environment  
 Special Adviser Estab. & Training  
 Special Adviser Governor's Office  
 Special Adviser Health  
 Special Adviser Housing  
 Special Adviser Information Strat.  
 Special Adviser Local Govt.  
 Special Adviser Polite.& Leg. Matter  
 Special Adviser Rural Devt.  
 Special Adviser Special Duties  
 Special Adviser Taxation Duties  
 Special Adviser Transportation  
 Special Adviser Works & Infrastruture.  
 Special Adviser Youth, Sports & Social Development.



# NASSARAWA

**Aliyu Doma**

His Excellency Aliyu Doma got to the elevated position of Executive Governor of Nasarawa State under the ticket of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). Ever since he became the Governor of the State, he has given Nasarawa a new facelift in almost all facets of development.

Nasarawa State occupies an enviable position in the scheme of development in Nigeria as the Home of Solid Minerals. With the calibre of His Excellency Aliyu Doma as the State's helmsman, the people of the State can rest with the assurance of a better tomorrow. Already the progress being made under his able leadership can be seen by all who take time off to visit the State.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN NASARAWA STATE GOVERNMENT

Aliyu Doma	Governor
Mr. Silas Agbara	Urban Development
Mrs Rubecca Umaru	Education
Alhaji Bagudu Maman	Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs
Mr. Emmanuel Bako	Tourism
Dr. Daniel Diya	Special Adviser on Health
Mr. Abdullahi Yusuf Loko	Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives
Alhaji Abdullahi Mustafa Aliyu	Commissioner for Information and Orientation

# NIGER

**Mu'azu B. Aliyu**



**H**is Excellency Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu has brought Niger State to a level of development appreciated by his people. In Nigeria today, Niger State Governor is seen as a high performing Governor who pays great attention to the less privileged people. He also has a great vision of education in his State and went ahead to create two ministries of education - one for basic education and the other for higher education. With very active commissioners surrounding him, he has every reason to succeed in repositioning his State for both industrial and technological excellence. As a faithful member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Aliyu goes a step ahead in implementing his party's programmes for the people. He believes in service above self and this makes him one of the most admired governors in Nigeria today. It is on record that Governor Aliyu is the only Governor in Nigeria who goes by the honorific of Chief Servant instead of His Excellency. A commendable humility anyone would readily admit.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN NIGER STATE GOVERNMENT

Mu'azu B. Aliyu  
 He, Hon (Dr) Ahmed Musa Ibeto, FCIDA  
 ALHAJI Umar Muhammed Nasko  
 Mrs Elizabeth Makama  
 Mallam Mohammed Kuta Yahaya  
 Alhaji Garba Abarah  
 Alhaji Ahmed Kagara  
 Alhaji Aminu Yusuf  
 Mrs Grace Lami-  
 Mrs Susiana Cana  
 Hajiya Asma'u Yusuf Usman  
 Dr. Peter Sale Sarki  
 Alh. Mohammed Gunu  
 Alh. Abubakar Mohammed

Governor  
 Deputy Governor  
 Commerce and Tourism  
 Women Affairs  
 Secretary to the state Government  
 Water Resources and Rural Development  
 Information and Culture  
 Finance  
 Women Affairs and Social Development  
 Science & Technology  
 Basic & Secondary Education  
 Higher Education  
 Agriculture  
 Sports



# OGUN

## Otunba G. Daniel

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A distinguished Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Otunba Daniel cut his professional teeth with Metal Construction (W.A) Limited, Apapa, Lagos where he was the Assistant Commercial Manager. He moved to H.F. Schroeder (W.A.) Limited, Lagos where he was the Assistant General Manager and later the Deputy Managing Director. His sterling management skills put the company on the cutting edge of the highly competitive world of corporate engineering, endearing him in the process, to workers and shareholders alike. It is worthy of note that Otunba Daniel was the first black man to rise to that position in the thirty-year history of the company's operations on the continent of Africa.

However, Otunba Daniel was not done yet. A firm believer in the precept "Who Dares, Wins" he harnessed, in 1990, his extensive skills in vertical transportation engineering, power generation and general engineering in search of greater challenges and a wider field to plough. *Kresta Laurel* was born! Within three years of its existence, *Kresta Laurel* became a household name, blazing the trail in a world dominated by foreign corporate giants. It can be said that today, in one out of every three offices in Nigeria, there is *Kresta Laurel* device, elevating people to greater heights, generating light where public utilities fail, and providing leverage towards vantage positions.

His resolve to plough back into the society of the abundance it has pleased God to endow him with, inspired him to float a non-profit, non-governmental organization known as Gateway Front Foundation (GFF). The Foundation has in the last few years impacted positively, the lives of the people of Ogun State in particular. Virtually all strata of the society in the state have benefited in one form or another from the activities of the GFF. It was the in-born desire that Olugbenga Justus Daniel to further affect the

lives of the people positively that made him to offer himself to serve them in the unfolding political sphere. He therefore sought the mandate of the people of Ogun State. The response during the April 2003 election was overwhelming. The rest is now history.

Governor Gbenga Daniel has expectedly lived up to expectations by bringing positive innovations and productive dynamism into governance to the delight and admiration of all and sundry in and outside the state. In terms of people-oriented programmes, it is widely acknowledged that Otunba Gbenga Daniel is a trail-blazer, having rehabilitated many roads across the length and breadth of the state through cost-effective machinery of the state's Road Maintenance Agency (OGROMA). Within a remarkable span of 10 months, the Gateway State has become a shining model of good governance and development.

An inspiring leader with a firm commitment to excellence, Governor Daniel, has since assumption of office in May 2003, provided employment to over five thousand hitherto jobless youths among them, the so called "Area Boys" through the Ogun State Employment Generation Programme (OGEGEP). Little wonder that in 2004, he clinched two enviable awards. First was the MKO Abiola prize for Political Leadership and second, the Prize for the Best Performing Governor in Nigeria for the Year 2003.

"**Ogidi Omo**" as he is fondly called could not have achieved less in the area of security of lives and property because of the confidence reposed in him by the people who have so unwaveringly entrusted their future in his hands. Little wonder therefore that for many, he symbolizes those ideals that were held dearly by the late sage, Chief Obafemi Awolowo.

A man of many parts, Otunba Gbenga Daniel is married to Yeye Olufunke Daniel and the marriage is blessed with children. His diverse achievements and humble disposition has earned him honour and over fifty traditional titles. Prominent among them are:

- Otunba Adeoti of Omu-Ijebu 1993
- Fesojoye of Ile-Ife 1993
- Otunba Rojogbuwa of Sagamu 1999
- Aare Asoludero of Makun, Sagamu 2002
- Okoesisi of Obinugwu (Imo State) 2003
- Bobagunwa of Gbagura, Abeokuta 2004

Bashorun of Epeland 2004  
Gbobaniyi of Oke-Ona Egba 2004

Governor Gbenga Daniel also belongs to a number of Social Clubs. They include:

Ikoyi club  
Egbe Bobakeye of Ijebuland  
Island Club and

Lagos Country Club

He is also Grand Patron of the Scout Movement in Nigeria, the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) and several other national and international organizations.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN OGUN STATE

#### GOVERNMENT

##### GOVERNOR

Deputy Governor

SSG

Head of Service

Chief of Staff to the Governor

Deputy Chief of Staff to the Govern.

Finance

Youth & Sport

Water Resources & Rural Develop.

Special Duties,

Commerce & Industries

Community Develop. & Cooperat.

Health

Works

Local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs

Education, Sci. & Technology

Women Affairs & Soc. Welfare

Environment

Justice

Forestry

Housing

Information & Orientation

Agriculture

Economic Adviser

Chief Press Secretary

Gbenga Daniel  
Alhaji Salmotu Badru  
Otunba Olumayowa Olukoya  
Chief Oladipo Odulate  
Chief Abayomi Majekodunmi  
Mr. Soji Akin-Bankole  
Mr. Kehinde Sogunle  
Mr. Bankonla Olopade  
Akogun Kola Onadipe  
Chief Kola Sorinola  
Aare Tunde Alabi  
Prince Lekan Tejuoso  
Dr. Abiodun Oduwole  
Omooba Gbenga Osinowo  
Prince Adesegun Adekoya  
Prof. Segun Awonusi  
Mrs Jokotade Odunuga  
Dr. Adeleke Adedoyin  
Mr. Akin Osibajo  
Alh. Alli Ajibode  
Hon. Waliu Taiwo  
Mr. Kayode Samuel  
Dr. Kunle Salako  
Mrs. Yosola Akinbi  
Mr. Adewale Adebayo

# ONDO

## Olusegun Agagu

At six, the young Olusegun Agagu began his search for knowledge. He commenced his elementary education at St. Luke's Anglican School, (now known as St. Paul's Anglican School) Okitipupa, in 1954. In January 1958, he moved to live with his cousin, Edward Fagbohun in Ibadan, where he continued his primary education at Ebenezer African Church School, Oke-Ado, Ibadan. The budding Olusegun went with his Cousin on transfer to Kano in 1959 where he studied at the Ebenezer Methodist School and Baptist Primary School Sabon-Gari, Kano. Olusegun Agagu moved from Kano back to Ebenezer African Church School, Ibadan where he completed his primary education in 1960.

Thereafter, he was in Ibadan Grammar School between January 1961 and 1967 where he passed his West African School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate examinations in flying colours.

He got admitted to the University of Ibadan in 1968 to study Botany but later changed to Geology in which he graduated with a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Second Class Upper Division, in 1971. As an undergraduate, his academic record was replete with laurels and prizes. For instance, in 1969 alone, he won three Scholarships, namely:

- Western State Government Scholarship
- University of Ibadan Scholarship
- Gulf Oil Scholarship

Olusegun Agagu, still filled with the insatiable appetite for knowledge, and treading the path of the

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was at the University of Texas between 1973 and 1974 for his Masters degree in Geology. Returning to Nigeria, he crowned it all with a Ph.D degree in Petroleum Geology, obtained from the University of Ibadan in 1978. He had since been attending numerous professional courses, workshops and conferences in almost all continents of the World.

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Olusegun Agagu started his professional career as a geologist with the Gulf Oil Company, Lagos between 1971 and 1972. He however curiously voluntarily resigned his highly financially lucrative employment in the Oil industry, after only 15 months for a seemingly less glamorous academic career at the University. He was appointed an Assistant Lecturer in the Geology Department of the University of Ibadan in September 1972. He worked there for 16 years until he retired voluntarily from the services of the institution in 1988 as Acting Head of Department of Geology having made up his mind "to quit salaried employment by age 40".

As a professional and academic, he has contributed immensely to the field of geology. His research works have produced several publications that include chapters in several books, 4 monographs, 15 articles in learned journals and over 50 technical reports in diverse areas of Earth Sciences

Which include Sedimentology, Sedimentary Petrography, Basin Analysis, Geotectonic, Petroleum Geology, Geothermal Energy, Clay Mineralogy, Salt Domes Geology, Subsurface Overpressures, Mineral Exploration and Hydrogeology.

As a practically minded geologist he did not only teach, carry out research and consultancy services, he also established quarries, mines and processing facilities for kaolin, marble, feldspar and drilled hundreds of boreholes in most parts of Nigeria.

His membership of learned and professional Societies include:

- Member, American Association of Petroleum Geologists.
- Member, Geological Society of Africa.
- Fellow, Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society
- Fellow, Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists.

Dr. Olusegun Agagu had also served on boards of many companies and business ventures:

- Director, Brink Jones and Co. Ltd, Ibadan
- Director, Faagol Instruments Ltd, Ibadan
- Director, Petramin Nigeria Ltd, Ibadan
- Director, Oluwa Glass Plc.

amongst others.

## **POLITICS**

Though, his landmarks in the intellectual and business worlds are enduring and enviable, yet his achievements in politics, which he called his hobby, is by every means remarkable. In politics, he is in the mould of political giants and treads the political firmament of Nigeria like a colossus.

Dr. Olusegun Agagu's foray into partisan politics started in the period between 1978 and 1983 when he became a member and resource person for the defunct Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN). He also actively participated in politics, between 1989 - 1993. He was in the then unregistered Peoples Solidarity Party and Social Democratic Party on the platform of which he became the Deputy Governor of Ondo State under Governor Bamidele Olumilua from 1992 to 1993 in the aborted Third Republic. That was the period Olusegun Agagu was actually first exposed to the people of Ondo State as a budding political leader. He

was a foundation member of the defunct Un Nigeria Congress Party (UNCP) and was gubernatorial aspirant of the party in 1998. Dr. Se Agagu was also a foundation member of the People Democratic Party and was the gubernatorial bearer of the party in Ondo State in 1999; an election which though he lost showed him clearly as a great sportsman as he wrote to congratulate the winner ever before the election results were officially announced. He later became Minister of Aviation in 1999 to preside over a comatose Aviation industry. On record that during his short one year tenure, the Aviation industry experienced a noticeable turnaround starting with a pragmatic restructuring of the industry, then a reequipping of 14 Nigerian Airports with modern landing facilities, a general face lift of all airports, improved safety and security at the airports, an increase in the number of aircraft in the Nigerian Airways fleet, a resumption of the much sought after daily Lagos - London direct flight by Nigerian Airways and the American Government lifting of the 20 year old ban of flight to and from Nigerian airports.

In recognition of his contributions to the development of the aviation industry, President Olusegun Obasanjo moved him to the Ministry of Power and Steel in 2000 where again, he showed his midas touch. Within a space of 30 months, NEPA was able to triple its power generating capacity from 1400 megawatts to more than 4000 megawatts. The transmission and distribution systems were appropriately strengthened for the added load. More than 500 communities which hitherto had no electricity, were linked to the National Grid. The three Inland Rolling Mills that had been shut down for 10 years began to work again. Rehabilitation work on the Ajaokuta Steel Plant, the Federal Steel Company (DSC), and the Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON) progressed substantially to more than 70% completion.

In response to the call of the people of Ondo State, he voluntarily resigned his ministerial appointment in November, 2002 to re-contest the gubernatorial election in Ondo State in 2003. He won the election by a very wide margin and was sworn in as the Governor of Ondo State on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2003. Dr. Agagu has brought his varied experiences to bear on governance in Ondo State. Within 3 months of his assumption of office, his administration published a 200 page document titled ROAD MAP TO PROGRESS which outlines

in Ondo State. Within 3 months of his assumption of office, his administration published a 200 paged book titled ROAD MAP TO PROGRESS which outlined and 'calendarised' programmes and projects which his administration intends to embark upon in 4 years. The Road-Map is basically a structured form of the "State of State Address" earlier delivered to parliament on his assumption of office. Like an achiever that he is, these programmes are being implemented to the letter, and this is to the admiration of the people of the State, so much so that people are saying "We have never seen this type of Governor before".

He is married to Mrs. Olufunke Ibidun Agagu (*Nee Aliu*) who hails from Ibaram, Akoko, also in Ondo State. They are blessed with three children.

Dr. Olusegun Agagu has been variously honoured with chieftaincy titles, too numerous to list here. He is an erudite scholar, shrewd businessman, quintessence administrator and an astute politician. He is a man of focus and determination. He plays Lawn tennis and loves music and traveling. As at the last count, he has been to 36 countries around the world.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN ONDO STATE GOVERNMENT

Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu	Governor
Otunba Omolade Oluwateru	Deputy Governor
Hon. Isaac Kekemeke	SSG
Mr. Alaba Isijola	Head of Service
Dr. Olu Akinkoye	Comm. For Education
Dr. Jibayo Oyebade	Agric. F. & Forestry Resources
Hon. Adeyemi Alao	Attorney General & Comm. Justice
Chief Tayo Alasoadura	Finance and planning
Chief A.K.O. Ajana	Commerce and Industry
Mr. R. Olaitan Ayeni	Works and Transport
Mrs. Akinsuroju Magret	Women Affairs & Social Devt.
Hon. Boye Adegbemisoke	Public Utilities
Hon. Kehinde Adedeji	Health
Engr. Dele Osakuade	Culture and Tourism
Mr. Ayo Ifayefunmi	Lands, Housing and Environment
Mr. Eddy Eniola Olafeso	Information & Orientation
Hon. John Ola Mafo	Youths & Sports
Chief Bode Sunmonu	S. Adviser on Investment & Finance
Chief Sanya Orungbemi	S. Adviser on Edu. & Information
Prof. A.J. Adegeye	S. Adviser on Agric. & Poverty Allev.
Engr. J.R. Olusoga	S. Adviser on Infrastructure
Chief Segun Adegoke	S. Adviser on Political Affairs

# OSUN



## Olagunsoye Oyinlola



Olagunsoye Oyinlola (b. February 3, 1951) has been governor of Osun State in Nigeria since 29 May 2003. He is a member of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP).

Governor Oyinlola is a member of the Oyinlola royal family of Okuku, in Odo Otin Local Government Area of Osun State. His father, the late Oba Moses Oyewole Oyinlola was the Olokuku of Okuku, reigning as king from 1934 to 1960.

Oyinlola retired from active military service as a Brigadier-General in 1999 after serving as military administrator of Lagos State from December, 1993 till August 1996.

General Oyinlola as a young man, turned down an admission offer into the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and instead enlisted in the Nigerian Army as a private in 1969 a little shy of his 19th birthday. But he later acquired quite a number of university degrees in addition to various military training at the

Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, the Command and Staff College, Jaji, the National War College, Abuja and various military institutions and academies in India, United Kingdom and the United States. Governor Oyinlola also attended Obafemi Awolowo University (then known as the University of Ife), Ile-Ife where he obtained his first university qualification - the Diploma in International Relations in 1979. He also obtained a Master of Science in Defence Studies in 1988 from the University of Madras, India. Eleven years later, in 1999, General Oyinlola obtained another Masters Degree (in Strategic Studies) from the University of Ibadan and thereafter obtained a law degree from Buckingham University, United Kingdom in 2001.

Governor Oyinlola holds a number of honorary doctorate degrees that recognize his academic and professional accomplishments. The honorary Doctor of Civil Law was conferred on him in April 2004, the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho for his contributions to the society and education in particular. In April 2006, the Federal University of Technology, Minna, conferred on him a Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa).

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN OSUN STATE GOVERNMENT

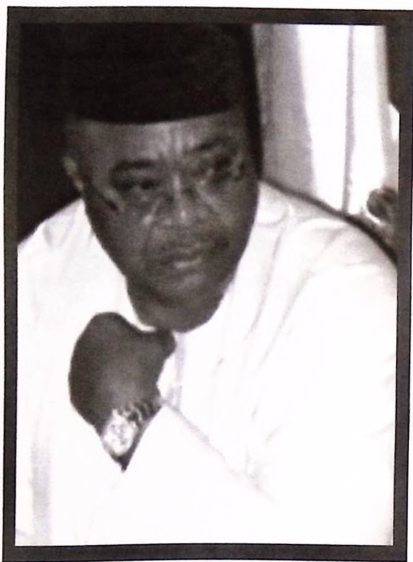
- Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola
- Erelu Olusola Obada
- Alh. (Engr) Fatai Akinade Akinbade
- Dr. Peter Babalola

- Governor
- Deputy Governor
- SSG
- Chief of Staff to the Governor

Mr. Olusegun Akinusi  
Hon. Ayobami Akinsomi  
Dr. Richard Adebayo Faforiji  
Hon. (Barr) Niyi Owolade  
Aremo Adekunle Adegboyega Alao  
Alhaji Abdul Jelili Adesiyani  
Pastor Olusola Ajibola Komolafe  
Prof. Opeloye Muhib  
Pharm. Olanrewaju Adedeji Afolabi  
Hon. Moses Adetoyese Ojo (JP)  
Hon. (Mrs) Ayomide Adebola F. S.  
Aderinto Idiat Adejoke (Mrs)  
Hon. Fagbola Obafemi  
Alhaji Kazeem Ademola Adio

Head of Service  
Lands & Phy. Planning  
Works & Transport  
Attorney General & Com Justice]  
Agric. & Natural Resources  
Education  
Water Res. Rural Development  
Local Govt. Chieftaincy & Co. Devt  
Commissioner for Health  
Finance & Econ. Devt.  
Commerce Ind. & Cooperatives  
Information & Youths Dev.  
Culture & Tourism  
Environment





# OYO

## Christopher A. Alao-Akala

**W**henver and wherever the issue of DESTINY is being discussed, the name CHRISTOPHER ADEBAYO ALAO-AKALA, the incumbent Chief Executive of the Pace Setter State will always be in the forefront as reference point. Otunba Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala was born in Ogbomoso on 3rd June, 1950. He attended Osupa Baptist Day School and obtained the First School Leaving Certificate in 1962. He later proceeded to Kamina Barracks Middle School 5th Battalion of Infantry, Tamale and Government Technical College, Tamale.

Otunba Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala gained admission to Ogbomoso High School, Ogbomoso where he came out in flying colours in 1972. His search for further education saw him also to the nation's premier University, University of Ibadan.

He enlisted as Cadet Inspector of Police in June, 1974 and attended the Nigeria Police College, Ikeja. He was also at the Metropolitan Police Training School, Pell Centre, Henden, London and the Administrative Staff College (ASCON), Topo, Badagry in 1985.

Otunba Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala also attended other Career Development Courses at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), Victoria Island, Lagos, Police Staff College, Jos,

Plateau State and the Command Staff College, where he bagged Passed Staff College, Psc, in 1981. He was a member of Nigeria Delegates to INTERPOL Conferences in Nice, France and Malaga, Spain.

Among the positions of responsibilities and experience of Otunba Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala are Station Officer, DPO Bode Thomas, Lagos; DPO, Iponri Police Station, Lagos; Railway Divisional Police Officer (RDPO), Lagos Railways, Ebute-Metta, Lagos and Area Commander, Western District, Nigeria Railway Police, Ibadan.

Otunba Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala was Command Superintendent of Police, Administration both in Gongola and Kwara State Commands and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Agodi Area Command, Ibadan and later in charge of Logistics and Supply, Oyo State Police Command, Eleyele, Ibadan where he retired in September, 1995.

He ventured into partisan politics as a member of New Dimension, a political association, participating in the Zero-Party Local Government election of 1998 and co-founded UNP before its fusion with UNCP to form UNCP.

He contested and won the Chairmanship of Ogbomoso North Local Government in 1998 on the platform of All Peoples Party (APP) and served that capacity between 1999 and 2002 during which he got elected as Vice Chairman, Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), Oyo State Chapter from 1999 to 2002.

During 1999 - 2002 that he was the Chairman of Ogbomosho North Local Government and diligence to he demonstrated rare commitment and diligence to his duty. Except when on official assignment outside the Local Government, he gets to the office as early as 8.00am and leave very late in the day attending to all issues affecting his people. No wonder, the tenure witnessed a lot of developmental projects unparallel in the history of the Local Government. These include construction of roads, building of Schools, hospitals and a host of others.

As the Deputy Governor of Oyo State, apart from State matters, he was the Chairman of the sub-committee on Cocoa regeneration and development, of the National Cocoa Development Committee. The hosting of the Cocoa Rebirth Event in Ibadan is a reward of some sort for his wonderful contributions to the National Cocoa Development Committee and for the giant strides achieved in the cocoa industry for the period that he was the Deputy Governor.

His meteoric rise from the grass root level as a Chairman of a Local Government to the State, first as a Deputy Governor and then to the highest political office in the State, is indeed destined by God and with a specific mission, determination and loyal commitment to improve the level of development in the State.

Since his assumption of office as the Executive Governor of Oyo State on 29th May, 2007, he has changed the whole phase of governance in the State with his high level of commitment, accessibility, tolerance and service. This is evidenced in the restoration and maintenance of peace in the State. Indeed, the face of governance has drastically changed from sombreness that hitherto pervaded the corridor of power to that of unprecedented liveliness as there is no longer any dull moment. The Governor, in his usual characteristics manner of open mindedness, ensures that every member of his cabinet plays significant role in his administration as governance to him, is team work and collective effort.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN OYO GOVERNMENT

Christopher A. Alao-Akala  
Mr Taofeek Arapaja  
Mr Nurudeen Olawore  
Michael Fulorunso Lana  
Hosea Ayoola Agboola  
Alh. Moshood Oyebamiji  
Dr. Owolabi Babalola  
Waheed Olaniyan  
Mrs Debora Oyclade  
Kunle Ishola

Governor  
Deputy Governor  
Education  
Justice and Attorney-General  
Local Govt & Chieftaincy Matters  
Establishment, training & poverty Alleviation  
Health  
Environment & Water Resources  
Women Affairs Community Dev. & Social Welfare  
Agriculture & Natural Resources



# PLATEAU



## Jonah D. Jang

Jonah David Jang assumed office as the 4th democratically elected Governor of Plateau State in May 2007 on the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), the leading political party in Nigeria.

Born on 13th March 1944 in Du, Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State, Nigeria. Air Commodore Jonah David Jang holds a Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Theological College of Northern Nigeria, Bukuru. Governor Jang has had educational training in the Nigerian Air Force service from the date of his enlistment to his retirement both within Nigeria and in several countries around the world.

Though Air Commodore Jonah David Jang is a first time governor of his home state of Plateau, he is not

a stranger to the practice of governance, having experience as a military governor of Benue State and the then Gongola State (now Adamawa State). Some of the positions held by Air Commodore Jonah David Jang before he became Executive Governor include:

- Director, *Benue Cement Company PLC*
- Director, *City Link Aviation Ltd*
- Director, *Remyel Community Bank Ltd.*

So far Air Commodore Jonah David Jang has continued to play a key role in Nigerian national politics. He was a strong mobilizer for the election of current republic in the People's Democratic Party Primaries in 1999 as well as 2003 and again in 2007 when he emerged victorious as the governor under the flag of the People's Democratic Party. He has also been the recipient of numerous awards of recognition and outstanding performance from various organizations.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN PLATEAU GOVERNMENT

Commodore Jonah David Jang  
Mrs Pauline Tallen  
Hon. Alex Kwapnoe  
Mr. Nuhu Gagara

Governor  
Deputy Governor and Commissioner for Education  
Special duties & Urban Development  
Information

# RIVERS

**Hon. Chibuike Rotimi**



**R**t. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi is a Nigerian politician who is the current Governor of Rivers State. He was previously Speaker of the Rivers State House of Assembly from 1999 until 2007. He is an alumnus of the University of Port Harcourt. He is a native of Ubima in Ikwerre local government area of Rivers State.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN RIVERS STATE

### GOVERNMENT

GOVERNOR

Deputy Governor

SSG

Head of Service

Attorney General & Justice Comm.

Finance

Energy

Information & Communication

Education

Balyesa Central

Works/Transport

Environment

Balyesa West

Lands/Housing

Sports Development

Agriculture

Commerce/Industries

Gender/Social Development

Media/Publicity/Tourism

Special Duties

Youth Mobilizations

Yenagoa, City/Special Project

Inter Party Relations

Investment/Federal Govt. Projects

Legal Matters

Gender Empowerment

Political Matters

Community Matters

Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi  
Engr. Tele Ikuru  
Hon. Magnus Ngei Abe  
Mrs. Esther Anucha  
Barr. Chikere Kenneth  
Osimaka ThankGod Ideozo  
Diekiwie Ikiogha  
Pastor Ebiwei Sokari  
Mrs. Sylvia Brigidi  
John Iyekorogha  
Emmanuel Frank-Opigo  
Chief Bethel Amabebe  
Chief Fyneman Wilson  
Chief Aynkeme Whiskey  
Kemi Prefa  
Abel Ziniye  
Bekes Etifa  
Mrs. Martha Jenakumo  
Special Advisers  
Nathan Egba  
Chief Sonme Ogiligi  
Waripamowei Dudafa  
Captain Obedient Boro  
Stephen Diver  
Chief Godknows Powell  
Mr. Fitzgerald Olorogun  
Mrs. Charlote Allison-John  
Dr. George fente  
Chief C.A. Okoloba

# SOKOTO

**Aliyu Wamakko**



His Excellency Aliyu Wammakko is believed to have brought back the glory of Sokoto State the seat of the Caliphate. Wammako rode to power on the shoulders of the most populous party in Africa, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). He brings to his

Administration a new approach to governance which allows sufficient inputs from his cabinet. Perhaps what makes his people believe more in his Administration is his commitment to people oriented programmes. He is married and blessed with children.

# TARABA

**Danbaba Suntari**



His Excellency Danbaba Santari is a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) stalwart. He brings a new zeal and commitment to service of his people. His State which is popularly regarded as nature's gift to the nation is gradually being transformed by His Excellency to a modern day egalitarian state with modern infrastructure and facilities that promote wholesome development. Overall Suntari strikes a good example of an excellent leader of human and material resources.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN TARABA STATE GOVERNMENT

Danbaba Suntari  
 He Alhaji Sani Abubakar  
 Mr. Samuel Usman  
 Mr David Tkong  
 Biyos Auta

Governor  
 Deputy Governor  
 Water Resources  
 Health  
 Environment & Urban Dev.



# YOBE



## Mamman Bello Ali

Mamman Bello Ali is the Executive Governor of Yobe State whose Administration took off on 29th May 2009. He is a strong member of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) and has been implementing the programmes of the party faithfully. Under his Administration, the young State shall grow. Yobe State has witnessed tremendous transformations

not only in the areas of infrastructure but also in harnessing and prudent management of the State's resources. His Excellency is respected both in and outside the State.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN YOBE STATE GOVERNMENT

Mamman Bello Ali	Governor
Alhaji Mohammed Hassan	Finance
Hajiya Falmata Halilu	Women Affairs
Alhaji Alkali Jajere	Agriculture
Barr. Aliyu Shehu	Commerce and Tourism
Alhaji Kaigama mar	Health
Mallam Baba Goni Machina	Secretary to the State Government
Ibrahim Abdulkarim	Head of Service
Alhaji Musa Abdulsalam	Executive Secretary - Science and Technical Schools Board
Wakil Ahmed Sarki	Information, Home Affairs & Culture
Alh. Bukar Dauda	Special Duties

# ZAMFARA

## Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi

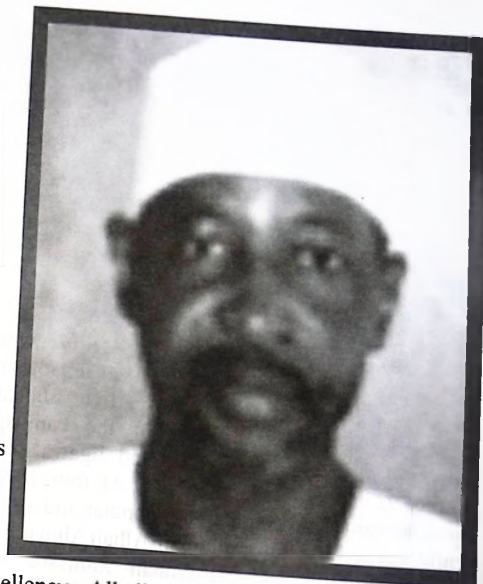
The gentle, calculating and upcoming political leader, who works quietly and achieves tremendous result, His Excellency Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi, Executive Governor of Zamfara State, remains the only Deputy Governor in Nigeria who retained the confidence of his Governor and became a Governor himself. As he testified in his May 29th acceptance speech, "I now have the singular honour and privilege to accept the mantle of governance of our dear and beloved State as the second democratically elected Governor of Zamfara State.

Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi (Dallatun Zamfara) was born in 1958 to the family of a famous merchant, the late Ali Bisije, in Shinkafi town, the headquarters of Shinkafi Local Government, Zamfara State.

A bounty of many qualities, Alhaji Muhammad Aliyu Shinkafi at the early stage of his life went to a Qur'anic School and later enrolled into Shinkafi Primary School from 1964 1971.

A man who made himself available to his age mates and remained humble throughout his childhood, has exhibited a lot of brilliance in his Primary School days, and was admitted into the Government Secondary School Shinkafi, 1971 1976. He later enrolled into the prestigious Government Secondary School, Zaria from 1976 1979 (now Alhudadu Secondary School).

Courageous Mahmud Shinkafi eventually passed out in 1979 and proceed immediately to the center of excellence, the School of Basic Studies from 1979 1984 where he obtained IJMB Certificate and then Institute of Administration ABU Zaria for a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration 1984.



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Excellency, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi, the Dallatun Zamfara is a man of many filed. In every aspect, he mirrors excellence. A Banker, a private business cum, a politician, a seasoned administrator, a traditional title holder, a philanthropist and above all the number one citizen of Zamfara State.

Having served the nation in Ogun State between 1984 1985 under the NYSC scheme, Alhaji Muhmad Aliyu Shinkafi began his working career with a family firm, Flour Mills of Nigeria Plc. Apapa Lagos 1985 1986 as a management trainee and Personal Assistant to the Managing Director, then officer in charge of Appraisal of Subsidiaries Operations BACCO and Burham Cement Lagos.

A dynamic Banker, Alhaji Mahmud Shinkafi took appointment with International Merchant Bank Plc, Kano Branch in 1987, where he rose to the rank of a Supervisor and Credit Analyst in charge of General Banking Operations, Credit Analyst and Marketing and voluntarily resigned in 1991 to venture into private business.

In the course of his professional and private life, he has performed creditably well and distinguished himself as result oriented in different positions he held in various companies. He is between 1995 to 1998 a Director, Smartex Textiles Limited, Director, Afrimpex Enterprises Tannery Division, Managing Director, Ni'ima Air Services Limited, Executed Director, Banu Ali Holding Limited all in Kano and Managing Director, Zamfara Air Services Limited, Gusau.

Mahmud, the Executive Governor of Zamfara State, became a full time partisan politician in 1992, where he joined his elder brother, a political notable and ANPP Chieftain, Alhaji Umaru Aliyu Shinkafi, Mafaran Sokoto, as Director of the campaign organization in charge of Kano and Jigawa States "choice 92" under the defunct NRC. All things being equal, he came into contact with popular and affable gentleman and an astute politician, Alhaji Ahmad Sani Yariman Bakura and Sardaunan Zamfara who coniested and won the 1999 Governorship Election, as the First Executive Civilian Governor of Zamfara

State with Mahmud as his Deputy. They du contested the April 2003 general election and w the second term mandate.

As the number two citizen of the State, for eigh Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi deputizes Go Ahmad Sani adequately with all sincerely of pu in addition, taking charge of Local Government and parastatals under him.

Apart from his official role as Deputy Goven served on various committees and commission Chairman, Zamfara State Finance and G Purpose Committee (FGPC), Chairman, Com on the Launching of Sharia in Zamfara Chairman, State Boundary Adjustment Comm Chairman, Committee for the Presidential V Zamfara State, Zamfara State Amirul-Hajj Chairman ZERA, and pilot the four months awa campaign of ZASIDEP in over two hundred d in the State and host of others.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS IN ZAMFARA STATE GOVERNMENT

Alhaji Sani Ibrahim  
Hajiya Zainab Alilu Anka  
Alhaji Adamu Tsafe  
Alhaji Ibrahim Dan Maliki  
Mallam Sanda Danjari Kotorkshi  
Abubakar Mohammed Maru

Commerce and Industry  
Women and Children Affairs  
Water Resources  
Information  
Education  
Environment

# FCT-ABUJA

## Dr. Aliyu Modibbo Umar

Dr. Aliyu Modibbo Umar, an alumnus of California State University, Long Beach, United States of America, was appointed the 13th Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nigeria by President Umar Musa Yar'Adua on 26th July 2007.

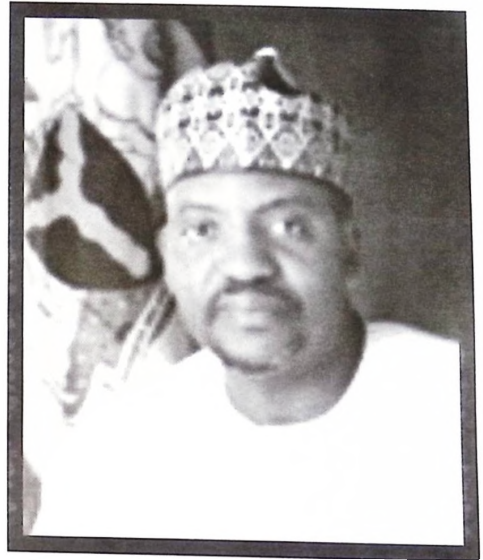
Dr. Modibbo is on familiar turf, having been a three-time Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Between June 2006 and January 2007, he was the Minister of Commerce. As a result of the reforms that necessitated the restructuring of Ministries by the last administration of President Olusegun Obasanjo, Dr. Modibbo had the Industry Ministry added to his Commerce Ministry, which he presided over between January and May 2007.

Prior to this period, Dr. Modibbo had cut his teeth in the Federal Executive Council, when he served as the Minister of State, Power and Steel, between January and May 2003.

Within this period, he revived all abandoned rural electrification projects nationwide. He initiated 400 rural electrification projects and also approved requests for pre-contract surveys of 400 communities, desirous of rural electrification projects. Cashing in on his success in this innovation, he approved one hundred and fifty naira flat rate monthly electricity tariff for rural consumers, thereby giving light to many who were hitherto in total darkness.

Dr. Modibbo has an insider's knowledge of the workings of the nation's seat of power. Among his

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que selling points were his preparations and coverage of meetings of the Federal Executive Council, National Council of State, National Security Council, National Defence Council, National Police Council and key meetings chaired by Mr. President.

He served as the Special Assistant, Office of the Principal Staff Officer to the Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, from 1995 to 1999. In addition, he was the Special Assistant, Office of the Chief of Staff to the President, 1999-2002.

Dr. Modibbo brought his wealth of experience as a highly skilled technocrat to bear on the nagging crisis in the Niger Delta when he served as Secretary, Presidential Committee on Development Options for the area, which led to the creation of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

He was on hand to offer his knowledge on the Presidential Panel on the Reorganization of the Presidential Fleet.



# CHAPTER

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# Managerial Guidelines For Public Service Executives

By Charles Marcus, FCIDA

Lack of serious commitment to managerial excellence on the part of some public service executives, their reluctance to adhere strictly to professional ethics should be seen as the bane of our society. In the public service, equipment, systems, human capital, financial and material resources are not deployed effectively to meet professional standards. Unfortunately, there are many people who get into public offices to do business only to come out lamenting the growing lack of commitment on the part of workers, the nonchalant attitude they exhibit when being approached by a member of the public for information in the line of their services, their increasing dedication to only those assignments given to them by those who have got their palms and their continued determination to destroy the norms and ethics of public service. This situation is prevalent in most countries in Africa.

At a recent presentation at the Excellence Hotel Lagos where over 150 participants attended, the question that was asked was much the same as the British audience had asked me about a decade ago: How do we develop a suitable workforce in the public service who must be driven by a commitment to order, resourcefulness and efficiency in the execution of public duties. I was impressed to notice that what is considered good for orderly conduct of society in one country is acceptable, useful and practicable in another. The management of public institutions has suffered severe setback in the hands of some unscrupulous individuals who only derive satisfaction from the power and prestige of their positions and fail to see the need for rendering efficient services to the public. The corruption and moral decadence of the public service officials is a clear reflection of the level of managerial ineptitude and poor implementation of policies on the part of public service executives. Sometimes this is applauded in error and sometimes beneficiaries may become incandescent with rage in protest against the woeful situation.

Defining the role of a public service executive has become even more imperative because of the reform measures being pursued by the various Governments in Africa particularly in Nigeria where the Federal Government is leaving no stone unturned in her efforts to remodel and restructure the civil service. Should executives in civil service be mere bystanders or should they be the creative force for achieving organizational effectiveness, efficiency and success? Should they be interested in promoting high standards of service ethics of their profession or should they be simply satisfied as armchair administrators relying heavily on their wealth of knowledge and experience and boasting beyond measure with both ends in the mouth of their excellent achievements?

Asking and answering such binary questions can help to throw more light into the present managerial incompetence or ineptitude of some executives in public service organizations within the African continent. It offers a view to revitalizing the backbone of organizational efficiency, which is sound management. The process of reengineering managerial capabilities, reinvigorating and reestablishing the job requirements of public service executives begins with an understanding of what really constitutes or should constitute the guidelines for effective managerial action. At the risk of sounding like the lone voice in the wilderness, let me articulate my view, should be some current thinking on managerial guidelines for public service executives.

## 1. The Public Service Executive is a Negotiator

Mastering the principles and practice of negotiations has not been easy for some public service executives. Negotiations are needed prior to committing public funds towards meeting the needs of the society. It has been said that in business we do not always get what we deserve, but what we negotiate. This is true both in the

sector where huge public money is spent annually and in the private sector. We negotiate for a number of reasons - to trim down costs so that total expenses at a given period will not exceed the limit specified in the budget, we negotiate contract terms to suit our requirements, we negotiate with suppliers over delivery dates or dates of completion of projects. We emphasize and stipulate service or product quality requirements during negotiations. Indeed nearly everything must be negotiated and agreed upon in respect of contracts, prices, orders or projects. Remove negotiations from the work of a public service executive and you automatically make him a bystander, a listener or a witness. But he is not going to be satisfied being just a witness but must be someone whose duties include a substantial volume of negotiating. Whether such executive is young or old, senior or junior he has no reason to play with the task of negotiating at all times.

## ***2. The Public Service Executive is a Teacher***

The Public Service Executive is a Teacher as long as he has people under him who take instructions from him in matters relating to the day-to-day operations. Unfortunately many people rarely think of the public service executive as a teacher but that is exactly what he is. He can hardly do anything except he teaches others. He does this not necessarily by means of any formally organized training or lecture sections but often through communication. Although he may sometimes hold seminars, talks, workshops or specialized courses for the benefit of his subordinates but this does not diminish his role as a teacher. He must have an insatiable appetite for providing on the job training through giving regular instructions to his immediate subordinates who will, in turn, pass on such instructions to others down the line. Successful public service executives all over the world sometimes stick out their necks to practically perform some tasks in the presence of their subordinates so that they learn by watching. This is what many often see and describe as leadership by example. It could also be correctly described as management by example.

## ***3. The Public Service Executive as a Manager***

The Public Service Executive is a Manager of human capital as well as financial and material resources. He may choose to begin with a simple principle which disallows clutter and untidiness in the workplace and proceed from their to develop his principles on how to effectively manage people, money and material resources. His approach to the management of human resources must be seen to be very thorough. He must develop a good working relationship with his subordinate staff and impact to them all the know-how and do-how, which make for smooth execution of tasks in and outside the workplace. He must not under-rate the capabilities of his workforce but should do his best to nurture them to the level where the organization stands to enjoy their contributions. As a manager of resources he must not ignore sound financial management principles and practice, which strengthen the backbone of the organization just as proper management of equipment, infrastructure, furniture and machines purchased with taxpayers money, is of vital importance. Even the rug, carpet, underlay or tiles under his executive desk should always be of top quality to emphasize the prestige of his executive position and impress all those who value esthetics.

## ***4. The Public Service Executive as a Calculator***

Edmund Burke (1729-1797) wrote, "The age of chivalry is gone. That of sophisters, economists, and calculators, has succeeded." The Public Service Executive is a Calculator. Although he may not have personal exposure to financial risks while holding forte as an officer in public service but he must exhibit utmost due diligence required of him to justify every course of action. Not only is the executive a calculator, he is also an economist with the curiosity to understand cost variables and cost implications of taking one financial decision in favour of another. His readiness to always engage in critical cost-benefit analysis to determine the immediate and remote benefits of pursuing a given course of action can help reduce wastes while maximizing savings for the organization. As an economist, he will be concerned with the use of scarce resources, prioritizing based on

exigencies so that at any point in time the opportunity costs that is, the real costs representing foregone alternatives or unsatisfied wants, have the right schedule of preference.

### 5. *The Public Service Executive as a Diplomat*

The Public Service Executive is a Diplomat. His character and his charisma (where he possesses this) can and indeed influence others' desires and decisions to work with him and his organization. Therefore he has a role to play in laundering the image of the civil service and by extension his country. He does not have to think the role of the diplomat belongs exclusively to those ambassadors who represent his country abroad. At a very micro level, every citizen of a country is an ambassador of that country which means that the public service executive has an even bigger role to play while in office changing the wrong and often negative perceptions or notions about his country for the correct positive ones. He does this through his own character. His official conduct must conform to the ethics of his profession and portray civilized decorum. -He must eschew corruption and abuse of office but abide tenaciously by the Code of Conduct of public office holders in his country.

### 6. *The Public Service Executive is a Motivator*

It has been stated that people only give of their best when they truly understand what is at stake and that the best motivators are those who have genuine personal interest in the objects of an organization. This is true and worth bearing in mind by every executive. The fact that the public service is not a personal enterprise should not mean that personal commitment to the goals of an organization within the service should be jettisoned. In fact, personal commitment and a sense of dedication to duty should always precede rewards. Although public service executives generally have a duty to motivate their subordinates, what is wanted right now are self-motivated workers who are ready and willing to join hands with the Federal Government to take our economy out of its doldrums. We cannot talk about motivation without mentioning the fact that former President Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, could be described as a great motivator going by his own words which he often matched with action, whether for good or for bad: **"Accountability, transparency, hard work and loyalty must remain your guiding principles at all times.. hard work will be adequately rewarded.."**

However, Obasanjo's interest in motivating the workforce seemed to be of immense benefit to only those in the public service, his immediate constituency and there was little noticeable or visible commitment to motivating the private sector as we frequently heard from the President and some of his functionaries: "Government will provide the enabling environment while the private sector should drive the economy." Correct. Granted that those in public service enjoy adequate motivation from their superior officers and the Government, how many ways are there for the Government to motivate the average entrepreneur in the private sector to make him perform optimally? One. By providing the so-called over-orchestrated enabling environment. Let the Government begin now to motivate the private sector by providing the enabling environment: roads, electricity, water, security and political stability.

### 7. *The Public Service Executive as an Innovator*

Management has been defined in Jean Jacques Servan-Scribber's words, "the most creative of all arts." Creativity is the product of ideas and new ideas are needed to fashion out the shape of the future, to deal with emerging problems and challenges in the workplace and to increase labour productivity. The public service executive is an Innovator. His innovative approach to the management of his organization guarantees that he will have the maximum of following, the maximum of returns as well as maximum cooperation from his subordinates. It also means his organization cannot be left behind. He cannot go far if he continues to use only those approaches, which are as outdated as the trade by barter. His subordinates as well as his superior officers will applaud his timely introduction and application of new and better ways of doing things to achieve organizational goals. The time has come for us to come away from the old, often parochial civil service

bureaucracy and embrace the changes that are taking place incrementally in our society today. The innovative public service executive knows that certain changes are not only necessary but are also compelling and sometimes forcing organizations both great and small who are not prepared for them to go out of existence. Inability to prepare in advance for change or adapt to it when it occurs is at the very heart of every resistance to change. The executive who thoroughly understands this will put his organization at the forefront of organizations leading the way in an increasingly technology driven world.

### 8. *The Public Service Executive as a Leader*

A leader is someone who by virtue of the position he occupies in industry, business, government, public service, home, church, mosque or other walks of life, is looked upon by others for orders, directives, instructions and necessary actions. He is respected and obeyed by those under him or work with him in a team because he has the qualities and attributes of a leader and holds himself accountable or responsible for the consequences of the actions or inactions of those who obey him. Viewed from this perspective, the public service executive is seen as a leader. Depending on the nature of his work, he would be looked upon for the formulation of clear, distinct and precise decisions; making use of sanctions against faults and errors; ensuring that individual interests are subordinated to the overall interest of the organization; seeing to the maintenance of discipline and having everything firmly under control. His style of leadership determines how well he can succeed in achieving organizational goals. A successful style of leadership often becomes the full expression of the leader and has the potency to unleash his strength, energy and enthusiasm to his subordinates spurring them on to do better. Style of leadership is important, it is the source of motivation for others who identify with the leader, it is the basic ingredient of leadership. Whether it is the great industrial leaders of the world such as Carnegie, Vanderbilt or Rockefeller or the great military leaders during World War II such as General Pelton, General Omar-Bradley, General Dwight E. S. Eisenbor or the charismatic and flamboyant General Montgomery, one thing remains very important leadership demands positive results. It is indeed the basis of having a leader; he must bring results that change the situation for good.

### 9. *The Public Service Executive as an Administrator*

The Public Service Executive is an Administrator. No matter the role assigned to him, he cannot accomplish anything unless he sees his job as that of an administrator. He makes plans that are aimed at achieving organizational goals and impacts to his subordinates those tenets, and acceptable practices that are in conformity with the aspirations of management. He must devise ways of strengthening the capabilities of his subordinates as he deals with a variety of talents, professional skills, and scientific and technical resources. He cannot do all by himself alone so he must embrace the principles and practice of delegation while retaining control and responsibility.

The Public Service executive also has to deal with issues involving day-to-day execution of tasks, with the difficulties faced by subordinates in the course of performing assigned tasks and with the results achieved through deploying available resources. The strategy he adopts in rewarding the efforts of his subordinates and vehemently rejecting and reprimanding the errors of others, must be sound. All these are purely administrative matters and the public service executive must know the procedure for handling all this. It is erroneously believed that the public service executive who has followed courses in applied science and engineering technology may not be able to deal with administrative matters effectively and efficiently. Rhubarb! In today's world the public service executive should be able to possess nearly all the attributes of the specialist in nearly every branch of activity whether his background is in science or technology, arts or culture, etc. He must know something about the finance with which his organization operates, about human resources, which are needed for achieving results, and about the legal framework within which his organization operates. At any rate, his role as an administrator enables him to learn all these aspects on the job, (where previous knowledge and experience are not cognate), thus making him able to take decisions which are seen as the meat and potatoes of executive power

and perhaps, the only visible measure of an executive's day to day competence.

### 10. *The Public Service Executive as a Democrat*

Public Service should be seen as the people's service. It has to be because the Government wants it to promote the orderly conduct of the society, the social well being of the people and to facilitate the development and conduct of lawful business activities involving industry, social services, and the economy as a whole. Those in public service must see themselves as the servants of the people for the well being of the society. The Public Service Executive is a civil servant with supervisory responsibility. He must see himself as a democrat while performing his executive role if he is to secure the active cooperation and support of his subordinates. He does not need dictatorial nor engage in shouting out instructions to subordinates; he is not in the battlefield. His decision making process must be democratized, allowing others to make valuable input where necessary. His decision making to provide the right atmosphere for shared views, contributions, discussions, etc. with the staff will enhance the relationship with them and boost their overall productivity. He is a democrat because he does not claim to be an exclusive repository of knowledge; he is a democrat because he cherishes and considers the views of others; he is a democrat because he runs an organization in which every worker is given the opportunity to have a say in charting the best process of executing a given task which concerns him.

There should always be a plethora of literature in the area of public service conduct, which should be useful to executives seeking to master the art and science of democratic administration. Indeed, the public service executive must always be at the forefront of promoting democratic norms and principles that enhance the productivity of the workforce.

### 11. *The Public Service Executive as a Human Being*

Finally, let us look at the Public Service Executive as a human being with hopes and aspirations, with faith and with rights and obligations. He can be at his best when he chooses and at his worst when he is driven to that stage. One-sided truth about the executive in public service does not long survive experience. The accumulation of one-sided truths such as "man is good", or "man is bad", is the promotion of error. Man can be said to be wholly good or wholly bad.

Frederick Cooper after reading through MacGregor's analysis of human motivation in his book "Human Side of Enterprise", wrote:

"A great deal of shallow rubbish is talked nowadays about "motivation". The truth is of course that neither an animal nor an angel but lies with divine discontent somewhere in between. Any sound political leader must have a dual nature it must contain measures for drawing out, developing and building the best in human nature, while at the same time containing sanctions and safeguards against the lapses to which men are prone."

This final proposition that people are human beings needs to be emphasized in favour of those in public service. Sometimes we think of them as computers and we rate their capabilities far above human limitation. As Cooper believes, our task is to provide sanctions and safeguards against the lapses to which men including public service executives are prone. We must be 100 percent concerned with man's good as his weaknesses not only in respect of public service executives but also when dealing with all categories of employees whether in the public service or in the private sector. There will never be a dull moment.

## Power: Threat Or Opportunity?

I have chosen as the title of my welcome address, "POWER: THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY?" In choosing this as a topic my aim is for all of us to critically take a look at the subject of political power for in it lies the progress or otherwise of our dear nation, Nigeria. All other nations of the world also depend on the power that governs them. So important is the concept of political power that many cannot afford to be without it. The greatest power that is all encompassing resides with God hence the glorious proclamation of our dear Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20 "Behold all Power is given unto me in heaven and on earth . . . ." Let us look at power, what it means in a developing nation like Nigeria.

Is it not right to argue that power is meant to be used to serve humanity and bring about much needed improvements in our society or should we posit that power is simply a means of boosting one's ego - driving one to feel on top of the world and on top of any known laws that make for the progress of humanity?

To answer this two-pronged question correctly let us first of all understand the meaning of the word **power**. The Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary defines power as **the ability and the right to control people or events**. From this particular definition, one can rightly say that power can be used to achieve the two notions contained in the opening questions, depending on the one who uses the power. Anyone placed in a position to control people or events can do so rightly or wrongly depending on his choice. He may choose to be nice in his exercise of power; he may be viewed as abrasive, obtrusive, coercive or dictatorial. He has power to do what he likes to ensure his control over people and over events. He may decide to operate as a complete gentleman with a great passion for the good of the people that come under his control or he may decide to be outrageously wicked in which case his possession of power becomes a threat to lives and properties. He may be partial in his approach to certain issues - taking sides to favour some people while allowing some to roast in the fire, as was the case in the notorious biblical Nebuchadnezzar when he dealt with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

It must be stated categorically that power can make someone try to equate himself with God. This is very dangerous. Power can make someone continually say to himself, **"I am the only one able and there is none else"**. This is gross abuse of power and an affront on God the creator and ruler of the universe. In order to overcome the Nebuchadnezzars of this world, we need to have more SMAs - Shadrach-Meshach-Abednegos - who will not succumb to the pressures of the so-called powerful political rulers.

Power can be used to build; it can also be used to destroy. Power can be used to promote a people to greater heights; it can also be used to pull people down and crush them to dust. Power can be a good attribute of a ruler, a leader, teacher, minister, governor or president. It can be his worst attribute also. Power has been used practically to better the lot of people in the western world, to make life easier for them, to give them good quality education, good quality of working life, provide them security and promote industrial success. Power can indeed be very good, very helpful and very useful in effecting certain positive changes in a society. Yet the wrong use of power can be disastrous, it can spell doom for a nation; it can ruin a people; it can be used to annihilate the entire human race. No wonder the philosopher king once declared, **"Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely"**. He was right

Power can indeed be absolutely dangerous just as electricity, which drives our industrial machines, and equipment can be dangerous when misapplied. Power works like electricity - the electricity that irons our clothes, operates factory machines, produces goods and conveys goods by means of conveyor belts - the same electricity can also destroy all it produces when wrongly applied.

So much for a word, which has kept Africa in bondage for many decades. There is no other continent in the world that suffers from abuse of power than the African continent. In Nigeria for instance, as the nation prepares for the next general election, the clamour for political power will once again rend the air. Ask the average politician why he wants to lead he would declare to you in already crammed words his plans to fight

poverty, provide electricity, pipe-borne water, fight corruption and even make the nation an egalitarian, which no one is oppressed or unemployed. Give him one year in office he first fights the poverty in his pockets so that he has all his pockets lined up with Dollars. The next year he provides electricity to his home, a remote area and if he is magnanimous enough, his village gets electricity as well. If he secures a third year, he makes water available 24 hours in his home. In the fourth and fifth year he meets face to face with corruption. It is certain that at this very time he has become corruption himself that the saying of the late Walt Kelly is now becomes apposite: **'We have met the enemy.. And He is us'**. Do you see that? The enemy he set out to fight at the onset has become himself! Incredible! But that is the truth. The corruption we appear to be fighting, at the expense of industrialization, at the expense of creating employment opportunities, at the expense of providing healthcare and good quality of life, at the expense of security of lives - becomes us. Isn't that amazing? Because all who use power wrongly in Africa amass wealth illegally, that is corruption, the promises having been totally forgotten.

Finally, let it be stated once again that power can create an opportunity for one to serve humanity but it can also make a leader autocratic making him see power, authority, ego and influence as objects of desire. He becomes himself thereby putting every other thing in dysfunctional order. When well-understood and properly utilized power can be a great asset that can be used to change our world for good.

## Democratizing Nigeria's Democrats

**T**he more than 8 years of experimenting with democracy in Nigeria in this fourth republic has been fraught with pains and pitfalls. It has been full of hopes and disappointments, filled with riots and rioting, with commotion and complaints, with promises and reneges, with lapses here and there, with verbal missiles of some sort, with fears and perplexity and above all with a penchant for love and hate, with murder and gruesome attacks on people and with a calamitous vindictive spirit. If this truly captures the scenario in the field of democracy in Nigeria today, it follows that any expectation of progress and sustainable development, peace and prosperity amidst this scenario is not only unwarranted but also indicative of the fact that we are wallowing in ignorance and dwelling in a fool's paradise.

The nation has to be fully democratized which means that stakeholders who are in positions of authority or governance must be willing to adhere strictly to the principles of rule of law, orderliness and responsible behaviour with unflinching respect for the people who are believed to be the custodian of power. We hear it everyday albeit in theory that power belongs to the people. In practice we see a totally different kettle of stinking fish with the picture of power belonging to the one who gets elected or is it selected. This poses two main challenges to the people 1). There is great difficulty in trying to curtail the excesses of the leader in his exercise of power, and 2. Recalling a leader whose behaviour and actions appear to be undemocratic has remained a Herculean task.

In the last administration, former deputy senate president was deployed, against the will of the people, to go about campaigning for tenure elongation. He believed strongly that a *mantuous* deception of the whole nation would bring about tenure elongation and a very huge reward to him and all those in cahoots with him. He was mistaken. He had his own measure of excesses and when his constituency decided to recall him, no success was recorded in this direction. The practice of autocracy and dictatorship under a supposed democracy during the last administration could not make way for his people to recall him. So he cruised on majestically till he completed his tenure.

For our democracy to thrive, we must not only emphasize obedience to the rule of law but also demand strong upright character, which must be seen by all to be above board. The trouble with Nigeria's nascent democracy is not the absence of laws to guide proper conduct of business activities, governance and public service but the sustained efforts of leaders to engage in promoting lawlessness, egotism, hypocrisy, underhand acts and narrow-mindedness. A change in the attitude of leaders who man the machinery of governance is therefore desirable and must be seen as very imperative. Strong upright character, which promotes service above self, will certainly lend support to total adherence to the ethics of governance and help us remodel our approaches towards the acquisition and use of political power. Power itself must be seen as transient, which means no one can perpetually hold public office or be in political leadership whether supported by the people or against the will of the people. It worries majority of citizens to discover that those who get into public offices are wont to disregard the people, behave in a manner inimical to orderly progress of our society and sustainable development. Yet they see nothing absolutely nothing wrong in their actions. No wonder the Holy book has said, "**All the ways of a man seem right unto his own eyes**".

When the last administration wanted to privatize public enterprises they first popularized the concept of privatization, and when they felt they had won the hearts of the people, they called their own friends, those in their good books and asked them to bid for public enterprises, pay for them and take over. It was to them just as easy as that. Every other thing else was mere shenanigan. All this was done amidst great sermonizing on probity, transparency and accountability. What hypocrisy! The right thing to do is to ensure that members of the public acquire public enterprises being privatized. If members of the public could afford to invest billions in the

## A Corpus of Knowledge for Practising Democrats

If we can persuade politicians of every hue and cry, particularly the democrats among them, to drop present approaches to the acquisition of power and its use and follow a more disciplined, more demanding and professional one, things will go more smoothly in Africa where leadership question has remained a daunting one. For the moment, however, it is inevitable that African governments follow strictly their programmes in a steady but gradual manner, not thinking of arriving at their destination in one deft move. Political or leadership problems in Africa do not just occur, they are caused by the politicians some claim belong to the extremist, some conservative, some progressive and some, if not all of them, claim to be democrats.

The question is often asked, why is Africa beset with so enormous and challenging problems and tragedies that it has continued to trail behind other continents of the world? Should Africa with all the abundant natural and human resources continue to suffer from poverty and misery? First, let us acknowledge the fact that greed or corruption on the part of African leaders is responsible for almost 100 percent of the problems facing Africa today. Tied to this behemoth called corruption is mismanagement, although this is often over-looked. It is interesting to conduct a study of Africa the style of governance in Africa, the management of public institutions and the creation and utilisation of the wealth of African nations. The thing that such a study will reveal is the vastness of human and natural resources. The next thing that comes to mind: who should manage these resources? Human beings of course. But they must be classified into major groups - the leaders and the led. Since the new world order recognizes democracy, frontline leaders are all putting on the cloak of democracy, which, to them is the real licence to lead. The rest are followers who I have decided to call the led.

If democracy and democrats will thrive in Africa there must be justice and fair play, which leads to transparency. There must be total adherence to the rule of law and the acceptance by all of the supremacy of the constitution of a nation. Nothing should be allowed to jeopardize the judicial system in use and no leader should at any point in time impose himself on the people. This brings us to the process of selecting political office holders. In most countries of Africa, there has not been any free and fair election in the true sense of the phrase *free and fair*. The process has hitherto been fraught with massive rigging through falsifying voting results; looting of votes, inflating number of votes cast and won in favour of some aspirants and many other vices. For a change, the process must be seen to be impartial not tailored to suit a particular party, group or cabal but open to serve the citizens and all the political parties which are duly registered and recognized by the electoral body. Of equally great importance is the concept of separation of powers. The three arms of government - the executive, the legislature and the judiciary must not be under the control of one arm but must work independently of each other in decision making as long as each arm upholds the provisions of the constitution with regard to the separation of powers. It would be seen that where the three arms are truly independent, the possibility of having a dictatorship or a political arrangement whereby the winner takes everything to himself becomes remote.

Laws, orders, regulations and edicts are made to be observed and in so doing people conduct themselves peacefully respecting others rights as well as recognizing their obligations. In Nigeria, the citizens have had to learn how to behave properly when they were made to embrace the tenets of "War Against Indiscipline" (WAI). Their teachers who also were the leaders have sold to them the principles of MAMSER, Mass Mobilisation for Social Justice and Economic Recovery, which underscored the merit discipline, obedience to the law of the land, respect for constituted authority, hard work, contentment,

economic recovery, self-reliance, social mobilization and a sense of nationalism or national consciousness. Nothing could be said to be wrong with any of these teachings except that the leaders themselves - successive leaders - do not take part in learning anything from these programmes. African leaders always enjoy being above the law; they make the law for their citizens and live above the law. That itself is the root of the problem of African political leadership.

The best cannot be seen of Africa's politics and democracy unless every one learns to respect the constitution of their nation, obey existing laws, orders and regulations governing the proper conduct of human activities. Although there exists a great amount of literature in political party rules and regulations governing the proper pursuit, acquisition and use of power in any nation for all stakeholders to uphold, it seems to me that contemporary politicians and democrats are to be reminded of a corpus of knowledge which they need to apply in order to promote politics, democracy and by extension, the well being of the governed. Although the laconic principles hazarded below may not be regarded as a panacea for our present day political problems, they may, nonetheless, help to remodel our approaches as democrats, to politics and politicking.

- a) Throw away Secular Humanism
- b) Throw away Revolutionary Humanism
- c) Throw away Education not based on the Law of God
- d) Practice only what is in Conformity with the Plan of God
- e) Consult Wisely and Widely on Issues of Public Interest
- f) Measure the Effectiveness of the Policies you Implement

The above concepts may sound too theocratic in modern day politics and politicking but surely they hold the key to a new course of progress for most African nations who have for long strained at the leash of harsh economic realities arising from misrule, mismanagement and corruption. Let us take a look at each of them in turn:

### 1. Secular Humanism

African nations appear to be living under the claws of eighteenth century French philosophers who propounded the theory that the human nature called man is good and can develop to become perfect. Voltaire and Rousseau were the famous French philosophers who promoted this philosophy. They did not know the errors of their humanist position: for they regarded murderers as victims of the society needing help or rehabilitation instead of villains that ought to be punished. This was the beginning of the spread of evil, for terrorists could be freed following humanistic belief, while the civil servant could be jailed. This was the promotion of senseless secular humanism, which has resulted in today's widespread lawlessness, juvenile delinquency, abortions, broken homes etc. Revolutionary humanism, which has been part of the socialist experiments of Eastern Europe, Cambodia, Nicaragua, etc, has nothing to commend it. The huge waste of human capital in these countries speaks volumes against humanistic thinking. Secular humanism has failed and will continue to fail. Let us for one moment gain some insight or understanding of the word humanism.

It was Francis Schaeffer who defined humanism as "the placing of man at the center of all things and making him the measure of all things" But Alexander Solzhenitzyn rendered his own description as "the proclaimed and practiced autonomy of man from any higher force above him." Humanist thought promotes the false belief that there is no clear cut standard of right and wrong. The practice of humanism produced the twin evils of totalitarianism and massacres of the communist East and the permissiveness and decadence of Western democracies. If Africa is to succeed in its efforts at democratization it must throw away secular humanism. In so doing the average democrat will begin to regard evil as evil and good as good as against the current practice of evil when it is beneficial to the practitioner.

### 2. Throw away Revolutionary Humanism

Right now, the average African politician in power is looked upon as a terrorist. He causes problems with his revolutionary ideas, which are at variance with the well being of his country. The reforms taking

place in many of the African countries today are largely based on selfishness and greed, to satisfy the demands of western nations; some are designed to follow modern trend instead of doing what is right and just for their people. Modern or revolutionary humanism has been allowed to take precedence over all other plans for the good of the African nations. The politicians in power are to blame for dragging the black continent into the mud. They are to blame for pornography plaguing them, for holocaust of abortions, for murder, drug abuse, AIDS pandemic and other vices that are threatening to put Africa in perpetual misery. Contemporary democrats who truly understand the times we are living in must throw away modernism, humanism and the perversion of the French Utopia called democracy. However one looks at the emerging democratic principles and practices in Africa, one finds something amiss which may even prompt one to wonder whether Africans have any knowledge of the practical realities of democracy as a system of government.

### 3. Throw away any Form of Education not based on the word of God

Should present day democrats be persuaded to throw away any form of education not based on the word of God? The nations of the word and lately Africa are drifting dangerously away from the word of God and as long as God has no place in their lives, their social and economic problems will persist. Take for example South Africa where the children are now suffering moral decadence following the promotion of situation ethics, love of pleasure and immorality. The South African Police Services (SAPS) Child Protection Unit (CPU) has it in a booklet titled "*Talk About Children At Risk*" that South Africa was fast becoming known as the premier sex tourism destination of the world, particularly because children's bodies are plentiful and cheap. It is also common knowledge that this country is a world leader in the spread of HIV/AIDS. Does this sound worrisome? Education in the "New South Africa" is largely responsible for this and there are persistent moves to eliminate Bible reading, prayer and the singing of hymns at assemblies apparently because pornography has been legalized and may be brought in to replace the devotion to God. This is a flagrant display of worldly education backed by worldly authority. It remains to be seen what the progress intended should be. The South African Police Reports also noted that: "In 1996 the Films and Publications Act was passed, legalizing pornography for the first time in the history of the country. This made it possible for child abusers, rapists and pedophiles to obtain all the material they needed. Statistics on the story as South African Police Service records show that child rape increased.. to over 400%" Isn't this amazing? Peter Hammond posits that in South Africa pornography is regarded as theory, while rape is the practice. One may be right to argue that pornography plus rape equals the theory and practice of immorality. The most pertinent question anyone may ask is why should the South African State with all the experienced politicians and policy makers champion moral decadence? Has it ever been considered what would be the health situation of South Africa after legalizing societal decadence? As the saying goes, time is the acid test of values.

### 4. Practice only what is in Conformity with the Plan of God

Politicians owe it a duty to practice the art and science of democracy with the sole aim of promoting the plan of God for mankind. God has taught us respect for Himself, Respect for People and Respect for Property. It therefore behooves us the practicing democrats to integrate this tripartite purpose of God into our policies so that at the end the society will be better for it. The economic woes that befall a nation when policy-makers and politicians shun the plan of God for human existence can be heart breaking and sometimes catastrophic. Since we know that the thinking in most quarters is that politics is a dirty game and that politicians are deceitful in all their ways, our task is to change the ethos and promote godliness in politics.

#### Respect for God

Yes. Is this achievable in the political terrain of today? It is. The best way to respect God is to keep his word. To kill? No. To steal? No. We must say "NO" to everything God disallows. We must throw away politics of money, which only allows the rich to secure the highest rung on the political ladder of a nation at the expense of the poor. This will make way for ancient inequalities to rankle. The next is to throw away politics

of hypocrisy. It is hypocritical to tell your brother you love him when indeed you are plotting to eliminate him for the sake of power. It is hypocritical to tell Nigerians that you love them when indeed you are anxious to turn majority of them into paupers. It is hypocritical to preach patriotism when in fact the whole members of your family live abroad making you loot the treasury and stash huge sums of money abroad. All of this is hypocrisy, which God hates. If we have respect for God the economy of Africa will be in good shape and the quality of life excellent. Doesn't this sound like theocracy? Well, democracy does not mean fighting God.

### Respect for People

In a democracy, any sound policy for governing people must have a human face it must have respect for people's dignity. Democrats must begin to see people as the centre-point of their democratic moves and maneuvers, the center point of every programme they desire to implement. It seems to me that in Africa the only time people matter to the average politician is when elections draw near at which time politicians see people as merchandise needing to be purchased to do the job of casting votes in their favour. Afterwards the people are dumped or led to Golgotha. This is definitely anomalous and highly unethical.

### Respect for Property

God has taught us respect for property, whether it belongs to a person, a group, a community, local government, state or our nation. Our continent is in dire need of politicians and policy makers who have respect for property belonging to the people public property. What has made many past and serving politicians rich is their use and abuse of public property. Nigeria is an example of a country where embezzlement of public money, abuse of public office, corruption and morbid squandering of public funds holds sway. Talk of thousands who use the Internet to defraud people huge sums of money. It is to check these excesses that the Government established the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) as well as the Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences Commission (ICPC). EFCC has made public the huge amount of money it has so far recovered from numerous cases it has treated since inception. Cases of arson and wanton destruction of public property abound everywhere. The only way to come out of this evil cankerworm of corruption is to have respect for personal or public property.

### 5. Consult Wisely and Widely on Issues of Public Interest

Jonathan Swift, 1667 1745, wrote, "'Tis an old maxim in the schools, that flattery's the food of fools; yet now and then your men of wit will condescend to take a bit." Flattery is worse than a killer squad, yet some politicians enjoy flattery the same way they enjoy good wine. The idea of preferring flattery to truth every now and then negates the principle of consulting widely on issues affecting the people. Politicians must condescend to men of low degree to the masses whose votes are used to win public offices, for their opinions on matters affecting them. The success of a political leader is usually related to his ability to keep in touch with the varying nuances of public opinion. He may become less influential and less successful if he loses touch. The Latin maxim: "*quot homines, tot sententiae*" which means "*there are as many separate opinions as there are individual men*" needs to be borne in mind always. In a democracy, the politician should always seek to do what satisfies the yearnings and aspirations of the majority.

### 6. Measure the effectiveness of the Policies you Implement

Politicians who are voted into power often separate themselves from the people who elected them. This has always resulted in lack of progress, poor implementation of policies and inability to improve the quality of life of the people. Former Nigeria's President Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, was quoted while in power as saying "Most leaders falter because of bad advisers. A good adviser must not be selfish but should look at issues with consideration for the overall interest of the majority of the people." This sounds like the voice of one who understands the need to measure the effectiveness of Government policies from time to time. The problem of failure on the part of leaders as identified by the former President can be tackled when we begin to measure the effectiveness of policies we implement, as championed by political advisers. How can a leader succeed if he does not know what policies he implements, the progress he makes, the results being achieved and the gap (if any) that must be filled to ensure the goal set out to achieve at the onset is actually achieved? I leave the democrats of our day to answer.

## Truth, still the most potent Weapon for Re-branding Africa

**T**he unity of African nations is no longer an issue. What is clearly a major issue right now is how to bring on the unity African nations have achieved over the years. Is it compatible with fairness to call the African continent a dark continent peopled by leaders who in the dark recesses of their memories are unable to find ways of moving the African continent forward? It seems that African leaders have never allowed the deplorable state of their various countries trouble their conscience. If they have, they would have doubtless come up with policies, programmes and strategies for solving underdevelopment problems and poverty, which appears to be perennially ravaging the continent in addition to poor health conditions of the teeming population.

It was Uthman Dan Fodio (1754-1816) who declared, "Conscience is an open wound; only truth can heal it". He was right. If African leaders embrace truth, they will hate lies and damn deceits, which have for long characterized almost every facet of activity in the field of governance. Credible people will elect credible leaders as only the deep can call to the deep. Voices raised by fellow countrymen in opposition to tyranny, autocracy and dictatorship are usually condemned. No wonder the legendary Lucky Dube before his sudden elimination by the bullets of the forces of darkness had sung, "The Holy Book says that the truth will set us free/But in this world we know different/Do you believe in the truth?/Do you believe in righteousness?/Do you believe in innocent proven guilty!/Cause those that tell the truth are always on the run... Oh God/Then I wonder why we don't face what we say/Then I remember the terrible truth about the truth." 'You Stand Alone' from *The Way It Is* album (1999).

Dube completely captures the minds of leaders of this world, particularly African leaders. They chase the truth away from the corridors of power and when they run into trouble they, in desperate bid to survive, beseech the churches and mosques for prayers in a clandestine manner. The nocturnal visits of these African leaders to religious establishments seeking help or solutions to problems caused by their negative attitudes towards effective leadership are no longer hidden but as it were have become common knowledge to all. Adherence to truth is the beginning of progress in Africa. It is the beginning of a new way of life. It is the beginning of industrial development for Africa and Nigeria in particular. We learn this from that great Master, the Christ of the Christendom, who gave this great truth: "I tell you the truth, except a corn of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it abides alone." True or False? True, of course. In agricultural economics term, the Master refers to that seed of corn planted in the soil. It does not germinate or sprout out of the soil unless it first dies. As when it grows and matures it produces corn cobs with innumerable grains. Here, the truth emphasized is that increased productivity is achieved through death of the planted seed. But the Master made that statement to show that unless a man dies to self kills his ego and buries his selfishness he won't be able to serve the people aright let alone lead them to the attainment of any set goal. This is the great truth, which needs to be told to African leaders at all levels. It is the truth we must waft on rooftops.

The vastness of natural deposits in Africa makes the continent easily the most sought after of other continents in the world. Africa therefore occupies a key position as the 'heartthrob' of many other continents for advancement of socio-economic activities. Going down memory lane one readily uncovers the fact that several attempts have been made by African nations towards economic self-reliance and attainment of technological breakthroughs as witnessed in industrialized western nations, and lately countries like Japan, technology and China in Information Communication Technology (ICT). Contemporary scholars, philosophers and economic analysts have constantly placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of Africa's leadership. They argue that the leadership of African nations have largely tended to be parochial, lacking commitment to progress in technology and in provision of infrastructure. Successive Administrations in Africa have suffered severe

setbacks arising from various policy summersaults, inability to implement policies to a logical conclusion and lack of prioritization. Often, prevailing adversary politics has equally contributed to the problem as it leads to abrupt termination of economic policies with every new government in power.

However, of great danger to the promotion of African nations economies is the inability to turn attention to constructive criticisms, no matter how weighty or useful the points raised in such criticisms may be. Such suggestions or criticisms are usually jettisoned overboard because they do not emanate from the rank and file within ruling parties in Africa. Thus the leaders make whims out of their teeming citizens who they in turn blame when their policies fail or become counter-productive. Around Africa cataclysmic economic conditions are easily unleashed at the citizens by leaders with the predilection for injustice. Apart from wickedness, many of the leaders are inept at managing the affairs of their nations or they do not use the best tools. Human and material resources - resulting in the poverty level grossly overwhelming the prosperity level. Those who can give positive and purposeful leadership based on their antecedents, who can steer the ship of state out of storm and reposition or re-brand the nations for the attainment of corporate goals are hounded, arrested and committed to prison. Voices raised in support of effective ways of providing the right leadership are forced to shut up so that at the end of the day only the whims and caprices of the leaders prevailed and such have not put Africa on top of the world.

If Africa's leadership can just for one moment pay attention to constructive criticisms coming from members of the public irrespective of their political leanings, analyse the points raised and see the workability, profitability and effectiveness or implications of implementing the suggestions or aspects of them, we will be on the right track towards attaining our goals. Non-implementation of suggestions coming from fellow citizens who are almost always branded the opposition have jeopardized measures embarked upon for the development of the continent. The truth must always be told: Africa must provide exemplary leadership. And now is the time.

## Revamping and Modernizing Nigerian Rail Transportation System

Nigeria's Rail transport system has been in an increasingly backward state of disrepair and no one seems to have answers to the problems facing the railways. Our railway system today is about 100 years in existence. Its structures were put in place by the colonial masters ostensibly to help in the exploitation of mineral deposits and agricultural produce which means the original design was commodity based rather than a means of transporting passengers from one destination to another.

With the dwindling fortunes of solid mineral deposits and the neglect of agricultural sector after the discovery of oil, the rail transportation system soon became a means of conveying passengers but its effectiveness has come to almost zero as a result of visible decay of existing infrastructure and nearly all the trains in the fleet of the railway corporation.

In 1978 however, the then Regime of General Olusegun Obasanjo decided to turn attention to the railway system on seeing that the Nigeria Railway Corporation has suffered serious setback following over 80 years of neglect. In the bid to revamp the ailing railway corporation, Obasanjo's regime brought in the Indians who were reputed for their expertise in running efficient and effective rail transport system in their own country for decades. Since the rail transport system in India was designed as a means of mass transportation, which the great population of India required, the choice of the Indians was understandable. The system they operated in their own country has proved to be effective, reliable and safe for their citizens over the years. With the coming of the Indians the rail transport system soon began to look up, but not long after, the corporation relapsed into a dwindling state thereby dashing the hopes of many a Nigerian who had jubilated on seeing the initial performance of the corporation with the expertise of the Indians.

After the exit of the then General Obasanjo's regime, politicians who stepped into his shoes were at a loss to find that heavy duty motor vehicles were being deployed by commercial transport magnets in the land to help in the movement of goods. So the neglect continued more so when it was clear that the vehicles were faster in conveying goods. As the nation also suffered from prolonged political instability, there was little the leadership from 1983 to 1998 did to resuscitate the ailing Nigerian Railway Corporation. Even with huge investment of millions of Naira by General Ibrahim Babangida during his eight-year rule, no remarkable improvement was recorded in the rail transport system.

In 1996, following series of agitations from the people for Government to turn attention to the railways, Government in a bid to reestablish the Nigerian railways and make it more functional and effective, got involved in the signing of a contract for 1998 with a Chinese Consortium, China Civil Engineering Construction Company (CECC). The contract was on a turnkey basis, which involved construction and extension of routes to cover iron and steel industries in Ajaokuta and Aladja, including Warri at a total cost of N16.75 billion. No sooner did work commence on the contract than it was also halted for shortage of track materials, which were delayed at the ports. Moreover Nigerian Railway corporation (NRC) had its own internal management problems which were yet to be fully resolved till date such as outstanding pension of retired or retrenched workers, the lack of transparency in the award of contract by NRC management as most of the contracts went to their own members of staff who were not technically qualified. This resulted in grounding of most of the trains as well as the locomotive engines, which drive the trains. It was also widely reported in the media that when the former Minister of Transport Mrs. Kema Chikwe observed these things she declared, "The state in which I met the railway was totally unacceptable to me. This was unacceptable to me because such staff were not experts and all they did was just dump such parts and so many things were wrong."

Part of the contract signed with CECC in 1999 involved expanding the existing 2, 900 km of narrow

gauge to standard gauge double track railway line from Lagos to Kano States passing through eight State capitals and the Federal Capital territory; this is the first phase of the railway development programme with a completion period of 48 months.

At the time of writing, it is not clear what has happened to the contract with CECC. All things still remain the same with no visible improvement. Ironically, the population of Nigeria has grown phenomenally from less than 60 million before independence to over 140 million people all of who virtually depend on road transport system. This obviously has adverse effects on our network of roads. With heavy-duty trucks, passenger buses and innumerable cars plying the roads everyday, many of the highways as well as roads in urban centres cannot be expected to last long after construction. No wonder some of the potholes on expressways have become so deep as to swallow small motor vehicles.

It is my view that no meaningful development can take place in any country without an effective, fast and efficient mass transportation system. All the talks about becoming one of the world's 20 most developed economies by 2020 will continue to be a ruse unless the current programme for the development and modernization of Nigeria's railway system is pursued aggressively and realized. This same view is held by German railway expert, Mr. Herbert Krucker, who at a recent workshop on railway development held in Abuja under the auspices of Railway Initiative, said no nation had ever developed without a modern and efficient railway system. Watch the categorical statement "No nation! Until this statement is proved wrong, one must regard it as a valid statement with which to work."

Mr. Krucker who is the Secretary of German based *Railway Watch*, in sympathy with Nigeria, expressed the view that a fast moving modern railway system would help the country respond to the challenges of development as they arose, describing the existing railway system as outdated and dysfunctional.

Krucker believes that Nigeria has taken a step in the right direction when in 2006 she awarded CECC the rail modernization contract under the 25-year railway development programme, with the cost pegged at \$8.3 million.

This brings us to the issue of funding railway projects in developing countries such as Nigeria. How can developing nations leverage standard rail structured financing obtainable in United States of America, Britain and many parts of Europe. In the US, for example, D'Accord, has been involved in over \$2,000,000,000 structured rail financings by 1992 for both international rail companies and US. What has made D'Accord a major player in this area is steady and huge inflow of funds from rail projects. It is a safe haven because mishaps do not occur easily. In view of this, it has been stated that railroads and rail equipment have become increasingly attractive areas for equity players in the US market with the result that a "significant number of foreign railroads are turning to the US market in order to complete leasing transactions", observes *Asset Finance and Leasing Digest*.

Funding of railroad modernization in Nigeria should not just be left in the hands of the Government alone since the world order is shifting towards privatization and commercialization. In the United States for instance, the big six railroads as far back as 1992 were Norfolk Southern, Burlington Northern, Union Pacific, Conrail, CSX, and Sante Fe. These six formed the bedrock of the freight-forwarding network in the US together with Chicago North-western. There was a passenger network also in existence, called Amtrak, which made use of the lease market then for both locomotives and rolling stock. There has been a tremendous growth in this area over the years with US railroads functioning efficiently and catering for the mass movement of passengers.

United States companies that are involved in railroads are relatively safe, as they are not usually allowed to go into liquidation since the railroad system of America is tied to the freight network to the US economy. European railroads once explored the US market ignoring sourcing funding from Japan, for it was quite possible for deals as large as \$200 million to be done with a single equity source many years ago, with the picture changing for higher deals. The lease option usually between 20 and 30 years for a locomotive is possible for an initial term at the end of which a replacement lease is normally arranged.

But do we really need to go too far to source funds for the Nigeria Railroad system. Having watched with interest our banks raise huge equities to fund their operations, it is not unlikely that Nigeria has the capability to fund its locomotives leases, provided the right expertise will be available for running the rail systems, which in

turn guarantees that such funding will offer suitable and timely returns on investment.

The components of rail system modernization must be spelt out. Nigeria needs fast speed locomotives capable of providing effective mass transportation. New railcars may also be part of the modernization programme. Railcars have been found to be very useful in the United States of America, where in one transaction the utility company called Georgia Power did a \$20 million sale and leaseback transaction on new railcars.

Let us start by re-tracking the rail lines (as this was halted) making sure the exercise is in line with modern technologies around the developed world. Once we complete the rail lines, the next stage to consider is acquisition or leasing of locomotives in the right quantity and quality with quality assurances. It is no longer fashionable for our great country to award contracts for new equipment running into millions of dollars only to be presented with rickety, often obsolete equipment in fulfillment of such a contract. Whenever such a situation occurs, the heavy investments are often forfeited, which means throwing money into the waste bin.

The advantages of a modernized railway system are obvious. The extremely disturbing heavy traffic jams experienced on our roads will immediately disappear as workers would rely on an efficient rail transportation system for their movements to and from their places of work. With a reduced number of vehicles plying the roads, our road networks will be better preserved. Commercial activities will be greatly enhanced as movement of goods and people take place without delays and disappointments. In other words, our rate of economic development will increase phenomenally. The nation is also likely to record expansion in industrial activities. With an effective and efficient modern rail transportation system, we can look forward with confidence to realizing our dream of becoming one of the 20 industrialized nations of the world in the year 2020. More will be gained.

## Standing Firm on a One-point Agenda

**A**s part of its avowed decision to continue with the reform process, the present administration of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua is pursuing a seven-point agenda, which, it is believed will help the nation achieve the much-orchestrated Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the vision of becoming one of the world's largest economies in year 2020. This sounds plausible and looks like an excellent idea.

However, to the average Nigerian skeptic or pessimist, the realization of the seven-point agenda judging from the snail's speed at which we are currently moving, may appear unattainable no matter how hard we try to paint the picture.

There are many who may see the seven-point agenda as soothing balm for the people who have over the years strained at the leash of harsh economic realities of successive governments as it has the intendment to enthrone drivers of macroeconomic environment such as security, education, rule of law, infrastructure such as roads for transportation, energy and water all of which must be capped up with efficient and effective human capital.

In *laissez faire* economy, factors of production are best deployed when the systems and processes that make for their deployment are in place. Thus of all the seven-point plan of Mr. President only one is needful and exigent for now because it has the capacity to drive the others forward. It is the power sector, which has virtually plunged the economy into a state of comatose, that should constitute our one point agenda for now. The President clearly realizes the energy problem of the country hence his decision to promise during his presidential electioneering campaign to declare a state of emergency in this sector. As I write now, more than 240 days after mounting the saddle as Nigeria's elected President, His Excellency Umar Musa Yar'Adua has not made good the promise to declare state of emergency and one is even more saddened or flabbergasted to hear that this is now being put on hold.

Delay in getting the power sector right could be very dangerous or disastrous. It could spell doom for our already weakened industries. Delay in reestablishing our energy sector to make it functional is capable of paralyzing all economic activities leaving the nation prostrate.

Furthermore, the influx of goods from countries like Asia and China is not helping matters for our own local industries, which have long been operating below installed capacity. Production cost, which has already hit rooftops following continued use of diesel and generating sets as alternative source of energy by industries is not likely to make expansion of investment in the manufacturing sector possible.

The ongoing electricity reform project of the federal government should be accelerated as a matter of urgency. The National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) should do all it can to complete the reform package and also ensure that it translates into concrete steady flow of electricity supply in Nigeria. Often we allow ourselves to be deceived by progress made in other sectors of the Nigerian economy. We believe for instance that fast tracked reforms in the banking or in the telecommunication sectors, which have led to considerably high rate of expansion in these sectors mean the economy is healthy. Far from it. As Prof. Charles Soludo observes, "Banks that exist in an environment shape the environment, but the environment also shapes the way and manner in which the banks can operate".

For the environment to truly shape the way and manner banks should operate means other sectors of the economy must also be seen to be truly functional to achieve which demands stable supply of electricity. We can indeed attempt to shrink the size of the 7-point agenda into just one-point agenda of providing stable electricity to drive our large factories as well as our small and medium scale industries. A diversion of resources meant for the remaining areas of the agenda into developing the energy sector, as an emergency move will certainly pay off

into the country should be done away with as it is clearly responsible for our inability to move forward. The adversary politics has given room for money politics whereby some of the politicians who are charged with the responsibility of championing policies for our speedy development have turned out to be simply self-centred at the expense of the overwhelming majority of the citizens of Nigeria. What we need for engineering our development and achieving it is participatory democracy, the cooperative efforts of all and sundry, the ability of our leaders to carry along everyone in their decision-making processes. Every dictatorial tendency on the part of our political leadership must be eschewed as well as every bitterness and rancour.

We cannot look outside our shores for supersonic speed development. No nation ever developed by looking at and copying other nations. Booker T. Washington as a young stripling teenager found an opportunity to mount the platform to address the American Negro community in 1895 when the nightriders unleashed a reign of terror on them. He said, "In things social we can be as separate as the fingers of the hand but in matters of material progress as one as the fist."

Isn't that statement very relevant to Nigeria's progress? In matters of ethnicity we can have divergent views but when it comes to mutual progress everywhere in Nigeria let us be as one as the fist. That is precisely how we begin to achieve the supersonic speed development, which I now advocate.

An example of what I regard as part of supersonic speed development can be seen in the reforms carried out in the banking sub-sector. It was done with maximum speed and it has successfully produced about 25 merged banks. It was not an idea borrowed from another country for no other country had recorded such a phenomenal success in banks' consolidation exercise within such a remarkably short space of time. Credit should therefore be given to Mr. President for pioneering the reform in the banking industry, to Professor Charles Soludo of CBN (in his own namesake, though he pays no tribute) and the entire workforce of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for executing it and to all of us for embracing it. This is also an example of participatory leadership as everyone in the country was, directly or indirectly, carried along.

I think it is good that I have proved the point that we need supersonic speed development in Nigeria in order to be reckoned with internationally. Let us anticipate better days ahead.

## Managing the Airways -Nigeria Needs Safety in the Air

**D**iscussions on the need for safety of air travels in Nigeria now rend the air. At various for a in both public and private sectors mention is being made of the numerous air disasters recorded in the year 2005. President Obasanjo also held a stakeholders meeting at which the security and safety of air passengers were thoroughly discussed. Only a hermit isolated in a cave in an uninhabited island may claim ignorance of these air disasters which have resulted in the loss of lives and properties of inestimable value., yet such a hermit's claim is subject to questioning, for when the precious blood of innocent people was let on the earth, the ensuring quakes were bound to be boundariless, for the earth is one.

However, going down memory lane, we see a catalogue of air tragedies leading to the death of at least 932 people from 1969 to end of 2005, according to available statistics. Nigeria recorded her first plane crash on November 20 1969 when a government-owned DC-10 aircraft on a flight from London crashlanded in Lagos and killed all 87 passengers and crew on board. In 1991, a plane with 239 passengers on board for Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina crash-landed in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, killing all the pilgrims. After these two major air disasters, Nigeria's aviation industry did not experience serious mishaps until last year.

On June 12 2005 a Boeing 727-200 aircraft belonging to the domestic Chanchangi Airlines overshot the runway of Murtala Muhammed Airport Ikeja Lagos; another air mishap had occurred in Jos the previous day.

July 6, 2005 an Air France A330 plane skidded off the tarmac into a herd of cattle at Port Harcourt Airport, the aircraft was battered and it destroyed many of the cows. This was followed by a Lufthansa aircraft crash landing at Ikeja Airport on July 23 2005 damaging itself but without any loss of life. Also, a Ugandan registered cargo aircraft belonging to Amiron Airlines overshot the runway at Murtala Muhammed Airport in Lagos without any loss of life.

However, one of the worst air crashes in 2005 occurred when a Boeing 737-200 aircraft belonging to the domestic Bellview Airlines crashed in Lisa village, 40 kilometers northwest of Lagos only within 3 minutes after take off from Lagos Ikeja airport enrout Abuja. All the 117 passengers and crew members on board perished in the crash. Another ghastly crash occurred on November 28 2005 when a Beshcraft 250 executive jet crashed in Kaduna killing the two occupants. As if enough was not enough, another great tragedy occurred in December 10 in Port Harcourt Rivers State involving a Sosoliso aircraft which crashed at the airport destroying 107 occupants including 50 school children who were flying home for the Christmas holiday.

### Management

These air mishaps are to many for a developing economy like Nigeria. This situation is woeful and lamentable. Any mechanism for checking air mishaps will achieve its objective when it is monitored and managed on a continuous basis. The first step to achieving safety in the air is to look on the ground. Experts appear to be unanimous on five key issues that may cause air disaster. They include:-

- The Infrastructure
- The Personnel
- The State or Condition of the Aircraft
- The Security and Safety of the Airports
- The Regulation of the Industry

### The Infrastructure

The infrastructure at most Nigerian airports is in deplorable state of disrepair. Take the Port Harcourt air crash for instance. The instrument landing system never worked on that fateful day or was it merely

malfunctioning. Isn't it right to say that such a system has become obsolete? What about water? Why did water gadgets not supply water or should we say there was no water to be supplied? These are pertinent questions the answers to which will further explain the state of decay of infrastructure at the airports. If the entire infrastructure at the airports functions properly and the personnel could not effectively carry out their duties, then such employees have no reason whatsoever to be retained. It shows negligence of duty; it shows how they toy with passengers' safety; it means paying lip service instead of real service, a clear case of dereliction of duty.

#### **The Personnel**

Next to the issue of infrastructure is the quality of personnel. Beginning from the Engineers, whose responsibility is to maintain the aircraft, then to the pilots and down to those on the shop floor of the aviation industry, we need to see remarkable improvements in the quality of service. Media reports confirm that the pilot of the ill-fated Sosoliso aircraft reported that the airplane was not fit to make the journey back to Port Harcourt. Having made such an observation during his flight to Abuja, why then did he succumb to pressures to fly the same aircraft to Port Harcourt? Equipping the workforce in the aviation industry through regular on the job training should also include making them stick to the ethics of their profession. No pilot worth his salt and his professional training should fly a rickety aircraft or be coerced to do so simply to improve the bottom line for his company, when he knows very well that such a move is tantamount to a suicide mission.

#### **The State of the Aircraft**

Let us start with the roads. Motor vehicles that ply Nigerian roads must be certified as roadworthy. In the same vein, aircraft that fly the airspace must be certified as airworthy. Some aircraft have been described on the pages of newspapers as *aerocoffin* yet experts maintain that the age of the aircraft does not matter as long as the aircraft is certified air worthy. This argument seems to have been supported with references to the advanced countries like UK and US where they claim that aircraft of over 30 years are still being used. The issue here is the quality of maintenance. Because of the intensive capital nature of the aviation industry, many of the airlines are not able to maintain their fleet of aircraft properly. All airlines operating in Nigeria must take steps to ensure regular and proper maintenance of their fleet the cost of doing so notwithstanding. Airlines found to be distressed and incapable of maintaining the aircraft should have their fleet grounded and their licences revoked. In the UK when airlines are found to be insolvent or distressed they are usually grounded. For example, Air Europe fleet was grounded in 1992 by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) following which its finances promptly withdrew 34 out of its 37 aircraft in its fleet. The Administrators focused their attention on how to preserve take-off and landing slots for Air Europe and persuaded the CAA accordingly but this did not work out in favour of Air Europe on the long run.

#### **The Security and Safety of the Airports**

Next is the issue of security and safety of the Airports. This is where the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) comes in. What security and safety measures are in place at the airports? Merely having a battery of government agents: NDLEA, the Customs, Immigration, DMI, SSS, Airport Security, etc. in place without regularly checking their operational efficiency will simply encourage bribery and corruption to thrive. In some cases citizens are denied access to and from the airports to see off and welcome their loved ones while miscreants and touts flagrantly parade themselves about the airports. Compared with other airports around the world, the security and safety situation at our airports is a big disappointment. The government should take urgent steps to identify and address the lapses. This should be one of the immediate tasks of the Presidential Task Force on Aviation set up by Mr. President.

#### **The Regulation of the Industry**

The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has done much in promoting the growth of the Aviation industry in Nigeria but recent air mishaps in the industry have exposed a lot of operational lapses. These lapses should challenge NCAA to take remedial, pro-active and urgent steps to sanitize the industry. These should include proper maintenance of aircraft, the sanctioning of airlines with poorly maintained aircraft, grounding aircraft and revoking their licences in the case of serious violations of the rules and regulations of the industry, looking more closely into Security and Safety issues, proper policing of the tarmacs, the hangers and the runways at all times. With all hands on deck, Nigeria can still reposition the aviation industry in such a way that it guarantees maximum safety in the air for the benefit of all. The nation will be happier for it.

## Nigeria, Still Searching for Excellence

October 1 2006, was celebrated in Nigeria in commemoration of the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nigeria's political independence. This has been a regular custom every first day of October after Nigeria's political independence in 1960. The then President Olusegun Obasanjo inspected a guard of honour mounted as part of activities lined up for the low-keyed celebration. Afterward, the President went on to address the nation on the state of the nation and preparations of his administration towards ensuring a smooth and hitch free elections next year.

The President enjoined everyone to lay aside his or her differences, eschew bitterness and shun financial and moral corruption, which has been the bane of our economic progress over the years. He would like all hands to be on deck to ensure that our nation excelled in every aspect of our national life.

What was brought to the front burner and allowed to feature prominently in the President's independence broadcast was a chronicle of the achievements of the Obasanjo-led government, the successes or improvements so far recorded from year to year since the inception of the Administration. Without mincing words, every line of the President's achievements came to us the citizens in charming or persuasive superlative phraseology to give the impression of an Administration in pursuit of excellence. Dark spots like near absence of power supply, security of lives and properties, bad roads and indeed infrastructural decay and moral decadence, conflicts and conflicts resolution, misplaced value systems and so on were deliberately included as promises, an indication that we are still lagging behind in those areas and are still struggling or searching for ways to excel.

Admittedly, Nigeria has come a long way from what she used to be and everywhere you look at you see changes that have taken place in business, economy and public service, thanks to the various reform measures of the Government. But we must stop every two or five years at most, to evaluate the progress we are making in our industrial life, call it progress audit with detailed checklist of objectives. Providing answers to the contents of such a checklist will reveal how well we are running the economy. Such a bi-annual or quinquennial evaluation of our progress will certainly reveal some lapses or gaps needing urgent attention. Our value system has to change from what it is right now - love of money more than love of human life. We must attach 100 percent importance to human lives and invest hugely in human capital development if we are to arrive at the portals of industrial or technological excellence. Our search for excellence must begin with respect for human lives the human soul as against the current practice of love of money which scripture describes as the root of all evil. The leadership of the country appears to have magnified love of money at the expense of human lives and this has greatly affected the psyche of the average citizen boy or girl, man or woman and the infection is even threatening unborn babies. Under such a situation it is hard to see how we can successfully fight corruption to standstill. Our re-orientation should involve according respect to human lives, creating equitable federal government presence in every state of the nation; creation of job opportunities for the citizenry and heavy investments in the development of our human resources, not forgetting to recognize and honour patriotic citizens who are making steady contributions to the progress of our nation.

## Investing in Shares

**B**uying shares of public limited companies listed on the Stock Exchange has become a commonplace in Nigeria. The recapitalization of banks in Nigeria gave rise to series of public offers most of which were fully subscribed and in some cases over-subscribed.

Investment in shareholding often has limited risks attached to it. Shares of quoted companies have their market values published in leading newspapers for everyone to see. This gives everyone the opportunity to find out before deciding whether to invest in the shares or not. Share values usually rise or fall from time to time depending on how well the company is perceived to be doing in the eyes of the investing public. But there are major benefits of buying shares of a prosperous public limited company:

1. the shares can be used as security for borrowing, security against loans and advances which the shareholder decides to take
2. the shares can easily be sold at the ruling market rate on the Stock Exchange
3. the shares easily earn dividends
4. for a rapidly prospering company, investment in its shares often pays back full value within a remarkably short space of time.

### Classes of Shares

The two major classes of shares of a listed company are ordinary shares and preference shares, although the latter is rarely used nowadays. The most commonly used, the ordinary shares, are sought after by the investing public. There are also different categories of share offerings or issues available today. They are rights issues and public issues. **Rights issues** belong exclusively to existing shareholders of the company. Rights issues are used for allowing existing shareholders raise their stake in the company. Non-shareholders of the company are not allowed to subscribe to or receive any of the shares offered under rights issues.

Public issues are for all members of the public who may wish to buy the shares of the company making the offer. No one is excluded from purchasing shares publicly offered for subscription but in some cases subscribers to shares may not be allotted the number of shares they demand if (a) the shares are oversubscribed and b) there have been errors in the information submitted in response to the share offer. In the event of oversubscription, the subscriber receives full refund of that portion which the company is unable to grant him, so that he loses nothing.

As soon as the share allotment and payment transactions are completed, the company issues share certificates to its shareholders approved by it. In view of the high volume of documentation required for most share offerings, a separate organisation is usually engaged and charged with the responsibility of issuing the shares and receiving payment for them. This department is called the issuing house. They offer the shares for subscription, advertise the shares, showcase the company's past trading results and issue a prospectus. A separate organisation is also engaged to deal with documentation and issuance of the share certificates. This department is variously called Share Registrar or Secretary. The department may be in-house in which case it is part and parcel of the company making the offer or is eternal, in which case the department functions outside the company independently and can handle share transactions of different companies for a fee. Whatever it is, shareholders must receive their share certificates as soon as the share transactions are completed. These are usually dispatched to their known addresses submitted by them at the time of subscribing to the shares. If after a reasonable period of time some shareholders do not get their share certificates, such shareholders must contact the company whose shares they have purchased and let them know of their non-receipt of the certificates.

Overall, investing in shares of prospering public companies is indeed a good investment and you cannot

lose. It's all about gain, a share of the profits in form of dividends. If you have not given it a thought all these years, you do not know how much you are missing. So when next you hear of that bank, that airline or that insurance company or any other company for that matter offer for sale to the public its ordinary shares, you should be the first to grab the opportunity, if the company offering the shares is generally perceived to be doing well.

## Thoughts of good for Nigeria's Economy

**R**unning the ship of a state may be likened, in some respects, to playing the draft game. The player on one side of the board (draft is usually a game of two) has twenty disks to play which must be skillfully deployed to win the other party's own disks. Moving each disk forward from one point to another demands careful planning, calculations and projections. When a disk is moved forward from one point to another the movement creates an opening which the other player may take advantage of as long as that opening (space) remains. On the other hand, the opponent may move a disk forward as a 'service' to the other party, which the served party must take over by occupying the vacant space or spaces created.

Sometimes an opening may be created without the player knowing he has created one or more openings for his opponent and this invariably leads to loss of the player's disks or seeds. While the game lasts, each player is seen seriously engaged in mental exercises while being over-ambitious, over-zealous and often boasting openly of his skill and ability to outplay or outwit his opponent and win the game. The draft game must also be seen as a game of wits. Unfortunately, all too often mistakes and miscalculations are committed and the player who notices when these occur takes advantage of the situation and the game is won and lost.

The lessons learnt here are manifold. The two players do not intentionally make mistakes, or miscalculations else their moves will not be described as such. Often, spectators are the first to observe the blunders, or risky moves that are capable of causing a player to lose the game. In our society, the leaders do not notice the way the economy is drifting but if they do they appear to be unrepentant in making the economy plunge more into the doldrums. Like the draft game, the Special Advisers or Consultants engaged by the Government appear to be specialists at the very job they have been hired with taxpayer money to do. Of course they are all insiders and in our draft game analogy, draft players and corners of the draft board. I am not surprised that this has happened and is still happening in Nigeria. The truth however is that this is not the first time public office holders appear to be head bent on misleading the governed.

Professor Edozie, one time economic adviser to the President in the second republic, once told Nigerians that the economy of Nigeria then was buoyant. Not long after he said this, the Late Chief Obafemi Awolowo, a non-economist with widely respected command of economic issues, came out and told the bitter truth: that the economy of Nigeria had finished! Professor Edozie later came back to admit that the economy was really bad. The most interesting thing to point out here is that whilst Professor Edozie made the statement when he was still in Government service, the Late Chief Awolowo gave the true picture not as a public office holder. From this one can rest in the conclusion that it is the people who suffer from bad economic policies of the Government that should be allowed to give their opinion on the way things must be done to move the nation forward. If we all, as spectators, who do not hold the draft board have fiduciary obligation to pin point what is good for the economy, then I venture to present my humble opinion of mine.

This opinion is based on some political and economic terms, which many Nigerians including myself do not yet fully understand how they are being used in Nigeria by the Government and its functionaries and I must be forgiven if my little knowledge of these terms fails to meet the Nigerian context. These terms include:

1. Democracy
2. Privatisation

3. Commercialisation
4. Deregulation
5. Political/Economic Corruption

### 1. Democracy

What really is this term Democracy which has been ringing bell all over the world? The school boy's definition of Democracy is "the government of the people by the people for the people." Other technical definitions include: "Government of consensus", "rulership by representation", "the peoples government", etc. One of the problems Nigerians have with the present system of government is that none of the above definitions of democracy can aptly apply. All those in power in Nigeria today claim they were elected but they have not said who elected them and for what purpose(s) they were elected. Newspaper reports are pointing to the fact that most of the leaders rigged their way into power. Perhaps this explains why the only time the National Assembly members threatened to go on strike was when one of the Ministers called them unpalatable names. It also explains why all economic policies and problems introduced by this Government which are capable of putting the economy into comatose has not compelled them and cannot compel them to go on strike. Any government of the people will carry out people oriented programmes, programmes that lead to the welfare of the people while the Government lasts. A regime or an administration is known by its achievements while the government lasts and not by its ability to peer into the future. The future belongs to God.

### 2. Privatisation

Simply put, privatization means the act of allowing public utilities and projects in which the Government has one hundred percent ownership to pass into private hands by way of acquisition. No good government can privatize without asking itself what the privatization is expected to achieve. One of the reasons widely canvassed in favour of privatization is that the public institutions have not been managed properly and private hands are better positioned to run them efficiently and profitably. Mention is hardly made of the need to create employment a very important economic issue through the privatization programmes. Nigeria is capable of creating over one million jobs through privatization. How? The so-called Special Economic Advisers know (or should know) that not much economic benefit is gained when proceeds from privatized public institutions are just shared between the Federal Government and the States. Research has shown that the right approach to privatization allows the proceeds to be geared towards the creation of job opportunities through aggressive industrialization policy.

### 3. Commercialisation

Privatization usually leads to commercialization. When a public corporation is privatized, it ceases to be under the control and management of the Government especially where the Government has sold all its shares. Commercialization and privatization are two closely related terms and are capable of turning state owned corporations, which have for many years remained moribund to profitable establishments. Caution however, must be exercised when planning to privatize or commercialise those utilities that are considered vital to economic growth such as electricity and water. In order to attract local and foreign investments the right environment must be put in place and regular availability of electricity, pipe-borne water, good access roads and political stability are some of the necessary ingredients for privatised or commercialized establishments. These establishments must not be allowed to operate as monopolies else they would be profiteering at the expense of consumers. Commercialization also offers the opportunity for Government to create thousands of jobs if the Public Private Partnership approach is allowed to

operate.

#### 4. Deregulation

Deregulation is a sound economic measure, which must be fine-tuned to meet Nigeria's peculiar needs. We have observed that price control cannot work; it has never been successful in any country because of corruption and inefficiency of the public service. In countries like Soviet Union, where there was maximum military regimentation to make price control work, when it was introduced, yet it failed. But we cannot continue to talk glibly about deregulation, market forces, democracy, and free market economy as if all these are synonymous with "Laissez faire" economic approach. There is no country in the world that offers its essential commodities on a no-holds barred pricing system without putting in place welfare packages for the citizens. I am referring to deregulation in form of incessant fuel price increases, which has become the trademark of the Federal Government. In a country where power supply is erratic, there has been much dependence on fuel for generating alternative power for industrial operations. Where prices of petroleum products are increased frequently, costs of production are bound to rise, forcing every producer to increase product prices. This cost push inflation. Statements such as "we must charge for fuel what obtains in other countries" being made by some Government functionaries who do not care to put in place the welfare conditions prevalent in those countries of reference, cannot be described as valid statements but are at best one-sided. Fuel is a product that cannot respond to market forces if we are to maintain capacity utilisation in our local industries. Demand should not be expected to fall with every price increase and this must not be construed to mean that the price increase is acceptable. If there is a deliberate policy to reduce consumption of fuel through frequent price increases, then we are deliberately asking producers to reduce capacity utilization, so you can see that the policy of increasing fuel prices all too often cannot make for the progress of industry or the economy as a whole. Before we can embrace deregulation of petroleum products, private initiatives should be allowed to establish and operate petroleum refineries locally, this pays the nation better than endless importation of the product.

#### 5. Political/Economic Corruption

Qualitative leadership of a people is not the product of those who are perceived to be the best in their chosen areas but the product of those who have developed themselves to the point where they are seen to be consistently thorough, forthright, honest and straightforward in the things they believe, do or say. The level of political/economic corruption in the country is rising everyday, an indication that we need first and foremost the moral rectitude to fight corruption. No one in the country is free from corruption apart from regenerate people. The fallen man is corrupt, the risen man is incorruptible but this might be difficult to understand.

One may justifiably argue that if we had less and less natural endowments, such a situation may have challenged us to be more purposeful in getting things done the right way, in increasing productivity, achieving efficiency in public service, industry and business and perhaps this could have given us one of the highest rungs on the ladder of economic progress. But this cannot be the original design of the creator of the universe who in his wisdom instructed: "To whom much is given much is expected from."

Nigeria has much of every natural endowment. It would be foolhardy to believe that the purpose of the vastness of these natural resources is to produce poverty, lack of food on the table, unemployment, industrial unrest, political agitations, crumbling economy, disaffection amongst the people, apathy over every move of the Government. Again those who believe this should be the product of our great commonwealth are wrong. I belong to the school of thought, which upholds the original purpose of our natural endowments: to produce more out of the much we have been given, to serve humanity better with total obedience to the laws of human relations. We cannot call or regard our backwardness as

progress; otherwise such backwardness cannot leave us. God has given us enough resources with which to make progress but we rejoice in wasting the opportunity and believe we are making progress. Remember the Holy book teaches that he that regards good as evil, evil will not depart from him. Do we regard the abundance of natural resources in Nigeria as evil? This should challenge us to rethink the role we have been playing individually in the development of our nation. This should challenge us to have the right attitude to work, to public service, to industry and business and embrace righteousness, which lifts up a nation. If the Lord tarries, Nigeria will go back in front regardless of all the evil or corrupt practices going on in the land. The state of affairs in Nigeria will certainly change, for good.



# Understanding the New Approach to Manpower Training

Over the last few years the Nigerian economy has witnessed marked technological progress and it is expected that more progress will be made before the end of the next decade. Greater use of machinery and manpower has been made in industry and commerce with the result that the volume and scope of industrial and commercial activities have increased tremendously. It may be rightly said that the whole economy is now in a technological era in which standards of housing, health, clothing, transportation, telecommunication, energy, entertainment, information, banking, industrialization, commerce and calculation are for ever rising.

The progress in technology in industry has brought about great challenges to managements how to train manpower to continue to cope with the requirements of a changing world? In the past, various approaches have been adopted all of which aimed at improving the performance of the knowledge worker. Chief among these approaches are: 1) Training Needs Analysis which enables the organisation to establish a training gap for a programme of training aimed at filling the gap is drawn up. 2) Retraining aimed at imparting new knowledge to the worker either as a result of new technology becoming available or a decision to transfer the worker from one machine or department to another which will require the worker to possess new skill. While there is no doubt that these approaches are always tended to be faulty. There is need for industry to articulate a long-range training policy spanning a period of say five years, the operation of which will increasingly play a major part in the total manpower development system of the industry. Today, our approach to training should be changed fundamentally. Managements are to continue to make the best use of manpower. Three factors are considered to be of great importance in a constructive new approach to training.

## 1. Education Policy

In the current universal basic education policy, it is going to be necessary to think more clearly about the possibility of providing the right sort of basic education so badly needed in the country today, so that once in a working lifetime, an individual can easily adapt to any given mode of retraining to continue to be an effective worker in a technologically changing world. Care must be exercised in the implementation of the system of education to ensure that the youths are provided all facets of training which will make them more useful, more 'complete,' responsible and well adjusted workers which our industries clearly need, otherwise there will be a rising degree of human waste in the later part of the lifetime of all those who may have made tremendous contributions in industry in the early stages of their career.

## 2. The Needs of Industries

The typical nineteenth century small industry required only a small group of operators with a small number of simple tools like a drilling machine, a lathe and a grinding wheel. It was easy for each member of the group to understand his duties as well as those of his colleagues and indeed the uses to which the tools were put. There was a clear orientation towards the end product.

Then came the growth of industrialization which saw the primitive type of manufacturing giving way to more amorphous systems, producing varying degrees of changes: instead of talking about a lathe machine or a drilling benches, a Turning Section is established possibly holding hundreds of machines in it and instead of a Drilling Section with a complete battery of machines, and similar changes in the workplace.

Today, this amorphous system of manufacture, has again, transformed itself into what may best be called a cellular structure which has reproduced the primitive system of manufacture but with full automation to make mass production possible. This type of 'conveyor-belt' system has reduced industry to mere 'push button' in which a worker operates one out of the many processes of production, even with practically no training or experience. Industries therefore need to rethink their recruitment and training policies and for those already working, a combination of better training policies that would include things like day release courses, part-time courses, weekend courses and evening courses at vocational trade centres.

### **3. The Needs of Workers**

What individuals need in order to perform their duties effectively can be established by looking at some of the problems facing them in industries today and these include:-

- **Poor knowledge of current affairs**
- **Ignorance of working environment**
- **Lack of plans and aims this will require vocational guidance and counseling**
- **Inability to communicate effectively**
- **No leisure activities**
- **Little concept of social responsibility**
- **Lack of commitment with or involvement in the organisation**
- **Inability to get on well with others**

All these problems will no doubt either directly or indirectly affect the working of the industry and since training has a major role to play in the improvement of these factors, every effort should be made by all managements to ensure that they are taken into consideration when training programmes are being prepared.



## Promoting a healthier Healthcare Service Administration

**H**ealth, they say, is wealth. The wealth of a nation therefore depends on the health of its citizens. If the citizens are in poor health conditions, driving the economy forward becomes difficult. If the citizens must be in good health at all times then the first consideration is how to make their economic conditions good so that they can be said to have good quality of working life. The next consideration will be the provision of medical facilities teaching hospitals, medical centers, maternity homes and other primary health care institutions. Reason. Health can fail at anytime because we live in a world full of health hazards that are constantly threatening our health conditions. It behooves every developing nation under the sun to seek ways of maintaining an active and healthy population.

However, as we all know, the way public health issues are handled in our country leaves much to be desired. Our medical practice falls below the standard required by the World Health Organisation, in terms of equipment, manpower and service delivery and falls below the standard maintained in developed world. So there already exists, admittedly, unimaginable chasm in public health administration between Nigeria as a developing nation and most part of the developed world.

Establishing and promoting better healthcare delivery will certainly begin with public health ministries and institutions they supervise because the functions of budgeting for equipment, infrastructure, drugs and personnel, rest squarely on them. How well are health service activities funded in Nigeria is a question which can be answered by almost everyone who has tested the services obtainable in this sector.

Nigeria is endowed with abundant human and material resources but in almost every area including the health sector, not much is being achieved. The human factor, not Nigerian factor, as many have been led to believe, is primarily responsible for the lack of progress in various sectors. Take for instance, the recent budget surplus of N300 million recorded by the Federal Ministry of Health. Was such unspent budget arrived at because there was nothing upon which to invest the money. Ironically, the hospitals are ill-equipped, understaffed with existing staff ill-motivated resulting in massive brain drain on the part of qualified medical personnel in search of greener pastures in the developed world. The human capital flight in this respect cannot be easily quantified. But it establishes that those who run the budgets in public health institutions have not been as prudent as expected. Medical centers in the country need more money to operate efficiently and effectively, they need more money for equipment and staff and to find that a budget surplus existed in the last year is simply ridiculous.

In order to properly reposition our health institutions for effective service delivery, university teaching hospitals, government medical centers and general hospitals, maternity clinics, and other primary healthcare institutions, together with privately owned hospitals must begin to think like the patients. When health institutions appreciate the thoughts of their patients and place themselves in the very shoes of the sick, a new consciousness, the consciousness of effective service delivery in line with global best practices will be reawakened in them. Before we closely examine the line of thoughts of the patients let us quickly take a look at some of the prevailing problems or challenges facing the healthcare industry in Nigeria.

- Lack of adequate diagnostic equipment
- Dearth of qualified and experienced medical practitioners, including nurses and midwives
- Inadequate facilities for training of medical personnel
- Lack of drugs, hospitals and medical centers have become mere prescription clinics, and the problems caused by the circulation of fake drugs such a treatment failure, resulting to high mortality rates

- **Nonchalant attitude of medical personnel while dealing with patients.**

At the moment, only lip service is paid to issues relating to improving healthcare delivery in the country. Politicians' rhetoric emphasizes the presence of well-equipped national hospital, teaching hospitals, medical centers and primary health institutions. In reality, no such establishments with such superlative descriptions exist in the country. If they do Mr. President would not need to be flown abroad for medical treatment. Also, highly admired Chief Gani Fawehinmi's ailment would have been detected in Nigeria with the series of diagnoses he had undergone and regular medical attention. It was only when the celebrated legal lumina traveled abroad that it was detected he had cancer. There have been various cases televised to us requiring treatment overseas with huge sums of money. If we have the equipment and manpower locally, these ailments would have been treated locally. One may ask: is Nigeria so poor that it cannot afford the medical equipment used abroad and recruit the qualified personnel to man them? Fellow Nigerians, Nigeria is not poor but the people who ought to benefit from the wealth of the nation are the ones poor.

# **CHAPTER**

# **4**

**Banks and Other Financial Institutions**

# FIRST BANK

## Jacob M. Ajekigbe



**B**anking industry icon, Mr. Jacob Moyo Ajekigbe, the Managing Director /Chief Executive Officer of First Bank Nigeria Plc, is a modest man. He prefers that his good works speak for him than brandish his achievements before men.

For instance, in spite of the many firsts that First Bank has recorded under his leadership, the erudite banker has remained reticent, but not in action, because that is where his strength lies. Since 2001, when he took over the mantle of leadership of the nation's first financial institution, the agric-economist-turned banker has introduced many innovations that have enabled the bank to move ahead of its peers.

The bank now wears a new look courtesy of the new identity he initiated in 2004. Service delivery has improved significantly on account of new information and technology he also introduced just as new products have, similarly, been introduced.

All these, along with other innovations he brought to the institution, have enabled the bank to expand its customer base. The branch network has also been rapidly expanded. In financial terms, the bank's asset base, shareholders' funds among others, have also recorded phenomenal growth. Little wonder that Ajekigbe has been a recipient of many awards from both within and outside the country. Suprisingly, in spite of these monumental achievements, the First Bank CEO has remained quiet.

Now, the bank is about to record yet another first.

In the third quarter of this year, First Bank will consummate a merger with EcobankTransnational Incorporated (ETI); the parent company of Ecobank Group, to produce what analysts say is the biggest combination of banks in Africa. The new arrangement will amount to a reenactment of the history of the bank, which in the late 19th century had branches in Sierra Leone, Ghana and The Gambia. When this arrangement comes on stream, will Ajekigbe flaunt it? Will he brag about it? Or, will he, as usual, keep mute? Read on.

### Profile

Ajekigbe holds a Bachelors degree of Science in Agricultural Economics of University of Ibadan (1975) and MBA (Finance) of the University of Lagos (1990). He joined First Bank as agricultural credit officer (ACO), Kano, in 1977. Between 1997 and 2000, he was general manager of the London branch of First Bank and became executive director, retail & consumer banking in December 2000. Mr. Ajekigbe is a member of the Institute of Directors, Nigeria and UK.



**L**adi holds a Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom (1993) and an MBA from Harvard Business School (2000), United States of America. He has over 14 years experience in commercial and investment banking in Europe, United States of America and Africa.

He began his banking career in 1993 at Morgan Grenfell and Co. Limited, one of the UK's most prestigious investment banks, which was later consolidated into the investment banking division of Deutsche Bank. While at Morgan Grenfell, he worked in the areas of risk management and corporate finance (debt origination). He was responsible for managing the bank's trading and investment positions in debt instruments in Latin America and Eastern Europe, at a time of great volatility in both regions. As a corporate finance officer, he was part of a team that structured numerous complex debt deals running into several billions of dollars in Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Asian sub-continent. Subsequently he worked at Citibank in New York in the area of structured trade finance covering the CEEMEA region (Central and Eastern Europe Middle East and Africa) before returning to Nigeria as an Executive Assistant to the Chairman and Chief Executive in 1996.

He has worked in various areas of the Bank,

## FIRST CITY MONUMENT BANK



**Ladi Balogun**

including Treasury, Corporate Banking and Investment Banking. He was appointed an Executive Director in charge of the Institutional Banking Group (IBG) in 1997. His restructuring and business development efforts in IBG were largely responsible for the geometric growth in the Bank's earnings between 1997 and 1999. In 2000, he was made Executive Director in charge of Strategy and Business Development and by 2001 became the Bank's Deputy Managing Director. He was appointed the Managing Director of the Bank in 2005, upon the conclusion of the Bank's successful initial public offer, the mergers with Cooperative Development Bank Plc and Nigerian-American Bank Limited, and the acquisition of Midas Bank Limited.

Ladi has received extensive training both locally and internationally, including attending a Citibank-sponsored Professional Development Programme as well as the Credit Course for Senior Bankers and the Advanced Credit Course for Senior Bankers at the Citibank School of Banking.

In addition to being the Managing Director of FCMB, he is also a director of the following companies: City Securities Limited; CSL Stockbrokers Limited, First City Asset Management Limited and Interswitch Nigeria Limited (Nigeria's first national payment switch). He sits on the Advisory Committee of one of Nigeria's leading private equity firms (SME Partnership). He is a volunteer speaker for two Non-Governmental Organisations in Nigeria focused on training and mentoring the youth and entrepreneurs, namely Fate Foundation and Junior Achievement Nigeria. He is also the chairman of the Otunba Tunwase Foundation (a charitable organisation established to improve the health and welfare of children in Nigeria). Only recently, he was appointed to the Working Committee established to define modalities for setting up the Ogun State Development Trust Fund.

# OCEANIC BANK

## Dr. (Mrs) Cecilia Ibru

**D**r. (Mrs.) Cecilia Ibru holds a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Degree in Sociology from North East London University and a Masters of Philosophy from the London school of Oriental and African studies.

She commenced her career at the IBRU Organisation in 1978 where she held various positions.

In 1990, she joined Oceanic Bank as General Manager, Admin and Personnel later becoming Executive Director, Finance and Administration.

Cecilia Ibru became the bank's Managing Director /CEO in 1997.

She is chairperson, Sub-committee of the Bankers' Committee on Small and Medium Investment Equity



Scheme (SMIEIS) Member, Presidential Consultative Committee on SMIEIS, Member World Economic Forum. She is a Fellow Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria and Fellow Nigeria Institute of Management.

In recognition of her numerous contributions to the development of Banking in Nigeria, the Federal Government of Nigeria honoured her with the award of Member of the Federal Republic (MFR).



**B**orn on 2nd February 1954 at Rigachukum, Kaduna State, Alhaji Falalu Bello obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Law from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, in 1978 and was called to the bar in 1979.

He had attended many courses and seminars spanning the areas of law, banking, finance and management in Nigeria and abroad including the prestigious Harvard Business School in the United States of America.

Alhaji Bello began his legal career as a magistrate Grade 1 with the Kaduna State Judiciary in 1980. Later in the same year, took up appointment as the Senior Legal Executive/Acting Company Secretary of the Northern Nigeria Investment Limited.

Prior to his appointment as the Kaduna State Commissioner for Trade & Industry in 1983, Alhaji Bello was the Company Secretary of the National

## UNITY BANK



**Alh. Falalu Bello**

Freight Company Limited. He also had a stint at Bank of the North Limited in 1979.

Alhaji Falalu Bello has held several positions of responsibility in the course of his illustrious career. Through the dint of hard work, he rose to the position of Managing Director/CEO, Habib (Nigeria) Bank Limited in 1994. In 1998, he resigned his appointment with Habib (Nigeria) Bank Limited to become the Managing Director of Intercity Bank Plc, which had just been refashioned. Later in 2001, he was appointed Managing Director/CEO of the Nigerian Agricultural and Rural Development Bank Limited, a position he held until his voluntary resignation. Between 2001 and 2005, he was Chairman Board of Directors of Intercity Bank Plc and in October 2005, he was appointed the first Managing Director of the recapitalized Unity Bank Plc, a position he still occupies.

As well, he was a Director of First Interstate Bank, Express Discount House Limited, Crittal Hope Limited, MBS Merchants Limited and Chairman, HNB Trustees Limited, among others.

## ZENITH BANK

## Jim Ovia

**J**im Ovia is Co-Founder and pioneer Managing Director/CEO of Zenith Bank Plc. He has over 25 years banking experience.

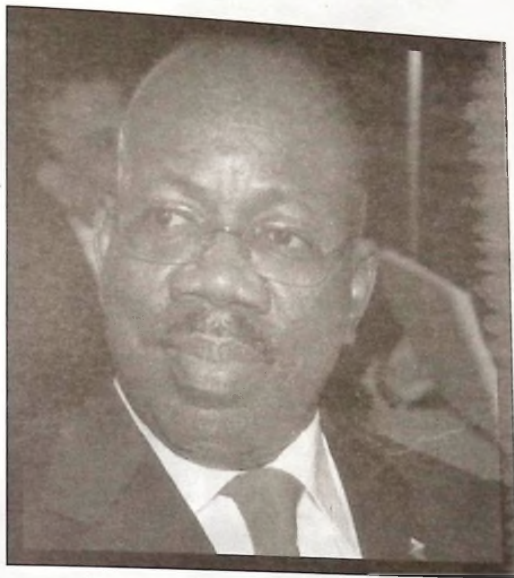
He is the Chairman of the Nigeria Software Development Initiative (NSDI) and also Chairman, National Information Technology Advisory Committee [NITAC]. He is a member of the Governing Council, Nigerian Investment Promotion Council [NIPC] and also a member of the Honorary International Investor Council.

Jim Ovia is a member of the Governing Council of Lagos State University, Lagos and also a member of the Board of Trustees, Redeemer's University For Nations, Lagos. He is the proprietor of the proposed University of Information and Communication Technology, Agbor, Delta State; he served on the board of American International School, Lagos [2001-2003].

Jim Ovia headed various Non-Governmental Organisations [NGO] at various times including being the first President of the Nigeria Internet Group [2001-2003]; member, Tsunami Disaster Relief Committee and co-ordinator Nigerians United To Save Niger Republic [NUSAN].

He is the founder and Chairman of Mankind United to Support Total Education (MUSTE), a philanthropic organization focused on providing scholarship for the less privileged, of which some of the beneficiaries are now qualified Medical Doctors, Lawyers, Engineers etc.

Jim Ovia is also the founder of the ICT Foundation for Youth Empowerment, which focuses on improving

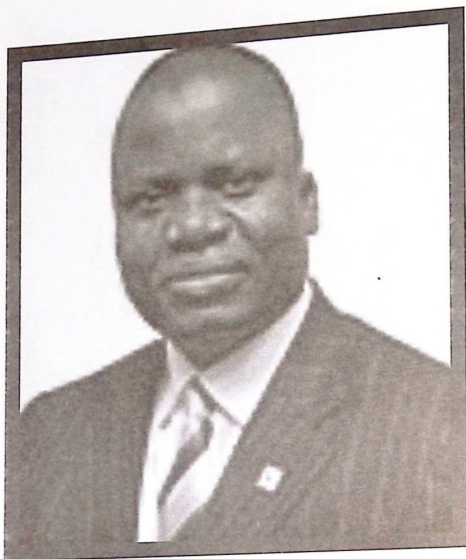


the socio-economic welfare of Nigerian Youths by inspiring and motivating them to embrace Information and Communication Technology. The initiative holds annual Youth Empowerment conferences.

In November 2000, Jim Ovia was conferred with the national award of **Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR)** by the President, Federal Government of Nigeria. He had earlier received the Zik Award for professional leadership in April 1999. He was also conferred with the honorary degree of Doctor of Science [D.Sc] in Finance by the Lagos State University in October, 2005.

Jim Ovia has a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Louisiana, Louisiana, USA in 1979 and a B.Sc degree in Business Administration from Southern University, Louisiana, USA (1977). He is also an Alumnus of Harvard Business School (Executive Management Program).

Jim Ovia is a motivational speaker and has delivered speeches at several conferences. He has authored several published and unpublished works and he is in the vanguard of promotion and propagation of Information and Communication Technology in Nigeria.



**S**uleyman Abdu Ndanusa OON, Managing Director / CEO. A graduate of Economics from the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Suleyman A. Ndanusa, began his banking career in the former Continental Merchant Bank of Nigeria (CMBN) as a Deputy Manager, Credit & Marketing in 1987. Before rising to the level of Assistant General Manager/Head, Domestic Money Market Department in July 1992, he was Manager, Credit & Marketing in Charge of Construction, Real Estate, Packaging and Transportation Team in 1989 and Head of Department, Domestic Money Market & Treasury in 1991. Between 1993 and 1996 he became the Group Managing Director of Empire Group Ltd, a financial services holding company with five subsidiary companies covering finance & investment; stock broking; insurance broking; savings & loan and commodities trading. By 1996, he became the Chairman of the Group, a position he held until 1999 when he was appointed Director General of Securities and Exchange Commission

# SPRING BANK

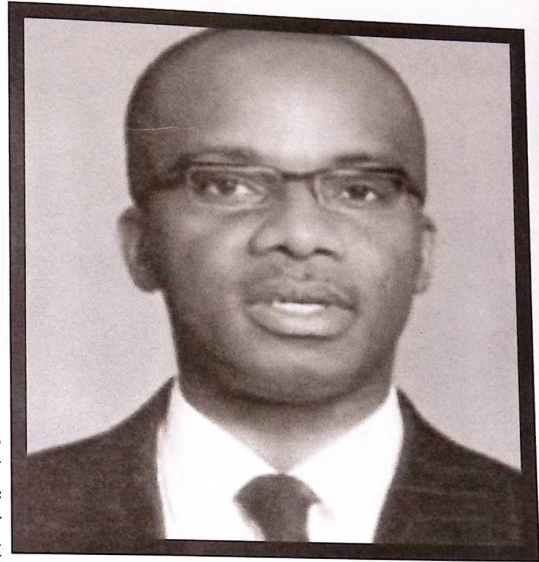


## Suleyman Abdu Ndanusa

(SEC), Nigeria where he distinguished himself by introducing changes that aligned the operations of the Commission to international standards. He was the Director at SEC for five years. Prior to that appointment, Ndanusa did a brief stint as the Special Assistant to the Honourable Minister of Commerce from July to October 1996. Before his present appointment as Managing Director/CEO of Spring Bank Plc, he was Director, Economic Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA), an office he had held since 2005. A distinguished professional and ardent scholar, he holds a Masters in Business Administration, ABU Zaria; a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Lagos, Yaba; Barrister at Law (BL) Nigerian Law School, Bwari, Abuja; Authorised Stock Broker of Nigeria, Fellow, Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers; Member, Board of Fellows and a Doctor of Literature from St. Clemens University, United Kingdom. He is also a graduate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators (AICSA), an Associate of The Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators (AICSA) Nigeria. He has attended many local and international courses including the prestigious Advanced Management Program (AMP), Harvard Business School and others at DC Gardner of London, American Express Bank and Columbia University, New York. He is married with children and has special interests in traveling, badminton, golf, music, reading and charity.

## FIRST INLAND BANK

### Okey Nwosu



Okey Nwosu is not a man who toys with words nor is he one of those bankers who usually praise their banks to high heavens. As the current managing director of FirstInland Bank, Okey is certainly aware of many challenges facing his bank in the highly competitive banking industry. Mr. Okey Nwosu remains undaunted. He is focused on very high targets, which he and his team at FirstInland have set.

His bank remains one of the very few that ensure investors receive their investment certificates soon after their investment. With Mr Nwosu at the helm of affairs, FirstInland Bank has set a target of N50 billion in gross earnings for the year 2008 and N76 billion for the year 2009 with a projected profit after tax of N8.9 billion and N24.9 billion respectively. As a team player, Mr. Nwhosu believes the projections will be achieved and investors would receive whopping dividends of around 31 kobo per share from year 2009.

At the moment, Mr. Nwhosu has directed that the bank's major priorities should be to unlock its full potentialities and project a doubling in returns to shareholders within the next one year. He is also monitoring cross border expansion moves by the bank in an effort to strengthen subsidiaries and deepen IT in all areas of its operations. FirstInland Bank is currently doing its best to upgrade IT infrastructure, the software and hardware and maintain leadership in electronic banking.

With his sound analytical mind, Okey Nwosu believes in doing banking business differently. He argues that banking is not a high tech business but one that requires the right approach or the right model. Drawing from the wealth of experience of its management team, FirstInland Bank branch network shows the model of what a modern banking institution should be.

Okey Nwosu's innovative approach to management of FirstInland Bank has led to the introduction of a number of new products, namely Flash Me Cash, which is still being promoted beyond its present level so that customers will have the full benefits of the product.

Okey and his team at FirstInland believe the Nigerian economy is growing and looking at the opportunities in the country, the bank is bound to meet all its projections.



**M**r. Akinsola Akinfemiwa, the pioneer Managing Director/CEO of Skye Bank Plc, represents his institution on the Board of ACFL. An Alumnus of both University of Nigeria, Nsukka and University of Ile-Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Ile-Ife where he bagged his B.Sc. Agric. Economics and Masters in Business Administration degrees respectively, Mr. Akinfemiwa began his working career at the then British Petroleum (now African Petroleum Plc) as a Management Trainee in 1978 from where he moved to Peat Marwick, Ani Ogunde & Co; {firm of Chartered Accountants}.

His banking career sojourn began in 1981 when he

## SKYE BANK



### Akinsola Akinfemiwa

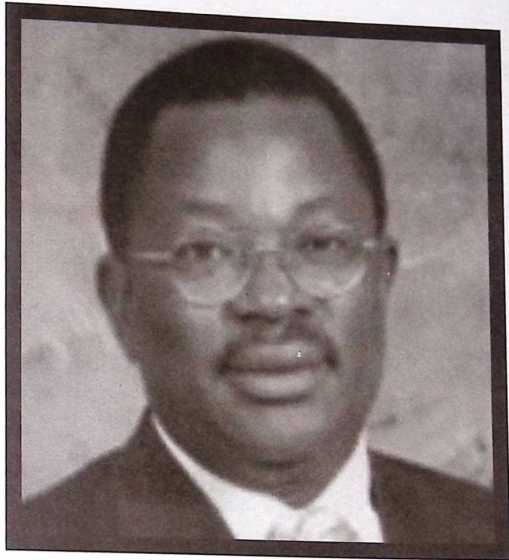
joined the erstwhile International Merchant Bank, Lagos as a Financial Analyst from where he rose to a Senior Managerial level before joining the then Chartered Bank Limited (now IBTC Chartered Bank Plc) {Feb. 89 Oct. 99} as the pioneer Deputy Managing Director from where he was head hunted as MD/CEO and team leader to re-engineer and re-structure the former Prudent Bank Plc {Nov. 1999 Dec. 2005} (now a member of the Skye Bank Plc group).

A widely traveled and thoroughbred professional with over 28 years banking experience, Mr. Akinfemiwa has attended various Executive Programmes in leading Business Schools globally, which has greatly influenced his work deliverables at every facet of his working career. His consummate skills and experience garnered overtime has been of immense use to the Board.

# INTERCONTINENTAL BANK



## Erastus Akingbola



**B**orn at Okeigbo on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1950, Erastus Akingbola had his early upbringing in Ondo State. He attended the famous Christ School, Ado Ekiti, where he finished with flying colours; and sought a job to assist his parents, preparatory to further studies. Fate smiled on him in 1971 when he secured appointment with Union Bank of Nigeria Ltd. As a Bank clerk, he proceeded soon after to register for a professional course in Banking. This he did on a part-time basis, while in service; and through diligent commitment he soon earned the Associate Diploma of the Institute of Bankers (AIB) London, by 1975.

He proceeded with determination to read for the Associateship Diploma of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators (ACIS). This he secured by 1981, while progressing steadily in his banking career.

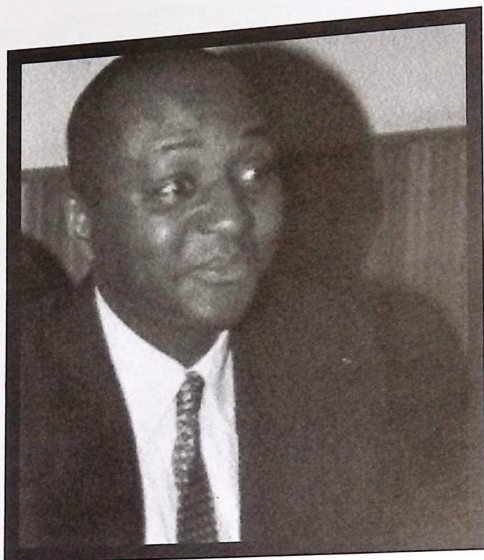
Not content with his qualifications so far, Erastus Akingbola, now a Professional Banker, proceeded to enroll with the University of Lagos for a Post graduate course in Business Administration. By 1986, he had successfully completed the course, and bagged his Master of Business Administrations (MBA) in general Management. Other additional qualifications attained by our Dr. Akingbola include OPM Certificate of the Harvard Business School (2000), and a rather rewarding Diploma in Theology (2002).

Meantime, as his professional and career profile rose in the Banking and Management sectors, Erastus Bankole Akingbola, by dint of hard work and dedication, rapidly gained more affiliations with various professional bodies. For instance, he became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria in 1988; Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Management (1996); Fellow, Institute of Chartered

Secretaries and Administrators in 1998; Fellow, Institute of Directors (2005), more recently, Fellow of the Institute of Operations Research (2007), and most recently, Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Like his educational career, Erastus Akingbola's work experience spans a wide but impressive range. From 1971 - 1977 he served with Union Bank of Nigeria Ltd, being involved mainly in Commercial Banking. Then he joined NAL Merchant Bank late in 1977 and got into an Investment Banking career. This lasted up to 1984 during which time he rose from the position of an Executive Assistant to the then Operations Manager (1977) to Senior Executive Assistant (1979); then Assistant Manager in the International Division (1982). By December 1984, Erastus Akingbola was promoted Senior Manager, International Operations and Correspondent Banking.

He served in this position up till February 1987 when he left NAL to join yet another Investment Banking giant, the First City Merchant Bank Limited, as Controller of Operations. The turning point came in February 1989. He took the momentous decision and joined three other investors to float the Intercontinental Bank Plc and become the founding Managing Director/Chief Executive of the Bank. Yes, of a truth, there comes a tide in the lives of men, which when seized, translates into glory. So it was with Erastus Bankole Oladipo Akingbola.



**M**r. Tayo Aderinokun is the managing director of Guaranty Trust Bank, one of the leading banks in Nigeria. Drawing from the more than 16 years' existence of the bank, Mr Aderinokun believes there are real challenges facing banking today. He believes management at GTB welcomes the challenges and hopes to achieve all its set targets.

Throwing more light into his bank's activities Mr Aderinokun says GTB has, from inception created customer experiences hitherto unimagined by Nigerians. Equally important to the realization of the founders' vision and values was the bank's commitment to its ethical standards so as to develop role model in Nigeria. Very rapidly, the bank established a reputation for being ethical, professional and innovative, which implies that doing things the right way always has its advantages in the long-run. Sixteen years after, the bank has, indeed, carved a niche for itself in tandem with its vision.

Aderinokun holds a first degree in Business Administration from the University of Lagos and an MBA with special concentration on International Business from the Graduate School of Management, from University of California, Los Angeles. His professional education includes Credit and Relationship Management training at the Chase Manhattan Bank Institute for International

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### Tayo Aderinokun

Banking, New York, USA. His professional working experience was gained working with several financial institutions, beginning with the Central Bank of Nigeria in Calabar, where he did his National Youth Service between 1977 and 1978.

He had worked with Chase Merchant Bank Nigeria Ltd (later renamed Continental Merchant Bank), Prime Merchant Bank Ltd as an Assistant General Manager and rose to the position of head of the financial services division of the bank. In 1989, he set up a new bank financial institution, First Marina Trust Ltd, which he ran for a year. In 1990, he co-founded Guaranty Trust Bank Plc where he served as deputy managing director before taking over as the managing director and executive officer in August 2002.

All these equipped him to move the bank to greater heights. Explaining the financial figures of the bank for the last six months of 2006, Aderinokun says interim gross earnings grew to N22 billion from N10 billion recorded for the previous period. Profit before taxation grew by 59 per cent from N4.4 billion during the previous half year period to over N7 billion during the half year. Our shareholders' funds have shot up to N35 billion, a significant 15 percent growth from N34 billion recorded for the same period of the previous year.

This phenomenal growth is believed to be a reflection of market confidence in the bank and exemplifies the bank's growing support for the commercial banking needs of the Nigerian economy. This healthy performance of the bank coupled with the good quality of assets and liabilities are clear indicators of the bank's future growth prospects.

Aderinokun is an astute banker and with him at the helm of affairs at GTB it can only be said that this is the limit of the bank's flight to greater heights.

# AFRIBANK

## Sebastian Adigwe



**S**ebastian Adigwe is a thoroughbred banker with about two decades of experience. He began his career in 1986 as an analyst in the Credit and Marketing Department of the then Chase Merchant Bank. In 1990, he joined Ecobank Nigeria Plc where he co-pioneered the Credit and Marketing group.

He later rose to become head of several units which included Leasing, Conglomerates and Multinationals, Corporate Banking, Commercial and Retail Banking. Having spent a substantial part of his career in Marketing, he was asked to develop a core Risk management group for the bank under a new organizational structure.

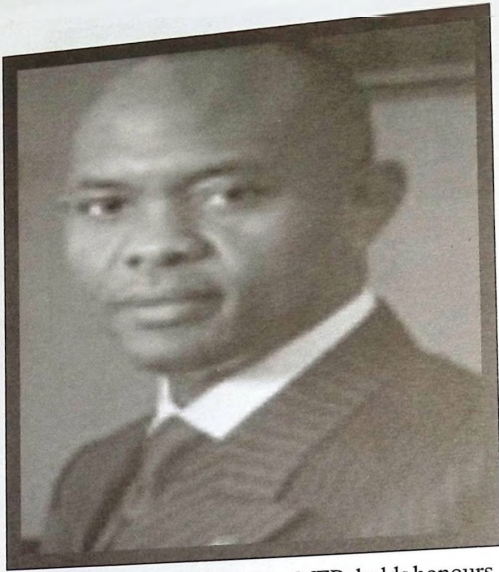
Between 1998 and 2001, he was the country risk manager as Deputy Manager reporting to Ecobank Group Head Office in Lome, Togo. He was also appointed a member of the Group's Technical Staff that undertook business risk reviews of each of the affiliates within the group. In this capacity, he was availed access into the sub-regional banking markets of Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin Republic, Senegal and Mali.

Given his successful and impressive career, he was invited to join Citizens International Bank in April

2001 as an Executive Director. He was in charge of Corporate, Commercial, Retail and Consumer Banking, Local and Upcountry branches, Public Sector Federal Capital Territory (FCT) businesses and all branches.

In September 2002, he became the Acting Managing Director of the bank, a position he held till July 2003, when he was invited to lead a new management team in revamping and refocusing the IMB International Bank Plc from where he joined Afribank. Sebastian Adigwe holds a B.Sc (Hons) in Accounting from University of Lagos and an MBA.

He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and the Nigeria Institute of Management. He has attended various International Banking Courses in Credit Risk Management, Treasury and International Operations.



**M**r. Tony O. Elumelu, MFR, holds honours degree at both graduate and post-graduate levels in Economics. Tony obtained additional academic exposures from the prestigious business schools of Harvard, USA and IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland. His banking/financial career spans over two decades and has seen him work in virtually all areas of a bank. He was appointed MD/CEO of then Standard Trust Bank Plc in 1997, a position he held till the successful completion of its merger with United Bank for Africa Plc. Tony has served in various capacities in the Public Sector at the instance of the Federal Government and her agencies. These include Member, presidential committee of the Heart of Africa [Nigeria Image] project, Member of the Presidential

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**Tony Elumelu**

committee on NEPAD, the Advisory Board of the Federal Capital Territory and various other national committees. In the private sector, he is a founding Director of Transnational Corporation Plc, a member of the governing council of the Financial Institutions Training Centre of Nigeria, Director of the Central Securities Clearing System Ltd and President of the West African Bankers' Association (Nigerian chapter). He was accorded the national honour of Member of the Order of the Federal Republic [MFR] in 2005. In 2006, he was elected as President of the West African Bankers Association (WABA), a position he will hold for 2 years. He won the 2006 African Business Leader of The Year award conferred by the acclaimed UK-based magazine, Africa Investor. In March 2007 he was voted The Banker of The Year by the Nigerian Magazine Global Excellence.

# EQUATORIAL TRUST BANK



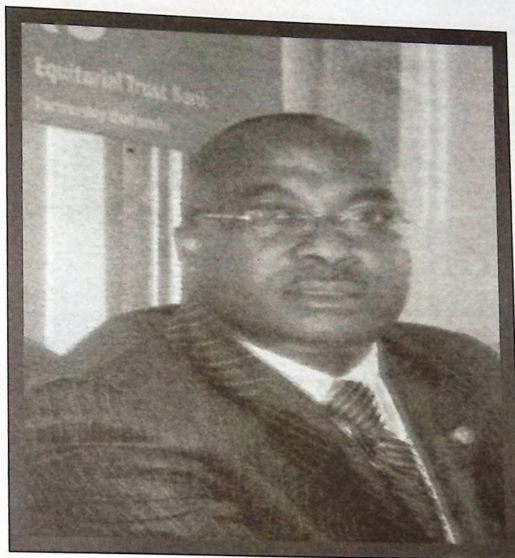
## Ike Oraekwuotu

**M**r. Ike Oraekwuotu was born 44 years ago into a family of three. He is the second of the three children, with an elder sister and a younger brother. His father was a teacher and later a supervisor of schools, while the mother, a nurse and a mid-wife. He hails from Anambra State of Nigeria.

This topnotch banking executive holds a first degree in Accountancy from Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina. He also has an MBA in Finance and Portfolio Management from Rutgers State University, Newark, New Jersey, also in USA.

Mr. Ike Oraekwuotu has been in banking since 1985. He started from what is now called African International Bank. From there he went to Centre Point Merchant Bank where he spent close to a year. He then moved to Devcom Merchant Bank where he also spent about a year. He left there as a General Manager to come to Equitorial Trust Bank as a GM too. He was promoted to Director, financial services and relationship management. Later he was promoted Deputy Managing Director two years ago and today, he is the Managing Director.

When the mantle of leadership fell on Mr. Ike Oraekwuotu, he considered it as a challenge in the sense that he works in a bank that is a member of a bigger group. He sees the position as one that raises more expectation and implies more responsibilities. Equitorial Trust Bank is no doubt a member of Nigeria's foremost indigenous conglomerate, which means there are lots of expectations on the part of the leadership. Mr. Ike Oraekwuotu is leaving no stone



turned to ensure he constantly profiles a decent working environment, a profitable and disciplined organisation vis-à-vis the other companies that are members of the group. He has repositioned the bank to meet the ever increasing demand on the part of the management to be responsive, to be profitable and to also show that the bank is the foremost member company in the group. His guiding principle is based on sound management that enables him meet the expectation on the bank as a financial institution in terms of sincerity, in terms of honesty, and integrity.

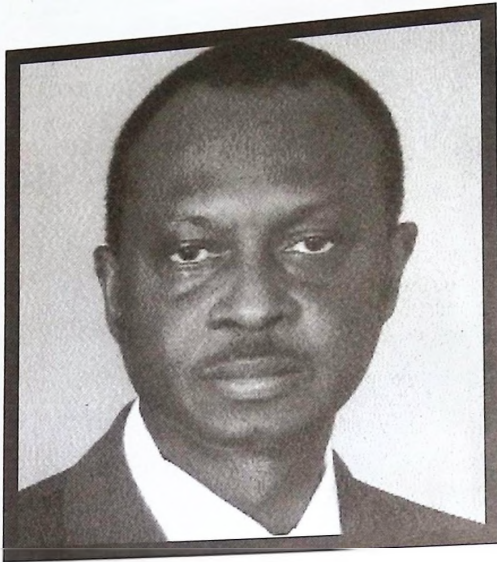
Mr Ike Oraekwuotu, assisted by the best cream of bankers at Equitorial Trust Bank, will drive the financial institution to the top where everyone sees it as a bank rated as one of the best in the country. To do this the bank pays great attention to changes in regulatory systems requirement from the Central Bank with a view to maintaining transparency in the bank's transactions.

Mr. Ike Oraekwuotu is definitely one Nigerian banker whose track record of progress calls for recognition. He is a banker of outstanding reputation for integrity and transparency.

## STERLING BANK



## Babatunde Dabiri



**M**r. Babatunde Dabiri holds a B.Sc. (Economics) degree from the University of Ibadan (1974) and an MBA from Columbia University, New York, United States of America (1978). He started his banking career with Chase Merchant Bank Limited (CMB) later Continental Bank. While at CMB, he was seconded to Chase Manhattan Bank, London for fourteen months, where he obtained the Global Credit Certification (1979) of the Bank. He is currently Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Sterling Bank Plc.

Mr. Dabiri left CMB after 11 years service as a Deputy General Manager. He subsequently joined Prime Merchant Bank Limited as the Deputy Managing Director and Chief Executive. He was able to establish

Prime Merchant bank as one of the most professional new banks at that time. Mr. Dabiri moved from Prime Merchant Bank in 1990 to establish Fountain Trust Bank. He was the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Fountain Trust Bank for 8 years. Mr. Dabiri later joined Magnum Trust Bank Plc. in December 1998 as the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer. He successfully transformed Magnum Trust Bank into a full-fledged commercial bank after the divestment of Guaranty Trust Bank (now GT Bank Plc.).

He has attended several professional and management seminars organized by leading institutions such as International Institute of Management Development (IMD) Switzerland, New York Institute of Finance, New York; Lagos Business School (for the Chief Executive's Programme); and Universities of Witwatersrand and Cape Town, South Africa amongst others.

A distinguished alumnus of these universities, Mr. Babatunde Dabiri is married with children

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Mrs Ndi Okereke-Onyiuke

**B**ORN ON November 2, 1950 Mrs Ndi Okereke-Onyiuke attended Queen's School, Enugu, where she passed out with Grade 1 in her West African School Certificate Examination in 1965. this was capped with a distinguished performance at Higher School Certificate Examination in same school in 1967. she proceeded to Manhattan Community College of the City University of New York 1973; Baruch College of the College of the City University of New York, 1975. here her intellectual strength manifested in her graduation with Magna cum laude (first class honours) in Business Administration, Computer Sciences and Economics.

She proceeded to City University of New York Graduate School, where she obtained her Master of Business Administration (MBA) specializing in Finance and Computer Science in 1977. After that at City University Postgraduate Centre in 1980 she completed her Doctor of Philosophy / Doctor of Administration in Finance and Securities Market.

She worked as a special assistant to Ambassadors Edwin Ogbu and Leslie Harriman at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York from 1973 to 1976. she held other positions in several organizations including becoming an adjunct professor of finance at New York City University from 1978-1982. Her journey in the corporate world began at the New York Stock Exchange as a system consultant from 1973 -1983. it was from here that she answered the clarion call to come and help develop her fatherland.

It did not take long for her to show she was ready to work on assumption of duty as the manager and head of Research and Information Services



Department (now Research and InfoTech Department) of the Nigerian Stock Exchange in January 1983. she impressed the council and management of The Nigerian Stock Exchange by strengthening the organisation's research base and was highly instrumental to the computerization of the exchange in 1985. this of course created "The Nigerian Stock Exchange". All Shares Index a barometer that gauges the mood of the economy. She was also instrumental to the training of potential stockbrokers by starting off The Stock Exchange's Authorised Clerkship Examination. In January 2000, she was elevated to the apex of the corporate ladder as the Director-General and Chief Executive officer.

Apart from her continued contributions to the growth and development of The Nigerian Stock Exchange, she is ever ready for any national assignment that can uplift Nigerians' living standard. A patriot, Okereke-Onyiuke has served her nation in many capacities. She was a member of Board of directors of the National Directorate of Employment from 1987 to 1990, visiting professor for MBA, MBF and M.Sc classes for the University of Lagos, 1995 to 1997, member of the Nigerian Accounting Standards Board and member of the Economic Think Tank driving the current economic reforms. She contributed to the National Economic Empowerment Development Strategy (NEEDS), which is the current governments blue print for economic reform.

As an accomplished securities strategist, she emerged as the chairman of the African Stock Exchange's Association (ASEA) listing Committee whose mandate is to produce a standardized Minimum Listing Requirement for ASEA Members to facilitate cross border listing in Africa. Also a visible figure in sports, serving as the chairman of the Nigerian Handball Federation and vice-president of the Baseball and Softball Federation as well as the International vice-president of Baseball Worldwide.

Okereke-Onyiuke, who was nominated and selected for President Carter's Executive Exchange Programme, The White House, Washington DC in 1980 has won several awards including Euromarket Award in Brussels, Belgium in 2003 and Officer of the Order of the Niger, 2001. she also won \$20,000.00 Cuny Post Graduate Research Award/Teqaching Fellowship as adjunct professor in 19798. Nominated and listed in Who is Who in

America" in 1981.

Okereke-Onyiuke's name shall be engraved as the first woman in Africa to head a stock market, as one of the first two women in the world to head a stock market. Isn't that a matter to be taken up with Guinness Book of Word Record? Unarguably the most influential woman in Nigeria's corporate world today, she played a major part in the role out of Transnational Corporation of Nigeria. Transcorp, a mega firm with a target of N66 billion capital base with the strategic intent of pooling resources from some of Nigeria's richest businesses for investment in four core areas: oil and agriculture, power, and information because of her passion and belief in the Nigerian Project, she has seized every opportunity available to canvass and attract foreign investment into our economy. Okereke-Onyiuke deserves to be a role model for the upcoming generation

# CENTAGE MORTGAGE BANK

Mr Johnson G. Ndukwe

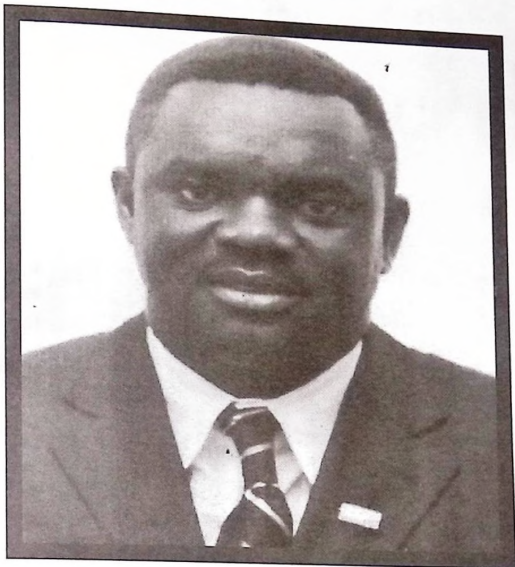
**M**r. Johnson Gabriel Ndukwe is the Managing Director/Chief Executive of Centage Savings & Loans Limited (Mortgage Bankers).

He is a graduate of Banking and Finance from Imo State University and an Alumni of Lagos Business School (LBS).

He joined Intercontinental Bank Plc in 1990 and rose to the position of Banking Executive. He was the Head, Treasury Department of Kano Branch till 1998 when he was transferred to the Head office, foreign exchange department as a Deputy Head of Foreign Exchange Department of the Bank.

He joined Platinum Bank Plc in 1999 as a Deputy Manager, Treasury & Financial Services Department of the Bank and later he moved to Eagle Bank Limited as a Senior Manager and Treasurer of the Bank in 2001. He resigned his appointment with the Bank in 2002 to be the pioneer Chairman/CEO of Gajons Beach Resort Limited in January 2005.

In January 2005, Mr. Johnson pitched a new team of technocrats who acquired 65 percent equity of Centage Savings & Loans Limited (Mortgage Bankers) and constituted a new Board and Management team of the Bank. From an initial capital base of N100 million in 2005, Mr. Johnson has within the shortest possible time. Raised the Mortgage Bank's capital base to almost N2 billion in 2007. He remains till date the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Bank.



Mr. Johnson in his career has attended so many courses within Nigeria and abroad which include Basic Banking Operations, ANZ Grindlays Banking Course on Credit Administration, London; Bourse Game Treasury Management Course and the most recent are European Housing Trade Exhibition in Cameroon in 2006 and International Housing Seminar in Malaysia, 2007.

Mr. Johnson is a member of many professional associations which include but not limited to: Member, Institute of Investment Management and Research; Associate Member, Nigerian Institute of Management. He is born entrepreneur and philanthropist. Mr. Johnson is happily married with two children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**M**r Oluremi Andrew Olowude is the Executive Vice Chairman and the driving force behind the phenomenal achievements of Industrial and General Insurance Company (IGI), the biggest private insurance company in Nigeria. He is also Chairman, Orbital Computers Limited; Chairman, Monarch Communications Limited; Chairman, New Vista Telecommunications; Chairman, Global Trust Savings and Loans Limited; Chairman, Postal Life and General Insurance Company Limited; Chairman Adonai Tekts Investment Limited; Chairman, International Health Services Limited, Chairman Travex Trevels Limited; Chairman Andrew Robins Limited and Apex Airlines Limited, Chairman Discovery & Scientific Services Limited; and chairman, OPE Nigeria Limited. He was Chairman of Corporate Nigeria in 1988-2003 and is currently the Vice Chairman of the Group.

His major contribution to the uplifting of the country and humanity in general have been made through his entrepreneurial skills, his innovative management style which revolutionized the practice of insurance in Nigeria and his generous financial support for community and youth development programmes in the country in general and in Victoria Island in particular. Indeed, the employment opportunities he created through his businesses, his personal love and contributions to

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**Oluremi A. Olowude**

the development of sports and youth programmes and philanthropy are also hallmarks of his worth achievements.

Mr. Remi Olowude was born on April 26 1950 to Christian parents of the Baptist faith in Inisha-Ejigbo, Osun State. He has a sound multidisciplinary, academic and professional background. He attended the University of Lagos graduating in 1973 with a B.Sc. in Quantitative Economics. He proceeded to the United States in 1975 to further his knowledge of Economics and subsequently bagged an M.Sc. degree in Applied Economics from the University of Santa Clara in 1977. He returned home to his alma mater the University of Lagos for a Doctorate Programme in Applied Economics. He passed the PhD Sitting Examination in 1978 even as he read for the qualifying examinations of the Chartered Insurance Institute (ACII) London. He successfully completed the ACII examinations in 1980 to become a fully chartered insurance practitioner.

Having dutifully served his country as a member of the pioneering set of the National Youth Service Corps scheme in the old Cross River State in 1973/74, Mr. Olowude started his public service career at the Federal Ministry of Economic Development as Planning Officer from 1974-1978, he participated and contributed actively in the Ministry to the formulation of National Development Plans particularly the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Development Plan and also undertook key economic research and analysis.

Mr. Olowude continued his public service career and also began his adventure into insurance at the National Insurance Corporation (now NICON Insurance Plc.) in November 1978. For thirteen (13) years beginning from November 1978, he established himself

as a first rate insurance professional especially in the highly technical areas of Oil & Energy insurance as well as Contractors All Risks/Engineering. Serving with highly distinguished professionals who teamed up with him as pioneer members of the Board of Directors to establish Industrial and General Insurance Company Limited, Mr. Olowude has seen the company change the face of insurance practice in Nigeria and provided employment for hundreds of Nigerians.

These distinguished Nigerians include former Head of State General Dr. Yakubu Gowon (Chairman); former Central Bank Governor Ola Vincent; the former Director General of the Nigerian Stock Exchange Apostle Hayford Alile; a seasoned Legal Practitioner and a former Attorney General of the Western Region, Dr. Lateef Adegbite and a respected businessman and lawyer, Chief G. K. Animashawun. These highly respected personalities are still on the Board and have been joined by three accomplished professionals: Mr. Rotimi Fashola an Insurance Practitioner, Mrs Bunmi Olowude a businesswoman and Mrs. Sade Adetiba, a seasoned lawyer.

With Mr. Olowude in the pilot seat, IGI soared to the N1 billion mark in premium income in 1996, thus becoming the biggest private insurance company in Nigeria in terms of volume of business after only six years in operation. Since then, IGI has maintained this coveted industry position and has recorded a premium income in excess of N3 billion in 2003.

Mr. Olowude transformed insurance marketing in Nigeria with the introduction of international grade advertising and public relations activities. IGI also developed specialized products in such rare areas as Oil, Engineering, Aviation, Medical and Industrial Risk Nigerian insurance firms. IGI has remained a key leader in oil and energy insurance and its medical insurance product, Medex, came long before the proposal of a National Health Insurance Scheme became topical.

IGI raised the status of Nigeria in the international insurance market by winning the prestigious Euromarket Award twice in succession in 1999 and 2000.

Mr. Olowude's investment in other business ventures has created hundreds of jobs for Nigerians across the country. Through Monarch Communications Limited of which he is Chairman,

Mr. Olowude has been a leading participant in the ongoing revolution in the telecommunications sector in the country.

Apart from leading IGI and his other companies to great heights, Mr. Olowude has made IGI the country's most Sports-friendly insurance company, and a valued partner of the Federal as well as State Governments in the development of sports at community, state and national levels. IGI not only sponsored the training of star athlete Chioma Ajunwa in 1996 as she went on to clinch Nigeria's first-ever Olympic Gold Medal, the company spends millions of Naira yearly on the promotion and development of football, Golf, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis and other sports. Every year, IGI also provides sponsorship for football clubs across the country. Clubs that have benefited from IGI's endorsement include 3SC of Ibadan Oyo State; Sharks of Port Harcourt, Rivers State; Kano Pillars of Kano State; Ebonyi Stars of Ebonyi State and Plateau United of Jos among others.

Besides IGI is the Official Insurer of all the five National Football teams (Super Eagles, Flying Eagles, Falcons, Under 23 and Under 17)

IGI is also the corporate partner in the NFA Partnership Club project, a private sector led initiative to mobilize funds for sports promotion and development. Mr. Olowude has been Vice Chairman of NFA Partnership Club.

Another area in which Mr. Olowude has contributed to national development is his deep personal interest and involvement in Youth development through sports activities and competition. He is the Chairman of the National Collegiate Sports Foundation (NCSF) a private sector led initiative which was established in 1998 with a national mandate to restore glory to school sports by ensuring provision of adequate sponsorship for sports activities in the three tiers of academic institutions in Nigeria. The NCSF under the leadership of Mr. Olowude organized several sports activities among secondary schools, including the maiden edition of the first Shell Cup for all Nigerian Secondary Schools Competition in 1998-1999 and the Nestle Milo Secondary Schools Basketball Championship (1999-date) among others.

At the community level Mr. Olowude has provided personal financial support for primary and secondary schools on Victoria Island and environs and has also sponsored various projects of the Rotary

International, Lions Club and other nongovernmental groups in the area and in other parts of the state. In appreciation of Mr. Olowude's contributions to community development on Victoria Island, he was conferred with the title of *Babalaje of Iruland* by the Oniru of Iruland. He holds several other traditional titles from other parts of the country.

He recently donated a multipurpose hall to Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State. Mr. Olowude is Chairman, NYSC Foundation, an independent national initiative created by former NYSC members and public-spirited Nigerians with

the main aim of sourcing funds to help sustain the ideals of the NYSC Scheme. The foundation has plans to build new orientation camps for serving corps members and to improve the facilities in existing camps in order to ease the recurring shortage of camping accommodations. A strong believer in free enterprise and development, Olowude is committed to making his own personal contribution to every governmental effort to develop the economy. Olowude has been a strong supporter of the initiatives of the Federal Government to liberalise the economy.

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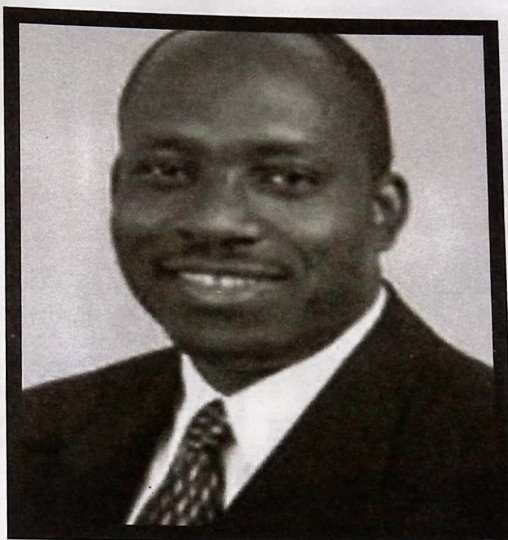
**Dr Charles C. Soludo**

**D**r Soludo has been visiting scholar at the International Monetary Fund, the University of Cambridge, the Brookings Institute, the University of Warwick and the University of Oxford and a visiting professor at Swarthmore College (USA). Born 28 July 1960 in Aguata LGA, Anambra State. He has also worked as a consultant for a number of international organizations, including The World Bank, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and the United Nations Development Programme

Soludo is a core professional in the business of macroeconomics. He obtained his three degrees and then professorship at the University of Nigeria in Nsukka, Enugu State. He graduated with a First Class Honors degree in 1984, an M.Sc. Economics in 1987, and a Ph.D. in 1989, winning prizes for the best student at all three levels.

He has been trained and involved in research, teaching and auditing in such disciplines as the multi-country macro econometric modeling, techniques of computable general equilibrium modeling, survey methodology and panel data econometrics, among others. Soludo studied and taught these courses at many Universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and Warwick. He has co-authored, co-edited and authored about ten books on this subject matter.

In 1998 Soludo was appointed to the position of professor of economics at the University of Nigeria;



the next year he became a visiting professor at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, US.

Soludo joined the federal government in 2003. Prior to his May 2004 appointment to the bank chairmanship, he held the positions of Chief Economic Adviser to former President Obasanjo and Chief Executive of the National Planning Commission.

In January 2008, in a speech to the Nigerian Economic Society, he predicted consolidation in the private banking industry, saying "By the end of 2008, there'll be fewer banks than there are today. The restructuring of the banking industry has been attracting funds from local and foreign investors, which have increased banks' ability to lend to customers". He hopes to see Nigeria become Africa's financial hub, and considers microfinance important to the federal government's economic policies.

He is married and blessed with four children.

## LeadCapital

### Mr. Abimbola Olashore

Chief Executive officer/Director



**M**r. Olashore is an Engineering Graduate of the University of Hull, UK. And a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. A seasoned investment banker, he has over the years acquired in-depth knowledge and vast experience in the capital markets as well as financial advisory services both in the public and private sectors. Mr. Olashore joined the Leadbank Group in 1991 and became the Managing Director of Leadbank in 1997.

As Managing Director of Leadbank, he established the bank as one of Nigeria's top investment banks. The bank won repeatedly the Reuters/SBA award as the leading Nigerian issuing House for three consecutive years. He went on to join the Board of Ecobank Nigeria Plc. as Executive Director where he helped set up their investment banking arm before returning to LeadCapital.

### Wale Adewumi

Managing Director



**W**ale holds a Masters' Degree in Business Administration with specialization in Finance from the Obafemi Awolowo University (formerly the University of Ife). He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. Before joining LeadCapital Limited as the Managing Director, he was the Financial Controller of Standard Chartered Bank Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of Standard Chartered Bank Plc UK, prior to which he was at Leadbank Plc. With over seventeen years working experience, Wale has garnered vast experience in banking & finance, accounting, consulting, audit and business assurance practice. Wale has attended various courses locally and abroad. He is an alumnus of the Lagos Business School (1998) and International Banking Summer School (Edinburgh, 2002). He has at various times had served on the boards of various companies including Nigerian Interbank Settlement System Plc (NIBSS), Royal Trust Assurance Limited and LBV Capital Limited. He is currently on the board of Crusader Sterling Pensions Ltd.

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## Mr. Ayo Onajide

Director

**M**r Onajide is the Principal Partner/Director of At. Onajide Architects Ltd and has run a successful practice for over 20 years. He holds a Bachelor's of Arts (Hons) in architecture from the Manchester School of Architecture, and A diploma WITH honours in Architecture. He is a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Architects and a member of the Royal Institute of Architects and the South African Institute of Architects. He served as Chairman of Western Projects Consortium Ltd (WPC Ltd), a multi disciplinary company that was involved with the zonal project management of the Petroleum (Special) Trust Fund. He has designed a full compliment of building types and his clients include several multinationals and financial institutions. He is a director of several companies and a member of various professional and social organizations.



## Bunmi Jolayemi

Sales & Marketing

**B**unmi holds Bachelor's degrees in Linguistics and Law (LL.B) from the University of Benin and University of Buckingham UK respectively and a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Surrey UK. She has work experience spanning over 11 years covering legal functions with Paul Usoro & Co, credit administration, corporate and commercial banking with Leadbank Plc and Ecobank Nig. Plc.



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### Taiwo Olashore

#### Business Development



**T**aiwo holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Wolverhampton, UK, and a Masters Degree in Finance and Management from Cranfield School of Management, Cranfield University, U.K. He has over 7 years work experience in treasury management and sales. Prior to joining LeadCapital he worked with Guaranty Trust Bank Plc.

### Mary Agha

#### Company Secretary



**M**ary Agha is a graduate of the University of Ibadan from where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Law (LL.B) and a Masters Degree in Law (LL.M). With over 9 year experience in the legal profession, spanning advocacy and non-corporate law, Mary coordinates Company Secretariat, Human Resources, Corporate Affairs and Customer Service Units.

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### Tosin Adepoju

#### Asset Management

**T**osin is an accounting graduate of the University of Ilorin and an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. He has over 9 years experience in the area of financial management, analysis and reporting as well as sales. Prior to joining LeadCapital Limited he worked in the Financial Control Department of Fountain Trust Bank and Lead Bank PLC.



### Muyiwa Adeyemi

#### Dealing Unit

**M**uyiwa is a graduate of the University of Ilorin and an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Stock brokers. He has overtime garnered experience as a dealing clerk and has engaged in various capital market transactions. Before joining LeadCapital Limited, Muyiwa worked at Citi Investment Capital Limited, Afrinvest West African Limited, Anchoria Investment & Securities Limited and Altrade Securities Limited.



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### Segun Vincent

#### Corporate Finance



**S**egun holds a Master degree in Managerial Psychology from the University of Ibadan and M.Sc. in Business and Finance and Economics from University of Greenwich, London. After a short period in employment of Lagos State Government, Segun began his professional career in Ernst & Young in 1996 and got qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1999. His experience in the firm spanned through audit, corporate finance and taxation. While in the firm Segun led audit, due diligence, merger and acquisition of big multinationals in both Nigeria and other African countries. Between 2001 and 2006 he worked in audit, financial control and risk management of both Intercontinental Bank Plc and Ecobank Nigeria Plc before joining LeadCapital Limited.

### Sadiq Waziri

#### Research



**S**adiq is a 1983 economics graduate of University of Wales in the United Kingdom. He also holds a Masters degree in Finance and Economics from the same University. Sadiq commenced his research career at Financial Derivatives Company Limited in 1998, as a Senior Investment Analyst, before joining Leadbank as Head, Research and Strategic Planning in October 2000. After a 5 year stay at Leadbank, Sadiq moved to Afrinvest West Africa Limited as Head of Research in September 2006, where he raised a new and versatile research team as well as developed various tools of analysis for company valuation. Sadiq joined LeadCapital in July 2007.

## LeadCapital



**Joshua Ayodele**

**Chairman**

**M**r. Ayodele is the Executive Chairman of Bojay Nigeria Limited, a position he assumed in January 2007 after his retirement from UAC of Nigeria PLC. as the Managing Director/CEO in December 2006. A fellow of both the Nigerian Institute of Management and the Nigerian Institute of Personnel Management, he is also a council member of Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association, The Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Vice President and Council Member of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria. He has attended many development programmes and has also served on the Boards of various Companies in various capacities such as that of UACN Property Dev. Co. Plc and Tractor and Equipment Nigeria Limited. He was until 2007 the Chairman of the Board of General Motors Nigeria Limited, Warm Spring Waters Nigeria Limited and the Board of Trustees, Unico Pension Fund respectively. Since retiring from UAC of Nigeria Plc, he has been invited to join the Boards of Tractor & Equipment (T&E) Nig. Ltd and Standard Alliance Insurance Plc.



**H**AJARA ADEOLA is the Managing Director/CEO of Lotus Capital which she established after almost 8 years of visioning. She started her career about 15 years ago in consulting and very quickly she moved into asset management. For the last eleven (11) years, Hajara has been well known in the field of asset management.

Hajara began her career in Nigeria and worked with one of the top asset management firms for four and a half years rising to the level of Vice President. Then she moved on from there when her personal experience piqued her interest in the area of ethical investing.

Hajara Adeola is a professional to the core who would not want to settle for a service that is not of relevance to the development of the economy. She actually wanted to engage in some financial activities but not the one that is influenced solely by her own interest. But when she looked for choices in the market and could find none, she began to ask questions - why is there not an alternative ways to engage in certain transactions that would add value to her life without bringing in interest? She started looking for answers first through personal study then she began to attend international conferences in the field and eventually she left her place of work to do a Masters in Finance where she specialised in Islamic Finance. At the time she left, she did so with

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Hajara Adeola

the objective of gaining the skill, competence, experience and exposure to come back and introduce alternatives in the Nigerian market because she realised that if she needed this service, there must be other people who also need these alternatives that ask the same questions and feel the same way she did. So her objective then of leaving her job and indeed leaving the country at that time because of the absence of the expertise was to go and equip herself to come back and provide alternatives for people like herself, in that market.

After completing her Masters programme, she was satisfying herself that indeed the field was wide. She had based her thesis on the question of Do You Really Invest The Ethical Way Sacrifice Returns, which was a very deep, empirical econometric research. Her next move was to gain relevant experience, then she went to work at BNP Paribas where she gained experience in structured finance and global financial markets.

After that, Hajara Adeola was a Director at Citigroup Warburg also in London where she headed the Islamic Finance Desk. She was managing a lot of the private clients in Europe, and the Gulf region and from there she came and started Lotus Capital with the dream of providing alternative ethical investment and financing solutions.

Hajara has over the years gained experience in conventional finance, asset management, Islamic finance, the theoretical background to structured finance product through her Masters in finance and she has also gained the international and global exposure through her network, which is equally very important. Hajara Adeola took the company which she incorporated in 2004 and commenced business in 2006, to an appreciable height

# CHAPTER 5

## Traditional Community Leadership

## Alh. Mohammed Abubakar III



**T**he Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Mohammed Sa'ad Abubakar III, is a man of integrity and morality. He also has immense respect for the traditional institution and his religion, especially since he is the spiritual leader of Moslems in the country.

The trustees of the Police Equipment Fund had appointed him the Chairman of the Organisation. But as time went on, and with the amount of heartbreaking scandal trailing the organisation bothering on financial misappropriation, the Sultan resigned his appointment. His resignation is simply a way of upholding what he believes in - honesty and integrity. He apparently turned in his resignation to avoid being associated with the alleged massive looting of the Police Equipment Fund by its leadership. The Sultan must have felt highly disturbed by the volumes of scandal currently rocking the fund. Many Nigerians believed that the Sultan's name was being used to solicit for funds from corporate organizations, while the leadership is having a field day squandering the money. In order to dissociate himself from the alleged sleaze, Abubakar resigned his position as chairman.

Sultan Mohammed Sa'ad Abubakar III holds an honorary doctorate Degree of Science from the Lagos State University. During his recent visit to Lagos State to receive a Honourary Doctorate Degree at LASU's 15<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremony at Ojo, the monarch used the occasion to re-appraise the nation's leadership as well as condemn the moral degeneration of the Nigerian society, which according to him has hindered national development over the years.

The Sultan of Sokoto believes the qualities of

good leadership include humility, selflessness, kindness and commitment to public interest. He has demonstrated all these qualities by his resignation from the controversial organisation, Police Equipment Fund.

Sultan Abubakar III was born on August 24, 1956 and he is the 20<sup>th</sup> Sultan of the Sokoto Caliphate founded some 200 years ago by his great grand father, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Islamic reformer, Usman Danfodio. Until his selection by the Caliphate kingmakers he was a military attaché in the Nigerian mission in Pakistan.

He attended military courses and seminars in both Nigeria and abroad. In the last 30 years, he has held various appointments in command and staff positions in his chosen career. Abubakar was commissioned second lieutenant on December 17, 1977 and later posted to the Army Armoured Corps. He retired as a Brigadier-General in the Nigerian Army. Since he assumed office, he has earned the respect of many Nigerians having positioned himself as a voice for the voiceless and a defender of the rights of the common man. He believes that the prevalent poverty in the Nigerian society is a demonstration of the failure of leadership.



**C**hief (Dr) Edwin Kiagbodo Clark is a renowned leader, legal practitioner, politician and experienced administrator.

He was born on May 25, 1932 in Kiagbodo, Burutu Local Government Area. He had his primary education at African Church School, Effurun Otor, Ughelli South Local Government Area between 1938 and 1940 and Native Authority School, Okirika, Burutu Local Government Area from 1940 to 1945. He attended the Government Teachers' Training College, Abraka from 1949 to 1950 and 1952 to 1953. He travelled to the United Kingdom, where he attended Holborn College of Law, London from 1961 to 1964 and Council of Legal Education, London from 1961 to 1965. Chief (Dr.) E. K. Clark was a member of the Honourable Society of Inner Temple, London from 1961 to 1965 and Council of Legal Education, Lagos in 1965.

Chief (Dr.) E.K. Clark was a headmaster at Native Authority School, Okrika in 1951, Native Authority School, Ofoni in 1954 and Bomadi from 1955 to 1957. He became Assistant Community Development Officer from 1957 to 1961 and Secretary Zikist Movement from 1962 to 1963. He was Secretary to Mid-West Union from 1962 to 1965; Director, Asaba Textile Mill, Asaba, in 1967; Secretary Nigeria Bar Association Warri Chapter from 1965 to 1968; Commissioner for Education Mid-West State (now Edo and Delta States) from

## Chief (Dr) Edwin K. Clark

1968 to 1971; Commissioner for Finance and Establishment, Mid-West State of Nigeria, from 1971 to 1974 and Federal Commissioner for Information, 1974 to 1976.

Chief (Dr) Clark was appointed Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, University of Benin, from 1970 to 1975; Chairman, Board of Directors, Delta Beach Yard from 1972 to 1974 and elected Senator, Delta Senatorial Zone during the Second Republic, in 1983. In that capacity, he was elected Member of Senate Select Committee representing Southern Minorities. He was the Leader of Bendel representatives at the National Assembly and Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce and Industry. He was appointed Co-ordinator, Minority States of Nigeria between 1980 and 1983 while he was appointed Deputy Chairman of South-South Peoples Conference in 1998. Chief (Dr) Edwin Clark also served as State Treasurer of Delta National Party of Nigeria (NPN) from 1979 to 1983 and leader of Delta State chapter of defunct National Republican Convention in 1993.

Chief Dr. Edwin Clark is a man reputed for his service, humility and trustworthiness. In 1974, he was honoured with a Togolese National Award, while the University of Benin conferred on him a Doctor of Law (LLD) degree (Honoris Causa) in 1993.

For his notable contribution to different communities, he has been honoured with different traditional titles including Izon Ebe Kekere Owei of Ijaw in 1975; Amiunugu of Iyede Kingdom in 1983; Biebeariower of Ngbelebiri-Mein Kingdom in 1992 and Ebidouwer of Kabowei Kingdom.

Chief Edwin Clark takes delight in reading. he is married and has children

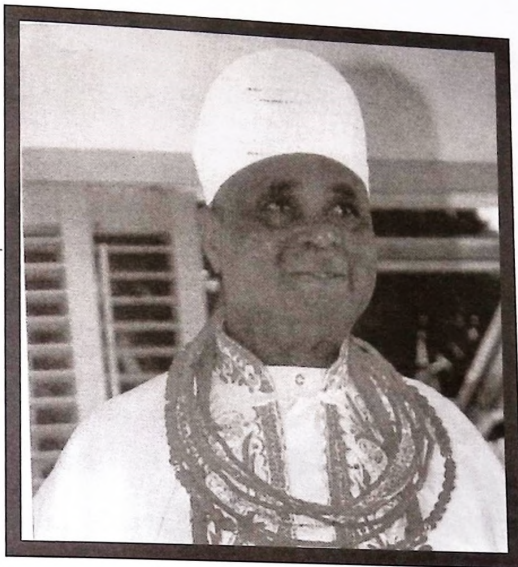
## Chief Gabriel Igbinedion

Chief Gabriel Osawaru Igbinedion started his life's journey in the small farming village of Okada, in the present Ovia North-East Local Government Area of Edo State, Nigeria on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934.

As Shakespeare would say, "The Heavens did not blaze forth his birth" for his parents, though of proud and noble heritage were of humble beginning. He was born to the late Josiah Agharagbon Oviawe Igbinedion and Madam Okunozé (nee Ihaza) a descendant of the Royal House of Usen.

It is no easy task to render an exhaustive account of Igbinedion's conquest of the global business arena. However, it is pertinent to say his numerous companies had over the years had interests in diverse areas traversing aviation, radio and television broadcasting, banking, salt manufacturing, crude oil exploration, solid minerals, soft drinks bottling, real estate, fruit and fish farming, palm oil production, petroleum and gas marketing, shipping, haulage, road transport, confectionery and hospitality, among many others. Perhaps one of his greatest legacies will be the pioneering of Mid Motors (Nig) Limited in 1968, the first indigenous motor assembly plant in Nigeria.

It is often said, sometimes admiringly, but always with a hint of awe that Gabriel Igbinedion, the **Esama of Benin Kingdom**, has exercised more power over a longer tenure than any business leader in Nigeria today. Igbinedion I too principled to make such a claim himself, but he tacitly acknowledges its verity. He readily offers exciting lessons on the challenges of doing business at the top in Nigeria and believes "it's tough and lonely at the top."



Everything Igbinedion does creates a chain reaction, often leading to unexpected combinations. Igbinedion is now 73 and is still matching forward. His reign on the nation's economy has climaxed. However, it is with gratitude to the Almighty God that that the aging **Esama of Benin Kingdom** often referred to as "Lion of Okada" has many competent children who are poised to play roles he now plays in all his business enterprises; but the convivial Esama still seems frisky and in no hurry to step aside. He continues by the Grace of God to play the role of a leader which he really relishes as he remains powerful, unrivalled, setting the pace and standards for others to follow.

Igbinedion is today the Honourable Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of Regents of the first private University in Nigeria. Igbinedion University Okada. The position, which he now occupies, is a befitting tribute to his over 15 years of tenacious struggle to bring about a phenomenal development in education. It was a struggle of his life to which this relentless business mogul selflessly committed enormous resources, time and energy.

He commenced the actualization of this vision with a candid representation to former **President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, GCON**, in 1986 and pursued this agenda throughout the tenure in office of Chief Shonekan (Head of State) and Military President Sani Abacha. His request was finally

granted by General Abdulsalami Abubakar GCON, the then Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Chief Igbinedion was then presented Certificate No. 001 by the Federal Government of Nigeria on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1999 at a colourful ceremony held at Nigeria Universities Commission, in Abuja, signaling government's approval of Igbinedion Univeersity Okada as the first private university in Nigeria.

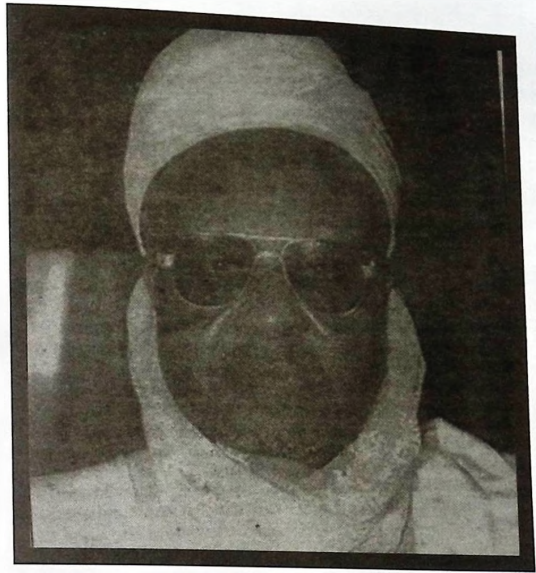
This formidable accomplishment was not surprising as Igbinedion had before then held sway in the private education sub-sector as the Chairman of the Board of the Igbinedion Education Centre, an international school he co-founded with his wife Lady Cherry Igbinedion in 1991. Igbinedion

Education Centre comprises: Igbinedion Montessori Nursery/Primary School; and Igbinedion Montessori Teachers Training Centre.

The Igbinedion Education Centre is today the sole trustee of the Montessori concept of Early Childhood Education in sub-Saharan Africa. Igbinedion has safely secured a place in history for his immense contribution to Nigeria through education during the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Most importantly, humanity will continue to acknowledge his contributions to human development through his educational institutions.

## Alh. Muhammadu K. Usman



**H**is Highness, Alhaji Muhammadu Kabir Usman was on Thursday March 13, 2008 turbaned as the new Emir of Katsina State. Shortly after his installation as the Emir, the entire Katsina metropolis erupted in jubilation, an indication that Abdulmumini was actually the choice of the people.

Abdulmiminu Kabir Usman may not be known to many especially those outside Katsina, because the man is hardly spotted outside in search of fortune. His real life has been that of humility, perseverance and contentment. He is in many respects like his father, the late Emir, Muhammadu Kabir Usman, who lived a life of piety, with the daily consciousness that it is God that gives and takes whatever bounties one has in life.

Before his emergence as the Emir, Abdulmumini was for 27 years the Magajin Garin Katsina (heir apparent) to the throne. He also spent years in pursuit of both Islamic and Western Education.

In 1954, the young Abdulmumini enrolled into Kayalwa Primary School. Between 1965 and 1969, he was at the Provincial Secondary School (now Government College), Katsina. He later proceeded to the then Katsina Arts and Science College, Zaria, for his pre-university education where he successfully sat for his International Joint Matriculation Board (IJMB) examination.

The quest for knowledge forced young Abdulmumini to enroll at the then University of Sokoto (now Othman Danfodio University) where he graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. The 57 year old Abdulmumini and 50<sup>th</sup> Emir of Katsina from the Sullubawa Dynasty had a

stint with the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority as Administrative Officer in 1987 before he was turbaned as the 14<sup>th</sup> Magajin Garin Katsina in 1982, a title that conferred on him the district headship and custodian of the affairs of the Katsina city.

Until his appointment as Emir Abdulmumini is a keen polo player and a member of several boards and organizations. He is most prominent in the promotion of education generally and Islamic education in particular. He is a very calm and astute leader, who chairs a group of his contemporaries at the Government College, Katsina.

A week after his appointment, Abdulmumini tasked Katsina indigenes to pray for him and offer suggestion to enable him succeed on the throne.

Abdulmumini believes he has the challenge to perform like his late father, whom he described as a complete gentleman who contributed to the general development of Katsina State.

Remarkably Abdulmumini had always offered advice to those entrusted with public affairs in the three tiers of government on issues relating to development or on areas directly related to the improvement of the welfare of his subject during his time as Magajin Garin Katsina. He also encourages people to engage in meaningful activities for the advancement of their social, economic and spiritual well being.

The new Emir is widely traveled and well

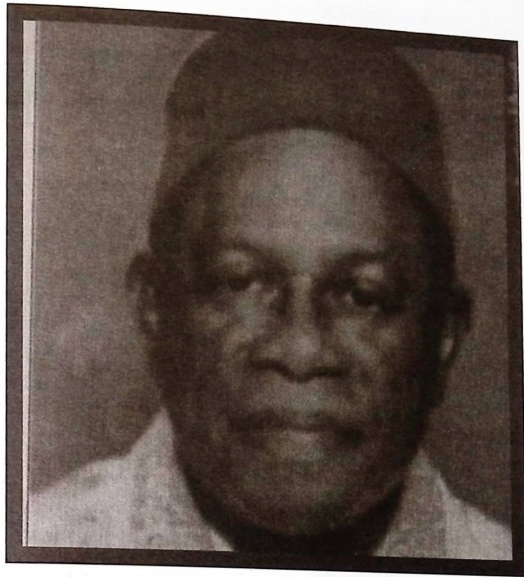
loved by his children, relatives and subjects. He is also admired and respected by his friends and revered by his subjects as a frank, simple and calm individual.

By his appointment, the Emir is Chairman of the Katsina State Council of Chiefs while the Emir of Daura, Alhaji Faruk Umar, is his deputy. He is also the chairman of the Katsina Emirate Council, which can assist in the day to day running of the

emirate's affairs, consisting of the four kingmakers and 19 council members.

Indeed, many Katsina indigenes regard Abdulummini as a credible choice for the Emirship. It is also believed that the existing cordial relationship between Nigeria and Niger Republic will become stronger through his relationship with the Nigerian counterparts in Maradi and other towns along both countries' border.

Eze (Dr) Frank A. Eke JP.



**H**is Royal Majesty Eze (Dr.) Frank Adele Eke JP, the Eze Gbakagbaka of Ikwerre land and Woji Community in Rivers State, is a man of varied attributes and an outstanding achiever, whose life history and accomplishments are worthy of emulation by all and sundry.

As a royal father and former Deputy Governor of old Rivers State, Eze Dr Eke JP has through the years, displayed rare patriotic disposition, dynamic leadership, political sagacity, intellectual capability and philanthropic gestures and simplicity.

At the age of 35, he registered his presence in the nation's health sector. His first port of call was the General Hospital, Lagos. As a man, who has all it takes to turn a hospital of such magnitude he started as the Medical Officer., From the General Hospital, Lagos, he moved to Island Maternity, Lagos, still as the Medical Officer. His next port of call was the Randle Avenue Health Centre Surulere, Lagos, where he also worked as the Medical Officer.

Barely after a year in medical practice, Eze Frank Eke became a Medical Superintendent at Etche Joint Hospital, Okomoko, Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State. It was after this position that he became the Senior Medical Officer of the General Hospital, Port Harcourt. The record he kept in this hospital is yet to be broken even after two and a half decades since he left office.

He was made acting Principal Medical Officer of Rivers State Ministry of Health in 1971. His professional competence was clearly spelt out that in 1973, he became Principal Health Officer of the Ministry. Eze Eke has the ability to disarm even his most persistent critics. His charm, however lies in his

provision of unfailing and invaluable health services to all and sundry.

In 1974, he was the Consultant Epidemiologist at the Rivers State College of Science and Technology. He rose to the position of Rivers State Deputy Governor in 1979. that same year, he was the Deputy Leader of the defunct National Party of Nigeria, NPN, in Rivers State. Though he has left the political scene after playing his part admirably, his influence is still intact.

Besides governance, Eze Eke also held some non-professional positions. He was the Chairman, Governing Council of Rivers State College of Education in 1976. In 1988, he was the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Rivers State University of Science and Technology.

On the religious side, he is a Reverend Evangelist and Founder/President, Christ Harvest Chapel (Ministries) International Incorporation.

He is the Eze Oha Evo II of Evo Kingdom, (Eze Gbakagbaka); Nyerisi Eli Woji (paramount ruler of Woji) and Nyerisi Mbam Oro-Evo. He is a first-class traditional ruler in Obio-Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State; Chairman, Obio/Akpor Traditional Rulers Council; and Chairman, Oro Eyo Community Council Chiefs. He is also the President, Supreme Council of Ikwerre Traditional Rulers; member, traditional Rulers Advisory Forum for Peace and Unity; and member,

Rivers State Traditional Rulers Council.

He was born in July 1931 at Woji Town, Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State. the foundation of his educational excellence was laid in 1937 at Methodist Central School, Ndoro, Ikuano, Abia State and all Saints School, Rumuokwursi, Rivers State, where he did his primary education.

He attended the prestigious Kings College, Lagos, from where he obtained his Senior Cambridge Certificate in 1952 and Higher School Cambridge Certificate in 1954.

He proceeded to the University College, Ibadan and rounded off in 1964 with MB,BS (London). By 1971, Dr. Eke travelled to the United States (US) in pursuit of more quality education. He was admitted into the Harvard University USA and in 1972 he obtained his MPH.

Ten years after, this ambitious young man obtained his FMCPH from the Nigeria College of Medicine. With this bagful of credentials, Dr. Eke's

achievements are not accidental.

He is a member of over 30 professional associations around the world. He is also a life member of the International Biographical Association, Cambridge, England; member, Population Association of America; member, Nigerian Medical Association (NMA); member The Bible Society of Nigeria; patron, Nigerian Union of Journalists and the dignified Peoples Club, Nigeria; member, Rotary Club of Nigeria among others.

HRM, Eze Frank Eke has won laurels and recognition. He has been conferred with various different awards for his active participation in the development of Nigeria and for his many accomplishments.

He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Adele Afrimeco Nigeria Limited; Fleming Investments Limited; Sa'lb Energy Resources Limited. Also Hydrocarbon Limited.

Football, diving, flying, writing and reading are his hobbies.

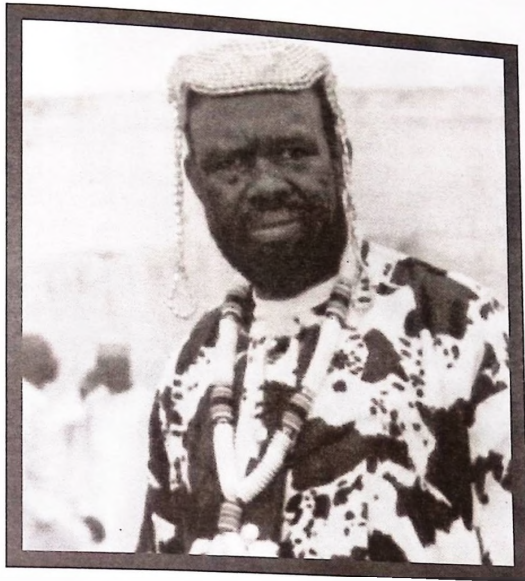
## Eze Udeogwu Longinus

**H**is Highness Eze Udeogwu Longinus is a highly talented, resourceful and time tested traditional ruler and farmer whose exemplary leadership qualities have won the admiration of people from various ethnic groupings. His love of humanity - how best to serve has made him a reference point in the whole of Karu Local Government of Nasarawa State where he has lived and worked for several decades.

Born 65 years ago at Aro-Atta-Orlu in Njaba Local Government Area of Imo State, Longinus attended St. Fidelis Catholic School Atta-Orlu between 1954 and 1961 and obtained the First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC) in 1961. A man endowed with abundant knowledge and wisdom, Longinus Eze Udeogwu thought it wise to learn the art and science of trading from a very tender age. Between 1962 and 1966 was Trading Apprentice at the Old Nyanya in Karu, where he acquired the basic skills of pricing, negotiating, transportation and carriage of goods and customer relations.

From 1971 he went into full-time trading and farming business at Old Nyanya-Karu and also established a transportation business, which operated mass transit buses to ease transportation problems. He later formed Madam Joe Transport Company Limited in 1975 which he oversees the operations.

Longinus Eze Udeogwu takes great interest in serving humanity. His humanitarian zealotry has made him a nationalist as every member of every ethnic group in Nigeria is treated the same way by the eze. Anyone



meeting him for the first time is bound to think he hails from the northern part of Nigeria. He receives the Ibo the same way he receives the Hausa, Yoruba, Ibibio, Bendelite, etc. Simply put, Eze Udeogwu is a leader with all the humility which service to people demands. He is a member of the Progressive Union Home and Abroad; has been Ex-Chairman of Imo State Welfare Association, Karu LGA.

In politics, where Eze Udeogwu has been described as a pillar and supporter of those with God's own vision of service to humanity, Eze is a crowd puller as an elder statesman. A notable peace Ambassador, Eze takes no active part in politics but offers his blessings and support to those who plan to go into politics to serve humanity well. Eze Udeogwu is a member of PCRC Karu Local Government; a community leader in Karu and former National Delegate of NRC in Karu LGA. He was also former Chairman of G.D.M in Karu Local Government.

His contributions to the progress of Karu local government can only be appreciated by looking at his role as the leader of the Igbo Community there and by extension non-indigenes. He is a member of Peace and Security Council of Karu LGA; Chairman of Landlords Association of Nigeria in Karu, Founder of Nyanya Igbo Welfare Association in Karu and Founder of Igbo Community Welfare Association in

Karu local government.

An extrovert and philanthropist of high reputation, His Highness Eze Udeogwu Longinus gets on very well with all manners of people and gets around too to perform some tasking commercial assignments. As the Trustee/Patron, Masaka Traders Amalgamated Union Maska, Eze has the sleeves of his regalia folded always in readiness for service. He is also a member of the Nigerian Small Scale Industrial Association (NASI) Abuja branch and Member of the Peace and Development Committee Karu Local Government. He was Patron, Obasanjo Atiku Campaign Organisation in Karu Local Government Area.

In the course of his service to humanity he has received many honours, titles and crowns. He was crowned as Traditional Ruler of Ndi Igbo in Karu Local Government Area and crowned the Traditional Ruler of Igbo Community in Karu LGA and Chairman of the Council of Chief The Eze-UDO I of Karu Local Government Area; Member, Traditional Council of Eze Ndi Igbo in the Diaspora (Na-Uzo-Ije); The Eze-UDO II of Igbo in Karu Local Government Area and The Eze-UDO III in Council Karu LGC.

He is married and has grown up children

# CHAPTER

# 6

## Intelligent Management Champions Part 1

## Chief Adeyemi Ikuforiji, FCIDA

**B**orn on the 24th day of August 1958 in Epe Local Government Area to the Ikuforiji family of Epe, Lagos State, Chief Adeyemi Ikuforiji started his primary school education in 1964 at the L.A. School Epe, where he obtained his First School Leaving Certificate (F.S.L.C.) in 1969.

Between 1971 and 1975 he attended the Epe Grammar School in Lagos Nigeria where he obtained his West African School Certificate (WASC Division 1). Between 1976 and 1977, he was at the Babes-Bolyai University Cluj, Romania, from where he proceeded to the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest Romania where he bagged a Master of Science Degree in Cybernetics in the year 1981.

After his academic stint in the republic of Romania, he came back home and between 1985 and 1986, he bagged a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) Degree from the University of Lagos.

On the professional side, Chief Ikuforiji is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer Plus Internet (MCSE-I). He is also a member of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission.

Chief Adeyemi Ikuforiji's working life began in 1975 as a young teacher at the Ayotunde Secondary Grammar School, Epe and lasted till 1976. Between 1982 and 1983, he was engaged in the National Youth Service Corps Primary assignment. He served as a Data Collator and Analyst in the Computer Centre of the Federal Housing Authority. From 1983 to 1987, he was Project Coordinator of Branches computerization in Afribank Nigeria PLC, where he later held various positions. He was Team Leader, Strategic Planning team, which involved formulation of strategic policies and development plans. His other engagements from 1992 include holding the position of MD. Import and Export, procurement and General Contracting at Springfield Ventures Ltd and Managing Partner, Computer Consultancy and Software development, Next Century Systems Limited.

From 1995 to 1996, he was member, State Technical Committee, Eko Transport Services Ltd and from 2001 to 2002 Lecturer of Networking



Technology at the Wake Tech Communication College, Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A.

Chief Ikuforiji began his political career in 1978 when he served as the Secretary General of the National Union of Nigerian Students in Romania, till 1980. In June 1979, he was a delegate to the Conference of All Nigerians overseas that was held in London, UK. From 1980 to 1981, he was elected president of the National Union of Nigerian Students in Romania. Other positions held by him included: Chairman Corpers Union F.H.A. Lagos (1982); General Secretary, UPN Ward A4 (1982 to 1983); Strong Member, Junior Staff Union, International Bank for West Africa; Chairman SDP Ward A4, Epe and at various times, Executive Member and Financier, AD Epe A4' (President. Association of Nigerian Graduates from Romania Universities (ANGRU)

Chief Ikuforiji is currently the Honourable Speaker of Lagos State House of Assembly having been a member of the House since the advent of the current fourth republic. He is an ardent believer in the principles of democracy and does his best to promote the tenets of democratic administration.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**E**legant and ageless Lady Anthonia Igbele is a health service provider. She is a qualified nurse and occupies the position of Assistant Director of Nursing in Delta State Hospitals Management Board.

Born in 1949 at Bomadi town, headquarters of Bomadi Local Government area of Delta State, Lady Anthonia Igbele has consistently maintained the reputation of a career nursing officer whose service to humanity needs to be more appreciated by all who have the privilege of knowing her impeccable her records. At home, as the wife of Sir Albert O. Igbele, KSM, Lady Anthonia Igbele is seen as a perfect home builder and at work, a conscientious and committed nursing officer.

Her early education which began at L.A. School Bomadi (1955-1960) equipped her with elementary school knowledge. From 1961-1963 she attended Secondary Modern School Bomadi before proceeding to Hussey College in Warri where she spent the years 1964 to 1968.

Her next port of call for academic pursuit was the Bendel State School of Nursing (1973 to 1976) where she acquired the basic skills of Nursing

## Lady Anthonia Igbele

and qualified as a nurse. Then she proceeded to do a midwifery course in the Bendel State School of Midwifery. The duration of training at the Midwifery School was 1978-1979. She was further educated at the University of Benin (UNIBEN) in the field of Nursing Administration from 1995 to 1996.

With all these sound educational backgrounds, Lady Anthonia Igbele (LSM) became a resource person in the field of nursing administration. She has been on active service at Delta State Hospitals Management Board where she has risen sharply as the Zonal Matron of Bomadi Medical Zone, having attained the post of Assistant Director of Nursing. She is well-known amongst the rank and file of the Board and is popularly called Chief Nursing Officer - Special Grade.

Lady Anthonia Igbele remains to date the most senior Nurse in the Zone and is recognized by all as being among the most senior nurses in Delta State.

She is a strong adherent to the tenets of the Catholic faith and holds the Order of the Knights of St. Mulumba. She equally occupies a unique position as President of Catholic Women Organisation of Bendel Ecclesiastical province. A member of the Societies of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Vincent De Paul, Lady Igbele is also President of Ladies of St. Mulumba of Bomadi Subordinate Council.

Her marriage to Sir Albert Igbele (KSM) has blessed her with a child and a grand child. Lady Anthonia Igbele's hobbies include badminton, swimming, singing, wrestling, dancing, football, travelling and praying.

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## Chief Chukwudi C. Odekpe

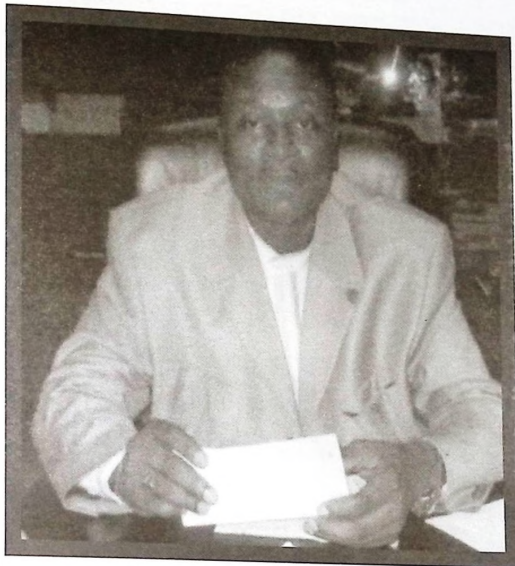
Chief Dr. Chukwudi C. Odekpe was born at Isele-Uku, 46 years ago, in Aniocha North Local Government Area, Delta State. he had his primary and secondary education between 1970's and 1980's and obtained General Certificates of Education in Ordinary and Advanced Levels respectively.

In his continuous quest for knowledge, in late 1980's to 1990's he proceeded to the University where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Master's Degree in Business Administration in Ogun State (now Bisi Onabanjo) university and St. Clemens University, British West Indies where he obtained Doctorate Degree in Business Administration. His burning desire to contribute to the growth and development of the Nigerian economy in particular, African and Global economy in general, was the driving force toward obtaining three Degrees in Business Administration.

Chief C. C. Odekpe being a private sector driven man decided to establish private businesses of his own, where he can make some positive and direct impact on the civil society. This in line with his natural functions; as a Chief or a traditional Prime Minister of a community (Onicha-Uku in Aniocha-North LGA of Delta State), who is cut-out to be a Leader of his people and a provider, by the grace of God. It should be noted here that he is not just a Chieftaincy title holder, but also a Chief with a palace; where he must retire to occupy, in his community. His developmental assistance to his people so far is worthy of emulation.

The journey of his business activities to contribute to the development of the wider society in Nigeria started in 1998, when he established Tayodek Limited. This company specializes in secretarial business documentations and services. Though a little beginning, he never lost sight of his focus to build a business conglomerate that will be geared toward nation building and economic development.

Few years later, Tayodek limited metamorphosed into a conglomerate called Tayodek Group of Companies Limited, holding other four



companies viz; Tayodek Diagnostic Limited, Isima-Tayo Limited, Ofortech Investment Limited, and Tayodek Limited; with a beautiful corporate headquarters at Garki 2 Abuja.

Tayodek Limited in no distant time expanded beyond business documentations into civil engineering, mechanical and engineering maintenance works. On the other hand, Tayodek Diagnostic Limited has a responsibility of providing medical laboratory equipment, services and imaging diagnostics. Ofortech Investment Limited was established by Chief C. C. Odekpe with seven key units viz: International Consultancy, Investment and Management, International Finance, Private finance, Public Finance, Development and Consultancy Services and Research and Development. The focus here is for Ofortech Investment Limited to provide one-stop Financial Consultancy Services.

Chief C. C. Odekpe has exhibited a high degree of business ingenuity from his wealth of experience and resourcefulness, which has accounted for efficient management, growth and development of these organizations. His reservoir of experienced Professionals applied in the management of these organizations is an added advantage.

In the midst of diverse business activities to contribute toward nation building and upliftment of the society early in 2007, an opportunity came for him to serve the wider civil society under the umbrella of

the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). In realizing that his quest for service to humanity and the society could be better achieved in an organisation like INEC, he took up the assignment where he is currently serving as the Head of Civil Society Unit. His responsibility among others is to bridge the gap between INEC and the civil society organizations with a view to fostering an understanding that can lead to an improved process of election and democratization in Nigeria. In the process of his achievements, he has acquired professional membership and awards in many organizations as given below:-

**Professional Membership**

- International Society of Financiers (ISF)
- Association of Cost and Executive Accountants, London (ACEA)
- Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN)
- Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM)
- Institute of Management Consultants (IMC)
- Institute of Professional and Financial Managers (IPFM)
- Institute of Chartered Management Auditors (ICMA)
- Institute of Chartered Training Managers (ICTM)
- Corporate Institute of Store and Material Management (CISM)
- Institute of Journalism, Management and Continuing Education (IJMCE)

**Professional Award**

- Certified International Financiers (CIF)
- Associate Member Cost and Executive Accountants (ACEA)
- Certified National Accountant (CNA)
- Associate Member, Nigerian Institute of Management (AMNIM)
- Certified Management Consultant (CMC)
- Fellow Institute of Management Consultants (FIMC)
- Doctoral Member, Institute of Professional Financial Managers (DIPFM)
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Management Auditors (FICMA)
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Training Managers (FICTM)

- Fellowship Doctor Institute of Journalism, Management And Continuing Education (FDR)
- Fellow, Corporate Institute of Stores and Material Management (FCISM)
- Appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Corporate Institute of Stores and Materials Management
- Council Member Institute of Chartered Management Auditors
- Council Member Institute of Chartered Training Managers.

**Merit Award**

- a) Grand Patron of Student Union Government Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro
- b) Africa International Achievers' Award (AIA)
- c) Niger Delta Development Award for Excellence
- d) Dr. Kwame Nkrumah Excellence In Entrepreneurship Award
- e) FCT Leadership Summit Award
- f) Patron Aniocha Progressive Union Abia Branch

**Participation in International Programmes**

Official Nigeria Delegate to Medical Exhibition at Dusseldorf Germany, November 1999; Official Nigeria Delegate to Durpa Printing Equipment Exhibition May 2000; Official Nigeria Delegate to America's Food and Beverage Conference/Show in MIAMI, USA May 2000; Official Nigeria Delegate to FMI show and Exhibition in Chicago Illinois USA May 2001; Official Nigeria Delegate to FMI Show to McCormick place Chicago USA May 2002.

Chief Dr. C. C. Odekpe is the Odeneboh of Okalo Land, a title conferred on him by His Royal Highness, Onoge of Okalo Land, Igueben Local Government Area of Edo State for his Philanthropies and magnanimity to humanity.

He is married and blessed with children. He is an expert in the management of human, material and financial resources.

In recognition of Chief Dr. C. C. Odekpe's contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who conferred on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Dr. C. Ibukun-Oluwa Ricketts

**D**r. Conrad Ibukun Oluwa Ricketts was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1954 in Shagamu Ogun State of Nigeria, a Lagos State indigene

Father.

He had his primary school education at the Agbowo Ikosi Baptist Day Primary School where he won many prizes being almost, always in the first position through this period. He started his Secondary School education at the Methodist High School Agbowo in 1967. After one year, he moved to the May Flower School Ikenne where he completed the Secondary School in grade one. He was denied admission to the University of Ibadan preliminary studies in 1971 being that, he was not up to 17 years. He taught briefly at the Methodist Commercial College Shagamu Ogun State, for 6 months after which he went for the Higher School Education (HSC) at the Remo Secondary School Shagamu. He completed his study in 1973 and won prizes in General Paper, Biology, Physics, and also won the Odumuye prize for the ideal boy student.

He entered the college of Medicine of the University of Lagos Idi Araba in 1973 and completed his studies in 1978 with the best prize in Anesthesia the Toronto prize.

### Working Experience

He had his Housemanship at the Lagos State General Hospital and the Island Maternity hospital and the Mercy Children hospital.

He proceeded on to the N.Y.S.C in Borno State at the Lassa General Hospital. He had to stay back after the N.Y.S.C as Medical Officer in charge of the hospital for six months when there was no other Doctor to cover the place until a new Doctor came to which he handed over.

His leaving Borno State was protested by Lassa Askira Uba Local Government Citizen because of his excellent service, as they thought he was being transferred to another hospital. Letters were written to the Commissioner of health on the issue. However, after explaining that he wanted to go for further studies, the community was pacified.



Dr. C. I. Ricketts got married during the NYSC and was blessed with the first Daughter at Lassa Borno State in 1980. From Borno he moved to Zaria in 1981 and joined the Department of Surgery Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital as a Registrar. He was made a senior Registrar in 1983 and after completing his Fellowship programme in 1986 became a Consultant Surgeon.

He moved to head the St. Lukes Anglican Hospital Wusasa formerly Wusasa Hospital the same year as Medical Superintendent and Consultant Surgeon. In 1988, he was promoted to the level of a Senior Consultant Surgeon. His impact in administration of the hospital turned the poor state of the hospital to a vibrant and result yielding institution with successful finances, expansion as well as accreditation of both the School of Nursing and Midwifery as well as accreditation for training of General Medical practitioners at the postgraduate level. He assisted many of the Doctors working under him to pass their Fellowship examination by given them the required training.

In 1989 December, he resigned and went to Kubwa Abuja and established the famous Grace of God Specialist Medical Centre, the first private Hospital in Kubwa actually the 1<sup>st</sup> functional Hospital. The Kubwa General Hospital was commenced and opened 2 months after the Grace of God Specialist Medical Centre had started operating.

He has continued to be the Medical Director and Chief Consultant Surgeon at the Grace of God Specialist Medical Centre Kubwa to date. He is in charge of the day-to-day administration of the hospital with its development.

**Other establishments**

In 1996, he established the Grace of God Nursery and Primary School as a Proprietor and has been running the school since with the wife and family and had been secretary to the Proprietors Association in Bwari Local Government Abuja.

In 2002, he established the Grace of God Christian Fellowship Ministry, which is presently with a radio broadcast programme.

**Positions held**

Dr. C. I. Ricketts was the initiator and founder and the first Chairman of the Kubwa Residents Association Kubwa (KUREWA) in 1994. He was in charge of the Association for 4 years from inception before he handed over to his successor. He is a Board Member of the Association and was given an Award by the Association in 1997.

He was also a vice chairman and later a chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria Kubwa chapter. He was also a Zonal Trustee for Zone 4, of the Gideon's International being in charge of Niger, FCT, Nasarawa and Plateau States. He is a life member of the Gideon's International and the Bible Society of Nigeria.

**Administration**

He was elected the Secretary of the Guild of Medical Directors in 2002 and later took over the Chairmanship of the GMD Abuja FCT chapter in 2005. He has creditably steered the affairs of the GMD and appropriately help to organize the Annual Conferences and monthly meetings and effectively administering the affairs of the organization.

He established the Abuja Medicals in 2005 and had gone into Medical Magazine product by name Abuja Medical magazine which is popular among the Doctors and has a lot of information for the medical and health professionals as well as the general public.

Dr. C. I. Ricketts' administrative ability is seen in many respects; he has a very broad view and perception of issues that endears him to his colleagues and staff. He is always considerate, leading by example, kind and supportive and a great encourager and motivator.

**Hobbies**

His interests include playing music; he has collected Christian music cassettes and CDs to his credit, written apart from the magazines, he has written over 100 Christian tracts and is still writing more.

Dr. C. I. Ricketts has also been a member of the Police Community Relation Committee (PCRC) since 1999 and had been the Vice Chairman and later Chairman of the Kubwa division for about 4 years and presently the Chairman of the Kubwa Area Committee. His love for peace and security has kept him in PCRC to date and he is a Deputy co-ordinator at the FCT level.

Dr. C. I. Ricketts as a Chief Consultant Surgeon has a working relationship and constant service with Arewa Specialist Hospital, Abuja Clinic, Mainland Specialist Hospital and Express hospitals in Abuja FCT.

He recently joined 3 of his colleagues to form the 'A.G.M.R. Medical Consultants Consortium International' in Abuja, FCT.

His interest in solving different types of problems has established him as a counselor of repute who has helped so many with his advice and counsel including single and married couples and professional colleagues. His hobbies also include reading, driving, riding bicycles, and playing lawn tennis.

**Epilogue**

All put together Dr. C. I. Ricketts in life and in death stand out as a great helper of people and a versatile administrator.

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## Samuel Olufemi Omotara

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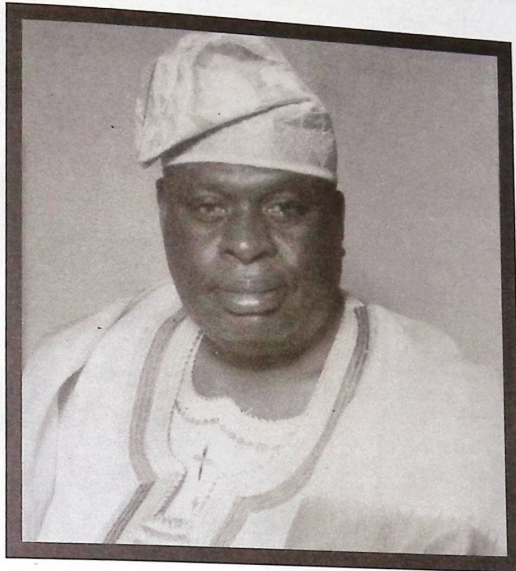
Born on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1946 at ILA-BORANGUN, Chief (Dr) Samuel Olufemi Omotara is a native of ORA in IFEDAYO LOCAL GOVERNMENT Area of Osun State of Nigeria.

He attended St. Marks School, Offa; Ejigbo Baptist High School, Ejigbo and Iwo Baptist High School, Iwo and passed out from all the schools in flying colours.

His extensive military training interspersed with administrative functions began at the Nigerian Navy in 1960 and progressed rapidly over the years with varying levels of responsibilities. At the Nigeria Military School Chief Omotara who is also currently the holder of the titles of Otunba Baajito of Ila Orangun performed various functions ranging from Senior Military Instructor to Commanding Officer administrative company; Motor Transport Officer; and Assistant Quarter Master. Other positions of authority held by Otunba Omotara included Staff Officer Grade 2, Quartering and Engineering Services, 2 Infantry Division from 1978 to 1981; Company Commander 19 Mechanised Battalion 1981 to 1982; Officer Commanding No.3 Company Nigerian Battalion VII (UNFIL Lebanon); Company Commander 19 Mechanised Battalion, NYSC Camp Commandant Ondo State from January 1983 to June 1983. He was elevated to the post of General Staff Officer Grade 2, Staff Duties & Plans, Nigerian Army School of Infantry from July 1983 to December 1987.

Chief (Dr) Samuel Olufemi Omotara held three other major military assignments, namely Brigade Major, 15 Mechanised Infantry, EDE; Second in Command 231 Mechanised Infantry Battalion and Commanding Officer 231 Mechanised Battalion, before becoming a Civilian Administrator in April 1990 when he was appointed Chief Administrator (Transport), Office of the Military Governor, Ibadan

In 1991 Otunba Omotara was appointed General Manager, TCTC Mass Transit, Oyo State where he spent some months before becoming the Coordinator, Osun State Transport Company Ltd



rising to the General Management position in 1992. He became the Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Osun State in 1994 on leaving his previous position. He maintained this honourable commissioner level position till September 1995 when he was transferred to the Ministry of Education Osun State as the Honourable Commissioner. On leaving the Ministry in 1997 Otunba Omotara was appointed the Chairman of Wrought Iron Nigeria Limited, a member of O'Odua Group from 1998 to 1999 and later in 2002 he became the Chief Co-ordinator of Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola Campaign Organisation which worked assiduously to ensure victory at the polls for the Executive Governor.

His present appointment as Chairman, Local Government Service Commission Osun State Government, was given to him in October 2003 by the amiable Governor, Chief Olagunsoye Oyinlola.

In his long and eventful career, Chief Omotara has touched many lives positively with his humane disposition. His admirers see him as one whose commitment to excellence in public service is unrivalled. He is fondly described as a man of vision with rare innovative principles that promote smoothflow of operations in any organization he finds himself. His avowed commitment to operational effectiveness has been greatly inspired by the quality of training he received. Otunba holds a Diploma in

Personnel and Resources Management obtained from the United States of America's Army Institute of Administration. Earlier he had participated in various training courses such as Mortar platoon Commanders Course of the Nigerian Army School of Infantry as well as the School's Company Commanders course and the Junior Division Army, JDA course of the Command and Staff College, Jaji.

Apart from military decorations too numerous to mention, Otunba Omotara holds an avalanche of honours and awards which he truly merits. Some of the awards include: Grand Achiever (GA) of the Mechanical Engineering Students Association (MESA); Presidential Award of MESA; Honourary Doctorate Award in Public Administration of Bradley University, USA 1992; Fellow, Rotary Club of Ile-Ife Central 1992; Best Commissioner of the Year Award by Western Youth Forum 1995; Merit Award by Radio Nigeria Ibadan

1995; Babaluwa of Ijesaland 1996; Certificate of Appreciation from the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Osun State Branch; Patron NAWOJ Osun State Chapter 2000; Award of Excellence by Ora Youth Solidary Movement, Osogbo; and the Distinguished Personality of the Month of April 2006 by JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL Nigeria, Ibadan (JCI) April 2006 among many others.

Otunba Omotara whose hobbies include reading, sports and sporting activities such as playing lawn tennis and badminton, also enjoys current affairs, music and watching films.

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## Adamu Biu FCIDA

**B**orn on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1950, Capt. Adamu Biu, a native of Biu in Borno State of Nigeria had his primary education at Galdimare Primary School, Biu from 1958 to 1965. Between 1966 and 1970, he attended the famous Barewa College, Zaria where he obtained the West African School Certificate.

As a man who believes in empowerment as a means of attaining the peak of one's chosen profession, the young Adamu Biu attended the L.B.S. Nautical and Engineering College, for a series of programmes that spanned ten years i.e. 1972 to 1982 at interval.

In recognition of his deft and professional approach to handling his studies while at the school, Capt. Biu graduated as a Master Mariner of remarkable distinction.

Having chosen his profession, Capt. Adamu Audu Biu, was opportuned to work in the following capacities:

1. Navigating Cadet with Shipping Corporation of India from 1974 to 1976
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer (Navigation) with McKinnon Mackenzie (Pacific Fleet of P & O Group) from 1977 to 1979
3. Chief Officer (Navigation) Group from 1979 to 1980
4. Chief Officer (Navigation) with the defunct NNSL from 1980 to 1983
5. Master with NNSL from 1983 to 1985
6. Master Africa Ocean Lines from 1985 to 1987
7. General Manager (Operation), Africa Ocean Lines from 1987 to 1989
8. Managing Director, African Ocean Lines, 1989-1996
9. Executive Chairman, Bwantagn Limited, 1996-30<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

Capt. Biu is a member of many professional bodies notably among which are the Nigerian Institute of Transport Administration (N.T.T.A) and the Nigerian



Association of Master Mariners (N.A.M.M).

In line with the saying that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", Captain Adamu Biu has passions for hunting, photography, traveling and listening to music. Indeed, it is right to say that he displays deep commitment to these hobbies as amply demonstrated or confirmed by the fact that he has travelled to various countries in all the continents of the world.

In recognition of his professional qualifications, coupled with, most importantly, his working experience in the private sector as the Executive Chairman, Bwantang Limited, on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004, he was appointed as the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Shippers Council by the former President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR.

Capt. Adamu Audu Biu is happily married with children.

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Chief (Mrs) Mojisola O. Afolabi



**C**hief (Mrs) Mojisola O. Afolabi is a combination of beauty, intelligence and resourcefulness. She is an energetic and efficient woman whose impressive career record speaks so much of a versatile and brilliant fellow. Born in Lagos on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1950, Chief (Mrs) Mojisola Afolabi received her early education at St. Paul's Breadfruit Primary School, Lagos and Remo Secondary School Sagamu, Ogun State for her First School Leaving Certificate and West African School Certificate (WASC) respectively. She also attended the Federal School of Science, Onikan Lagos.

San Diego State University, California USA, was the next educational institution, which Mrs Afolabi attended as a regular student. She remained in the United States of America for a very long time in the course of which she attended various educational institutions some of which include Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, USA; North Eastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA (summer courses); North American School of Travel, Oak & Pawnee ST. Cranton, PA 18515; and Wilfred Academy. The result of this multifaceted education and training received by Chief (Mrs) Mojisola Afolabi can be seen in the avalanche of educational qualifications she possesses. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree (BSc.) in Pharmacy, a Diploma Licence in

Practical Pharmacy, Diploma in Hospital Administration and Health Management, Diploma in Cosmetology, C.E.D. Certificate in Environmental Sanitation and Resource Recycling and a Master of Science Degree in Travel Course..

Mojisola began serving the nation as Assessor and Finance Clerk in the Federal Board of Inland Revenue Lagos and later left for the United States where she worked as Assistant Sales and Marketing Officer in an organisation called Hines Fashion Mission Valley Shopping Complex based in San Diego, California. She also worked as a Part-time Consultant in Family Planning Programme at the Planned Parenthood Community Health Centre, Elcojn Blvd in San Diego, California. She had quite a rapid career progression becoming the Sales and Marketing Manager of Joseph Harris Department Store in Washington DC on leaving the former employers.

Her next place of work was the Kessington Nursing Home based in Kessington, Silverspring MD USA where she held the position of a Licensed Practical Nurse. She was in charge of Accounting/Bookkeeping as well as Word and Data Processing in Union Petroleum Company, Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, Massachusetts, USA. Savmour Pharmacy Boston, Massachusetts, and Boston City Hospital in Dudley & Roxbury, also in Massachusetts, USA were two other places she worked before returning to Nigeria.

In Nigeria she was appointed Pharmacist by the Lagos State Health Management Board and she was found to be efficient on the job. No wonder the Federal Ministry of Defence offered her the same position which she accepted and handled effectively also, before leaving Government service to go into the private sector as Executive Director, MOJE Group of Companies. She also doubles as publisher/Editor in Chief of "ELEGANTE", A beauty, Health & Fashion Magazine.

Other positions of responsibility held by Mrs Abimbola are too numerous to state here but some of them include:

- ? Co-ordinator for All European Clinical Pharmacists

- ? Assistant General Secretary of PSN
  - ? Member of Disciplinary Committee of PSN
  - ? Pharmacist in-Charge of MILITARY HOSPITAL Yaba
  - ? Technical Doping Control Officer, International Volunteer Scheme, Athens 2004 Olympic/Paralympic Games
  - ? Chairperson SFAN (Lagos State Chapter (December 2004 till date)
  - ? Board Member, Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA) July 2005 till Date
- Dozens of meritorious awards have been conferred on Chief (Mrs) Afolabi in recognition of her excellent services to humanity, notable among which include:
- ? Humanitarian Services, Zurich Switzerland June 1982
  - ? Grand Prix in Applied Technology, Madrid Spain May 1989
  - ? Award in Excellence and Leadership, Lagos May 1999
  - ? ECOWAS Corporate Front Runner Award

- December 2000
- ? Beauty Merit Award
- ? Pan-African Ethics Legacy of patriotism Award for Inspirational Leadership September 2005
- ? Eminent Nigerian Leadership Diamond Award December 2005.

Mrs Mojisola Afolabi is an active Member of so many world professional, social and business organizations such as Swedish Pharmaceutical Academy, Sweden, Hospital Association Washington, DC. USA; American Pharmaceutical Associations, Washington; Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria; Hispano-Nigeria Chamber of Commerce; Nigerian-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Chief (Mrs) Mojisola Afolabi is married and has several children. Her cherished hobbies include travelling, table tennis, swimming, dancing, reading, listening to Music and Pen-writing.

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**S**urveyor Ebisintei Bietoru Awudu, mni, was born on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1961 at Lobia in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State. After his Primary education at Central School, Ikang, Cross River State, young Ebisintei Bietoru Awudu attended Government Secondary School Ukubie in the old Rivers State between 1975 and 1980 and obtained the West African School Certificate (WASC) with Division One.

After the completion of his Secondary education, he had a brief time teaching before proceeding to the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt where he studied Land Surveying between 1981 and 1986. He went further to study M.Phil/Ph.D in Environmental Management in the same university in 1998 but the programme was suspended due to his appointment as the Surveyor-General of Bayelsa State. A huge personal sacrifice and a display of great patriotism for the development of his fatherland.

He attended the Senior Executive Course (SEC) Number 26 of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) in 2004 and was elected Deputy Monitor-General of the Course.

Surveyor Ebisintei Bietoru Awudu, mni, became a Registered Surveyor of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1991 and was a Consultant Surveyor in

Surv. Ebisintei B. Awudu, mni



Offshore and Satellite (GPS) Surveys until his appointment into Bayelsa State Civil Service. He has extensively been involved in Surveying, Mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) practices in the Construction, Oil and Gas sectors as well as in the Public sector. He has been involved in various gigantic projects in the Oil and Gas sector from 1989 to 1998 such as Nigeria LNG Ltd, New Port Harcourt Refinery, Escarvaos and Monipulo Offshore Oilfields, Bonny Export Terminal Project, Bonny Sea Island Export Terminal, Escarvaos Lagos Gas Pipeline Extension Survey, Enyong Creek Swamp Rice Project and Bayelsa State Airprot Survey.

He is the pioneer Surveyor-General of Bayelsa State and the pioneer Chairman of the Committee of State Surveyors-General of Nigeria. He is also the Surveyor-General/Permanent Secretary of a State in the Federation. He is a member of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors and an examiner of the Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON).

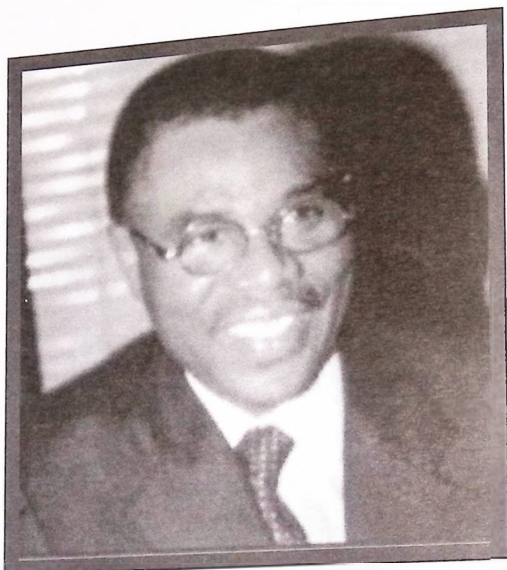
Surveyor Ebisintei Bietoru Awudu, mni, an active member of the Alumni Association of the National Institute (AANI), is a member of the Board of trustees of the Geo-information Society of Nigeria as well as one of the few Nigerians who are members of the African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE).

Due to his hard work and dedication to duty, the Bayelsa State Government awarded him the 2002 Productivity Merit Award. He was recently awarded Eminent Nigerian Leadership Diamond Award (ENLDA) in December 2005 by Toplead Media Communications Company. Some other Awards include African Role Model Leadership Gold Award by African International News Magazine in October 2005, Professional Fellowship for Excellence in Public Administration by the Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria in August 2005, Certificate of Meritorious Service by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council of the Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON) in 2004 and Certificate of Honour by Committee of Friends Lobia Town.

His professional and working experiences are intimidating and constitute a sense of pride not only to Bayelsa State but also to Nigeria as country. Indeed, Surveyor Ebisintei Bietoru Awudu mni, is an accomplished Geo-spatial professional and an erudite administrator of his generation. He is happily married.

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progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**Prof. Abiodun O. Ilesanmi**



**B**orn on December 24<sup>th</sup> 1953 and educated at CMS Grammar School, Lagos, Professor Abiodun Olatunbosun Ilesanmi qualified as a medical doctor in 1978, obtaining MBBS (University of Benin). He subsequently specialized in Obstetrics & Gynaecology and was awarded Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) and Fellow Postgraduate Medical College (FMCOG) in 1988 and became a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons (FICS) in 1990. He also became a Fellow of the Institute of Management in 2005.

He was further educated as a post doctoral Fellow of the University of Pennsylvania, USA, University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, USA. He obtained an MBA degree from the University of Ibadan. He became a Professor in 1977.

As a Chief Executive Officer of the University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria, the post to which he was appointed in March 2003 by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, Professor Ilesanmi has left no one in doubt as to his quiet humane and firm commitment to the common good, both in the hospital, nationally and internationally. He has inspired dedication, commitment, pride, and sense of belonging in the discharge of his responsibilities as the Chief Medical Director of

this citadel of health care delivery center in Nigeria these have led to the development and establishment of old and new units such as the Burns and Endoscopy Units, as well as new Departments such as Accident & Emergency, Orthopaedic & Trauma, Anaesthesia, Medicine, Neurology & Neurosurgery and Institute of Neurosciences. He also established Satellite Pharmacies all over the floors of the Hospital in order to alleviate the problems usually associated with the drugs needs of patients.

He has initiated excellent changes which several Governments and several Teaching Hospital Executives have come to understudy, among which are the methods of collecting revenue, appointment of private sector organization, decentralization of payment systems, partnership with International Organisations, and the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna for the development of the hospital. These have contributed together to reform, restructure, reorganize, re-energize and re-invigorate the entire hospital system.

He has inspired accountable leadership and effective management which have contributed to the hospital winning several international supports e.g. Intraocular Lens Program (IOL), Rapid Contract Surgery program, etc. Through a mission-driven responsibility, initiative, creativity and firmness of character, he has generated over N300m (Three Hundred Million Naira) internally to sustain the current infrastructural development and build new frontiers e.g. conversion of garages that have hitherto lying fallow to accommodation units in order to reduce the accommodation problems in Hospital. Construction of a 5-Star Private Wing Medical facility. He has also almost completed arrangements for Public Partnership for an Ultra-modern Guest House and ultramodern Private Mortuary. He has served as Chairman/Secretary of various organizations/agencies, Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, College of Medicine, UI. He is also cited in Who's Who in the World; World Greatest 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scientists, etc.

As an accomplished scholar and a successful manager, he has been honoured by various organizations/agencies/institutes/colleges, etc. also.

peace-loving citizen, he was awarded the Justice of the Peace of Oyo State of Nigeria and honoured with the chieftaincy title by the Olubadan of Ibadan land, all in recognition of his contributions to his immediate community in particular and Nigeria as a whole.

Similarly, in his contribution to building the Nation and her citizenry, he gives on regular basis financial, moral and psychological support to the less privileged citizens especially students in order to advance their educational and intellectual pursuits.

Professor Ilesanmi whose research interests

include Infertility & Reproductive Endocrinology Gynecological Oncology, Personnel/Private/Public Administration, takes delight in playing Table Tennis, Reading Autobiographies and Reading Financial & Business Journals. He is married with children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**A**lhaji Muhammad Danmadami was the chairman of the First Bank of Nigeria Ltd. He earned his Cambridge School Certificate at Barewa College in Zaria in 1954, and went on to gain a GCE in Natural Sciences at the Nigerian College of Technology, Zaria (now Ahmadu Bello University) in 1957. After basic and advance training at Police College in Ikeja, he joined the Nigerian Police Force and underwent detective training at West Riding Detective Training School in Yorkshire, England. By 1982, Alhaji Danmadami had progressed to Deputy Inspector General of Police. During his career, he had continued his studies, achieving a Diploma in Law Enforcement at the International Police Academy in Washington DC, USA in 1970 and attending the

## Alh. Muhammad Danmadami

National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Nigeria between 1979 and 1980. From 1980 to 1991 Alhaji Danmadami has been chairman of the First Bank of Nigeria Ltd, conducting a far-reaching re-organisation of the Bank in 1985 leading to improved customer service, public relations and enhanced profit. Since 1992 he has been Chairman of First Inland Bank Nigeria Plc. And after the merger of Inland Bank with First Atlantic Bank, NUB International Bank and IMB (International Bank) he became the Chairman of the consolidated Bank First Inland Bank PLC, 1st January 2006. He is the author of several professional papers including: "Social Disorganisation as a result of criminality and indiscipline: Role of the Police" (1979); "The Nigerian Defense Policy Options 1980 and Leadership and the Nigerian Social Media" (1980). Alhaji Danmadami has received many honours such as the Independence Medal (1960); the Republic Medal (1963), and the Police long service Medal (1973) as well as the Nigeria Police Medal for Meritorious Service (1973) and awarded the Nigerian National Honours of Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFR, 1999). Alhaji Danmadami is happily married with many children.

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# Mr Emmanuel T. Manger



Indeed, in every generation, a man rises above the peak, becoming the rallying point, the defining standard and a leading light. Mr. Emmanuel Manger is simply such a man. He is a rare combination of wit, intelligence and style. For the past five (5) years he has worked as the General Manager of Benue Links (Nig.) Ltd. (Benue State Mass Transit Company). He has really won the hearts of many well-wishers. Through him, Benue Links won the Year 2005 Rotary International Vocational Excellence Award in the field of Public Transportation. Also the Company won the Best State Mass Transit Company award during ANAMCO Customer Forum in 2005.

When Mr. Emmanuel Torkuma Manger took over the mantle of leadership in February 2000, he demonstrated the fact that he has a vision, mission and commitment to improve upon the image of Benue Links (Nig.) Ltd. and the lots of the generality of its people. His achievements are in many respects numerous. Many have visited the establishment and have returned with sweet memories and verdict of a great performer and a visionary leader. Some of his specific achievements include the following:

1. **Increased Vehicle Fleet Size:** He assumed office in February 2000 and inherited 19 functional buses and 11 pick up vans as the total vehicles fleet size of the company. Today, the company has a total fleet of 270 operational buses.
2. **Increase in Coverage:** Owing to the increase in the number of buses in the fleet, several additional routes were opened within and outside the state. Today, Benue Links buses cover seventeen (17) inter-state routes and almost all nooks and crannies of Benue State offering adequate transport services to the people.
3. **Infrastructural Development:** the company's Head office along Gboko road, Makurdi is given a face-lift a central store has been constructed and is being set up by experts from ANAMMCO, Enugu.
4. **Construction of Operational/Zonal Offices:** He has initiated a strategy of building own destination garages on all company major routes across the

- country. The strategy is backed up with appropriate action by construction of terminal at Gboko Zonal Office, Maiduguri Office; land has been acquired at Jos and Architectural drawings ready for construction of terminus.
5. **Introduction of Marcopolo Buses:** Benue Links (Nig.) Ltd. is the only State Government Transport Company, which is using Marcopolo buses for its operations. This is a deliberate policy designed to offer a comfortable transportation service for the passengers. This brand of vehicles has conveniently combined speed. Comfort and reliability to win the patronage of travelers on Benue Links buses.
6. **Staff Welfare:** The administration has been trying a lot to better the welfare of staff. Staff promotions have become regular during the life span of this administration. The underlying personnel objective of the company is to attain the highest standard in the organization in terms of function, performance, cost effectiveness, efficiency and safety. To this end, continuous and regular training and refresher courses are provided for all categories of workers to keep them abreast with trends and innovations in the transport industry.

Emmanuel Torkuma Manger was born in the family of Mr. Orjime Manger of Mbanyagber district of Tarka Local Government Area of Benue State, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1960.

Torkuma E. Manger enrolled into LGEA Primary School, Makurdi from 1969 to 1972. After his primary education he joined Tilley Gyado College, Makurdi from 1972- 1975.

Since the young Torkuma had the likeness and inclination for Technical Education, he joined Government Technical College, Makurdi from 1975 to 1978 where he obtained City and Guilds in Motor Mechanic Work.

A singular feature that made Torkuma what he is today is his determination to attain independence. He strongly believes in being independent. This particular factor made him to start working immediately after passing out from Technical College in June 1978.

Although his father Mr. Orjime Manger was then a young serving Police Officer, Torkuma lived independently and started contributing to the education of his younger brothers and sisters as a teenager. This is the architect of his management evolution. Since then, he has worked in several places combining both his work and education to attain the present enviable position in his chosen career.

He attended Kaduna Polytechnic in 1986, Benue State University from 1997 to 1998 and 1999 to 2000. he also attended Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NIIT), Zaria in 2003. He now holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) and Post Graduate Diploma in Transport Technology and Logistics.

He also attended a number of courses and seminars both within and outside the country. He has carried out researches and published works in

many areas including the following:

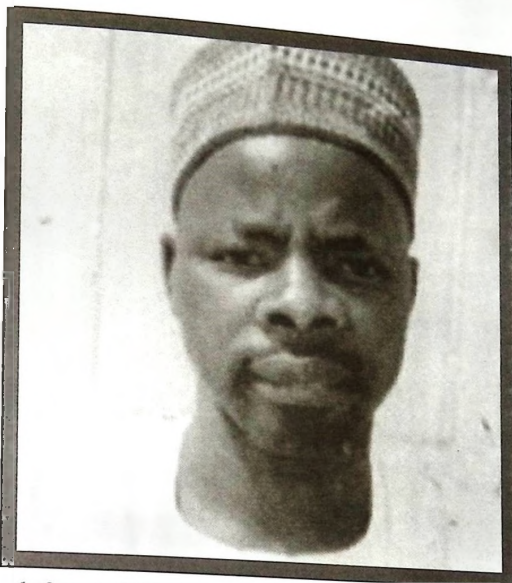
- i. Transportation Mangement and Planning in Urban Areas (A case study of Makurdi Town)
- ii. Appraisal of Traffic Problems in Urban Areas (case study of Makurdi Town)

Mr. Manger has acquired a wealth of experience working in several establishments. He was a Technical Assistant at Benue Cement Company Plc. Yander, 1980-1981; Foreman at the UTC Motors, Makurdi 1980-1981; Assistant Works Superintendent (Mechanical) 1981-1985; Benue Bottling Company Limited, Makurdi 1985-1986; Mechanical Assistant (Maintenance Supervisor) 1986-1991 before joining Benue Links in 1992 as Workman Engineer, from which position he rose to General Management position.

He has received numerous awards in recognition of his outstanding achievements. Notable ones include Mediagate Merit Award for Excellent Public Transport Management, 2003; Distinguished Merit Award for Excellence in Effective Mangement and Control 2004 awarded by the Institute of Industrialist and Corporate Administrators; Distinguished Service Merit Award for Excellence in Leadership and Accountability, 2004 awarded by the Institute of Corporate Executives of Nigeria, etc.

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## Alh. Mohammed A. Yidikawu



**B**orn on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1965, at Pindiga in Akko Local Government Area of Gombe State to the royal family of the late Sarkin Pindiga Ahmadu, whose parents were from a mixed Jukun-Bolewa descent. The young Yidikawu's traditional name is a Fulani word meaning "uncles lover", but is popularly known as Matawalle, a nickname he derived since his childhood age after Waziri Gayi, a one time famous traditional title holder in the palace of the now Lamido of Akko.

In 1971, he was enlisted into Pindiga Primary School and later gained admission into Government Secondary School, Kumo, in 1979. In 1984, Yidikawu passed his GCE 'O' Level examinations and qualified for entrance into the School of General Studies of the Bayero University Kano. Having satisfied the University's requirement for an absorption into a full degree programme, he successfully completed his 3 years in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Degree as the Best Graduating student in the department of history and also received the prize as the Best Student in Islamic History. As part of the call to national duty, he participated in the National Youth Service Corps (N.Y.S.C) as a Lecturer with the Kabba High School in the present Kogi State from 1988 to 1989.

Alhaji Mohammed Ahmed Yidikawu's public service record started just a week after completing his NYSC when almost immediately he secured an appointment with the Nigerian Television Authority, Bauchi, as a presentation officer II on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1989. Elevated to the rank of a Producer in February 1992, Yidikawu had his services transferred to the National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA) as a Public Relations Officer for the Bauchi State Office from January 1994 to January 1999, when he was moved to the newly established Gombe State office in the same capacity. In January 2003, he saw himself redeployed to the Gombe State office of the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) as the pioneer P.R.O. sequel to the Federal Government's decision to re-organised NALDA, the

defunct P.T.F. and the Family Economic Advancement Programme, FEAP.

Following the successful inauguration of the Danjuma Goje-led administration in Gombe State on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2003, the State Governor found him worthy for an appointment as his Chief Press Secretary, alias, chief image-maker and spokesman as from June, 2003. his appointment was among the first set of three people to be brought into the government within the first few days of its inauguration into office. In September of the same year, Governor Danjuma Goje admired his level of performance and vibrancy, which subsequently saw to his elevation to the position of a Special Assistant Media and Publicity.

During his 5-year stay with the Nigerian Television Authority Bauchi, Yidikawu has succeeded in enriching his credentials, a measure that eventually prepared him for the Public Relations job after having attended many professional courses at the Television College, Jos and participated in important national Seminars/Workshops. For instance, he was a - Participant: At the Television Directing Techniques Course of N.T.A College, Jos, 1991; participant at National Seminar/Workshop on Nigeria's Population Policy, I.E.C, for Media Executives, UNESCO UNFPA sponsored at Bagauda Lake Hotel, Kano, September 1991; participant at Television Announcing Course at N.T.A. College, Jos, 1992, to name a few. He belongs to several professional

organizations namely, the Historical Society of Nigeria, Bayero University Kano, 1985-1988; Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, N.I.P.R., Gombe State Chapter, 1994; he was a member of Gombe State Government 2004 Flood Disaster Relief Management Committee and prime mover, the resuscitation of the age-long dormant Gombe State Chapter of the Nigerian Union of Journalists, N.U.J.; State Government Support and intervention to N.T.A. Gombe to start local news and programme production for the first time.

As a historical data bank and a man imbued with a very sharp intellect and careful vision, Yidikawu has personal principles which have so much endeared him to the hearts of many, the same way that he is greatly misunderstood by others. Blessed by nature with the shining ability and charisma, tolerance, hospitality and friendliness, all combined to make him one of the finest examples of God chosen individuals, who have opted for a simple life and yet as cheerful givers.

Highly mathematical and characteristically blessed with the ability to proffer solutions to very complex matters, Mohammed Ahmed has never hidden his belief and description of democracy as the best form of government. No wonder that this great man of vision and intellect was opportuned to have started developing interest in the game as far

back as 1978 under the then National Party of Nigeria (NPN).

As a greatly indebted man to his much-cherished and respected mentor in person of His Excellency, Alhaji Muhammad Danjuma Goje, Governor of Gombe State, Yidikawu always considers him as his major source of inspiration in life and as well as his barometric measurement.

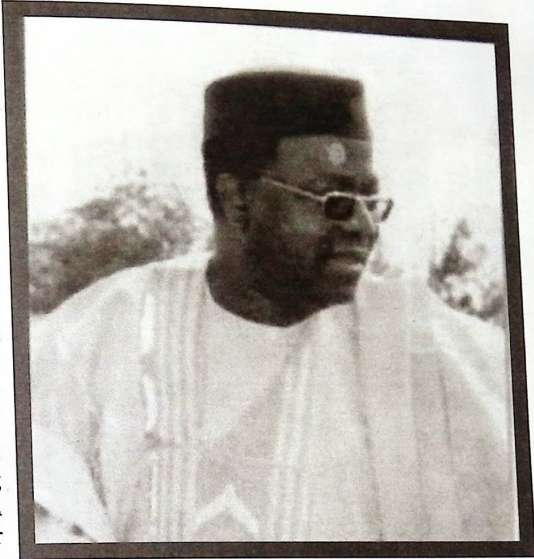
As an advocate of peace, Yidikawu never allows himself to be surrounded by ostentation even as he always adopts a very simple life and mixes freely with all categories of people, irrespective of status, class, ethnic or religious backgrounds.

He is a prolific writer with many newspaper articles to his credit and author of a book tagged "The Triumphs and Travails of Pindiga", yet to be published.

He is a husband of two and a father of five children. Mohammed Ahmed Yidikawu, holds the traditional title of MAGAYAKIN PINDIGA, meaning the "Chief Spying Officer" to the King. His hobbies and special interests include debates, current affairs discussions, watching television documentaries, reading and writing and attending seminars and conferences.

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## Prof Titus Iloduba Eze



### Education

Professor Titus Iloduba Eze, a Nigerian married with four children, was born on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1949. He attended S. Andrew's Primary School Azia in Ihiala Local Government Area from 1955 to 1959; Christ the King College Onitsha from 1960 to 1966; University of Nigeria Nsukka from 1971 to 1975; University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign USA from 1978 to 1981. He holds a First School Leaving Certificate with distinction (1959); West African School Certificate in division one (1964); Higher School Certificate (HSC)/General School Certificate, Advanced Levels from 1966 to 1967; BSc. Honours Degree (1975); MSc Cum Laude (1979, PhD (1981)). Professor Eze specialized in Industrial Technical Education with emphasis in Electronics and manufacturing processes.

### Career and Experiences

He started his career in 1975 at Kwara State Polytechnic Ilorin as Assistant Lecturer in Electronics and Co-ordinator in Industrial Training Programmes (1975 to 1978), before he proceeded to USA on UNESCO fellowship for his post-graduate studies. By October 1981, Professor Eze had made his Ph.D. and became a post doctoral research fellow at the University of Illinois (1981-82) and later returned to Nigeria in October 1982 to become a pioneer lecturer at the Federal University of Technology, Yola where he later rose to the rank of Senior Lecturer in Technical Education/Technology Education in 1986, and later HOD, whence he developed programmes and facilities for establishment of Technology Education programmes as well as serving as chairman and member of various university committees. It is noteworthy that he also remained the Chairman of University Ceremonial Committee until 1989.

By September, 1989, Prof. Eze was appointed the Pioneer Provost of Federal College of Education

Technical Umunze. Here he developed the college infrastructure and programmes, achieved accreditation for the 10 (ten) academic programmes established, graduated students as well as established the college Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools.

By January, 1999, Prof. Eze was appointed full time Professor of Technical/Technology Education at Nnamdi Azikiwe University (NAU), Awka and has remained so till date.

Between September 1999 and September 2000, Prof. Eze served as part-time State Committee Secretary and resource person for the development of Anambra State University of Technology (ASUTECH) Uli, and hence he produced the University Bill, Academic Briefs, equipment needs, master plan, as well as strategies for the take off of the new University.

From March 2002, Prof. Eze was appointed on (study leave) a Resident ELECTORAL Commissioner (INEC) from which position he took charge of Cross River State (South of Nigeria) March 2002 to February, 2003; Jigawa State (North Central of Nigeria), February 2003 to September 2003, Abia State (South East of Nigeria) September 2003.

Apart from thesis and dissertation, Prof. Eze has well over fifty (50) publications in refereed international

and national journals in his field as well as books, monographs and technical reports. In pursuit of Academics, Prof. Eze has attended international conferences on Science and Technology in Brisbane Australia 1984, Shimla Hills, North India 1985, Freetown Sierra Leone 1987, Kiel West Germany 1987, Lusaka Zambia 1998, and Adelaide South West Australia 1989 as well as a host of other similar conferences held across Nigeria.

Prof. Eze has been an external examiner for Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D to:

1. Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT)
2. University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN)
3. Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka (NAU)
4. Delta state University Abraka (DELSU)

And has also served as external assessor for the rank of Professor and Reader for various universities in Nigeria and abroad.

#### Honours

On his career track, Prof. Eze has collected a number of honours namely:

1. Onitsha Southern County Scholar at C.K.C. Onitsha, 1960-1966
2. First Place Prize Winner J. F. Kennedy Memorial Essay competition at C. K. C. 1966.
3. FEDERAL Government Scholarship at UNN 1971 to 1975

4. UNESCO Fellowship for Graduate Studies University of Illinois, 1978 to 1981
5. University of Illinois graduate teaching research fellowship 1979-81.
6. Federal Government Scholarship for Programme 1979 81
7. Fellow Institute of Administration Management Nigeria
8. Netherlands Fellowship Award 1972-75
9. Fellow Institute of Technology Education
10. Member Nigerian Institute of Management
11. Knight of St. Mulumba
12. Three Star Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary Club of GRA Awka and Ihiala
13. President Azia General Assembly 1993-99
14. Fellowship Award of Azia General Assembly, 2000

Professor Eze holds the traditional titles of Ibe-Ugwumba Azia and is currently, the Onowu III (the traditional Prime Minister) of Azia, as well as:

- a. Member of Igwe-In-Council at Azia
- b. Eziokwu-Bu-Ndu of Ngwaland in Aba Abia State
- c. Ebubedike of Abagana, Anambra State

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**Dr. (Mrs) Christiana Vincent Atako**



**D**r. (Mrs) Christiana Vincent Njorbuenu Atako (nee Esuabana) was born on August 21, 1959 in Odukpani Local Government Area of Cross River State. She received her early education at Mayne Avenue Primary School, Calabar from 1965 to 1970 when she sat for and obtained her First School Leaving Certificate. From 1971 to 1975, she attended Union Secondary School, Ibiaku where she successfully completed her secondary school education and obtained her West African School Certificate in the year 1975.

From 1975 to 1978 Dr. Mrs Christy Atako received training at the popular College of Education, Uyo and upon completion of her course in 1978 she bagged the National Certificate in Education (NCE) with specialization in English/French. She also attended a French Language course at the Village De Benin, in Lome, Togo in 1981 and was awarded Certificate De Stage (French).

In pursuit of further and higher education, Dr Atako proceeded to the University of Sokoto in 1982 to read English and on completion of her studies she obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree with First Class Honours in English in 1984. She holds a Master of Education Degree in Guidance and Counselling obtained from the University of Calabar from 1985 to 1987 and a Doctor of Philosophy in Guidance and Counselling with emphasis in Social Psychology (1992). Other qualifications held by Dr. (Mrs) Atako include a Certificate in Computer Studies (1998), Post Graduate Diploma in Public Relations (2000), Post Graduate Diploma in Cross-Sector Partnerships (2002) and she is right now pursuing a course of study leading to a Post Graduate Diploma in Petroleum and Environmental Law at the Rivers State University of Science and Technology.

After the mandatory National Youth Service at the School of Nursing, Oshogbo in 1978, Dr (Mrs) Atako joined the Cross River State Teaching Service

Commission in 1979 and taught at the Immaculate Conception Secondary School from 1979 to 1981. She was the Head of the English Department of the Institution. She later taught at the Holy Child Secondary School Calabar from 1984-1988 where she also held the position of Head of English Department. From 1982 to 1983 she worked for the NTA Channel 9, Calabar in which post she handled such functions as programme presentation, Artiste (Script writing & Editing).

From 1988 to 1993, Dr. (Mrs) Atako held the appointment of Principal Education Officer of the Ministry of Education, Calabar under the Cross River State Civil Service Commission. In this post she was involved with a wide array of educational activities ranging from heading private institutions advisory unit, secretary to Advisory Committee on Private Educational Institutions, Inspection of Schools, Report writing, etc. to acting as Government Representative on Organisation Mondiale De l'Education Pre-Scolaire, CUSO Child-to-CHILD (Canadian Universities Support Organisation); Committee on Review of Textbooks for Primary and Secondary Schools in Cross River State, Committee on Aids (Cross River State), NERDC Nigerian Educational Research & Development Council and UNICEF Educational Development Programmes organized by UNICEF in Cross River State.

Christy has held quite a number of executive positions. She was appointed Guest Lecturer at the University of Calabar, Institute of Education; and from 1993 to 2001 worked in Oil Mineral Producing Areas Development Commission (OMPADEC) first as Assistant Director, Community Affairs (1993 to 1995); Zonal Information Co-ordinator (Western Zone) 1995; Assistant Director, Public Affairs (1995-2001). Serving in Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), has offered Dr. (Mrs) Atako opportunity to work in various capacities. She worked as Assistant Director and Acting Head of Community and Rural Development May 2001-June 2002; Assistant Director, Community and Rural Development, (June 2002-February 2003) and Deputy Director, Community and Rural Development (March 1, 2003 to date).

Christy has also held other numerous appointments some of which include:- Chairperson, Cross River State Sports Contingent to the National Sports Festival Port Harcourt (1981); Trainer on Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) by NERDC and British Council, Lagos (1988-1989); Trainer on 1991 National Census organized by the National Population Commission; Superintendent of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Rivers State Command, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs (1995 to date); Divisional Commissioner, Port Harcourt Division, Girls Guide Association (1998 to date); Member, Membership Committee of the Nigerian Institute of Management (National); Patron, Niger Delta Peace Initiative (2004) and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Centre for Social and

Corporate Responsibility (2005).

Dr. (Mrs) Christy Atako has garnered a wealth of experiences in the management of educational development projects, human relations, public relations and more. She has attended and participated in various conferences, seminars and workshops, which are numerous to mention. A few of them include: National Seminar/Workshop for Federal and State Inspectors of Principals and Teachers; Advanced Proficiency Management Course by the Administrative Services College of Nigeria (ASCON), Port Harcourt; National Conference and Annual General Meeting of Nigerian Institute of Management, Lagos August 2001; Workshop on Total Quality Management organized by CIMRAI, Port Harcourt, (May, 2002)

Space does not allow us to carry the long list of books which Dr. (Mrs) Atako has written but suffice it to say that she has contributed immensely to the academic and professional development of mankind. She is a fellow of numerous professional institutions among which are the Institute of Strategic Management; Member Nigerian Institute of Management; Member Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, just to name a few. She has received numerous merit awards and prizes for outstanding achievements in the world of academe and in her working career. She is actively involved socially and holds several patron-ships. She enjoys reading, researching and traveling as her cherished hobbies. In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE

## Daniel Shaga Ismaila



Daniel Shaga Ismaila, NDLEA Assistant Commander General of Narcotics, (ACGN) and Director of Administration and Finance, holds among other array of honours, an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Public Administration from the Evangel Christian University, Louisiana, Monroe, United States of America.

born in February 23, 1954, in Bauchi town of the present Bauchi State in Nigeria, Ismaila hails from Lamurde in Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State. He attended St. Paul's Anglican Primary School, Bauchi between 1961 and 1967 before moving to Day Primary School, Azare in Bauchi State. He obtained his First School Leaving Certificate in 1967. Between 1972 and 1976 he was at Government Teacher's College Toro, Bauchi State where he obtained Grade II Teachers' Certificate in 1976, with an outstanding nine (9) credits from the ten (10) subjects he sat for. He was at the School of Basic Studies, University of Maiduguri where he obtained 'A' levels Certificate in 1978 and proceeded to obtain a Bachelor's Degree (with Honours - a second class upper and the best accounting graduate for that year) in Accountancy. Daniel Ismaila did not stop here as far as his thirst for education is concerned, thus in 1972 he successfully completed a Post Graduate Degree at the University of Jos, and was awarded a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) in 1992 with bias in Financial Management.

Ismaila crossed over to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency in 1994 as an Assistant Chief Accountant. Being a workaholic, his diligence and dedication to duty saw him promoted regularly and he rose to the rank of Director in July 2001. In 1998, he became the first officer to act as the Director of a new Directorate of Administration and Finance. In ten (10) years, he has held the posts of Director, Administration & Finance; Director, Finance and Supplies; and Director, Finance and Logistics of the Agency. Today, he is the substantive Director of Administration and Finance of the Agency.

Ismaila has attended various local and international conferences and workshops over the years, among which are: "Purchasing and Supply Management; Effective Financial Administration in the Public Sector", Integrity Awareness Training Seminar" organized by the United States Customs Service, office of International Affairs designed specifically for the NDLEA; Nigeria Customs Service, Nigeria Police and Nigeria Immigration Services of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He had attended all Pensions, Personnel, and Record Keeping Workshops organized by the Head of Service of the Federation; all Mandatory Continuing Professional Development programmes of Professional bodies to which he belongs. He has also attended a number of international training programmes some of which

Ismaila's record in public service remains legendary. Upon completion of his National Youth Service from Adam State in 1982, he joined the Nigerian Asbestos Industries Limited at Bauchi as an Accountant, where he was till 1985 after which he joined the services of the Steel Rolling Company Limited (a parastatal of Federal Ministry of Power and Steel) as a Senior Accountant. By 1993, he had risen to become Assistant Manager, Finance. During his stint with the Steel Company, he held many offices and coordinated various internal committees. He was also Head of its Internal Audit Department. Always aiming higher,

include The 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Economic Crimes at Cambridge UK in 1996, 2000 and 2004; the "Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies", at Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Boston MA, USA in 2003. He was at the Turkish International Academy against Drugs and Organized Crime (TADOC), Ankara, Turkey on a Management Training Mission organized by the UNODC in 2004 to mention a few.

A member of many Professional institutions and recipient of several awards, Dr. Ismaila is a Certified Accountant (CAN) and full member of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria; he holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Administration (Honoris Causa), 2004; Member, Nigerian Institute of Management, MNIM, Certified Professional Fellow of Public Administration (CFPA) and recipient of the Institute's Good Ambassador of Public Administration (Gold Award); he is an Associate Member Institute of Personnel Management, AIPM; Member, Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), USA; a Fellow of Chartered Institute of Corporate Management (FCCMgt); and was recently awarded Excellent Corporate Leadership Performance Award 2004 by the Chartered Institute of Corporate Management. Dr. Ismaila also holds University of Maiduguri Distinguished Alumnus (UMDA) Award 1998 and the Africa International Achievers Merit Award for Excellence 2004, among others.

Aside his official engagements and tight work schedules, Ismaila still finds time for charity and

humanitarian endeavours through his involvement in a number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) as well as other humanitarian activities to further the welfare of the less privileged from the locality he comes from to society in general. He is a founding member and Chairman of Forward in Action for Education, Poverty Alleviation and Malnutrition (Face-PaM) Incorporated, a non-political, non-religious grassroots humanitarian organization headquartered at Bako, Bauchi State. He is also Founder and Co-ordinator of "Volunteers for Sustainable Development (VSD) Incorporated", a development-based NGO in Human, Adamawa and Plateau States and Jos, Plateau State.

Mr Ismaila who ascribes his growing successes to the support and the avowed commitment of his former boss, Dr. (Dr. ) Bello Lafajai, OFR, (fwc); believes firmly in hard work, honesty, dedication, loyalty to one's nation and consistency in everything one does. This makes him an excellent manager of human and financial resources who, as an outstanding athlete while in school, loves watching and playing football, playing Tennis, Squash Racquet, Basketball, Photography, Humanitarian Services, Informatics and Communication Technology. He also loves playing and listening to music. As an astute administrator, Dr. Ismaila is also an Honorary member of the Executive National Executive Council of the Institute of Administrative Management of Nigeria. He is married to Mrs Rose Tongsat Ismaila and they are blessed with four (4) children; two (2) boys and two (2) girls.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE.

## Alh. Mohammed Gulani Shuaibu

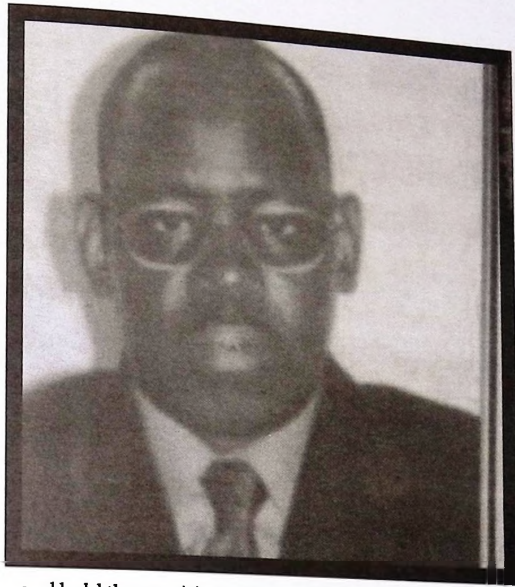
**B**orn on November 12<sup>th</sup> 1953, Alhaji Mohammed Gulani Shuaibu, a recipient of the BRIMA Award for Excellence in Corporate Management, had his secondary education at the Federal Government College, Sokoto, between 1968 and 1972, where he obtained his West African School Certificate.

He proceeded to the School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in January 1973 and by October 1974, he had started his degree programme in Accountancy at the same university.

He obtained his BSc degree in Accounting in July 1977 and in 1980 proceeded to England where he attended the Slough College of Higher Education, between 1980 and June 1982. He moved over to the London School of Accountancy in July 1982 and was there till June 1983 when he obtained the certificate of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Alhaji Shuaibu has had extensive work experience in major establishments before he was appointed to his new position in FAAN. These establishments include the University of Maiduguri where he rose to the position of Chief Accountant in 1987 and worked as Acting Bursar of the Federal University of Technology Yola before he left to start his banking career.

He also worked with Savannah Bank of Nigeria PLC between 1989 and 1991, and rose to the position of Senior Manager (Treasury) before he left for Allied Bank of Nigeria PLC in 1991. He rose to the position of Chief Inspector in Allied Bank Nigeria PLC and left in 1997 to join NAL Merchant Bank PLC where he attained the position of Deputy General Manager and Group Head, Construction and manufacturing in 2001



and held that position till August 2003.

When the CBN took over the management of Bank of the North Ltd in August 2003 Alhaji Shuaibu was appointed as Executive Director (Finance & Administration). He thus became part of the rescue team appointed by CBN to rescue the bank. It was while he was on that assignment that the Government appointed him as Director of Finance & Accounts of FAAN. He has since retired.

Alhaji Shuaibu who is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria and Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, is happily married with children.

He is also an Alumnus of the famous Lagos Business School (Pan African University) and a member of the AMP 14 class.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



## Mrs Modupe Jimoh Ibrahim



and she was found to be very good at everything she did. Her spirit of excellence always placed her in a position which she was always able to move up on the corporate ladder.

**M**rs Modupe Jimoh Ibrahim was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1967 to the family of Mr & Mrs Omogunwa. She hails from Ilutitun-Osaro in Okitipupa Local Government Area in Ondo State. She is the amiable and beautiful wife of the oil mogul, Barrister Jimoh Ibrahim of Global Fleet Oil and Gas Limited.

At Oluwa Glass Company Limited, Igbokodo, her place of work, Mrs Modupe Jimoh Ibrahim was offered the same post of Accounting Officer but with higher responsibilities. Areas like management, sales ledger, cash and bank books and preparation of other vital financial statements were some of the many areas of exposure to Mrs Modupe Ibrahim in the course of her career before becoming Assistant Director, Global Fleet Oil & Gas Limited, a position which she occupies concurrently with that of Director of African Petroleum Supermarket based in Lagos. Other positions, which Mrs Modupe Ibrahim holds in trust, include:

Mrs Modupe attended Ebenezer Primary School Ilutitun. She later attended Federal School of Arts and Science, Ondo. She had her first degree in Accounting from Ado-Ekiti and obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from the University of Calabar. Mrs Modupe Ibrahim is currently the Grand Patron of the Ondo State Students Association, Yaba College of Technology chapter.

- ? Assistant Director, Chrisland School, Victoria Garden City, Ajah, Lagos
- ? Treasurer, Chapel of Grace, Ado Ekiti, etc.

Before becoming the Assistant Director of Global Fleet Oil and Gas Limited, Mrs Modupe Ibrahim had worked for Lagos Plant Hire Services where she held the post of Accounting Officer. She later transferred her services to African Centre for Policy Studies (ACPS) also based in Lagos. Her position at the ACPS was also that of an Accounting Officer

Mrs. Ibrahim has been honoured several times for her career excellence in the areas of business administration and financial management. At present she holds a Gold Award of Excellence in recognition of her contribution to business development, industry and to humanity.

A well-travelled lady, Mrs Modupe Jimoh Ibrahim enjoys the company of her children, while maintaining that her most treasured hobbies are reading and traveling.

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## Mr Larry O. Chinekezi

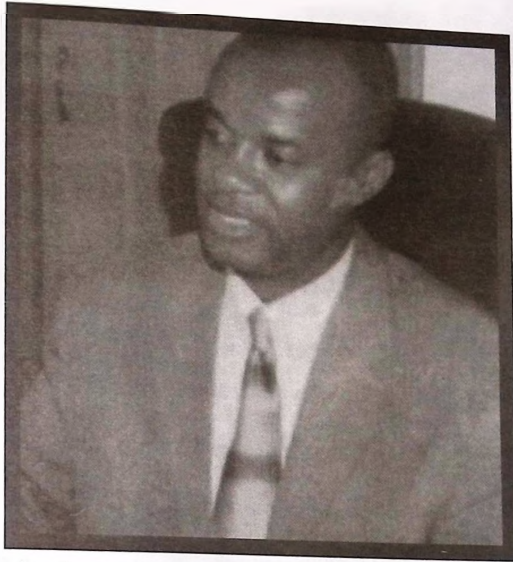
There are many facets to this rare gem. If you like, an enigma of some sort, he is a household name in the courier industry in Nigeria. He is an achiever among achievers. A quintessential manager of men and other resources, he has contributed immensely to the socio-economic development of this country, yet he remains humble and unsung. Today, we unveil a consummate courier specialist Larry Oguzie Chinekezi.

Born August 3, 1963 to the respectable Chinekezi in Umueze, Uzoagba Ikeduru in Imo State, he is an ardent believer in the principle and philosophy that where there is a will there is always a way. This to a large extent has been a guiding philosophy that has propelled him to greater heights.

At IAS Courier Services where he cut his teeth in courier business, his brilliance and dedication to work shone like a million stars. He held the post of Sales Representative and Station supervisor respectively.

After a brief stint, he moved on to DHL. He proved his mettle by assuming different positions of responsibility. From the position of Service Centre Coordinator, DHL, he moved on to Red Star Express now FEDEX as a pioneering Manager. Expectedly, he gave a good account of himself so much so that he was elevated to the position of AGM Operations. A gold fish they say has no hiding place. His sterling qualities projected him, and within a short space of time he was singled out and appointed Managing Director/CEO of TNT/IAS Express. This no doubt marked a water shed in his professional career. It was to his singular credit within a short while; TNT/IAS Express was not only revitalized but also re-engineered back to the path of growth.

With an avowed will and determination to reach for the skies, he decided to quit TNT to set up Tradeways Express. He has brought his wealth of experience and knowledge to bear on the management of the company. The company, which started operation



barely three years ago, is the largest indigenous independent courier company in Nigeria today. Only last year the company was voted the best runner-up indigenous courier company in Nigeria. Thanks to the managerial and business wizardry of Mr. Larry Chinekezi. Little wonder he is a colossus in his chosen profession.

These achievements did not come by accident. He diligently prepared himself for them. He attended Holy Ghost College Owerri and passed out in flying colours. In search of the Golden Fleece, he enrolled with LCCI (London, UK) and bagged a higher Diploma in Marketing and Advertising. His unquenchable thirst for knowledge took him to the University of Lagos where he also bagged a B.Sc. Degree in Business Administration. He is a distinguished member of the Institute of Directors, Member World-side Partnership Cargo-link Network and other professional bodies.

In 2002, the Imo State Town Development Association honoured him with a special Merit Award. He has authored many books which include Import Duty Administration on Courier Service 1995, Courier Service Coverage in Nigeria 2001 and Courier Service: a perfect Guide 2003, amongst others.

For all these contributions to the courier industry and for taking his company Tradeways Express to a great height only reserved for big foreign companies, the African Travel Quarterly, organizers of the Travellers Award honoured the company with the best indigenous Courier Company (Runner-up Award) in September 2004.

Despite his busy schedule, Chinekezi, who is happily married with three children, still finds time to read and socialize. It was in appreciation of his leadership qualities and contribution to the growth of the courier industry in Nigeria that the African International News Magazine recently conferred him with the Prestigious African Leaders of Integrity merit Award.

Today's People Magazine has also named him. According to the award selection Committee, he has proved himself to be an embodiment of Discipline, Courage, Steadfastness, Hard work, Integrity and foresight". Some of the recipients of the award include Edward Benjamin of Guinea (former Ecowas Secretary), Mr. Yangui N'Dapiere of Cote D'voire (Founder Cete National Bendie), General Yakubu Gowon of Nigeria, among others.

Yet another award is coming to him soon, this time

from the Presidency, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency of Nigeria which will confer on him the International Entrepreneurial Excellence Award 2005" this is in recognition of his exceptional entrepreneurial skills, display of ingenious acumen and wealth of economic values that he has brought to the Nigerian business landscape. Above all his demonstration of entrepreneurial reawakening model approach to enterprise within the Nigerian business community in particular and the international community in general Lary Chinekezie is the Chairman, Board of Trustees Association of Nigeria Courier Operators (ANCO), Chairman Chilog International Investment Limited, a private concern with interests in Capital Market, Food Industry and Courier Service.

Larry Chinekezi has been honoured with the conferment of the prestigious BRIMA Gold Award for Excellence in Corporate Management for his achievements in the local and international markets.

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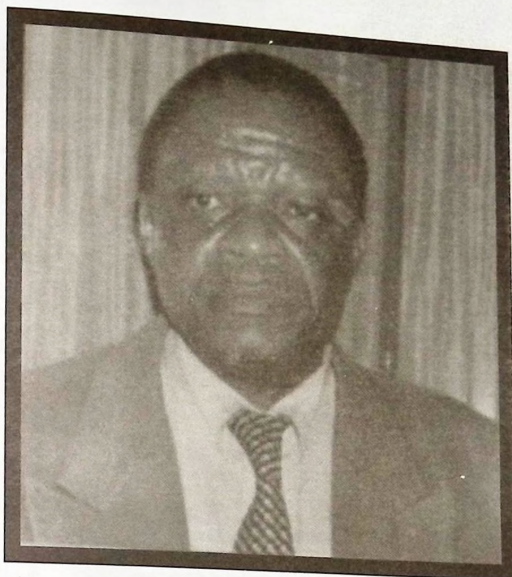
## Dr Steve Mahonwu

**B**orn towards the end of the Second World War to Prince and Mrs Mahonwu Igbinoba, in Onicha-Ugbo now in Delta State of Nigeria, with Uhi-Agba Royal family in Edo State paternity extraction, Steve holds a Nigerian green card as a permanent resident; his citizenship is in Heaven. For record purposes he is from Onicha-Ugbo in Delta State.

Educated at Catholic Missionary Schools in Onicha-Ugbo, secondary school in Onitsha, Anambra State, tertiary schools in Lagos, Topo Badagry, Birmingham, London and Bedford both in England, Dr Steve Mahonwu worked for 27 years with Nigerian Airways in the field of Human Resources Management and was retired in 1988 as Director of Personnel Services/Industrial Relations. He then moved to the private sector as Group Personnel/Administration Manager in Reliance Group of Companies for 3 years before moving back to his specialty (Aviation Management) as Assistant Director of Personnel and Administration. He was later promoted to the rank of Director of Human Resources in a Kaduna based Airline Hold Trade Air Limited. The national award winner-airline for 1993 as Best Airline of the Year was Hold Trade Air Limited.

He left Hold Trade Air in 1994 after the demise of the Owner-Operator in 1993. He was invited to manage Okada Air as Management Consultant in 1996 and has remained with the company, on rescue mission for some time. The airline was re-certificated and licensed for fresh operation. He also consults for Airlines Services Limited. He is now Executive Director, Business Development, Pan Express Ltd.

Mahonwu holds a catalogue of Certificates, Diploma, Degrees and Fellowships. He has ten Fellowships in the following discipline: Specialty Management, Supervisory Management, Business Education, British Institute of Administration, Fellow British Institute of Personnel Management,



Permanent Member (Fellow) American Society of Professional Managers, American Management Association. Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (FCIDA)

He also holds Post Graduate Fellowship in International Management, MPA and MBA degrees in Aviation dynamics and a PhD in Management Sciences with bias in Human Resources/Aviation Dynamics.

He is a self-made member of the world academic community, a practicing Christian of Roman Catholic Faith, member of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, a disciple of Jesus Christ and a citizen of Heaven. He is the current chairman of Airline Operators of Nigeria and a sound Aviation/Management Consultant.

He is an appointed member of Presidential Think-tank on Aviation Sector REFORM AND IMPLEMENTATION Committee (ASRIC).

Dr. Mahonwu is married to Benedicta, a professional and multiple certificated Nurse, and retired Chief Matron of Lagos State Health Management Board.

Mahonwu and wife are blessed with four children

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**P**rof. Dora Nkem Akunyili, OFR, who assumed office on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2001, as the Director-General of National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), is an internationally renowned Pharmacist, Pharmacologist, Erudite Scholar, Seasoned Administrator, and a visionary leader.

She was a Senior Lecturer and Consultant Pharmacologist in the College of Medicine, University of Nigeria Nsukka (U.N.N.), Enugu Campus, before she became the NAFDAC boss. She was born in Makurdi, Benue State (Nigeria) on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1954, hails from Nanka and married in Agulu, both in Anambra State of Nigeria.

Prof. Akunyili's educational career started with her passing the First School Leaving Certificate with Distinction in 1966, and the West African School Certificate (WASC) with Grade 1 Distinction in 1973 (both in Nigeria), which earned her the Eastern Nigerian Government Post Primary Scholarship and the Federal Government of Nigeria Undergraduate Scholarship respectively.

In her very first year in the School of Pharmacy, she won the Kingsway Prize for the Best Pharmacy student (first year professional). She got her first Degree in Pharmacy, B.Pharm (Hons) in 1978 and her Ph.D in 1985 from University of Nigeria Nsukka (U.N.N.)

In 1985, she won the Vice Chancellor's

**Prof. Dora Akunyili, OFR**



Postgraduate and Research Leadership prize in Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences for 1984/85 and 1985/86 academic Sessions.

Prof. Akunyili is a Post Doctorate Fellow of the University of London and a Fellow of the West African Post Graduate College of Pharmacists.

To prepare her for Managerial positions, she was trained on Senior Management Skills course in RIPA, London in 1988, and Computer Education Programme (WHO/UNDP/World Bank Sponsored) in Nigeria in 1994.

Professor Akunyili started her working career as a Hospital Pharmacist from 1978-1981, in the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH) Enugu, after which she ventured into Academics as a Graduate Assistant (Research Fellow) in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UNN, from 1982-1986. In the University system, she made a steady progress from Lecturer 1 in 1986 until she was made Senior Lecturer in 1990.

She transferred to College of Medicine, UNN, in 1992, where she was made a Consultant Pharmacologist in 1996, a position she held until 12<sup>th</sup> April 2001.

Due to her love for Teaching and nurturing young ones, she was also a part time lecturer of the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists, from 1992-1995.

Prof Dora Akunyili was also prepared for the present Administrative position by her four years stint as Zonal Secretary of Petroleum Special Trust Fund (PTF) coordinating all projects in the five South Eastern States of Nigeria.

She also served as a Supervisor for Agriculture and Member of the Carter Committee for her Local Government, from 1994 to 1996. From 1992 to 1994 Professor Akunyili served as a member of State Hospitals Management Board and State Advisory Council for Women Commission both in Anambra State of Nigeria.

As a Scientist and a Scholar, she has presented 2 papers in various Local and International Scientific

conferences, published two books and 26 journal articles.

Professor Akunyili has supervised PHD and Masters candidates in Nnamdi Azikiwe University and UNN respectively both in Nigeria, and she supervised six Postgraduate students in the College of Medicine UNN.

Professor Dora Akunyili is also a very active member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) where she has served in various capacities notably as the National Vice President of Association of Lady Pharmacists (1992-19995) and President of the Enugu State Branch from 1992 1998.

She is also a member of other learned societies among which are New York Academy of Sciences, Nigerian Society for Pharmacology, West African Society for Pharmacology, International Union of Pharmacology International Pharmaceutical Federation, to mention but a few.

Professor Akunyili has held positions of responsibility in University of Nigeria Nsukka which include: serving in six Senate Committees and various Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Committees of the University from 1986 1992.

For her industry and commitment to the values of honesty and transparency, Professor Akunyili has

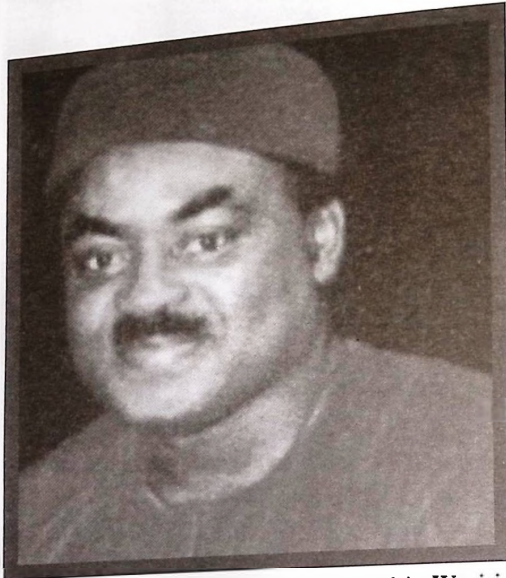
received over 170 Awards and Recognition from organizations and governments in Africa, Europe and America. Some of the honours include Recognition as an Icon of Hope for Nigerians (2002) by President Olusegun Obasanjo, Conferment with the National Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) (2002) by the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Honorary Merit Award (2002) Nutrition College Park MD, USA; Transparency International (IT) Integrity Award (2003), International EMRC Euro Market Award (2003), Total Quality Leadership Award (2003) by the African Institute for Democracy and Good Governance and African Civil Responsibility (2004)-5) by African Times USA, (2004),BRIMA Gold Award, etc.

Prof. Akunyili is a devout Catholic and is happily married to Dr. J. C. Akunyili, of the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria and they are blessed with six children.

Her hobbies include reading and writing.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

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Intelligent Management Champions  
**Amb. Adumu D. Idris Waziri**



**A**mbassador Adamu Danjuma Idris Waziri was born in 1952 in IBI Local Government Area of Taraba State. He attended Ibi Primary School and Wakari Primary School from 1957 to 1963 and bagged the First School Leaving Certificate.

In 1963, he began his secondary school education at Wakari Divisional Combined Secondary School (now Mbiya Government Secondary School Takum) where he successfully obtained his school Certificate. For his higher School Certificate (HSC), he attended the Federal Government College between 1971 and 1972.

In 1973, Waziri taught in Wakari East Primary School for a short time and left for Wakari Divisional Combined Secondary School (now Mbiya Government Secondary School Takum) where he also taught for sometime having obtained his Higher School Certificate.

In 1974, Ambassador Waziri was admitted into Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria for a B.Sc. Degree in Political Science which he successfully completed in 1977. Between 1977 and 1978, he served under the National Youth Service (NYSC) after which he was appointed an Assistant Secretary Ministry for Local Government and Community Development Yola, Gongola State. He held this post from 1978 to 1980 in which year he took up another appointment with Government House, Yola, also as

an Assistant Secretary.

In 1981, he became Acting Permanent Secretary to the Government House, Yola. In the same year he worked as Sole Administrator to the Defunct Ibi Local Government, a position he held until 1982 when he left for the University of Manchester, UK, to pursue an Advanced Diploma Programme in Development Administration which he completed in 1983 and passed with Distinction.

Between 1983 and 1984, he attended the prestigious University of Manchester again where he obtained his Master of Arts Degree in Development Studies majoring in Economics.

Having bagged his MA (Economics) Degree, Waziri returned to the world of work and was appointed Secretary, Committee on the Improvement of Primary Institutions in Gongola State, a position he held till 1985 when he was given another post of Secretary, Committee on Complaints and Petitions in Gongola State. Ambassador Waziri served in this capacity till the end of 1986.

In 1987, he was appointed Secretary to the High Powered Committee on the Visit of President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida to Gongola State. In the same year he was also Head of Administration (Secretary) to the Directorate for Social Mobilisation, Gongola State, Yola. He has served as Under Secretary Cabinet Office, Yola, 1987. He was appointed Secretary to Furor Local Government in 1988; Secretary to Numan Local Government 1988-1989; Secretary Committee on the Sharing of Assets and Liabilities of the New and Old Local Governments in Gongola State 1989; Secretary Transition to Civil Rule Committee in Gongola State 1989; Director (Political and Public Affairs), Military Governor's Office, Yola 1989; Chairman, Mubi Local Government 1999, Director (Administration and Finance), Office of the Civilian Deputy Governor, Gongola State Yola; Secretary, High-Powered Committee on the Stewardship of President Ibrahim Babangida in Gongola State 1988-1990; Director Administration, Finance and Supplies, Office of the Secretary to the State Government, Taraba State, Jalingo

1991, in the same year, Ambassador Adamu Idris Waziri wrote the historic Memoranda that led to the Creation of Taraba State in August 1991.

Between 1994-1995, Ambassador Waziri served as an elected Delegate (Member) to the National Constitutional Conference Representing the Waziri Constituency. In the same year, he served as a member of the Federal Government Delegation to the Afro-American African Summit (Comprising African Heads of State and Government and Prominent Afro-Americans) at Dakar, Senegal.

He was a member, PDP Conveners, North East Zone 1998 Member PDP National Finance Committee 1998; a Gubernatorial aspirant under the platform of PDP 1999; he was elected a Deputy Governor to Governor Nyamein the February 1999 elections but it turned out to be controversial.

In November 1999, Ambassador Waziri was appointed Nigerian High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Maldives and Afghanistan).

Between September 2002 and 2003 he was the Dean of the Commonwealth Countries in Pakistan. Ambassador Waziri has received numerous honours some of which include Bolan Excellence Award as the Best Ambassador of the Year 2003 by Bolan Cultural Society, Pakistan; Performance Award by Medipak Limited and Lahore Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Lahor Pakistan.

In the year 2003, Ambassador Waziri was appointed the Honourable Federal Minister of Commerce, Federal Republic of Nigeria, a position he held until 2006. Waziri is an excellent leader, excellent administrator and a great achiever. He enjoys reading, sport, music, farming and traveling. He is happily married.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**M**rs Hauwa Bala Zakariya'u, MCIA, is a seasoned administrator. She was the General Manager of Skypower Catering & Hotel Services Limited, a position she held for several years before going into self employment.

Born in Adamawa State on May 25, 1955, Hauwa began her secondary education at Government Girls Secondary School, Bauchi in 1968 after completing her primary school education. On completion in 1972, she bagged her General Certificate of Education (GCE) and proceeded to Women Teachers College, Maiduguri in 1973 where she completed her teacher-training course and obtained the National Grade II Teachers' Certificate in 1975. Between 1976 and 1979, Mrs Zakariya'u received training in the popular Ahmadu Bello University (Advanced Teachers College) Kano and graduated with the Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE)

In 1980, Mrs Zakariya'u proceeded to the United Kingdom where she enrolled for a postgraduate course in Public Administration (Developing Countries) at the prestigious Glasgow College of Technology, Glasgow. In 1981, she was awarded the College Postgraduate Diploma. In the year 1999, Hauwa is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Administration (MCIA) & Associate Member of the Institute of Public Administration

After her youth service in 1982, she was

## Mrs Hauwa B. Zakariya'u

appointed Personnel Officer II with the Airways; Personnel Officer I in 1986 and Personnel Supervisor in 1992, later she became Administrative Officer in charge of Kano Area the same year.

In 1993, Mrs Zakariya'u became Administrative Officer, Directorate Marketing, which she held until 1996 when she was appointed Directorate of Commercial Ventures Department. She was responsible for coordinating all administrative functions in the directorate.

In 1997 she rose to the position of Administrative Manager, Managing Director's Office, a post which she held till 1998 when she became the substantive General Manager, Skypower Catering & Hotel Services Limited. Mrs Zakariya'u's contribution to the achievement of organizational goals has received great commendation. In 2001 she was appreciated by her company staff for citation of leadership achievement and commendation by the Federal Ministry of Aviation for exemplary leadership in the same year.

Women of Merit Gold Award (2<sup>nd</sup> WMGA) was conferred on her by a group called People's Resource (PSR) in 2002. She was honoured as President National Cabin Crew Association 2002 and in 2003 bagged a Merit Award in Recognition of Outstanding Achievement, Sterling Leadership, Honesty, Consistency, Dedication, Commitment and Outstanding Performance and Human Development by the Women's Association. Some of the other meritorious awards received by Mrs Zakariya'u to date include: Dr. Kwame Nkrumah Outstanding Merit Award by West Africa International April 2004, Achievers Platinum Award for Global Excellence by voice of Africa International 2004, Distinguished Media Builders Merit Award (DMBA) by Complete Success Publication Limited 2004, Most Outstanding Nigerian Women: the Role Model Award by TELL Communications Limited. 2004.

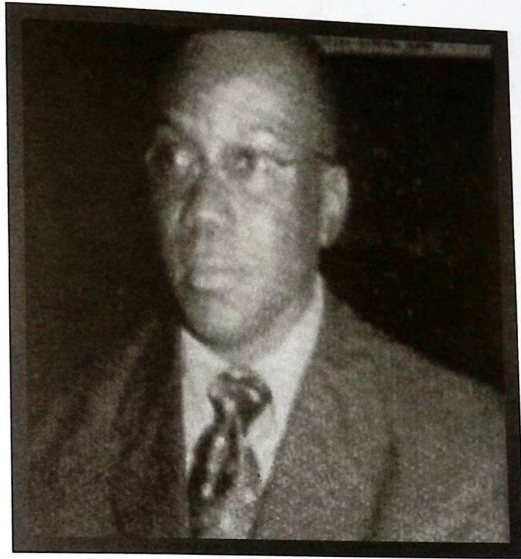
She is happily married, has 5 children and enjoys reading, badminton and gardening.

In recognition of her contributions, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Julius Jibril Bala

Julius Jibril was born in Kaduna State in 1954 and had his early education there. In 1976 and 1983, he obtained from the prestigious Amadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria a B.Sc. ( Social Sciences) and an M.Sc. (Political Economy) respectively. In 1984, he headed to Japan to investigate the sustainable growth and development of the Japanese economy and study how the same principles could be applied to the Nigerian economy. While there, he attended Kelo University, Tokyo, the foremost Private University, whose alumni have been instrumental in directing the economic policies of the Japanese government since 1880s. he obtained his Ph.D. in economics (dissertation on Privatisation in Japan and Nigeria: A comparative analysis) in 1990.

Over the course of his career in academia, Dr. Bala taught economic policy, international economic relations, government and economy and development studies at his alma mater (ABU) from 1977 to 1991 and served in a number of governmental agencies and committees, Technical committee on Privatisation and commercialization (TCPC), the vision 2010 Committee, and the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC) in different capacities including: Special Assistant to chairman (TCPC) and secretary, Air Nigeria Sub- Committee, 1992 - 1993; Director, Research & Publication (BPE), 1993 - 1996; Co ordinator, (Lagos Office), Vision 2010 Committee, 1997; Director, Investment Climate Improvement and External Relations, NIPC 2001 - 2003; Director, Zonal Offices, NIPC 2000 - 2001; Director, Promotion and

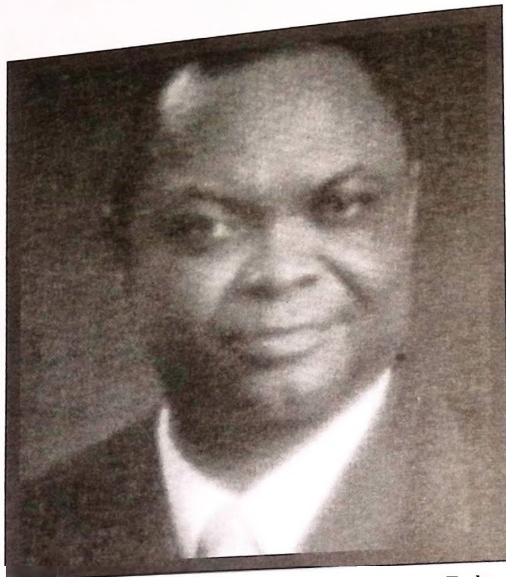


Investor's Services NIPC, 1999 - 2000.

He attended numerous programmes, conferences and seminars on Privatisation, and investment Promotion and presented a number of papers at the aforementioned events within and outside Nigeria during the course of his career.

He is the President of African Privatisation Network (APN) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman of Nigeria-Japan Association, and a member of numerous other organizations. Dr. Bala is from Shendam in Plateau State, Nigeria. He is married to Mrs. Juliana Bala and they are blessed with four children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**Dr. Paul O. Ojeih**



meritorious awards. The Delta state Honours Recognition Board recognizes him as among the "Pillars of Development" meritorious service award - He received the Daily Trust One Hundred Heroes of Modern Nigeria Award. He is also recipient of Corporate Press Award of Role Model, Distinguished West African Corporate Achievers Gold Award; Africa International Award for Merit, Platinum 2002 for Global Excellence; International Leadership Gold Award; African Business Platinum 2002 for Global Excellence; International Achievers Merit Award for Excellence; African Business Platinum 2002 for Global Excellence; African Distinguished Gold Award, etc.

**D**r. Paul Olisa Ojeih hails from Asaba, Delta state of Nigeria. He attended St. Patrick College Asaba and on completing his college education he proceeded to the United States Of America where he gained admission to study at the Nolan Institute Of Natural Medicine Idaho (U.S.A). He completed his studies at Nolan Institute and came out of the final examinations in flying colours.

All these awards in recognition of excellence on the part of Dr. Ojeih have come in dramatic bursts and more of them include: Citizen Image Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding contributions in Health Development and Innovations Inter Classic Knight of White Ward acknowledges Dr. Ojeih's foundation as the Most Cherished Medical outfit in Lagos State. Space does not allow featuring all of the prestigious awards Dr. Ojeih has so far received. Most of the awards, appraised in Ojeih's contributions to humanity and summed them up in various descriptions. He is described as the outstanding Medical Practitioner of our time; he has left an indelible legacy worthy of emulation by all and sundry. He has received Gold Award from the Pharmaceutical Association of Nigeria Students (National Body) and moreover he is admired by all for his Philanthropic position to human health, education and general progress of humanity.

Dr. Ojeih is arguably one of Nigeria's foremost medical science practitioners in the area of comparative medicine. He holds a Doctorate (Ph.D) Degree in Comparative Medicine, a Doctorate Degree in Reflex Science and Natural Medicine and a Diploma in Electro Acupuncture. Other qualifications obtained by Dr. Ojeih include a diploma in Apitherapy (German Society) Fellow Of International Academy of Lymphology (New York) and a Research Fellow in Tropical Medicine.

Ojeih's profile of meritorious services to his country cannot be complete without looking at the Iris Medical Foundation, which has brought him this wonderful catalogue of laurels and accolades from all and sundry. He is the founder/ chairman/ CEO of his Iris Medical Foundation, which is located along Ijaiye Road, Ikeja Lagos State.

As a result of his satisfactory and excellent medical practice, Dr. Ojeih has received numerous awards and commendations in Nigeria and overseas. He is a fellow Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in communication Arts and Public Administration from California Christian University based in U.S.A. Member, Institute of Corporate Executives of Nigeria.

Iris Medical foundation is the parent company of several subsidiaries namely, Iris Food and Drugs; Iris Medical Clinics; Iris Farms; Bee products; AB Waters; Top Health. Iris Medical Foundation was established 25 years ago and is regarded as one of Nigeria's most modern equipped herbal plant-base Pharmaceutical manufacturing

His dedication and contribution to health and delivery in Nigeria keep opening the doors of herbal plant-base Pharmaceutical manufacturing

companies. The products of his drugs are classical herbal and natural remedies of the highest quality and efficacy produced to investigate the body's natural healing processes. They are formulated, compounded and scientifically researched into by the famous comparative Medical Practitioner, Dr. Paul Olisa Ojeih (Nature's Gift To Mankind) who over the past 25 years of medical practice, has been doggedly committed to providing mankind with the finest, safest, holistic biological remedies that have been scientifically researched and deemed safe for human consumption. These are the drugs, registered and licensed by the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), the regulating body for food and drugs in Nigeria.

The Pharmacist Council of Nigeria has also registered the premises of Iris Food and Drugs for the mixing, compounding, preparing, dispensing and selling of Drugs and Poison (Subject to the provision of the pharmacist council of Nigeria Decree 91 of 1992). By this, Iris foods and Drugs has become the first ever, pharmaceutical company, to be granted license to

produce herbal drugs as in ethical or conventional drugs.

Iris Medical Foundation CEO Dr. Paul Ojeih has gained worldwide recognition in medical practice. He is a prolific writer in the field of medical science and health and an authority in natural medicine. He has written many books some of which include: "Man and Diseases", "Diseases and Cure", "Sickle-cell Anaemia: Causes, prevention and cure", "cancer: Causes, prevention and cure", "Diabetes Mellitus: Causative factors, prevention and cure",

"AIDS: The Untold Truths and cure", "Aids: The Plague that Never Existed", "Urine: Nature's Gift to Mankind". Dr. Ojeih runs quality health programmes on various national TV stations, namely, Lagos Television, MITV, Ray Power Radio, etc.

Dr. Ojeih is married to Dr. (Mrs.) Janet Ojeih and blessed with children.

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Pastor Taiwo Odukoya



**P**astor Taiwo Odukoya belongs to the new generation of emerging leaders and ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who believe strongly in attaining to the image of their Master through humility and holy living, and using their God-given resources to raise leaders in every sphere of life.

This astute gentleman, who is the founding and senior pastor of the Fountain Of Life Church, was born on June 15, 1956 in Kaduna. He had his primary and secondary education at Baptist Primary School, Kaduna and St. Paul's College (Now Kufena College) Zaria respectively, before proceeding to the University of Ibadan where he obtained a degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1981.

As a petroleum engineer, he started work at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in April 1982 after the compulsory one-year national youth service. His intelligence, diligence and integrity saw him sitting on different policy-drafting committees at the corporation before his voluntary retirement in 1994. Specifically, he served as secretary of the Acreage Allocation Committee under the chairmanship of the Honorable Minister of Petroleum resources, Professor Jubril Aminu, between 1990 and 1993. He was instrumental in fashioning some key national policies that are still in use in the oil industry today.

The Fountain Of Life Church was born in 1992 after Pastor Taiwo was formally released and sent

forth, with his wife, by the Redeemed Evangelical Mission (TREM) to start a new work. With a membership of about 20 at inception, the church has today become one of the most influential Pentecostal denominations in the country with a congregation of over 8,000, and has nurtured and released over 20 local assemblies across the country. His vision is to build the nation, and to equip the saints for service and ministry.

A man of great compassion, Pastor Taiwo's heart beats constantly for the underprivileged and socially outcasts. His love for the poor and needy members of society has found expression in various outreach projects such as the:

- ? Grace Springs Medical Centre, which makes available standard and adequate medical care to those in the community who cannot afford it.
- ? Lord's Kitchen, which provide good and nourishing meals on a daily basis to people who cannot afford a good meal
- ? Educational Support Project, which provides books, furniture and volunteer professional teachers to select public schools to enhance the standard of education.
- ? Water Project, which provides boreholes at strategic locations for people who have no access to clean and portable water.
- ? Area Boys Rehabilitation Project, which picks street boys, assists them to learn trade or go to school, and even provide accommodation for them.

Pastor Taiwo has as a result been a catalyst for other people and ministries who are fulfilling similar responsibilities across and even beyond the country.

A builder of leaders, his amiable personality coupled with his down to earth, "Say-it-as-it-is" teachings and counseling have drawn a lot of men and women closer to God. He is an accomplished and much sought-after minister with a mission to motivate men and women to fulfill their leadership potential.

He mentored, nurtured and supported scores of thriving ministries, ministers and individuals who willingly surrender to his tutelage. A good number of

and women whose lives have been shaped by his outreach dedicated to equipping the men folk to fulfill ministry are today occupying prominent positions in their God ordained leadership position. He features regularly on radio and television across the country with the discovery message, and runs a leadership column (Heart 2 Heart with men) in one of the foremost Nigerian Newspapers. This is in addition to the outreach programmes he holds regularly in different parts of the country.

For Excellence.

- ? African Role Model Leadership Award
- ? African Hero Award.
- ? Development In Nigeria Merit Award.
- ? Times News International Merit Award.
- ? Corporate And Media African Communication Meritorious Diamond Award For National Development.
- ? Today's People Role Model Gold Award.
- ? Salvation Army Charity Award.

Only recently, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Administration by the Evangel Christian University of America. He is a Life Fellow and Grand Patron of the Institute of Corporate Management and Fellow of the Certified Directors' Institute.

A one time executive member of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship (Lagos Chapter), Pastor Taiwo is the president of Discovery for Men, an

He is also the president of the Boards Of Trustees of the Grace Springs Bible College and the Grace Springs Medical Centre, both in Lagos. An accomplished author, he has to his credit over 300 publications, including books, articles, seminar papers, etc. his latest book Unleash Your God Given Potential has gained wide readership both locally and internationally.

Pastor Taiwo married his heartthrob, Bimbo, who was the host of the popular television programme Single & Married, in 1984 and they are blessed with three lovely children a boy and two girls.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**Dr. (Mrs) Gloria Chineze N. Chukukere**

the University of Lagos where she bagged B.A (Hons) English at Second Class Upper Division in 1972. She then traveled to Birmingham University on Scholarship where she obtained through the Federal Government Scholarship and bagged an M.A. degree in West African Studies in 1976. Dr. Mrs. Chukukere's voracious appetite for knowledge took her into the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies in 1982 for a one-year post-graduate non-Degree research programme. Mrs. Chukukere, at a time when it was a rare feat for a woman to possess a First Degree in this part of Africa, pressed on to capture the golden fleece. This she successfully accomplished with a Ph.D. in African Literature and Women Studies at the University of Lagos in 1985.

**D**r. (Mrs) Gloria Chineze Nneka Chukukere, Scholar, Woman Activist, Pragmatist and Administrator who was born in Ubulukwu in Delta state is the Daughter of the renowned sports star and educationist, Daniel Okwudili Ojukwu (of blessed memory) and Ezine Pricilia Mgboyibo Ojukwu, both of Okpuneze Uruagu, Nnewi South Local Government of Anambra State of Nigeria. She is happily married to Sir Dr. Edward Chukukere, an eminent Metallurgist from Owerre Nkwoji in Nkwerré Local Government Area. Dr. Gloria Chukukere had the foundation of her early childhood education laid in the strict moral, mental and spiritual discipline of the mission schools, with her late father as a renowned Headmaster. Thus, her character is molded according to the highest ethics of Christian faith.

After her primary education, Dr. Mrs. Gloria Chukukere entered the highly rated St. Catherine's Girls Secondary School, Nkwerré where she made her impact and passed out in flying colours with West African School Certificate in Grade One in 1964.

Ever eager to push forward her frontiers of knowledge, she entered the Queen's School, Enugu where she made her mark and passed three papers, namely, English Literature, History and Religion at GCE Advanced level. She, thereafter, proceeded to

A principal lecturer in the institute of Management and Technology (IMT) Enugu with more than 17 years' experience (1973 to 1991), Mrs. Chukukere has had ample preparation before she took politics. What is more, she reinforced her brilliant exploits in the ivory tower, with her practical exposure in both public and private sectors, as manager (Administration in Mandillas Nigeria Ltd, Enugu) in 1972 to 1973 and Executive Adviser to Imo State Government on Social Development, Youth and sports from 1992 to 1993. From 1997 to 1998 under the defunct United Nigeria Congress Party (UNCP), she was the party's candidate for the senate in Orlu Senatorial Zone and without any iota of doubt would have been the first female senator from Imo state but for the political turbulence that marked and marred the last days of General Abacha's regime. Even so, she remained politically relevant with remarkable high visibility. She became the All Nigeria People's Party's State Women leader during the regime of General Abdulsalam Abubakar as Nigeria's head of state from 1998 to 1999. As she continued to wax stronger and more popular in the political arena of Imo State, it was not unexpected that His excellency Chief Achike Udenwa executive governor of Imo State appointed Dr. Mrs. Chukukere the Transition Chairman of Nkwerré Local Government Council in 2002 to 2003 where she won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of performance for 74 LGA Transition Chairmen nationwide by Iwanyama National Ambulance Success Committee, in June 2003.

Her present appointment as the Honorable commissioner for Education, Imo state is an undeniable testimony of her rising political stature.

As a result of her result oriented management style in the Ministry of Education and her rare political sagacity, she has received many awards such as:

- 1. Patron, Association of PDP Ward Chairmen, Oriu Zone in March 2005.
- 2. Africa Role Model Award Winner, 2004 by Africa International News Magazine.
- 3. 2004 Achiever (Women Empowerment), by an International Organisation, Teachers Without Borders.

A devout Christian and a thoroughbred academician cum politician, Dr. Mrs. Chukukere has not allowed the trappings of office, the pomp and pageantry of power, and the heady influence of success to pollute her ego. Humble, soft spoken, amiable and accessible, the dynamo, has unbelievable and tremendous energy; surely a spill over from her youthful sporting accomplishment. In athletics, she once held Nigeria and West Africa record in Long Jump for six years, only to be broken in 1970 by Modupe Oshikoya.

As widely varied as her distinguished achievements, she enjoys sports, belongs to over 26 national and international organizations, is an active member of 21 national and international literary and professional bodies, Chairman and chief executive of three fast growing and successful business firms, author of two books, including a best seller Gender Voices and Choices; has made presentation of over thirty literary and research papers on gender issues, politics, children and the arts at national and international seminars and workshops. Mrs. Chukukere is co author of five books and recipient of 27 National and international Awards including National Sports Award (2004) and five chieftaincy Titles, prominent among them is "IGOLO" of Avu Kingdom. She is enlisted in the first edition of News Watch "WHO is Who" and one of the Top 500 Women in Nigeria July 1990 and nominated as 2005 Woman of the year by American Biographical Institute.

Dr. Mrs. Chukukere is a Fellow Of Nigerian Institute Of Sales Management (FNISM), the Institute of Administrative Management of Nigeria (FIAM) and Institute of Corporate Administration Of Nigeria (FCAI), Fellow, Federal College of Education, Eha Amufu, Enugu State, where she had served as a member

of the governing council. She was awarded 2004 Winner of Conference of Primary School Heads of Nigeria (COPSHON) "in recognition of her efforts to redeem Primary School Education in Nigeria". She is a justice of the peace (JP) and also a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary Club of Owerri

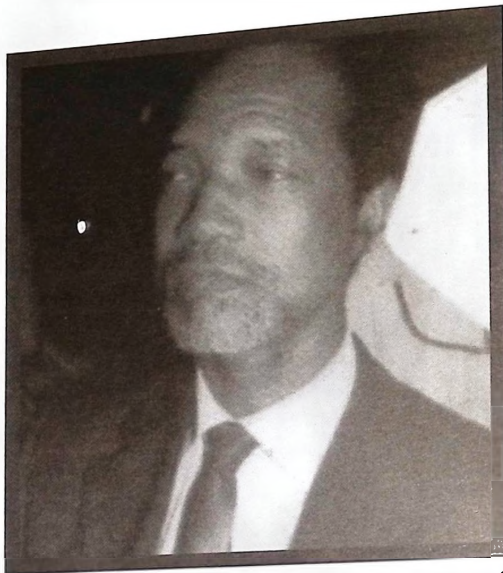
### ACHIEVEMENTS AS HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION

Since her assumption of office, there has been remarkable stability in the Education Sector throughout the state, enhanced by the cordial relationship between Government and Labour. Education is adjudged to be the largest industry of the state hence:

- 1. Imo State records the highest number of JAMBITES each year especially in the years 2003 and 2004.
- 2. Imo state recorded the highest number of POLY JAMBITES in 2004.
- 3. Imo state University, is adjudged the best state owned university in Nigeria.
- 4. Staff salaries are paid regularly.
- 5. Leave allowances outstanding since 1999 are now being liquidated.
- 6. The concept of dual principal ship in secondary schools, enunciated several months ago by Imo state has been made a National policy adopted at the just concluded National Council on Education in Minna, Niger state.
- 7. Committees on Orientation and Cultism have continued to sanitize the school system.

In response to the Orientation Policy and direction of HIS EXCELLENCY CHIEF (DR.) ACHIKE UDENWA "ONWA", Secondary Education Management Board has been sanitized, following which corrupt and inept Staff, have been relieved of their jobs. This has led to remarkable reduction in the expenditure pattern of the Board, as well as the conservation of funds, now applied towards payment of salaries and reconstruction of dilapidated school buildings.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**C**aptain Irimia Bako is a Nigerian born on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1948 to Mrs. Saratu Katung and Mallam Bako Audu Magaji, an ancient School teacher and Waziri/Heir Marsa Village via Kafanchan, Kaduna State.

Captain Bako obtained his elementary school education and certificate from Miango, Jos in 1962 after which he proceeded to Government Secondary School and obtained the West African School certificate in 1967.. In 1969, Captain Irimia Bako bagged his higher school certificate (HSC) from St. Paul's College, Zaria. He then enrolled for the Standard Pilot Diploma course of the N.C.A.T. Zaria which he completed in 1972 and bagged the Diploma.

Armed with the Standard Pilot Diploma, Irimia Bako entered the professional stage when he became a Pilot Trainee at NCAT Zaria in 1970. He held on to this till 1972 when he became a co-pilot (Nigeria Airways Ltd) and worked in this capacity for about 9 years before he was elevated to the position of Captain in 1982. He retired voluntarily from the Nigeria Airways services in May 1991.

On leaving the Nigeria Airways services, Captain Irimia Bako was appointed Chief Pilot/ Director Flight Operations of Hold-Trade Air in 1991 to 1993, during which period Hold Trade Air received an award as Airline of the year 1993, voted by N.U.J. Enugu chapter.

His technical competence with his

## Capt. Irimia Bako

resourcefulness saw him rising to the position of Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer of Hold Trade Air between 1994 and 1997. Other positions held by captain Irimia Bako when he left Hold Trade Air include Flight Operations Inspector DSRAM 1997 to 1998 and Aviation Consultant 1999 and 2000.

It must be noted that during Captain Bako's working experiences, there were various aircrafts training and conversion courses he underwent resulting in total of nine aircraft type rating and 12, 010 hours of Flight operation.

Bako holds the current Airline Transport License (ATPL) and has attended other numerous management and flight operators courses and seminars, ranging from Basic Aviation Management course, to ICAO Regional Seminar on Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Lagos, Regional Seminar on Communication Navigation Surveillance and Air Traffic management (CNS/ATM) Systems (Abuja), Boeing 737 to 2000 Refresher Requalification (Sabena Flight Academy Brussels) (1994) and ICAO Endorsed Government Aviation Safety (Operations) FAA Academy OKC, USA (2005)

Captain Bako has garnered a wealth of experience in the Aviation Industry having been on a presidential team which gave him the opportunity to fly at one time, the "General Murtarla Ramat Muhammed together with president, Olusegun Obasanjo, during ECOWAS Protocol preparation". He has been mentioned in the WHO'S WHO IN AFRICAN AVIATION book series which also cited hopes and vision for "Mega" Airline formations in the West African Sub region.

Bako is happily married to M. Z. Bako and has two children. He enjoys playing Chess/ Table Tennis as well as jogging and traveling.

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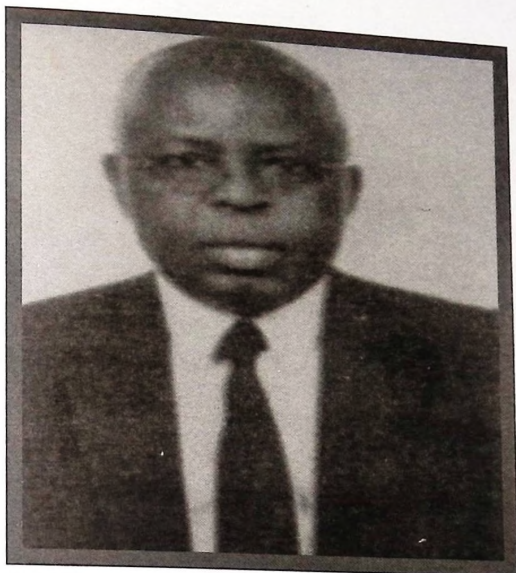
## Capt. Paul O. Nwaoze

**B**orn in Lagos on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1994, Captain Paul Ogochukwu Nwaoze hails from Delta State of Nigeria. He received his secondary education from 1959 to 1963 at the Anglican Grammar School Ubulu- Uku Delta where he sat for and obtained the West African School Certificate.

From 1965 to 1966, Captain Nwaoze studied for his Higher School Certificate at the popular Qua Iboe Mission Secondary School, Etinan, Uyo, which he obtained in 1966. From 1970 to 1972 he attended Nigerian Civil Aviation Training Centre, Zaria, now Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria and upon graduation was awarded the Nigerian Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (ATPL) and completed the British Board of Trade Examinations CPL/ IR. He also holds the American Airline Transport Pilots Licence, which he obtained in 1979 from Flight Safety Academy, Vero Beach, U.S.A.

In pursuit of further and higher academic excellence, Captain Nwaoze opted for admission into the Ogun State University (Now Onabisi Onabanjo University,) Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State to study Transport planning and management. From 1999 2002 when he completed the programme, Nwaoze, put in his best performance, which earned him the degree of Science (M.Sc.) in Transport Planning and Management and with this, his already impressive career record received a boost.

Captain Nwaoze had started as Fleet Captain Fokker F.28 at the Nigerian Airways from 1981 to 1983 in which position he had responsibility for the administration of the Fokker F.28 Fleet. He was elevated to the position of Senior Captain Training and Career Planning in 1983 with the responsibility of setting up and running the training planning Division of the Airlines Flight Operations' Department responsible for crew upgrade and training planning. From 1987 to 1988 Captain Nwaoze was the fleet Captain in charge of Airbus A310 of the Nigerian Airways. He joined Zenith Airlines in 1993 as chief Pilot / Head of operations, a position he held till 1999 when he became Acting General manager.



Kabo Air was the next port of call of Captain Nwaoze on receiving their appointment as chief Pilot / Head of Operations a position in which he handled the reorganization and administration of the Airlines Flight Operations Department. Kabo Air quickly spotted the ingenuity of Captain Nwaoze and made him Training Captain of Boeing 727 and here was the responsibility to handle occasional training for various airlines F.28 (Nigeria Airways), BAC 1-11 (gas Airlines, Hold Trade and Kabo Air).

From year 2000 to 2002 Captain Nwaoze became the General Manager of Freedom Airlines. In this position he handled the day to day running of the Airline in conjunction with the Chairman/ CEO of the Airline.

He was Chief Pilot at King Airlines Limited, where he had responsibility for the day to day running of the Airline in conjunction with the Chairman/CEO.

The airline industry in Nigeria sometimes provides recess periods when operations are either partially or totally grounded for technical reasons or government restrictions. Pilots and engineers are permitted to seek fill up jobs to make their licence current. Nwaoze used the opportunity of one of such periods to go into publishing of BUSINESS AFRICA monthly magazine. He established the organization in 1994 with qualified personnel under his direct supervision as the publisher. The publication featured transport in Africa with models in Europe and

America cited. Nwaoze still treasures the experience he gained in publishing till today.

He is CEO, Continental Data Systems Ltd, a company of Hardware and Software Engineers. He is an accomplished, versatile and future-focused Engineer with strong involvement in transport planning and management. For his career success, captain Nwaoze has received various awards one of which is the **DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITY AWARD ON TRANSPORTATION**, conferred on him by the Centre for Transport Studies of Olabisi Onabanjo university (OOU).

Captain Paul Nwaoze is married to former Agatha Uche and they have several children. Nwaoze enjoys Squash, Table Tennis, Jogging, Movies, Music and Reading.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the **NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE**.

## Mrs Nwakaku L. Akinlami

**M**rs Nwakaku Laetitia Akinlami, (Nee Chukwukeme) Director General, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria was born to both Late Mazi & Mrs. Remy Enechukwu Onwukeme now Chukwukeme of Ndianiche Uwakaonye of Aro- Umuduru Autonomous Community (Arondizuogu) in Onitimo Local Government Area of Imo State.

Nwaka attended Holy Child Primary School, Obudu, Cross River State and Holy Child Secondary School, Ogoja until the beginning of the civil war. After the war, she completed her education at Queen's School, Enugu and went to Methodist College, Uzuakoli where she obtained her Higher School Certificate.

Thereafter, she attended the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws Degree in 1977. She then proceeded to the Nigerian Law School and was called to the Nigerian Bar in July 1978 as a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Mrs Akinlami did her National Youth Service in Ondo State and won the State's National Service Award for 1978/79 Corps Year. She then worked briefly in Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation before joining the Federal Ministry of Justice. She has worked in different departments in the Ministry and as Legal Adviser to many government establishments until April 2007 when she was appointed the Director General, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria.

An excellent sports personality, she was the Games Captain (Female) while in the University and won Gold Medal in Volley Ball at NUGA Games in 1974. She also did a 20km walk for charity organized by the Spectre Club of her Alma Mater.

In the course of her working career, she has been involved in drafting laws and reviewing new



laws as they relate to existing laws, apart from working in the Public Prosecution Department of the Federal Ministry of Justice.

Mrs Akinlami has equally been Legal Adviser in the Ministry of Defence; National Revenue Mobilisation Allocation & Fiscal Commission; Federal Ministry of Culture & Tourism; and Ministry of Communications. In fact, she worked tirelessly to ensure that the GSM Agreements were signed on time.

Since her assumption of the administrative leadership of the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria, Mrs. Akinlami has brought her various experiences to bear on the performance of her job, including the use of her personal income to bring succour to many indigent Nigerians who have become inmates of various prisons in the country as she goes about her prison visits which is continuous and regular.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE



**M**rs. Olunmi . Dolu-Adebisi, FCIDA was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1964 to the family of Mr. & Late Mrs. Kester Oluwole Olomo of Ikorodu Local Government Area of Lagos State. She is the second daughter in a family of six children all of who are now fully grown and four of them married.

After her secondary school education, Olunmi proceeded to the Lagos State University Ojo where she completed a course of study leading to the award of a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.Sc.) in Zoology in the year 1992. With this qualification and on completing the prescribed period of service to the nation under the National Youth Service Corps Scheme, she wasted no time in pursuing her second degree, this time in Business Administration. Her place of study was the same the Lagos State University, Ojo. There she obtained a Masters Degree in Business Administration, MBA, in the year 1996.

Mrs. Dolu Adebisi began her working life with a certain amount of determination to offer the best to humanity from her sound tertiary education and training. Her avowed desire has been to give her utmost best to any organization that would make optimum use of skills, organizing ability and leadership qualities. She believes that with her respectable command of issues relating to her field of study and service, it would not be difficult for any

## Mrs. Olunmi Dolu Adebisi, FCIDA



organization to create such environments where innovative abilities and career development interests will exercise their transforming power.

She was right. After her youth service, she had a brief stint as a consultant (training) in B. S. Computers Limited. This was no doubt an exposure that contributed in no small measure to repositioning her for dealing with work-related problems, however complex they may be.

An astute administrator and banker of no mean standing, Mrs. Dolu-Adebisi has been in the financial sector for over 13 years. Her vast and varied areas of experience include information technology, banking operations, foreign operations and branch operations, not forgetting all the experience gained in head office banking. In the Head office information technology department of a major old generation bank in Nigeria, her work schedules traversed around stock control projects and systems support services, implementation/support of Bankmaster/Branchpower.

From 2001-2003 she proved to be a capable hand in staff department where she functioned as Salaries Manager (in Lagos banking operations) and Manpower Officer (Deputy Regional Staff Manager). Her involvement in foreign operations of the bank from 2000 to 2005 brought her to such areas as sourcing and management of domiciliary accounts for prospective customers; processing of customers letters of credit; processing of foreign transfers; placement of funds in investment deposit accounts e.g. Nigerian treasury bills; fixed deposits, etc; customers care and prompt service delivery; providing advisory services for customers; promotion of ATM card, Master card, Valucard and Western Union products. She had also handled such issues as conducting investigations in respect of ombudsman and corporate complaints as well as making sure that services provided to customers are fair and accessible to all.

At present Mrs. Dolu Adebisi is head of branch operations in one of the old generation banks where her schedules include responsibility for all banking operations at branch level such as foreign transactions, Western union, customer service, cashiering and retail

marketing; supervising the processing of staff loans and terminal benefits; cash management/disbursements; provision of assistance to branch manager in running the branch's operations; providing relief for Branch manager while on annual vacation; providing good customer care practice and ensuring that services are customer focused; counseling of members of staff; general staff appraisal, and a lot more.

Indeed, Mrs. Dolu Adebisi is well known to her colleagues in the bank as a problem-solver with a commitment to continual improvements. Her relaxed but alert manner guarantees her ability to resolve conflicts and ensure positive results at all times. a highly motivated deputy manager with decisive skills in financial leadership, strategic planning, profit growth and cost control, Mrs. Dolu Adebisi possesses strong communication skills which help her in dealing with all levels of customers and professionals. She is A seasoned team player with in-depth knowledge of customer and financial products sector.

Perhaps the most admired trait in the leadership style of Mrs. Bunmi O. Dolu-Adébisi is her personal integrity, enthusiasm in the goal of her organization and readiness to achieve positive results. Matched with her proactive disposition towards maintaining standards that can help sustain her organization's overall competitive position, Bunmi is seen any day any time as an intellectually sound and highly experienced banker able to translate

organizational policies into real or concrete achievements.

Her excellent track record of progress in the industry has already earned her several awards one of which is "Best Head, Branch Operations of the Year 2006"

To always keep herself abreast of developments in information technology and management practice, Bunmi belongs to several professional associations notable among which are, Computer Association of Nigeria (COAN); Computer Professionals of Nigeria (CPN) and Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) and Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration, FCIDA

She has written several books one of which is "Modern Information Technology and Productivity in The Banking Industry".

Mrs. Olubunmi O. Dolu-Adebisi is happily married to Mr. Mosadoluwa Ayodeji Adebisi and the marriage has produced three children. In her spare time, she enjoys working on computer system, meditating, scrabble-playing, dancing/listening to music as well as reading, traveling, shopping and cooking.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**C**hief Ajoko, Polycarp Odinakachukwu was born on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1958 at Umunumo, Amandugba in Isu L.G.A. of Imo State

The young Polycarp attended St. Gregory's Primary School Umunumo, Amandugba and finished off successfully in 1972. he enrolled into the famous Bishop Shanahan College, Orlu where he passed his WASC exams in Division one in 1976. between 1977 and 1980, he was at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka where he bagged a HND in Veterinary Science. Recognizing later while in government service that accountancy held prospects for better career advancement, the young Ajoko resigned his Public Service appointment for a course of study in Accountancy at UNN, Enugu Campus. He graduated BSc (Hons) in 1986. Still thirsting and questing for higher academic and professional laurels, Chief Ajoko enrolled into the Graduate School of Abia State University Utur and I CAN's Membership. He bagged an MBA degree in Banking and Finance and qualified as a Chartered Accountant, simultaneously, in 1993.

Upon graduation, Chief Ajoko was employed by the Imo State Civil Service Commission and has served in various ministries and establishments as an accountant. P. O. Ajoko

## Chief P. Odinakachukwu Ajoko

had taught Accountancy courses (part time) in various tertiary institutions such as the Federal Polytechnic Nekede and Imo State University Owerri between 1996 and 2004. Since 1999, Chief Ajoko has been the Director of Administration and Finance in the Imo State Government House, Owerri.

Ajoko is happily married and the union is blessed with six children.

A devout Catholic, Sir Ajoko is a member of Knight of St. John International (KSJ). He has been generously supportive of the Church at all levels.

An unassuming catalyst of social development, Ajoko carries himself with humble and generous disposition. His philanthropic gestures know no bound. Most social development projects and programmes especially on youth development at home (Amandugba) and abroad bear glowing imprints of Ajoko's generous contributions in material and other terms. He flourishes in assisting people and groups in need especially those pursuing worthy causes.

Society has responded gratefully with bestowing well-deserved honours on this great man of peace, thus:-

- HRH, Eze Innocent Obiajulu, Igwe of Amandugba conferred on Ajoko the rare title of High Chief OWELLE OF AMANDUGBA
- The Imo State Government investitured him with the prestigious title of Justice of the Peace (JP)
- NUASA (Nigerian Universities Accounting Students Association) IMSU, Owerri Chapter's award of excellence in recognition of his plausible contribution to the growth of Accountancy education in Nigeria (2006);
- Merit Award in recognition of Ajoko's selfless service to humanity by the General Assembly of Amandugba Ancient Kingdom 2004
- Vocational Service Award presented to P. O. Ajoko in grateful recognition of selfless dedication to the improvements of human conditions in his community by the Rotary International, Aladinma Owerri Chapter 2006
- HRH, Eze Charles O. Nnajieme, Eze Udo II

and OMANZE of Amurie Omanze  
Community title conferred on Ajoko the  
Chief Amurie OMANZE 2006.  
Chief Ajoko is patron of many charitable and  
youth organizations such as Youth Enhancement  
Organisation, and Save the Children Organization  
all in Owerri.

For hobbies, Chief Ajoko enjoys reading, football  
and wrestling.

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## Mrs Oluwagbemiga O. Benson

July to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1975.

In September 1975, after obtaining her Post Graduate Education (PDGE) she resumed at Advanced Teachers' College Surulere (Now Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Ijanikin) as a Biology Lecturer for students offering National Certificate in Education (NCE) Primary and Secondary.

Mrs. O.O.T. Benson was a committed, dedicated and dutiful professional Biology teacher. During her career as a Biology teacher/lecturer, she took part actively in the under listed National educational assignments which assisted her immensely in her teaching /lectureship career.

- ? WAEC Examiner in Biology 'Ordinary' and 'Advanced' level examinations;
- ? WAEC Public examiner Questions Developer in Biology 'Ordinary' level; and
- ? Acting Chief Examiner in Biology Paper 1 (Theory) Examinations for West African Examination Council (WAEC)

In 1978, she was appointed as the 1<sup>st</sup> Registrar of the College of Education, Gbaja, Surulere (now Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Ojo Ijanikin) the post, which she held until she transferred her service to the mainstream of the Lagos State Civil Service as Administrative Officer on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1980.

She served within and outside the seat of Lagos State Government at Alausa for twenty four (24) years immediately she transferred from the teaching service into the mainstream of the Civil Service. Her first posting was at the Ministry of Transportation (former Ministry of Public Transportation) where amongst other duties, she was the secretary to the defunct Lagos State Metroline Company Limited. She was at one time, the private Secretary to the Late Air Commodore Gbolahan Mudasiru, the Military Governor of Lagos State from February 1984-August 1986

Between January and August, 1990, she was appointed and served successfully as the Administrative Secretary to the defunct Social

**M**rs Oluwagbemiga Olabisi Temidayo Benson was born on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1944 in Ikorodu to late Mr. & Mrs. Ezekiel Babatunde Shebioba from Ikorodu Local Government Area of Lagos State.

She attended St. Mary's primary school, Broad St. Lagos and obtained her first School Leaving Certificate in 1958. She later proceeded to Girl's Grammar School Ijebu -Igbo for her post secondary education and finished her SSCE in December 1964. In 1965, she attended Federal School Of Science, Onikan, Lagos for her 'Ordinary' and 'Advanced' level certificates in December, 1965 and September 1967 respectively.

In her quest for her higher education, she was admitted into the famous University of Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile -Ife) where she graduated, with B.Sc (Hons.) degree in Botany 2<sup>nd</sup> class lower Division in June 1971. By June 1975, she successfully completed her post Graduate Diploma in Education (PDGE) at the University of Lagos.

Oluwagbemiga O.T Benson started her working career as a Biology Teacher from July 1971 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1975 for students offering Biology at 'School certificate' and 'Advanced' levels at Jubril Martins Memorial Grammar School, Iponri from

Democracy Party (SDP) at Ikeja Local Government area of Lagos State.

She served in the Department of Planning, Research and statistics, as officer in charge of capital projects, in various Ministries/Extra Ministerial Departments for over ten (10) years where she worked and rose to the post of Director-Planning Research & Statistics in 1994.

Within the service, some Ministries/agencies are considered to be "dry land". Consequently, officers shy away from being deployed to such agencies. The Civil Service Commission was and is still considered as one of the agencies that top the list of such "dry land". With determination, she succeeded in working in the Civil Service Commission on three (3) occasions for a period of fifty six (56) months altogether and made her remarkable contributions in The Civil Service Commission.

Between July and December, 1996, she was appointed as Director, Lagos State Council for Arts & Culture and led the team of state officials to the National Council of Arts And Culture (NAFEST) held in Jos in December, 1996 and Lagos State 4<sup>th</sup> in overall performance.

She was the Sole Administrator/Chairman of Ikorodu Local Government between December 1996 and March 1997.

Mrs. Oluwagbemiga. O.T. Benson was a Director coordinating the policy meeting of the Civil Service Commission, When in July 1999 she was appointed as a Permanent Secretary. She was posted to the Lagos State Ministry of Education where she pioneered the supervision and implementation of the educational policies of the administration of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Executive Governor of Lagos State. For example, millennium school building projects were successfully started and five (5) completed amongst other visible capital projects executed.

By October 2001, she was redeployed to Civil Service Pension Office under the supervision of the Honourable Commissioner for

Establishments, Pension & Training. In August, 2003, the Civil Service Pension Office was relocated to the Ministry of Economic Planning & Budget. This was her last posting before she retired statutorily in July 2004, after serving her fatherland and Lagos State in particular meritoriously for thirty three (33) years and eleven (11) days.

For her hardwork, dedication, commitment to duties and selfless service to mankind, she was recipient of over ten (10) awards and recognitions through her service career in Lagos State

She attended well over fifty Local and Internatioanal courses, Seminars and workshops, between April 1975 and March 2004.

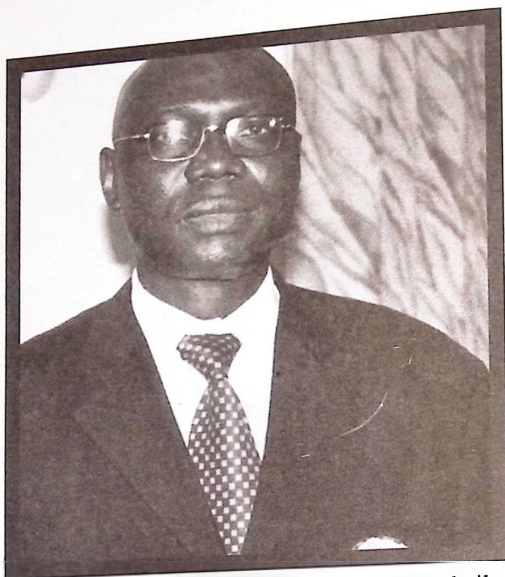
Mrs O.O.T. Benson, is an excellent administrator with interpersonal skills in public relations. she possesses strong decision making skills and a great team player. She is result-oriented, have passion for detail, dedicated, honest and loyal. Throughout her thirty-three (33) years she applied the ability to meet deadlines and multitasking delegations of duties.

After her meritorious years in the service of Lagos State, she became the Managing Partner of Latem Consultancy Services, a management consultancy firm before her reappointment as the Executive Chairman of Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) where her contributions to the promotion and management of education have been quite substantial.

Mrs Benson is a devout Christian and is happily married to Chief Omotayo Owoyemi Shobowale Benson, a successful legal practitioner of over three decades and they are blessed with six children.

Her hobbies include reading, listening to good music, singing and dancing.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**A**kinloye Samuel Fapohunda, *FCIDA* hails from Ilesha in Osun State of Nigeria. He was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1958. He began his primary school education in Omuo Ekiti in Ekiti State in 1967 and ended it at St Peter's Primary School Ilesha Osun State in 1972.

He received his secondary education at C & S High School Ilesha from 1973 to 1977 and obtained the West African School Certificate.

In 1980, Mr. Samuel Akinloye Fapohunda joined a leading first generation bank in Nigeria as an Accounts Clerk where he later worked in various capacities and rose rapidly on the job. Later he decided to fill the academic knowledge gap in his career by enrolling for a degree in Banking & Finance at Onabisi Onabanjo University (OOU) Ago-Iwoye in Ogun State, which he pursued from 1998 - 2003 and bagged a B.Sc. Degree in the subject.

With his academic qualification Mr. Samuel Fapohunda became even more ambitious to qualify as a professional banker. He then pursued with vigour his studies for the examinations of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria and was successful in the final examinations of the Institute in October 2006, following which he became an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (ACIB) with the right to describe himself as a Chartered Banker.

## Akinloye S. Fapohunda, *FCIDA*

Over the years, Mr. Samuel Fapohunda acquired specialized training in various areas of banking and finance and garnered quality cognate banking and finance experience. As head of Accounts and Clearing of a branch of a major bank in Nigeria, Mr. Fapohunda had responsibilities for co-ordinating and organizing members of staff in general administration department as well as technical support staff. He also dealt with instant call over and accounts and clearing department. In addition to coordinating technology support functions of the branch to provide efficient and adequate services, Mr. Fapohunda also provided assistance and relief for head of operations support. He was also responsible for ensuring adequate and smooth daily clearing instruments activities; and ensuring all books of accounts are balanced according to the provision of bank policy.

As head, customer services in the same branch of the same bank, his responsibilities included coordinating and promoting good customer care practices and ensuring that services are customer focused; showcasing available financial products; ensuring professionalism in accounts opening activities; providing efficient services with minimum turnaround time for specialized banking products; motivating and organizing staff members in achieving bank stipulated target and desired objective.

Other positions of responsibility held by Mr. Samuel Fapohunda included Head Cashier, Head Foreign Operations and Head Retail Marketing Officer and Head Marketing Officer. His extensive and in-depth banking experience had led him to audit departments where he had responsibility for examining financial and non-financial book of accounts with a view to ensuring that they conform with organization's set standard.

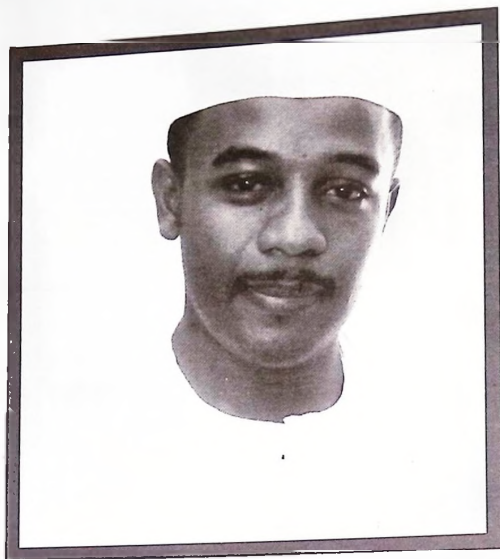
Mr. Samuel Fapohunda's towering career profile speaks of a highly skilled, and versatile senior banking officer with valuable skills in financial products, leadership, strategic planning, profit, growth and cost control. His high personal integrity and deep sense of confidentiality have given him an edge over many contemporary bankers. He is articulate and able to

converse easily and fluently. His proven ability to create, develop and maintain effective working relationship, practice and procedure with staff members, management and customers at large, has made him a notable figure in the field of banking and finance in Nigeria.

Mr. Samuel Akinloye Fapohunda is acknowledged among his colleagues in the banking profession as a team player who truly understands organizational goals and strategies needed to realize them. His strong communication skills, ability to resolve conflict and create atmosphere for increased productivity, enhance operational efficiency and speed of service delivery have made him a reference point in the field of banking.

In his spare time, Mr. Fapohunda enjoys playing table tennis, listening to music and watching quality professional programmes on television. He is married to lovely Eniola Fapohunda and the union is blessed with several children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



## Alh. Umar M. Nasko

Krakow, Poland in 2001 and a Mashav Institute Certificate in Citrus and Mango Farming obtained in year 2004.

Alhaji Umar Mohammed Nasko worked at the Presidential Villa Aso Rock, Abuja in the 311s Air Defence Artillery Detachment in the year 1990 as Sky Guard before proceeding to the United Nations Human Rights Office Krakow, Poland in 1999 as a Volunteer where he served till 2001.

Between 2001 and 2002 Alhaji Umar Nasko served in the capacity of Assistant Secretary, Senate Committee Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes before joining Fathibro Ventures Nigeria Ltd, Abuja as Project Manager. As a highflying administrator, Nasko rendered efficient and satisfactory services wherever he was called upon to serve. Perhaps, this accounts for his appointment as Managing Director of Madae & Sons Limited, Nasko, Niger State in 2003, a position he held till 2005.

Young and talented Umar Nasko has served on various boards and committees where he contributed his own quota to the progress of the work assigned to the committees. He was Member of the Niger State Transition Committee in 2007; Member, of Niger State Government Committee on Private Public Partnership, 2007; Chairman, Vehicle Verification Committee in the office of the Secretary to the State Government, Niger State Government; Member of the Technical Committee on Harmonization of Niger State Action Plan in the office of the Secretary to the State Government, Niger State Government; and currently, Member of the State Executive Council, Niger State Government in his official capacity as the Honourable Commissioner for Commerce and Tourism.

His involvement in partisan politics in the years 2001 to 2003 proved him to be an active Party Member of the United Nigeria Peoples Party (UNPP) under which umbrella he was Chairmanship Aspirant. From 2003 to date Alhaji Umar Nasko has remained a committed member and Chairmanship Aspirant of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

On the professional side, Alhaji Umar

**B**orn 33 years ago at Ogbomoso, Oyo State, Alhaji Umar Muhammed Nasko is a native of Magama Local Government Area of Niger State of Nigeria. He received his early education at Command Children's School Ann Barracks Yaba, Lagos from 1980 to 1985 during which period he showed signs of great appetite for education and training.

During his secondary school education at the Nigerian Military School Zaria, Kaduna State, Umar Muhammed Nasko performed very well academically and this impressed all his teachers who saw a bright future in him with a tertiary education.

Immediately he finished this secondary school, he was admitted into the University of Jos, Plateau State and between 1991 and 1992 he had the university's matriculation before gaining another admission into the University of Abuja where he undertook a course in Computer Basic Programming and Disk Operating System. At the end of his studies he was awarded the University of Abuja's Certificates in Computer Basic Programming and Disk Operating System.

Alhaji Umar Nasko also undertook some courses in Polish Language Sciences at the University of Lodz Poland in 1996. His other qualifications include Master's degree in Political Science obtained from Jagiellonian University

Mohammed Nasko belongs to the Nigerian Institute of Management. Umar is an intelligent administrator, a stickler for excellence and someone deeply committed to the promotion of professionalism in civilian administration. He is currently holding the traditional title of *Yariman Nasko*, a recognition bestowed on him by his own people for his avowed commitment to excellent service to humanity.

In his spare time, Alhaji Umar Muhammed Nasko enjoys travelling, farming, hunting and soccer. In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

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Mrs Olufemi A. Akanni, FCIDA

State Education Board and after due consultations, Mrs Olufemi Adepeju Akanni and her husband were advised to begin from the "very beginning" hence the Primary School. She then opted for a Montessori form of education and did a brief study on Montessori at Centre for Montessori in Lagos.

This year, the Nursery and Primary Section of her Unity High School is 7 years while the Secondary section is 4 years. The two schools are now being united as Unity Montessori Basic Education School in conformity with the Universal Basic Education (UBE) reforms.

What began like a dream has grown into a citadel of learning and has become a household name, not only in Kubwa but also in other parts of Abuja and beyond.

Mrs Akanni expresses sincere thanks to God Almighty who has, by His Grace, made her what she is today. She also appreciates her late husband, Mr. Timothy Olusegun Akanni for the encouragement and support she enjoyed from him and for believing so much in her ability to be successful, referring to him as the driving force behind all her achievements. Mrs Olufemi Adepeju Akanni strongly holds the belief that it was her late husband Mr Timothy Akanni who truly made her a star.

Mrs Akanni is a Member of the National Association of Proprietors of Private Schools (NAPPS) and enjoys reading and traveling.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

**M**rs Olufemi Adepeju Akanni was born on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1960. She had her primary education at NW5 Inalende Baptist Primary School, Ibadan (1967-1972). She proceeded to Ogbomosho Girls' High School for her secondary education (1974-1977). After one year at Federal Government College, in pursuit of Higher School Certificate (HSC), she got admitted to the University of Ilorin for a degree in Geography. While at the University, she resisted all pleas from family members to study education; even the Bursary Award given to Education students did not entice her to change her mind; she never wanted to be a teacher.

However, after her first degree, she found herself in the classroom as a teacher, because that was the only available job as at then. Based on her husband's advice she put in for a Post Graduate Diploma in Education at the University of Lagos in 1989. This ignited her interest in Education. After Ten years (10 years) of teaching with the Lagos

**Chief (Mrs) Irene N. Chigbue**  
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**C**hief (Mrs) Irene Nkechi Chigbue, the Director-General of the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), was born on December 7, 1954. she graduated from University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1977 with Second Class (Honours) Upper Division in Economics. She is also a graduate of Kings College, University of London where she obtained LL.B and LL.M from 1979 to 1982 and 1983 respectively. She was at the Nigeria Law School for B.L. from 1983 to 1984, where she also graduated with Second Class (Honours) Upper Division.

She is currently a doctoral degree candidate in commercial law at the University of Lagos, having concluded the Master of Philosophy and the course work for the Ph.D. she has a Diploma in Business Administration from the Harvard University in 2001 and another in Financial Management from Stanford University, California, USA.

Chigbue has attended numerous programmes at the International Law Institute (Washington DC, USA); International Law Development Institute (Rome); INTRADOS (Washington DC); and Public Utilities Regulation at University of Florida USA, to mention just a few.

The BPE boss worked with the Central Bank of Nigeria (Benin Branch) as Senior Supervisor between 1977 and 1978. She was with the Federal Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos between 1978 and 1979 where she served in the Department of European Affairs and later Department of International Economic Corporation as External Affairs Officer. She also worked briefly with the Kehinde Sofola & Co (SAN), Lagos before setting up the law firm of Chigbue and Chigbue & Co which she managed for between three and four years.

She worked with the Technical Committee on Privatization and Commercialisation (TCPC) as Legal Officer (1989-1991); Principal Executive (1991-1992); and Deputy Director and Head of Legal and Secretarial Department.

The TCPC metamorphosed into the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) where she served as Director



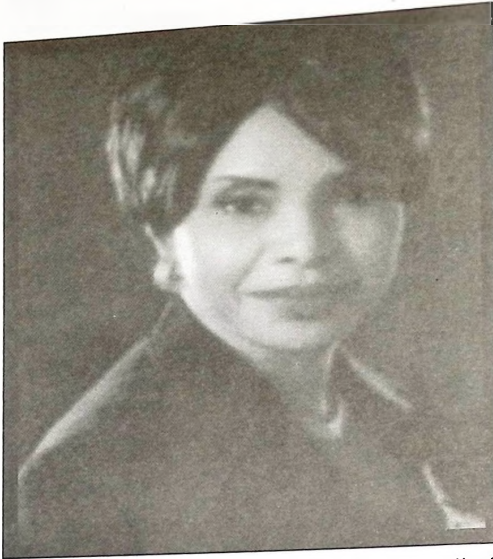
(Legal Services) between 2000 and 2002. She was the Director (Industry and Manufacturing) between July 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003. she served as the Director, Infrastructure and Networks between September 2003 and December 2004. in addition, she has served on several Boards and committees and participated in numerous local and international seminars and workshops.

She is a member of International Federation of Women Lawyers, Nigerian Bar Association, Institute of Secretaries and Administration and International Bar Association. Mrs Chigbue is a prolific writer with a number of articles and presentations to her credit as well as a public issues commentator. She also serves in the household of God.

Mrs Chigbue is married to Dr. M. D. Chigbue of Ibusa, Delta State. She is blessed with three grown-up children **Binnie, Gozie and Oby**.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the **NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE**.

## Abisola Sodipo-Akindeko



**A**bisola Akindeko Sodipo is a medical practitioner, an entrepreneur and a philanthropist. She is a W.H.O. consultant, a former Commissioner for Health and later for Commerce, Cooperatives and Tourism in Ogun State. She hails from an illustrious family in Abeokuta, Ogun State, and a grand daughter of Omolaja Sodipo who was an elected member of parliament in those days. Her uncle, Moses Majekodunmi was a former Premier of the old western Region and her late father-in-law, Gabriel Akindeko was also a former Minister of Agriculture and later FAO representative for Africa.

She graduated with a M.B.B.S as a medical practitioner in June 1980 from the prestigious University College hospital, Ibadan, and has since been on several postgraduate programmes both within and outside the country, notably the renowned University of London, United Kingdom.

Presently she is the Chairman of Lifestyle Holdings, which she founded. An offshoot of this is Lifestyle Medical a foremost name in Stress and Health Management in the corporate world. She is on the board (part time) of a few private companies and NGOs among which is International Cement Company Ltd which the Ex-Head of State Gen. Yakubu Gowon (Rtd) is Chairman. She is also the founder of an NGO which helps the underprivileged children; Adeife & Akinola Sodipo foundation which she founded after the tragic loss of her two children.

She continued this in memory of her late daughter who had started this scheme despite her tender age.

Dr (Mrs.) Akindeko has profound leadership skills and she is a positive minded and humble woman who believes in the equality of all human beings and above all in the supremacy and will of God almighty in all things. She is a good team player, a good listener, an inspirational motivator, and a consummate and passionate hardworking woman.

She has over the years achieved groundbreaking results in the field of Epidemiology and Population sciences. She has introduced programmes that reduce the cost of curative services and place more emphasis on prevention; and in policies on health promotion at every level. Aside from the debilitating communicable diseases, 80% of all hospital visits are now believed to be due to stress related illnesses.

She has extensive experience at home and abroad in the fields of Health Promotion, Health risk Management, Health Evaluation and Conducting of seminars and workshops on Healthy living. She was the leading Researcher into a Women's maternity services community liaison scheme in the East end of London UK which was facilitated by the London hospitals joint unit of Epidemiology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Her findings there have been the basis of a working paper to renew funding for female ethnic minorities in that area. She has also worked and done consultancy services for Family Health Services, (Nigeria) (a sub unit of the United States Agency for International Development), for Africare and for many other renowned Industries and parastatals in Nigeria, such as: ODUVA INV, DUNLOP NIG PLC, WEMA, FAAN, NIMASA, NPA to mention just a few.

Dr (Mrs.) Abisola Akindeko is the Medical Director of Lifestyle Health Consultancy and Chairman of Lifescan Laboratories. A W.H.O. Fellow, she has many hobbies, but is especially gifted in Fine Arts and Interior Designing. She holds the chieftaincy title of Iyalode Oke Ona Egba (Minister for Commerce), Abeokuta in Ogun State. She is blessed with children.

She will be honoured with the **NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE** in recognition of her contribution to the progress of the society.

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## Chief Peter Pan A. Okeze

**C**hief Peter Pan A. Okeze., F. Inst.F.F. FCIDA, FSFAI, JP, Managing Director/Chief Executive, Pan Express Services Limited. Born 55 years ago in Ibusa, Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State, he obtained his GCE Ordinary Level Certificate in 1971 and subsequently in 1973, he got an Advanced Level General Certificate in Education (GCE) which qualified him to secure admission into Yaba College of Technology for more studies.

Thereafter, young Okeze left the shores of this country to the United Kingdom (UK). Out there, he enrolled into the London City College, UK and was there between 1974 and 1978 where he obtained a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) Degree in Transport Administration, majoring in Air Freight Management.

On his return to Nigeria, Chief Okeze was employed as a Freight Manager with Kingsway Stores (UAC) from 1979 to 1981. His expertise in Air Freight management fetched him another job, with Trade Wind Airways, a British Cargo Airlines organisation, where he was appointed Cargo Manager, a position he held between 1981 and 1983. News of his expertise in Cargo management went round and he became a target of prospective employers. From 1983 to 1985, he was the cargo coordinator in the firm of Himma ?Freight which was his last port of call in the employment of any company.

In 1984, Chief Peter Pan Okeze established Pan Express Services Limited, a company that has become one of the strongest forces in the aviation industry.

As a Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company, Chief Okeze has brought all experience and professionalism to bear

in the administration of his firm which has now become a conglomerate with interest in aviation services, petroleum, real estate, hospitality industry, concessionaire, Manpower development consultancy. He is a shrewd businessman and administrator whose dream for global relevance is fast becoming a reality. The Company is known for quality cargo handling throughout the world with a workforce numbering over 200 workers with an expansion ratio of over 20% per annum. Chief Okeze is not a man who

monopolizes knowledge nor does he like to stagnate his own knowledge. That is why he has participated in so many seminars and conferences. As far back as 1980, he attended senior management programme on freight consolidation, as well as another programme on cargo management and freight consolidation organized by NAL. All these programmes coupled with long years of experience in the aviation sector are the success story behind Pan Express Services Limited and other companies within its conglomerate.

Chief Okeze has accumulated various chieftaincy titles from across the country because of admiration of those who have come across him. He is a member of several professional and social organizations, notable among which are: Airlines Operators of Nigeria, Rotary Club, Nigeria Chapter, Ibusa Social Club, Fellow International Institute of Freight Forwarders of UK, Fellow Institute of Freight Forwarders of Nigeria, Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration, Fellow Strategic Finance & Administrative Institute and a host of others.

An astute leader, no wonder he bagged the 2000 African Merit Award for Integrity, Accountability and Leadership. Chief as he is fondly called is a devoted Catholic, married and blessed with children. At his leisure time, he enjoys traveling and listening to music.





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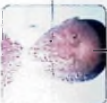
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## Prof. Samson O. Ale, OFR

became Reader/Associate Professor at the Federal University of Technology Yola in 1982. He also worked at the defunct Open University in 1983 as Associate Professor and Professor of Mathematics & Mathematics Education before transferring his services to Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi where he was a substantive Professor of Mathematics and Mathematics Education from 1988 to June 2002.

Professor Ale is presently the Director-General/CEO of National Mathematical Centre Abuja with a respectable command of the knowledge and applications of Mathematics in the areas of technology and technical education and development. He has made invaluable contributions to the development of Mathematics education in Nigeria through giving of motivational lectures and talks; awards of scholarships and donation of Mathematical sciences Books to schools and colleges. Since he became the Director-General of the National Mathematical Centre, Abuja Professor Samson Ale has brought the Centre to limelight more than ever before.

**P**rofessor Samson Olatunji Ale, was born in Iyara in Ijumu Local Government Area of Kogi State. He obtained his West African School Certificate in 1966 on completion of his secondary school education at St Paul's School Iyara (1962-1966); his higher School Certificate (HSC) in 1968 after higher education at Titus Okunribido Egbe and his B.Sc/C.Ed in Mathematics in 1972 from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

In furtherance of his education, Professor Samson Ale attended the University of Southampton UK (1974-1977) and on completion of academic studies bagged a PhD in Mathematics in the year 1978. He also holds a Diploma Certificate in Theology, which he obtained from Emmanuel College of Theology, Ibadan in 1985. Further studies in policy formulation and implementation, public service and strategy took him to the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos and completed his course in the year 1994.

Professor Ale began his working life in the year 1969 as Tutor in Technical Training Centre Ilorin. He was appointed a Teacher in the institution called Crowder Memorial College (1972-1973). It was from this appointment he rose to become a Lecturer with Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. He spent quality time at ABU Zaria from 1973 to 1985. He

He has attracted partners both from the public and private sectors like the Petroleum Technology Development Fund, PTDF, Nigerian-Turkish International College, NTIC and State Governments. He also initiated the production of instructional materials, mathematics kits, workbooks, teaching modules and established mathematics improvement projects (MIPs) in many States of the Federation.

Under the leadership of Professor Samson Ale Nigeria for the first time participated in the International Mathematical Olympiad, Imo, and International Physics Olympiad and won a silver medal at the Pan African Mathematics Olympiad, PAMO, in Dakar Senegal. He has also attracted the hosting of PAMO in Nigeria. No doubt, Professor Ale's visionary leadership has made it possible for the organization of zonal workshops for Mathematics teachers in all the six geo-political zones in the country.

The determination of Professor Ale to continue to promote the knowledge and application of Mathematics in scientific research, education, training

and technology, has made him to become easily the most admired Mathematician in this country today. Not only is he appreciated everywhere in the academia but he is also accepted as a leading voice in theology, a devout Christian with a commitment to selfless service to humanity. He has to his credit a number of academic publications in his field.

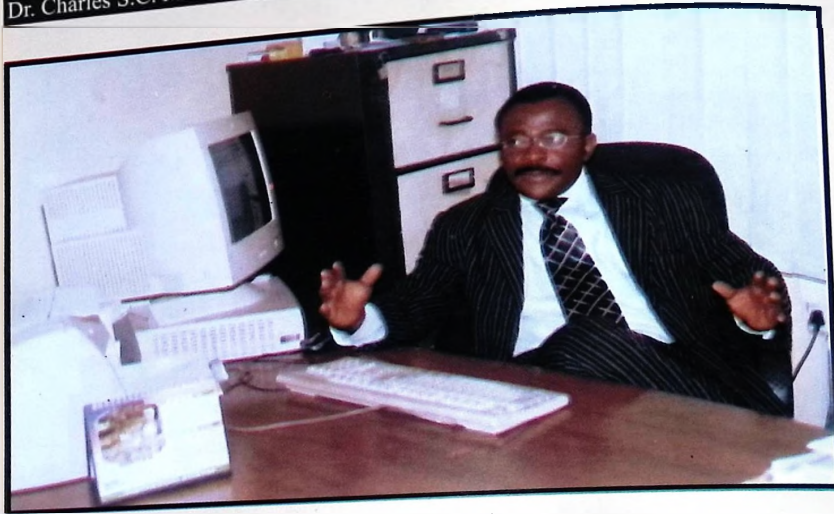
His professional fellowships include: Fellow, Mathematics Association of Nigerian (FMAN); Fellow, Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, UK (FIMA); Certified Mathematician of the UK (Cert.Math.) And Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (FCIDA).

Professor Ale is married and the marriage is blessed with four children. He enjoys reading and evangelism as his cherished hobbies.

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## Defining Management Techniques

From An Interview With The President Of Management Masters, Publishers Of The Nigerian Who's Who  
Dr. Charles S.C. Marcus, DMS MA BE, PhD, MISM, FCIDA



**T**he management consultancy profession is now being practiced by a growing number of people around the world. Each of these people is generally expected to have been academically and professionally qualified and experienced in the field of management techniques and services. Despite the considerable growth in the practice of management consultancy, it is sometimes difficult to find the real experts in the profession, especially in developing countries.

So what really is management consultancy and why should any one embrace what it offers? Charles Marcus of Management Masters, publishers of the Nigerian Who's Who offers an insight.

"There are many angles from which to look at management consultancy. This age of management is an era of industrialization in which many organizations - companies and charity - are springing up everywhere. Management consultancy involves the provision of expert advice on the application of one or a series of management techniques that will lead to better and more efficient achievements within these organizations. It sometimes deals with drawing out and building on the best foundations of a business when it examines

investment criteria, advises on suitable management techniques for certain projects, and management consultancy is usually a well trained person in the technique of business investment organisation and management."

One firm that readily offers the services described above as well as parades an array of masterminds

the field of management consultancy is, of course, Management Masters, doing business in Nigeria. This firm helps to form new companies, analyze problems of existing ones and, informed by the professional competence of its staff, proffers pieces of advice on troubled companies can solve their problems. Management Masters Limited, also occasionally organizes courses, seminars and management training programmes for public and private company staff engaged in finance, organizational studies, recruitment, economic restructuring, and general business consultancy as well as development publishing.

"We occasionally run short management courses for the staff of both private and public organizations. During such sessions, lectures on various management techniques are delivered to participants. One organisation tries extremely hard to ensure that participants at such courses would return to their workplaces armed with genuine management techniques which they have learned from our programmes," says Charles SC Marcus who incidentally is the President of the Board of Directors of Management Masters.

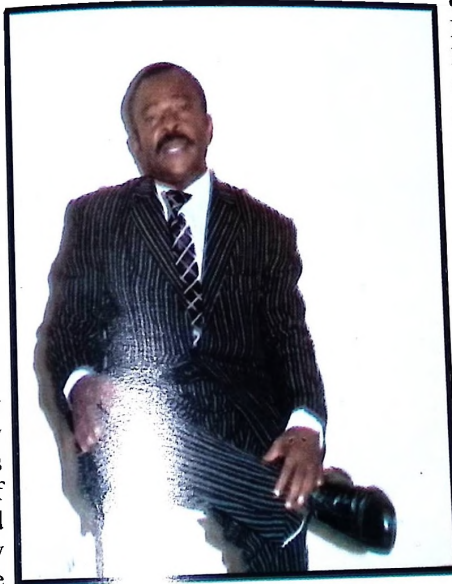
If what the child learns depends very much on what the teacher knows, the point remains that assessing the level of knowledge to be imparted to trainees or brought into the management of any business

cannot run away from having a spy-glass look at the activities of professionals that run Management Masters Limited. Since for want of space, it may not be possible to run a close-up on each and every staff, suffice it to say that Dr. Charles SC Marcus represents a generic sample.

Like most other highly trained Nigerians, Charles Marcus went through the Primary, Secondary and Post Secondary Schools; he then studied from the Woolf College of Business Studies, London, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators London and a number of professional institutions of which involved distance courses and self-tutoring. He is today a Master of Arts in Management Studies and a holder of a graduate Diploma in Management Studies (DMS). He has long been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business Management by the University USA. He was also admitted into membership of numerous highly distinguished professional bodies, by examination. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries;

Member of the Association of Business Executives, London, Fellow of the Association of Chartered Administrators; Fellow of the Institute of Supervisory Management, Lichfield, Staffordshire, Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration, FCIDA, among many others. He has also received a PhD in Christian Education *honoris causa*. He is also pursuing two doctoral studies, one in Credit Management and the other in Development Economics.

There are gurus who would readily avow that theory and practice are often miles apart in any endeavour. Our business reports analysts who interviewed the President of Management Masters also shares the same view and this was why he asked Dr. Charles Marcus on-the-job experience. The question provoked an avalanche of references. Here are excerpts: "I have been involved in practical business management for over 25 years. On



completion of my studies in 1977, I worked in Dantata Group of Companies in Kano as Administrative Officer attached to the Personnel Department. Later I joined the British Council Kano as Secretary (Education) where I was involved in the handling of Anglo-Nigeria Technical Cooperation Arrangement, among other things. After a short spell, I took up the position of Kano Administrative Manager with Ove-Arup and Partners, a firm of Consulting Engineers.

During all these years I also had a management consultancy firm. I later moved to Lagos to take up a management consultancy contract with one of the former Nigerian Ambassadors to Cote D'Ivoire who asked me to arrange for some Koreans visiting Nigeria then to go into joint venture business with him. At the end of the contract, I joined Capital Nominees Limited, a firm of Company Secretaries, Management and Financial Consultants, attached to Ijewere, Dangana Ashaye & Co Chartered Accountants, located in central Lagos.

It was from Capital Nominees Limited that Dr. Charles SC Marcus moved to found Management Masters Limited, the aim being to provide one of the best company and business management services money can buy.

As the practice of Management Consultancy becomes increasingly popular in Nigeria, Dr. Marcus, who himself is clearly regarded as an authority in management practice, having started his practice with the sum of N20 cautions, "It is not only when a business dwindles or gets into serious trouble that management consultants should be approached, rather the doors of Management Masters are always open to those who want to invest in some projects as well as those already in business for they too may need expert advice on new ways to keep up the profit level."



Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, while others have greatness thrust upon them. Honourable (Alhaji) Sani Garkida was neither born great nor was he entrusted with it. He achieved greatness through hard work, discipline and prudent management of limited resources. Despite his high social and economic status, he still cherishes these principles, which brought him to limelight. Little wonder his company has continued to expand at an unbelievable speed.

Alhaji Garkida is the Chairman and Managing Director, Garkida Press Limited. He started his working career in 1957 with the Northern Region during the Nigerian Cameroonian Plebiscite. He worked as a transport officer for six years. In 1963, he joined the Nigeria Police Force. While in service, he developed a passion for printing.

In 1970, he left Nigeria Police force for the Nigeria Air Force and for nine years he served his nation's aviation industry successfully. Even at this, his passion for printing grew stronger and compelling. By the time he left the force and went into private practice, the best option for him was printing. He immediately established a first-class printing press in Maiduguri with the "Small Industries Credit Facility" he got. That was the genesis of Garkida Press Limited, which is today a

## Hon. (Alh.) Sani Garkida

leading name in Nigerian printing industry.

Garkida Press Limited has built an excellent reputation for itself, on both local and international fronts. It has expanded into various markets such as Chad, Niger, Benin Republic and Cameroon. Its strong determination to keep pace with the constantly changing world of printing has provided the impetus for growth.

When Honourable Sani established Garkida Press in the early 70s, the main business activity was simple prints with platen and Heidelberg Kord 64. In 1990, the company reached a turning point and broadened its horizons by establishing an ultra-modern industrial press in Abuja.

Alhaji Garkida has not deviated one bit from his focus despite the speedy growth of the company. His vision of providing quality prints to his teeming customers and contribution to the industrial development of the Nation has remained the driving force of Garkida Press Limited.

Honourable Sani Garkida was born on July 13, 1937 at his hometown, Garkida, Gombi Local Government Area of Adamawa State. He attended his primary school at Garkida. In 1979, he represented Gombi Federal Constituency of Old Gongola State in the Federal House of Representatives under the National platform of Nigeria, NPN platform. After much participation in government, he left politics. He is the National Vice President of the Association of Professional Printers of Nigeria (ASSPPON).

Alhaji Garkida was honoured by the Nigerian University Association of Management and Business Studies, NUAMBS, University of Abuja chapter in 2004 as the Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2005 he also won the Institute of Direct Marketing of Nigeria's Award as the Best West Africa's Commercial and Industrial Printer of the Year and the BRIMA Gold Award.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

# CHAPTER

# 7

## Corporate Governance



## Aliko Dangote

operations in Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo. Dangote's businesses include food processing, cement manufacturing, and freight. The Dangote Group dominates the sugar market in Nigeria, as he is the major sugar supplier to the country's soft drink companies, breweries, and confectioners. Dangote has moved from being a trading company to Nigeria's largest industrial group, incorporating Dangote Nigeria Ltd, Dangote Textile Mills Ltd, Dangote Holdings, Dana Foods, Dangote Farm Ltd, to mention a few. Highly connected in business and political circles, Dangote has since built a vast business empire with interests in rice, sugar, flour, salt processing, oil and gas, cement, manufacturing, textiles, real estate, road transport and food and beverages.

Dangote played a prominent role in the funding of former president Olusegun Obasanjo's re-election campaign in 2003, to which he contributed funds running into millions of naira.

Dangote, CEO of Dangote Group is known for his insatiable lust for business acquisition, as he constantly strives to outdo himself in adding ailing companies to his shopping basket. In his characteristic acquisition pursuits, Dangote purchased the majority shares in Port Harcourt and Kaduna refineries. The sale of the refineries was later reversed by the new administration of President Umaru Yar'Adua.

Aliko Dangote's 334<sup>th</sup> position as the richest man in the world automatically makes him the richest African with an estimated networth of \$3.3 billion in the latest Forbes Annual World's Billionaires Ranking released recently. Dangote, who started out at the age of 21 with actually the sum of N500,000 loan from his uncle in 1977, got his big break during the cement import licence regime in the late 1970s.

He has been bestowed with several awards including Zik Prize for Professional Leadership; Most Respected CEO of The Year by Price Water House Coopers/*Businessday*; Entrepreneur of the Year, This Day Awards 2006 to mention a few. In addition to all of this, Dangote is a two-time National Award recipient of *Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON)* and *Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON)*.

**A**liko Dangote is one of Nigeria's most outstanding business magnet with a knack for excellence in corporate management. As the President of Dangote Industries Limited, DIL, Dangote remains a shrewd businessman whose track record of achievements in corporate Nigeria is yet to be beaten.

Born on April 10, 1957, Aliko Dangote presently runs a conglomerate of multi billion Naira business organizations across the country. He is presently reputed as one of the world's richest men having been placed the 334<sup>th</sup> position in the club of the richest. This is certainly not a surprise to many Nigerians who have watched Aliko rise to the top from a small beginning.

Aliko Dangote was born into a family of traders in Kano State of Nigeria and he picked up the traits and nurtured it to fruition. In retrospect, he began his career as a business associate at Alhassan Dantata & Sons where he was from 1970-1977. It was in 1977 he received a small sum of money from an uncle. He used this capital to buy commodities, which he later sold and reinvested the proceeds. From this he opened up into building materials and from there he has not ceased investing and prudently managing his investments, which today show outstanding results.

The Dangote Group was originally a small trading firm founded in 1977, which he successfully turned into a multi-billion naira conglomerate with

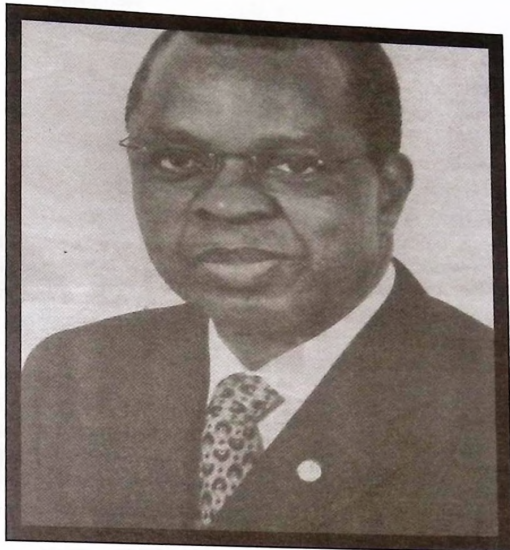
## Raymond Obieri

**R**aymond Obieri is the Chairman of Intercontinental Bank. He has been described in many ways. One, as one that exalts his office above himself. Two, as a man that practically runs his vision and again as one with richly cultured life steeped so much into service to God and humanity to near disregard of self.

Born in Enugu Abor, in Orumba North Local Government Area of Anambra State, Raymond Obieri joined banking immediately after his secondary education having made all his papers while still in class four. He came to Lagos where he started his career in banking in 1964 with the then Bank of British West Africa, which later metamorphosed into First Bank of Nigeria.

Armed with experience in commercial banking services, he rose to the rank of Bills & Credit Manager at First Bank of Nigeria Benin-City Branch. He left First Bank after 12 years to join NAL Merchant Bank in 1976 as Assistant Manager, and rose to the rank of Senior Manager and Head of International Division in 1981. This made him the first Nigerian to head the Foreign Exchange Unit of the Bank. Credit is given to him as the man who spearheaded NAL Merchant Bank's establishment of correspondence banking relationship with over 40 international banks. From NAL Merchant Bank, he moved to First City Finance Company Limited as a Deputy General Manager in 1984, a position he held before founding Summit Finance Company Limited. Dr. Obieri was one of those behind the establishment of Fidelity Union Bank Limited where he served on its board before resigning to form Intercontinental Merchant Bank Limited with three others in February 1989. He has not really left banking ever since in spite of the fact that he has retired after almost four decades in the industry.

There are few living Nigerians who would be rightly pointed out as authorities in banking with Dr. Obieri's insight and understanding of the dynamics of the



industry. Many bank chiefs are said to revere and look forward to any opportunity to either sit close to him in the airplane, a social gathering or even at church just to sniff-off from the reservoir of knowledge from him.

However, Obieri's quiet nature makes him scarce for people to really access him though those close to him say he is the most accommodating man anyone could think of. He is said to loathe anything that will attract praises to him. His pedigree in the banking sector spans over 40 years having retired from active banking after 38 years, his advisory role however could be seen in the making of what many have described as Africa's banking 'miracle' of the century; Intercontinental Bank Plc, where he is the Chairman. Dr. Obieri reminds one of that wonderful saying by Lao-Tsu that "I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second is frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; and avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among them. That was exactly what Obieri did that helped him to successfully meander through the bumps till he got to the top.

Dr. Raymond Obieri is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, London (1974) and Nigeria. He is also a member of the Nigerian Institute of

Management. He was awarded a honorary doctorate degree in Business Administration by the University of Nigeria, Nsukka where he is a distinguished alumnus. He attended the International Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland. He was at Midland Bank Plc UK where he trained in International banking in 1981. Dr. Obieri's contribution to the emergence of Intercontinental Bank Plc as Africa's fastest growing bank in the world cannot be overemphasized. He is an extraordinary leader and one of the most sought after voices in the banking industry.

Dr. Obieri was the immediate past President of the Council of the Nigerian Stock Exchange; Chairman of Summit Finance Company Limited, Chairman Harmony Trust and Investment Company limited. He is a Director, Intercontinental Capital Markets Limited, Intercontinental Securities Limited and WAPIC Insurance Company Limited.

Dr. Obieri has in the last 10 years made philanthropic gestures identifying with the needs of individuals and institutions across the country. He single handedly built for his community an ultra

modern secondary school. He also built a N30 million Computer complex for the University of Nigeria, Nsukka which comprises of 106 computer units and two giant generating sets. This philanthropic gesture has put the computer ratio in the University to 200 students to one computer from the hitherto 400 students to one computer. Intercontinental Bank, where he occupies the chairmanship position, has one of the best Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policies in this country. A reliable source puts the amount his bank committed to the education sector alone on award of scholarships at both secondary and tertiary levels as well as the building of ultra-modern multi-floored hostels, classroom blocks and auditorium for students in several universities under its Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) projects to over N1 billion.

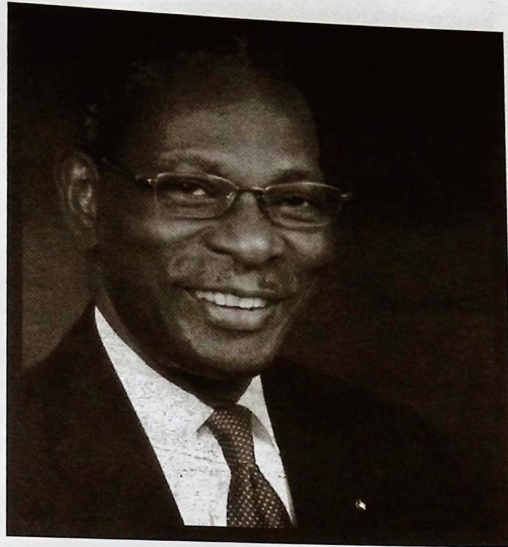
Dr. Obieri has personally given scholarship to many indigent students across the country. He also established the Living Fountain Foundation, a charity organisation founded to bring succour to abandoned and orphaned children and infants of the poorest of the poor children in Nigeria.

## Chief Gamaliel Onosode

Chief Gamaliel Onosode is well known for his sense of administration, resource management and strategic approach to economic planning, while his advice has been instrumental to much of the economic policies embarked upon both by Nigeria and Delta State economic planners. Chief Onosode is a chartered stockbroker, financial consultant and reputable economist.

Born on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1933 in Sapele, he started his career as a management trainee with Commonwealth Development Corporation between 1957 and 1960. He became Executive Assistant to the Regional Controller of the agency from 1960 to 1961. He was with the Northern Nigeria Investment Limited from 1961 to 1962 as Relief Manager and Secretary, and thereafter, Nigerian Housing Development Society Limited, (now Federal Mortgage Bank) as Assistant General Manager in 1962. He left for Investment Company of Nigeria Limited which later became Nigeria Industrial Development Bank (NIDB), as Investment Executive while he rose to become the company's Secretary in 1964 and Assistant General Manager (administration) in 1965. He was Director, Investment Company of Nigeria Securities Limited between 1962 and 1965; Investment Manager, Financial Holding Nigeria Limited; later, Director from 1968 to 1970, Deputy Chairman from 1974 to 1978; Chairman, Cadbury Nigeria PLC 1978 to 1993; Director of NAL Merchant Bank PLC from 1969 to 1979; Director, NAL Securities Limited, 1966 to 1979 and Director, Phillip Hill Nominees Limited, from 1966 to 1979.

He has also been appointed into different panels and committees. He was a member of Public Services Review Commission from 1972 to 1974; appointed Member, Financial System Review Committee, 1976; Council Member, Bayero University College (now Bayero University) Kano, 1975 to 1980; Chairman, Council of Nigerian Institute of Management, 1979 to



1982; Presidential Adviser Budget Affairs; Director of Budget, 1983; Chairman, Federal Military Government Projects Review Committee, 1984; Chairman, Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Limited 1989 to 1990; Chairman, Commerce Bank Plc 1989 to 1994; Chairman, General Assembly of Bank Chairmen 1993 to 1994; Chairman and Chief Executive, Intercommerce and Consulting Associates Limited; Director, Alcan Aluminum Nigeria Limited since 1962; Director, Amber Trust Company Limited; Director, Axholme Nominees Limited since 1970; Director, Baraka Press and Publishers Limited; Chairman, CFAO Nigeria PLC; Director, Crusader Insurance Company (Nigeria) Plc; Director, Fag Africana Services Limited; and a host of others.

Chief Onosode was appointed Editorial Consultant, Nigerian Stockbroker Limited since 1979; Director Roche Nigeria Limited; Director Sab Nigeria Limited; Director, Van Leer Containers Nigeria Limited; Executive Chairman, Inter-Continental Airlines Limited from 1985 to 1986; Representative Member, Nigeria Stock Exchange;; Director and Chairman, Park Land Estates Limited; Chairman, Nigeria Stock Exchange Investors Protection Fund since 1995; Chairman, Pharez Limited since 1995; member, Endowment Fund Investment Committee, University of Ibadan, Trustee member, Onosode Memorial Trust; Chairman, Steering Committee of

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Niger-Delta Environmental Survey since 1995; Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council University of Uyo since 1997. He is Pastor of Adelabu Street Baptist Church, Surulere Lagos (now Good News Baptist Church) since 1984; Member of Board of Governors of Reagan Memorial Baptist Girls High School, Lagos.

He was appointed Treasurer Kings College Parents and Teachers' Association, 1964 to 1967; Member, Federal Scholarship Advisory Board, between 1973 and 1976; Chairman, Global Mission of Nigerian Baptist Convention, since 1998; Fellow, Economic Development Institute of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 1964; Fellow, the Institute of Directors of London, since 1966; Founding Member, Nigerian Institute of Management; Life member, Nigerian Institute for International Affairs and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria since 1983.

Chief Onosode has some publications to his credit including "The Decades of Development Crisis in Nigeria", (1994); The Search for a Man and a

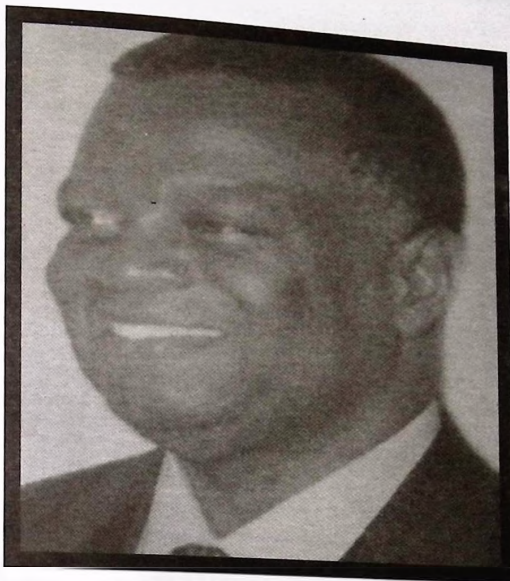
Nation Under Siege" (1993), and "The Politics of Managing People, Prospects and Poverty: the role of the University". (1990).

He has won many honours in appreciation of his immeasurable contribution to humanity. These include the "State Scholar" of the University College Ibadan, (now University of Ibadan) award, between 1952 and 1957; "College Scholar", University College, 1954 and 1957; and Departmental and Faculty Price of the University College Ibadan in 1954. He was elected Cambridge University Jebb Scholar in 1957; Roll of Honour Mellanby Hall of the University of Ibadan in 1982; Nigeria Institute of Management, Abebe Medal in 1984; Honourary Doctor of Science Award (*Honoris Causa*) of the Obafemi Awolowo University in 1990; Honourary Doctor of Science Award (*Honoris Causa*) of the University of Benin, Benin City in 1995, and distinguished, Alumnus of University of Ibadan Alumni Association Award, Delta State Chapter in 1995. Chief Gamaliel Onosode is a socialite and a member of the Metropolitan Club.

## Rasheed Gbadamosi

**B**ORN December 7, 1943, Rasheed Gbadamosi hails from Ikorodu in Lagos State. He had his education at the Methodist Boys High School Lagos from 1956 to 1960, City of Westminster College, London From 1961 to 1963, University of Manchester, UK, from 1963 to 1967 and University of New Hampshire, USA, from 1967-1969.

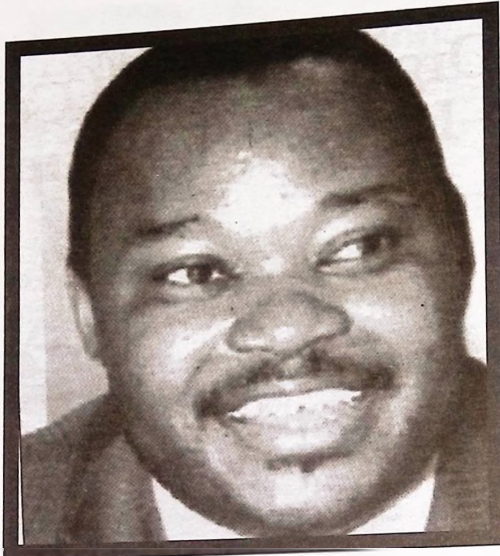
Dr. Rasheed Abiodun is chairman of Petroleum Products Price Regulatory Agency (PPRA), A London trained economist, author and playwright; Gbadamosi has played a leading role in the Nigerian economy over the years. He was appointed commissioner for economic development and establishments, Lagos State at the age of 26. In 1999, he was appointed the minister of national planning during the General Abdulsalami Abubakar (rtd) regime. He started his working career as a manager with Ayinla and Oyesola Ltd., a major NTC distributor, from 1969-1971 and manager, Ikorodu Trading Company Ltd, from 1971 to 1973. he has been on the board of many companies and parastatals such as the National Electric Power Authority (now Power Holding Company of Nigeria, PHCN) from 1976-1979. he was also elected as a member of the Constitution Drafting Committee from 1976 to 1977, Study Group on Industrial Policies in 1984, Committee of Investigation into Counter-Trade, 1985, and Committee on Restructuring of the Managing and Operations of the Nigerian Railway Corporation 1999. he is the chairman of Both Rabaka Grosbo Works Ltd and Ragolis Water Ltd. he was at one time on the board of Commercial & Scientific



Computing Nigeria Ltd, Vono Products Plc, Tolaram Clay Bricks (Nigeria) Ltd., BHN Plc and Syndicated Metal Industries Ltd.

He served as chairman Nigerian Industrial Development Bank Ltd, from 1986 to 1994, and the National Committee oin Industrial Development (Industrial Masterplan Project) from 1989-1998.

For his literary pursuits, he has received several national and international awards as a result of his meritorious contribution to the world of arts, culture and industry. Some of his published works are, Trees Grow in the Desert, Children of Two Wars, Behold My Redeemer, Echoes from the Lagoon and over 30 short stories, and numerous papers and essays on political and economic issues.



## Jimoh Ibrahim

Monetary Fund (IMF) on tax reforms in Croatia and Etonia. He was also part of the Harvard team that went to Bangladesh to build the tax reforms. With seven lawyers in his Law and Justice Chambers, he practised law for six years, appearing in various courts from the Magistrates' to the Supreme Court. He authored *Indigenous Governance in Nigeria* and published two volumes on Mohammed Bello.

He was a special adviser to the first military administrator of Bayelsa State, a member of the exclusive Federation Account Allocation Committee and was chairman of FAAC News, the first monthly magazine that published the activities of that committee. He was executive secretary, African Centre for Policy Studies; consultant to various bodies and multilateral institutions; he is chairman, Global Fleet Companies and Group Managing Director, NICON Group

In his desire to eradicate poverty and the suffering of his people, he contested for the governorship of Ondo State under the platform of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in 2003 and lost to Olusegun Agagu. Global Fleet Oil and Gas came as a result of his political experience.

Jimoh Ibrahim has contributed so much to the growth of the Nigerian economy. He has greatly expanded his business interests to include hospitality, telecommunication, banking, real estate, block making, carpentry, industrial drycleaning, roofing tiles, insurance, etc. his 70 percent (N46 billion) equality stake in NICON during the privatization period is still the talk of the town. He also staked a claim in the purchase and control of Executive Airlines Services (EAS), an airline operator which was changed to NICON Airways. The NICON Group now has 11 subsidiaries: Nicon Properties ; Nicon Energy; Nicon Academy; Nicon Trustee; Nicon Insurance; Nicon Investment; Nicon PFA; Nicon Hotels; Nicon Saotome; Nicon Airways and Nicon United Kingdom.

Jimoh Ibrahim, who built his business empire by borrowing from banks and paying back without defaulting, advised the youths and those going into business to simply be prepared. Ibrahim is certainly a study in corporate governance in Nigeria.

**B**orn as the fourth child in Alhaji Yakubu and Omofemiwa Jimoh's polygamous family in Igbotako in Okitipupa, Ondo State descendants of Idogun Tibogi family in Osooro Ikale Kingdom Jimoh Ibrahim's story is what could rightly be described as grass to grace. His father, who had seven wives and 40 children, is a bricklayer and his mother a fish seller.

He had his early education at Community Grammar School, Igbotako, and from there to Federal School of Arts and Science; Ondo. It was at this school he became a Christian. He proceeded to study Law at Lagos State University and later changed to Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, in Osun State, for a degree in International Law and Master's in Public Administration. He also obtained a Master's degree in Economics and International Tax at Harvard University.

As a little child, Jimoh dreamt of being famous, to become a successful person, to become one of the celebrated people in the world, to become renowned among his colleagues and to become someone that would contribute to mankind. It was reported that he loved living "big" right from when he was in the village. Then, whenever he made money from petty contracts, he would buy milk and beverage, and after drinking them, he would use the empty tins to decorate his room.

He worked as a consultant to the International

## Mrs Farida Waziri

**M**rs Farida Waziri is the new Economic and Financial Crimes Commission boss. She came into office a few months ago following the redeployment of the Commission's Director of Operations, Ibrahim Lamorde who was the helmsman in an acting capacity after the tactical withdrawal of the former EFCC Chairman Nuhu Ribadu.

In view of the impeccable records left behind by Farida Waziri when she served in the Nigeria Police Force, there has certainly been no question about her suitability, professional competence and qualification for the service.

Farida Waziri retired from the Police service in the year 2000 as an Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) after putting in 35 years of meritorious service. Farida holds two degrees in Law, LL.B and LL.M from the University of Lagos, a BL from the Nigerian Law School and an M.Sc. in Strategic Studies obtained from the University of Ibadan.

Farida Waziri is a graduate of the National War College, Abuja, she once headed the police anti-fraud unit between 1996 and 1999. She also had the enviable record of joining the police with a primary six certificate and on leaving she had obtained several degrees including two Master's degrees. Armed with these qualifications and the vast experiences she had garnered over the years while in service, Farida

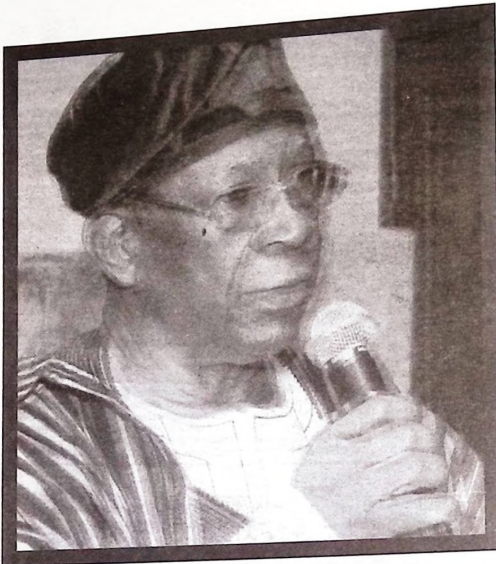


commenced her journey as the EFCC Chairman with zeal and great determination to fight economic crimes and corruption.

Farida Waziri is very much acquainted with the demands of state policy, she has equally stated to the admiration of all that her administration would not have sacred cows. This is no doubt, the desire of many Nigerians to have someone who would not spare any of those sabotaging economic development through financial misappropriation, mismanagement, brazen embezzlement, fraud or other forms of financial rascality.

Farida Waziri as the new chairman of EFCC believes the anti-graft war requires her and her team to be diligent, focused, committed and proactive so as to discharge their duties effectively.

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## Michael Ade Ojo

with Toyota as the main product. In June 1973, the company was formally incorporated as Elizade Nigeria Limited. This was followed with the opening of branches in key business centers of Port Harcourt and Abuja apart from the two Lagos outlets. In May 1975, the company commissioned its corporate Headquarters, Elizade Toyota Plaza a six storey purpose-built edifice situated on Ikorodu Road, Lagos.

Today, the company, which Ade Ojo started with just one support staff in 1971 has become a giant with several subsidiaries including Toyota Nigeria Limited, Oodua Creations Limited, Crown and Gold Shipping Company Limited among others. In addition, he is the chairman of various companies including Moorhouse Sofitel Limited, Imperial Telecommunications Limited and Custodian & Allied Insurance Company Limited. Chief Michael Ade Ojo is an ardent supporter of education. He set up the Ade Ojo Scholarship Scheme in 1991 under which more than 70 indigent students have so far benefited.

**C**hief (Dr) Michael Ade Ojo was born on June 14, 1938. He spent his early years in his hometown, Ilara Mokin in Ondo State, Nigeria. He attended St. Michael's Anglican Primary School Ilara Mokin. In 1954, he proceeded to Imade College Owo, also in Ondo State for his secondary education, after which he was offered admission to study business administration at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where he met his wife. He was one of the pioneer students of the university and he graduate in 1965.

After his university education, he joined CFAO Motors (which had sponsored him in his last two years in the university) as assistant sales manager in January 1965 and moved to the civil service in 1967 as an inspector of taxes at the Federal Inland Revenue Department (FIRD). He left in 1967 after which he joined British Petroleum (B) now African Petroleum Plc, where he worked for three years, before leaving to set up Elizade.

This was at a time when it was considered insanity to leave the certainty of a colonial job for the uncertainty of private enterprise. The result was the establishment of a small family business (with his wife) now known as Elizade Nigeria Limited. The name "Elizade"-coined from Elizabeth, his wife's first name and Ade, his own middle name instantly struck him as a viable company name.

The Elizade Group has expanded quickly

Under Chief Ade Ojo's dynamic leadership, his company, Elizade Nigeria Limited has also won several awards, among which are Marketing Achievement Award in 1990 and 1992, by Toyota Motor Corporation, Japan, Best Parts Improvement Award, 1994 presented by Toyota Motor Corporation Japan, Best Motor Dealer of the Year 1990/91 presented by Right N Wheeler, The Four Topmost Awards of Toyota Nieria Limited, 2006 i.e. Best Dealer in Sales Performance, Best Dealer in After Sales Delivery.

Chief Michael Ade Ojo is a philanthropist and has contributed tremendously to the well being of the underprivileged in the society. He constructed a N10 million gate for the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He also donated a coaster bus worth N7.5 million to Archbishop Vinning Memorial Church in Nigeria. He single handedly embarked on and completed a major community development project worth N205 million; the 8.5k Ilara Mokin township road in Ondo State in Nigeria. He is also solely involved in the construction of a polytechnic, Elizade Polytechnic, Ilara Mokin, which is aimed at giving the average Nigerian child qualitative education.

# **CHAPTER**

# **8**

**Law and Justice Administration**

## Michael K. Aondoakaa



**C**hief Michael Kaase Aondoakaa, Senior Advocate of Nigeria was born on Tuesday June 12, 1962. He hails from Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State

Young Kaase Started School at the Local Government Education Area Primary School, Genbagwa from where he proceeded to St. Gabriel's Secondary School, Makurdi. After obtaining the West African School Certificate in 1979, he gained admission to study law at the University of Maiduguri. With a law degree in 1985, Mr. Aondoakaa entered the Nigerian Law School and graduated in 1986 thus becoming a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

He did his National Youth Service as Company Secretary to Meikos Nigeria Ltd, Lagos and worked briefly as a Junior Partner with J. Tine Tur & Co., Gboko before establishing his own chambers as a Senior Partner in M. K. Aondoakaa & Co.

He was an executive committee member of the Nigerian Bar Association and was once the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman of the Makurdi Branch of the Association

In his 21 years of private legal practice he has handled several landmark cases on civil and criminal matters and both electoral and legislative matters. Notable among the cases are those handled Pro bono, namely: 1. Suit No. SC/84/2005. Nen-Gen Shande vs The State in which the Supreme Court changed the tenor of the Defence of Provocation earlier narrowed to immediate and sudden to include continuous and consistent provocation. June 2005 and 2. SC/246/2005 DSP Godspower Nwankwoala and 1 other vs The State: The Supreme Court while upholding the principle of common intention held that Police Officers that set out for lawful patrol but engage in illegal activities will be individually held accountable for their actions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Appellant, which he represented, was discharged and acquitted by the Supreme Court for having not engaged in illegal action.

Chief Aondoakaa has been Counsel to Gombe State Independent National Electoral Commission in

2003; Counsel, Consultant and Solicitor to House Committee on Communications (Investigation/Verification of the Documentation on the pentascope International BV Private Ltd Management Contract with NITEL)

He was Solicitor to the following Companies: Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation for the recovery of failed Bank Debts; Nigeria Industrial Development Bank now Bank of Industry; Benue Cement Company; Benue State Ministry of Commerce & Industry; Tarku Mills Ltd Tarku Benue State; Bank of the North (now Unity Bank Plc); Oceanic Bank International Plc; Union Bank of Nigeria Plc and was Retainer/Solicitor & Legal Adviser to Ushongho Local Government Area.

Chief Aondoakaa has attended general short Courses related to Legal Practice, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Democratic Governance and Investment Analysis.

A concerned Nigerian who has the interest of the poor at heart, Mr. Aondoakaa developed and donated 5 motorized boreholes to various communities in Ushongho Local Government Area; provided Scholarships to indigent children on an ongoing basis and has offered free legal service for community causes.

As the Hon. Attorney-General he has consistently maintained that justice for all irrespective of means is achievable in Nigeria and in that regard, no

Nigerian is above the law in the contest of the Rule of Law which is a cardinal principle of the present Government in Nigeria.

His love for the poor was highlighted when after watching the drama of the travails of the awaiting trial inmates presented on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria he shed tears and could not imagine that Nigerians go through such humiliations just

because they lacked the money to access justice and took a decision there and then to lend his weight to the cause of the poor in prison custody and support the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria in achieving its mandate.

The Attorney General of the Federation who is married with children likes reading, travelling, current affairs and music.

**Anyim Pius Anyim,**  
LL.B, LL.M, GCON

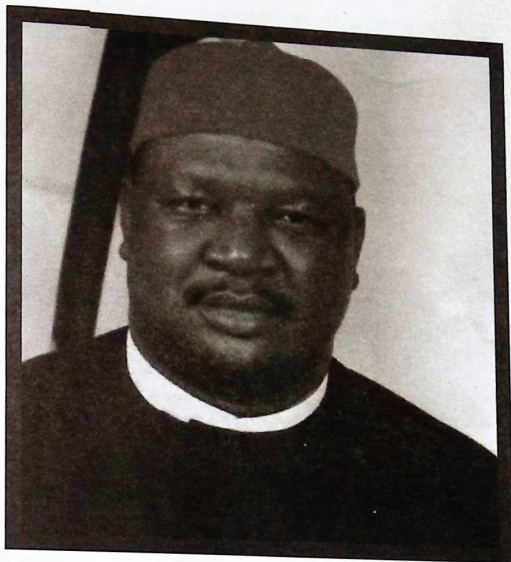
**B**orn on February 19, 1961, at Ishiagu, Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State of Nigeria, Senator Anyim Pius Anyim, LL.B., LL.M. GCON, is a distinguished legal luminary and a stickler for excellence. His illustrious legal practice began in 1987 after obtaining his LL.B (Hons) Degree from Imo State University (which is now known as Abia State University), Okigwe. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1989. He later obtained the LL.M degree from the University of Jos.

Anyim Pius Anyim also holds a Certificate on International Commercial Arbitration; Certificate on Criminal Liabilities of Public Enterprises and United Nations Emergency Management Certificate.

From 1989 to 1997 he was Legal Adviser, Directorate of Social Mobilisation (MAMSER) Headquarters in Abuja. He also held the position of Head Protection Department, National Commission for Refugees Headquarters Abuja between 1992 and 1997. Other positions of responsibility held by the distinguished Senator included Registrar, Refugee Appeal Board. Perhaps the most challenging aspect of the Senator's career is his involvement in the management of reputable companies within and outside Nigeria where he sits on the Board as Chairman.

His wealth of experience in legal matters coupled with high-level exposure to corporate governance saw him rising to become a veritable instrument to be reckoned with in the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He was the elected President of the Senate from August 2000 to June 2003. Anyim is arguably one of the most creditable politicians in Nigeria who can be trusted to move the nation forward. He shocked many when he turned down invitation to run for a second term in the Senate, something that most people would have gladly cherished or even coveted.

In recognition of his distinguished service to the Nigeria in particular and to Africa in general, Distinguished Senator Anyim Pius Anyim has been conferred with numerous honours and awards..



beginning with the award of Best Corp Member during his National Youth Service days in Sokoto State in 1989, Anyim was elected Fellow of the Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management, this was followed with the award of Fellow of the Nigerian Environmental Society in quick succession. He further received the Distinguished Alumnus Award by Nigerian Foundation Inc., Houston Texas, United States of America; this was followed with the National Productivity Order of Merit Award (NPOM).

The awards continues to flow in and his devotion to the Christian faith earned the conferment of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) in Theology by the Baptist Seminary and Theological Institute, Ogbomosho, Oyo State of Nigeria. He also bagged a Doctor of Science Degree (Honoris Causa) in Public Administration by the Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State, Nigeria. To cap all these up, Distinguished Senator Anyim Pius Anyim was conferred with the Honour of Grand Commander of the Order of Niger GCON which is the Second Highest National Honour in Nigeria.

In the United States of America, Anyim received the Outstanding Leadership and dedicated Public Service Award presented to him by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Atlanta Chapter, USA. He further received *The Most Outstanding Elected Officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Republic of Nigeria* by the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Memorial Youth Association of

## NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO

Nigeria.

Anyim's excellent service to humanity continues to receive recognition in and around Africa and beyond. He has vowed to continue to give of his best to humanity. He is the Life Patron, Law Students Association (LAWSA) Abia State University Okigwe, Nigeria; Life Patron, Oyiri Ugo Foundation, Amoye Ishiagu; and Grand Patron, Society for International Development (SID) Abuja Chapter.

Other awards bagged by the Distinguished Senator include:

1. Conferred with the prestigious chieftaincy title of *Oshimiri Ishiagu* by the ancient traditional stool of the Ishiagu Community Ebonyi State, Nigeria
2. Fellowship of the Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Osun State
3. Ambassador of the Kingdom, by Assemblies of God Nigeria, General Council
4. Epitome of Peace & Dignity, Women's World Summit Foundation with the Committed Advocates for Sustainable Development in Advancement
5. Member of the Institute of Directors,

Nigeria, M.Inst.D

6. Exemplary Leader, Student Union Government, University of Nigeria

Finally, it is noteworthy to state that Senator (Dr) Anyim Pius Anyim GCON is a devout Christian; a distinguished Statesman; and an active member of the Nigerian Bar Association. He is married to Chioma Blessing Anyim and both have two sons and a daughter. He is widely traveled and has attended several courses, seminars and conferences locally and internationally. His leisure interests are farming, swimming and reading.

His career and political profile is well documented in several National and International Who Is Who and Biographic Compendium such as 2000 *Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*; *Who is Who in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*; *Order of Excellence*; *Who is Who in Nigerian Politics*, etc. He has delivered numerous papers and lectures at seminars, workshops and conferences both nationally and internationally. His new book titled "*The Challenges of Democratisation in Nigeria*" will soon be published.

Senator (Dr) Anyim Pius Anyim, GCON is being conferred with the prestigious *Nigerian Who's Who Merit Award in Management Intelligence* in recognition of his immense contribution toward the development of the African continent

## Chief Gani Fawehinmi

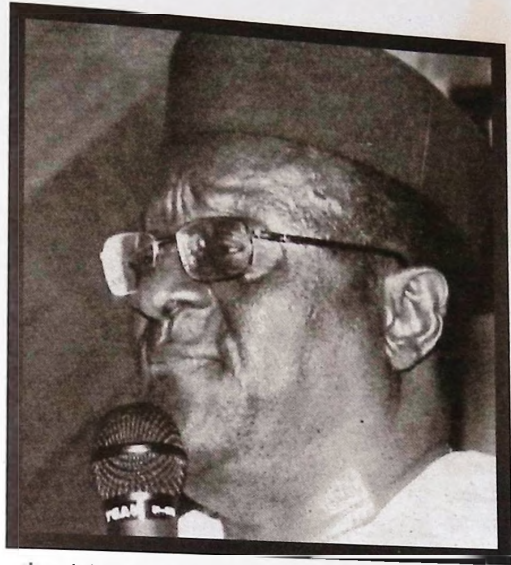
Whether you call him the voice of the voiceless and down trodden, defender of the oppressed; or whether you refer to him as an unignorable thorn in the flesh of an oppressive regime, you are referring to the same person, Nigeria's number one social enigma, a phenomenon of a kind, and an incurable crusader of the people's liberation and empowerment Chief Ganiyu Oyesola Fawehinmi.

Chief Ganiyu Fawehinmi, popularly called Gani for short, was born on Friday April 22 1938 to Chief Saheed Tugbobo Fawehinmi and Alhaja Muniratu Fawehinmi of Ondo in the South Western state of Ondo in Nigeria.

Born to a very successful timber merchant father, who also loved education, Gani started his primary education in his home town in 1947 at Ansar-Ud-Deen Primary School, Iyemaja, Ondo. He had his secondary education at Victory College Ikare, in present day Ekiti State between 1954 and 1958, where he sat for and passed his West African School Certificate Examination.

It would appear that the Principal of Victory College Rev. Akinrele had discovered very early in Gani, a strong flair for the legal profession. The late clergyman wrote a letter to Gani's father, on December 8, 1959, advising him to study law. Even in those high school days, Gani's strong passion for national legal and political affairs won him the appellation or nickname of "Nation". It was not, therefore, surprising when the young Gani took his first job after college as a Clerk in the High Court, Lagos. About two years later, on April 29, 1961, he traveled to England where he enrolled in the Holborn College of Law for the LLB degree of the University of London, in September the same year.

Gani's higher education was not however smooth. Misfortune struck in his part two of the three-year degree programme. His father died on February 5 1963, resulting in a total dry-up of his dependent source of finance. All efforts to secure financial help failed. That situation forced him to drop out of Holborn College as a full time student, and took a full



time job as a toilet cleaner in Russel Square Hotel in Southampton Row, London, and worked also as a sweeper in the old Gatwick airport between February 1963 and August 1964

For parts 2 and 3 of the LL.B degree programme he did self-tutoring, sat for and passed without any major obstacle. Through thick and thin, he graduated, received LL.B early September 1964. Gani Fawehinmi returned to Nigeria fully armed mentally and psychologically to fight the monster of oppression and social deprivation. In his single luggage homebound contained a pair of trousers, three shirts, one pair of shoes, two pants, two singlets, two pairs of socks and two singlets, two suites of the lowest quality and cost.

For what he suffered, Gani has put his life on line, defied pains and sold his sweat to buy the joy of the oppressed and deprived. Chief Ganiyu Oyesola Fawehinmi, is one man who in his single life time has known more detention camps and prisons in Nigeria than any other Nigerian. His series of incarcerations was not unconnected to the fact that Gani has neither a permanent friend nor enemy. His only permanent and incurable love is for justice and defense of the poor and weak.

For his fierce and fearless anti oppression crusade, Gani has been detained in various police cells across Nigeria more than 32 times; he has served various prison terms in federal prisons about 13 times

and has been brutally assaulted by agents of government 5 times and in several cases has had a close shave with death. In spite of all these he has remained undaunted and as vigorous as ever. In May 2002, a member of the Killer Squad raised by the late Nigeria's dictator Sanni Abacha, testified how the squad was drafted to kill Chief Gani Fawehinmi.

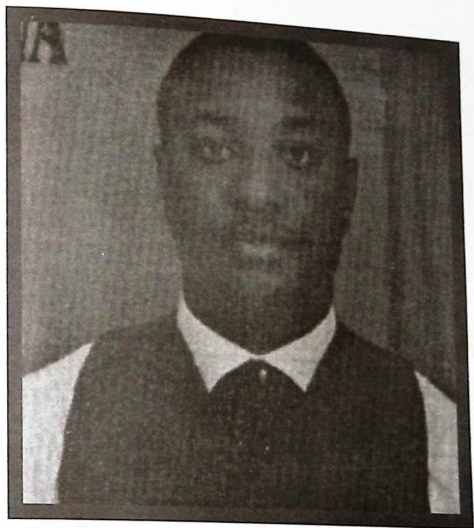
Gani has given at least 1,500 free legal services to the oppressed and deprived, and 28 times he has used court processes to challenge government excesses. He has awarded scholarships to over 1000 students from various parts of Nigeria and is in the front seat of the crusade

for free education.

In return for all these struggles, the masses of the people of Nigeria were the first to crown him SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE MASSES (SAM) long before he was officially recognized by the authorities in Nigeria as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, SAN.

Chief Gani Fawehinmi is a prolific writer. He is the founder, publisher and editor-in-chief of *Nigerian Weekly Law Reports*, a weekly publication of over 300 pages. Gani is on the side of the people for life. He is a hero.

## Barr. Festus Keyamo



Festus Keyamo is a highly reputable human rights activist and legal luminary with the fearlessness of a hero. Young and promising Festus has become very prominent through his active and fearless legal practice. Well known for his gutsy and assertive touch to legal practice, Festus has been able to make some useful impact in the profession he came into in the year 1993. Having handled issues that could be construed as very controversial, Mr. Keyamo has helped in the development of the legal profession and human rights awareness in Nigeria.

He is a native of Effurun, Uvwie Local Government Area, Delta State. He was born on 21<sup>st</sup> January 1970, in Ughelli where he also had his primary education, at Ottarisi Model Primary School. He attended the Government College, Ughelli between 1981 and 1988 for the General Certificate of Education (GCE) 'O' and 'A' Levels and thereafter, proceeded to Edo State University, (formerly Bendel State University) Ekpoma for the LL.B Degree between 1988 and 1992. He further passed through the Nigeria Law School from where he obtained the Bachelor of Law (LL.B) degree in 1993.

Barr. Festus Keyamo started his working career at the chambers of one of the most renowned human rights activist in Nigeria, Chief Gani Fawehinmi, in Lagos in 1993. In 1995, he quit paid employment. He then opted for private legal practice, leading to the establishment of Festus Keyamo Chambers with him as the principal partner.

In a short period of his practice, Barr. Festus Keyamo has successfully handled a number of cases including the treason trial of Dr. Beko Ransome Kuti. He applied to enforce the fundamental rights of late Ken Saro Wiwa and Chief Frank Kokori (former General Secretary, NUPENG). He was part of the legal team to late chief M. K. O. Abiola, the acclaimed winner of 1993 presidential election and Chief Anthony Enahoro, on their arrest and other NADECO leaders. Barr. Keyamo was prominently involved in the attempt to prosecute Senator Tokunbo Afikuyomi for his criminal involvement years earlier.

In 1994, Barr. Festus Keyamo co-founded the

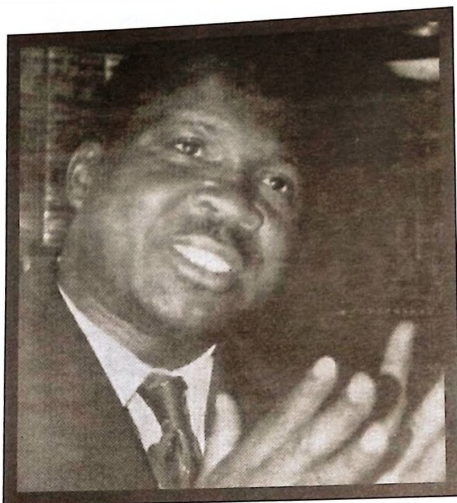
Radical National Conscience Party. He is the founder of Africa Popular Front for Reparation; first northern coordinator, National Conscience Party and national coordinator, Youths Against Misguided Youths (YAMY), set up to challenge the Youths Earnestly Ask for Abacha (YEAA), headed by Daniel Kanu. He is the leader of Freedom Alliance, a non-governmental organisation.

He has been in the forefront of the fight to expose the mysterious assassination and assassins of Chief Bola Ige, the former Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He has been verbally attacked, arrested, paraded like a common criminal, detained and charged with perjury.

Barr. Festus Keyamo holds some awards as a mark of recognition for his role towards development. They include Certificate of Best Lawyer Award by Gani Fawehinmi Chambers in 1994; Meritorious and Excellent Service Award by Positive Force Organisation, Yaba College of Technology in 2003; Certificate of Recognition and Merit Award by Federated Oil Dealers Unions, in 2001; Award of Excellence by Association of Students of English Language, in 2001 and Activist of the Year 2001 Merit Award by University of Jos Students Union Government.

He is a good writer, likes reading, playing football and computer chess.

Festus is happily married and blessed with children.



## Mike Ozekhome

Peter's College, Agenebode, in 1974. Though desiring to read law, he wrongfully applied to study English at the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University). He initially could not attain this goal because the department of English where he was a student, refused to sign him out because they were reluctant to lose one of their best students to another department. However in his third year in English Language Department, Professor Itse Sagay (SAN), of the Faculty of Law, stepped in and pleaded his cause. Though he lost a year owing to his change to law, it seemed like a small price to pay to get his heart's desire. He recalls this decision as the most important and crucial decision in his life as it laid the foundation for what he is today.

**M**ike Ozekhome has been described as an enigma, for want of other words that could correctly describe him. He fights oppression and plays 90 minutes of football; he has a law chambers and a football team. His walls are full of awards, commendations and certificates that attest to a full and satisfying life, yet he can close any dance floor.

Professor Sagay has in his foreword in "Chief Mike A. A. Ozekhome, A Study In Heroic Struggle, Defense of People's Rights, And Dedicated Service to The Nigerian Masses," declared, "in retrospect, it is obvious that Mike had a mission which the law was to be a tool, a weapon, and an instrument, not only for self-actualisation, but more importantly for the promotion of the public interest and the struggle for freedom of the masses from oppression."

Chief Mike Ozekhome was born in the sleepy and rustic village of Iviukwe in Estako East Local Government Area of Edo State. He imbibed early in life the timeless virtues of honesty, hard work, dedication to a just cause, prayerfulness, and a craving for excellence. As a child, he was often found in the thick and thin of brawling children, not as the cause of the quarrel though, but always to engage in physical combat on the side of the weaker. He simply felt impelled by an irresistible force and will to protect the weak and the cheated, and which in later years refined into the passion of a human rights activist and social crusader par excellence.

This pattern has continued all through the years in the life of Chief Mike Ozekhome. When he was posted to the Ministry of Justice in Gongola State for his youth service, he approached the director of the corps and requested transfer to Lagos State because, according to him, "I didn't think I could serve Nigeria in such a quiet place going to court only once a week. There was nothing for me to do and the fire in me could stand in." The director granted his request because, according to him, he had heard every excuse given by corps members to seek transfer to Lagos but he had never seen someone who wanted the transfer so he could serve Nigeria better. On getting to Lagos, he was posted to the Ministry of Justice in Lagos State, but even that did not satisfy him because there was still little or nothing to do. He approached Chief Gani Fawehinmi and told him, "Sir, I want to work." and in accordance with his request the human rights lawyer put him to work and he spent a satisfying year going round Nigeria fighting for the

He believes in destiny backed by God comes to pass when coupled with hard work, noting that no one should fold his arms relying only on the feeling that he has been destined. This belief is precisely what he displays in life.

His genius was first noticed when he beat all his peers to finish first in his primary school, he went on to be the best WASCE graduate from St.

of the oppressed.

When this young Nigerian legal icon discovered there was no collective spirit among those fighting for human rights abuse in Nigeria, he co-founded the Civil Liberties Organisation on October 15, 1987, which led to the proliferation of human rights groups, which fought the various military juntas in Nigeria. Ozekhome believes the need for a more united front led to amalgamation of all these groups to form the Joint Action Committee of Nigeria (JACON), where he was the national vice chairman for publicity and publications.

One would expect a life so busy to have time for little else, but he went on to marry Lady Josephine Emke Ozekhome in what many called the wedding of the decade and formed his own family of seven children, four boys and three girls, which he fondly steers along the pathways of life with passion.

Chief Mike Ozekhome is a family man to the core. Some of his best moments in the world are when he is with his family. He lives his principles and in being true to his principles, democracy is the form of government practiced in his home. Everyone has an input in all decisions that involve the whole of his

family. His wife and children vote on issues of concern and as the Chairman, Ozekhome only votes when there is a tie. Quite interesting any one would say.

Described by peers as a workaholic who derives great satisfaction from attaining new heights of achievement, Ozekhome also considers extra-curricular activities very important in his life. He is very well known as a disco person who combines hard work with recreational activities. He works very hard and plays very hard. He can get on the dance floor at 12 mid-night and remain there until 6am. His most relaxing moments are spent with members of his family. Ozekhome enjoys playing football in the park, being horse-riden by his children, swimming and playing hide and seek or indoor games such as scrabble, ludo, etc. He also spends quality time reading law books and journals during his relaxation.

Mike Ozekhome believes in fairness and justice to all and adherence to the human rights of citizens regardless of social standing and financial influence. It is his continued belief that national issues should be discussed in the interest of the common man and not for selfish gains.



## Hajiya Binta Fatima Nyako

not before completing the mandatory National Youth Service. Of course she did this with Kaduna State Ministry of Justice in 1982-1983 with very satisfactory records. From June 1986 to December Hajiya Binta Fatima Nyako attend a course in Zimbabwe under the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Education Legislative Drafting, Zimbabwe. But besides all these, the high career profile of Her Excellency from a tip of the iceberg is both towering and impressive. She was State Counsel Ministry of Justice Kaduna State from 1983 to 1986; principal legal draftsman, Ministry of Justice, Katsina State, from 1987 to 1989.

**B**orn on 14th May 1959, Hajiya Binta Fatima Murtala Nyako hails from a community called REMAWA in Rimi Local Government Area of Katsina State. A beauty to behold at any time, Hajiya Binta is married to the amiable and highly performing Governor of Adamawa State, Governor Murtala Nyako who hails from Mayo Belwa Local Government Area of Adamawa State

Hajiya is the incumbent First Lady of Adamawa State of Nigeria but also occupies an enviable position in the nation's judiciary as the Justice of the High Court. A peep into her academic pursuits shows a humble but disciplined beginning at the Army Children School, Kaduna where she etched her name among the pupils of the primary school then. This was followed by her education at the Queen's College, Yaba, Lagos where she successfully completed her secondary school education in flying colours.

For her post secondary school education, Hajiya Binta Nyako attended the School of Basic Studies, A.B.U. Zaria between 1976 and 1977 and also had her university education there from 1977 to 1980 where she obtained a Law Degree (LL.B). From 1981 to 1982 she attended the Nigerian Law School Victoria Island, Lagos where she qualified as a barrister at law (B.L). The stage was set for Hajiya to demonstrate her legal skills acquired but

In 1989 she rose to the position of Assistant Director, Legal Drafting Ministry of Justice Katsina State. Her effective display of the mastery of the wig and gown profession at every stage of her career made it possible for her to rise to enviable positions. She was elevated to the position of Solicitor-General, Ministry of Justice, Katsina State in 1989 and served in this capacity till 1993. She became the Director-General Ministry of Agriculture, Katsina State from 1993 to 1994 when she was appointed the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Katsina State in recognition of her shining leadership qualities.

From June 1997 to December Hajiya Binta Nyako was a Member, Election Appeal Tribunal, Katsina State before she decided to go into private legal practice and part-time farming in Yola from 1998 to 2000.

It was in the year 2000 that she was appointed Judge of the Federal High Court a position she occupies till date.

Her Excellency enjoys reading and travelling as her special interest hobbies.

Hajiya Binta Nyako is being conferred with the prestigious NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

# CHAPTER

# 9

## International Diplomacy

## Chief Emeka Anyaoku

Chief Emeka Anyaoku is by every standard, an accomplished international diplomat. Having traveled the world breaking the strong holds of imperialism, apartheid and oppression and associated in restoring peace to various countries within the Commonwealth, an organisation made up of 53 English speaking countries including the United Kingdom, Anyaoku remains today an outstanding internationalist whose illustrious and unblemished career will continue to be a reference point.

Chief Emeka Anyaoku was born on January 18, 1933 in Obosi, Anambra State. He attended the Merchants of Light School in Oba and (as a College Scholar) the University College of Ibadan which was at the time a college of the University of London.

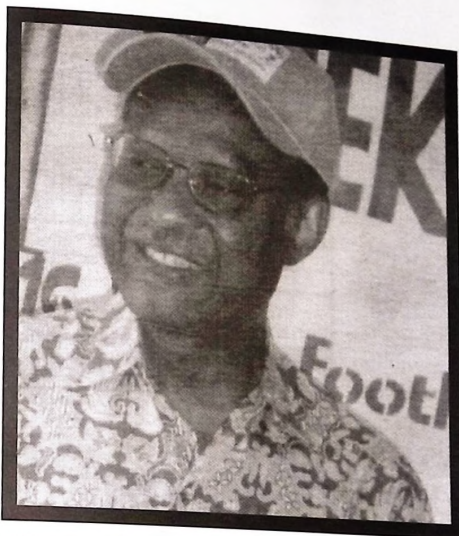
He obtained an honours degree in Classics from the University and later attended specialist courses in the United Kingdom and France.

In 1959, he joined the Commonwealth Development Corporation and, following Nigeria's independence in 1960, he was invited to join his country's diplomatic service. In 1963, he was posted to Nigeria's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

In 1966, shortly after the establishment of the Commonwealth Secretariat, he was seconded to the new organisation at the request of the first Secretary-General, Arnold Smith of Canada, as Assistant Director of International Affairs, later becoming Director.

He became the Assistant Secretary-General in 1975 and two years later, Commonwealth governments elected him Deputy Secretary-General with responsibility for international affairs and the Secretariat's administration.

Then came 1983 when the government of Shahu Shagari called on Anyaoku to become the country's Foreign Minister. On the overthrow of the government by the military at the end of the same year, he returned to his position as Deputy Secretary-General with the support of the new government in Nigeria and the endorsement of all Commonwealth



governments.

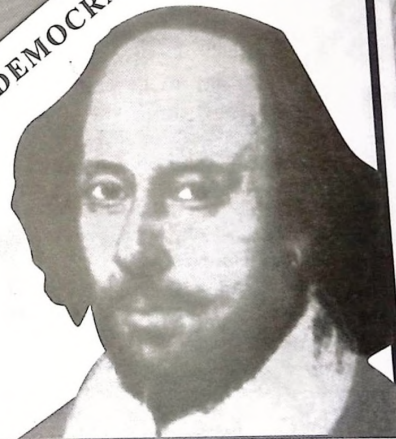
Chief Emeka Anyoku served two five-year terms as the Secretary-General from 1990 to 2000 and his tenure saw tremendous political, social and economic development of the Commonwealth, including the end of the apartheid era in South Africa.

Anyaoku truly has the character and the charisma of a true diplomat cut out by God for service of humanity. He has never let his people down, neither has he let Nigeria down at any point in time. Internationally, Chief Anyaoku is well respected for his candid opinion on any issue facing the African continent or any other member nation of the Commonwealth for that matter. In recognition of his meritorious service to humanity, his people of Obosi, Anambra State, made him a chief. He has equally been given the highest honour by South Africa.

Anyaoku has great passion for football. Frankly, this highly reputed diplomat would have loved to take to football, judging from his love of the sport from early childhood days. He has not given up on his interest in the game as can be seen from his recent donation of a trophy to be competed for by Under-17 players in Lagos. He believes the competition, tagged the Emeka Anyaoku Cup, is his own way of contributing to the development of grass roots football in Lagos.

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## Chief Ojo Maduekwe



Ojo Maduekwe was born on May 6, 1945 at Asaga Obafia in Arochukwu Abia State. He is married and has two sons and two daughters.

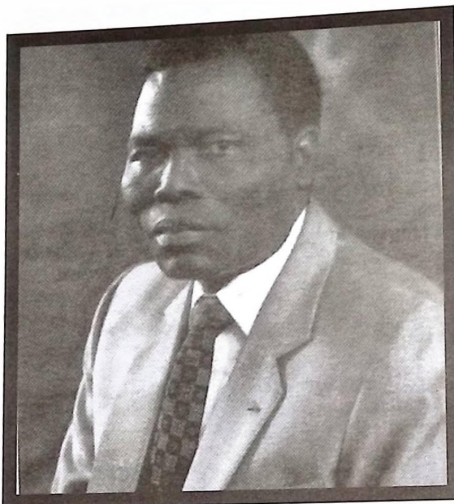
Ojo Maduekwe was educated at Adventist High School, Thie, 1964-1965; Hope Waddell Training Institution, Calabar; University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Nigerian Law School.

He was appointed Assistant Labour Inspector, Federal Ministry of Labour soon after his education. He served as a member, House of Representatives, in 1983. After serving in the House of Representatives, he established his own law firm, Maduekwe and Co, Lagos, where he worked as the Principal Counsel. Ojo is a member of Nigerian Bar Association; member, American Bar Association; member International Bar Association; member, Constituent Assembly, 1988-1989.

Ojo Maduekwe is currently serving the



Federal Republic of Nigeria in the capacity of Foreign Affairs Minister. He is a politician and lawyer who takes active part in the affairs of his party, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).



## Dr. Christopher Kolade

distinguished career in business administration. He is a member, International Institute of Communications since 1968 and President, from 1973-75; member, World Association for Christian Communication, since 1974 and Preesident 1975-82;

Kolade is a board member of CSS Bookshop, Lagos; President, Food, Beverage and Tobacco Employers Association; and President, Nigerian Institute of Management in 1988. He is a member, Metropolitan Club, Lagos; member, Lagos Country Club, Lagos; Organist and Choirmaster, St. Peter's Church, Faji, Lagos.

He was honoured by the University of Sierra-Leone with the conferment of Honourary Doctor of Civil Law (Hon. DCL) in 1976.

It is proper to describe Kolade as a veteran broadcaster, a communication expert and quintessential information disseminator who is nationally and internationally renowned for his business skills and integrity.

Kolade retired at the age of 45 as Director-General of the Nigerian Broadcasting Commission and Joined Cadbury Nigeria Plc as Administration Director before rising to the position of Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer and on to the position of Chairman.

He was one of the visionaries that sowed the seed for the evolution of the prestigious Lagos Business School and Pan African University.

He is Nigeria's outgoing High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, and has recently been appointed Chairman of the board of Directors of Systemspecs whose managing Director is John Tani Obaro.

Ambassador Kolade's hobbies include playing Church music, lawn tennis.

Dr. Christopher Kolade was born on December 28, 1932, at Erin-Oke, Oyo State. Married to Beatrice Egochuku Ukogu in 1978, they have two sons.

Kolade was educated at Emmanuel School, Ado-Ekiti between 1944 and 1945; Government College Ibadan between 1946 and 1951; Fourah Bay College, Sierra-Leone, 1951-1955. Kolade holds a BA degree and has been reputed worldwide as a consummate administrator.

He served the defunct Western Region, 1955 as Education Officer and later as West Regional Controller, Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation (now Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, FRCN) between 1960 and 1963. He was Director of Television, NBC 1963-1968; Director of Programmes, NBC, 1968-1972; Director-General, NBC 1972-78; Administration Director, Cadbury Nigeria Limited 1978; Deputy Managing Director, Cadbury Nigeria Limited, 1982; Managing Director, Cadbury Nigeria Limited 1984-89. He was appointed Chief Executive of Cadbury in June 1989.

Dr. Christopher Kolade has had a

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**Intelligent Leaders**

## Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida

Nigeria's former military president, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida was born on August 17, 1941 in Minna, Niger State. Popularly known as IBB, Babangida was the only military head of state who self-styled himself as President apparently to douse tensions as the people continually clamoured for a democratically elected president during his tenure.

Babangida schooled at Government College, Bida, 1960-1962 before enrolling at the Nigeria Military Training College, Kaduna in 1962-63. He also studied at the India Military School, 1964; the Royal Armoured Centre from January 1966 - April 1966; Advanced Armoured Officers; course at Armoured School from August 1972 - June 1973; Senior Officers course, Command and Staff College, Jaji from January 1977-July 1977, and the Senior International Defence Management Course, Naval Post Graduate School, U.S.A. in 1980.

He joined the Nigerian Army's Officer Corps in 1962, and served in several formations and rose through the ranks. Babangida served as commanding officer during Nigeria's Civil War 1968-70; taught at Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) 1970-72; became lieutenant colonel, 1974; served as regimental commander of Nigerian Army, 1973-75 and as armoured corps commander, 1975-81; took part in the coup d'état that ousted General Yakubu Gowon from office. He became director of Army Staff Duties and Plans, 1981; promoted to major general, 1983; and engineered a coup that ousted former President Shehu Shagari and installed the government of Major General Mohammed Buhari; appointed as chief of army staff by Buhari 1984; served on the Supreme Military Council, 1984-85. He ousted Buhari in a bloodless coup in 1985; assumed presidency and



made himself commander-in-chief of Nigeria's Armed Forces, August 27, 1985; instituted various political and economic reforms; drew up plan for the return to democratic rule; allowed two political parties to be established for national elections; declared himself minister of defense, 1990.

Under the leadership of General Babangida (Rtd), the presidential elections of June 12 1993 was annulled, as a result of which Babangida decided to quit the office of the president, declaring he stepped aside. He retired from the army on August 27, 1993 leaving behind a weak Interim National Government led by Ernest Shonekan.

Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida became interested in politics and embraced partisan politics in 2006 when he declared his intention to contest the presidency. The widespread negative reaction that trailed the declaration contributed in truncating the bid.

Babangida holds the national honour of Grand Commander of the Federal Republic, GCFR.



## Alh. Atiku Abubakar

Customs and Excise, where he rose to the rank of a deputy director before turning to business.

Atiku hails from Jada Local Government Area of Adamawa State and had his elementary education at Jada Primary School, Jada Boarding Senior Primary School, Adamawa Provincial Secondary School (now General Muritala Mohammed College), School of Hygiene, Kano and Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He also received training in Advanced Customs and Excise for senior officers in Finland and Cairo Police Academy, Egypt. He was the governor-elect for Adamawa State before former President Olusegun Obasanjo picked him as his running mate for the 1999 presidential election. During his tenure as the vice president, he was the chairman, National Council on Privatisation and National Economic Intelligence Council (NEIC).

**A**lhaji Atiku Abubakar, Turakin Adamawa, was born in November 25 1946. He was former Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the last administration headed by former President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Atiku was not just a stalwart in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) but also one of the founding fathers of the party, until 2006 when he moved to the Action Congress (AC) to actualize his political ambition of becoming the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Before going into partisan politics in 1989, Abubakar Atiku had spent 20 years working in the

Atiku Abubakar holds Doctor of Letters from the Federal University of Technology, Yola, honorary fellowship award, Federal Polytechnics, Auchi, honorary doctorate degree, LLB, University of Calabar and honorary doctorate degree, Public Administration Imo State University. His other titles are Baagbile Oke-Ona Egba and Aare Admula of Ife.

He holds the national honour of Grand Commander of the Niger (GCON).

## Chukwuemeka O. Ojukwu

**E**zeigbo Gburugbur, Dim Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu was born on November 4 1933. He hails from Nnewi in Anambra State. He had his education at St. Patrick's Primary School, Okunagbo Lagos, CMS Grammar School, Lagos; Kings College, Lagos, Epsom College, Surrey, England; Lincoln College and University of Oxford, England.

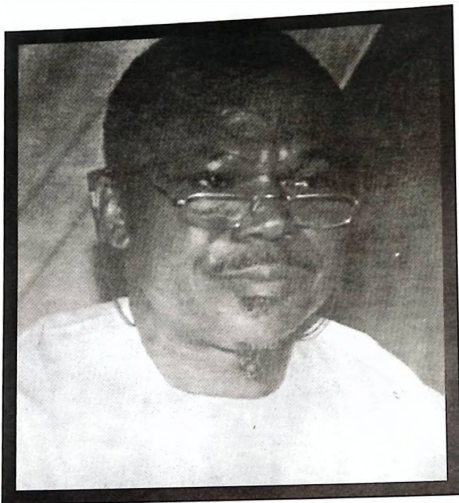
Prior to his enlistment in the Nigerian Army, Ojukwu on return from his studies abroad, worked as an administrative officer in the defunct Eastern Nigeria Public Service from 1956 to 1957. On his enlistment into the Nigerian Army (NA), he was posted to NADepot, Zaria. In 1958, he was transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Nigerian Army. He was promoted to the rank of a Major in 1961 and later, deputy assistant adjutant and quarter-master general, Brigade Headquarters, Kaduna. He served in Congo Emergency Force, 1962 and became lieutenant colonel and quartermaster general, Nigerian Army, 1963 to 1964. He also served as the commander, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kano from 1964 till 1966 when he became the military governor of the defunct Eastern Region, a position he held till 1967 when he was proclaimed, Head of State and Commander in-Chief, Republic of Biafra in May 1967. At the fall of Biafra in 1970 after the 30-month Nigerian Civil War, he was granted political asylum by Ivory Coast (now Cote-D'Ivoire). In 1982 during the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) government of President Shehu Shagari, Ojukwu got



state pardon for his involvement in the Nigeria/Biafra Civil War; a pardon, which led to his triumphant return to Nigeria on June 18, 1982 to join the political terrain. He was disqualified as a presidential candidate in 1999. That did not deter him. In 2003 elections, he was the presidential flag bearer of All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) and came out third behind former President Olusegun Obasanjo and General Muhammadu Buhari.

Ojukwu holds several traditional titles. Among them are; Ikember of Nnewi, Dike di ora nma Ndi Igbo, Ochi Obi of Onicha- Ugbo and Ugo Chinyere Ndi Igbo.

Ikemba as he is fondly called is a historian. He is the author of *Biafra: Selected Speeches*, *Biafra: Random Thoughts* and *Because I am Involved*.



## Rear Admiral Godwin N Kanu (rtd)



and D School, 1975 and Naval Headquarters, SO (Planning) 1975. He equally served as the Command Operations Officer, Western Naval Command.

He rose to become a member of the defunct Supreme Military Council (SMC) in 1975 and was there till 1978. He was appointed the Military Governor, Imo State in 1976, a position he held until 1977 when he was also made the Governor of Lagos State. He served until 1978 when he became the Officer, Flotilla Operation NN from 1978 to 1979. He was the Commanding Officer NNS Ambe, 1979; Director, Personnel, Naval Headquarters 1980 to 1981. Chief Staff Officer \*(Headquarters) Eastern Naval Command, 1982 to 1984 and Chief of Personnel, Naval Headquarters, NN, 1984 to 1985.

Ndubuisi Kanu was a member, Armed Forces Ruling Council, (AFRC) from 1985 to 1989. He became the Flag Officer, Naval Training, NN, Lagos in 1986, and in 1989 he was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral before he later retired voluntarily from the Nigerian Navy.

**R**ear Admiral Godwin Ndubuisi Kanu (rtd), was born on November 3 1943. He had his education at Methodist Primary School Enugu and Central School Ovim, 1949-1956. He also attended Metropolitan College Onitsha from 1957-1961. He enlisted in the Nigerian Navy in 1962. He was trained at the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla, India, Naval Engineering and Electrical Colleges, India, Indian Naval Ships, Venduruthy and Cochin, India and Naval War College USA. He served at Naval Base Apapa in 1972 and was the Navy Instructor, Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna between 1972 and 1974. He was the first Lieutenant Commander, NNS, Nigeria, 1974 to 1975. Officer-in-charge B

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# **11**

**Intelligent Management Champions**  
**Part 2**

## Chief Goddy I. Ikerave

**H**on. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave hails from Mbakpa, Gbaange/Tongov Council ward of Mbakyoendu in Gwer-west local Government Area of Benue State.

He attended St. Theresa's Catholic School Akpa from 1960 to 1966 and proceeded to the famous Saint John Vianney's Seminary, Barakin Ladi Plateau State for specially selected candidates for training to priesthood.

As a result of his interest in journalism Hon. Ikerave took a Diploma in Journalism from various institutions abroad particularly at the school of Journalism and Mass Communication in Berkshire, England and at the University of Kalmar and Stockholm both in Sweden.

Hon. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave worked in various capacities with the Nigeria Tobacco Company in Zaria, had a brief spell with the Nigeria Customs and Excise and finally took up appointment with the then Benue-Plateau State Television (BPTV) first as a Reporter and retired as Senior News Editor from NTA Port Harcourt, Rivers State in 1996 and joined politics.

At NTA Jos and Makurdi, Hon. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave distinguished himself as one of the best News Editors and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence,

In recognition of his leadership qualities, Hon. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave, was elected Chairman, Nigeria Union of Journalists NTA Chapter from 1978-1980 and one time publicity secretary, Benue State Council of Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ). Hon. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave was to repeat this feat when he was again asked by NTA Journalists to lead them again as Chairman NUJ/NTA chapter.

In 1989, bespectacled Hon. Chief Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave, an active member of NUJ was elected as State Chairman NUJ on November 29 1989.

A lot more can be said and written about Hon. (Chief) Igbaraav Ikerave, a committed community leader, philanthropist, educationist,



distinguished international Journalist, a broadcaster with 27 years of meritorious services who has contributed immensely to the development of the Journalism profession in Nigeria. The high point of his career was his nomination by the Nigerian Government to cover Swedish Elections in 1991.

As a result of his commitment to community development, the Hon. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave, was awarded chieftaincy title of IMMACH-KI-NAGI meaning "Builder of the Nagi people".

Some notable achievement of Hon. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave include, among many others, the establishment of a college and donation of a police post to the Mbakyoodu community and the establishment of a private Nursery school in Makurdi.

For Chief Ikerave's dedication, hard work and deep understanding of the socio-economic problems of his community, the people of Gwe/Gwer-west on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1999 honoured him by unanimously electing him to the House of Representatives on the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) 1999-2003.

Hon. (Chief) Goddy Igbaraav Ikerave plays pivotal roles in all his undertakings.

He is married to Mrs Bridget Hussaina Ikerave and the marriage has produced six brilliant children, namely, Yange-kar Ikerave JP, Doom, Ave, Doshima, Torkuma and Prince Aondolumun.

His hobbies include: reading, making friends,

traveling and keeping appointments.

Hon. (Chief) Goddy I. Ikerave, who has visited many countries including Britain, France, Italy, Sweden, Algeria, U.S.A., Norway, Finland and Denmark among others, will, as a dutiful and transparent Nigerian whose motto in life is "Service to Humanity", like to be remembered as "A Nigerian who once lived and died in the

service of his countrymen, Journalism profession and his immediate community".

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Alh. Sani Dahir El-Katuzu

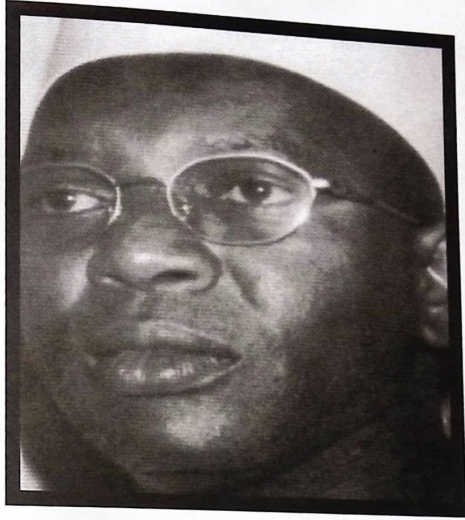
**B**orn on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1960 in Gashua Bade LGA of Yobe State of Nigeria to the family of the Late Alhaji Dahiru Yerima, Alhaji Sani Dahir El-Katuzu received his primary school education in Gashua from 1967 to 1973 and obtained his primary school leaving certificate in the year 1973.

He attended Government Secondary School, Gashua from 1973 to 1978 and obtained the West African School Certificate in 1978. Between 1979 and 1983, he was an undergraduate student of the University of Maiduguri where he also bagged a Bachelor of Arts Education Degree in 1983. He proceeded to the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria where he spent the years 1987 to 1992 and on completion of the prescribed course obtained a Master of Education Degree in Administration and Planning in 1992.

On the career side, Alhaji Sani Dahir El-Katuzu worked in Bade Local Government Authority as a Filing Clerk in 1978 before going for his Degree courses. He served under the National Youth Service Corps scheme between 1983 and 1984.

He was appointed Education Officer Grade Level 7 by the Ministry of Education Maiduguri in 1984 and held the appointment till 1990 when he crossed over to Borno State Primary Education Board as Assistant Director, Planning, a position he held from 1990 to 1991. He rose to the position of Director, Planning, Research and Statistics in 1991 and served in this capacity till 1992.

Alhaji El-Katuzu's illustrious and time-tested political career began in 1975 when he was elected President of Photographic Club of GSS Gashua which office he held till 1978. He simultaneously served as President of Young Farmers Club of GSS Gashua. He



was a member, Students Representative Assembly, University of Maiduguri 1980 - 1981; Speaker, Students Representative Assembly, University of Maiduguri between 1981 and 1982; Majority Leader, Federal House of Representatives 1992 to 1993; National Co-ordinator, National Congress for Unity and Democracy 1997 - 1998 and Deputy National Secretary, All Peoples Party (APP) 1999-2002.

Today, Alhaji Sani Dahir El-Katuzu is the National Secretary, All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) a position he was elected to since 2003. He was a member of the National Political Reform Conference which took place in March 2005.

Alhaji Sani El-Katuzu's main occupation is farming. He plays Badminton and Lawn Tennis and enjoys Quaranic recitation.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.


**Dr Ifedi Andi Okwenna, FCIDA**

**D**r. Ifedi Andi Okwenna, Ugwumba Osumenyi, and former Honourable Commissioner for Environment was born into the humble family of Late Chief Clement and Mrs. Cecilia Okwenna, Okwugbalike Osumenyi of Nnewi South LGA of Anambra State.

He had varied educational experience traversing the length and breadth of the country. In all these, he exhibited remarkable traits of academic excellence and distinction. As a proof, Dr. Ifedi Okwenna whilst still in class four (04) sat and passed eight (08) O' Level GCE papers as an external candidate. Today he has in his kitty, a National Diploma in Civil Engineering; Bachelor of Science Degree from Anambra State University of Science and Technology (now ESUT, Enugu; a Masters & Doctorate Degrees from the only Urban University in Nigeria the University of Lagos.

This academic icon has a long list of other professional certificates, and is currently undergoing another Doctorate Degree in Environmental Biology at the University of Abuja and a Masters Degree in Law and Development at the University of London.

He was Anambra State Commissioner for Environment and Mineral Resources and has had interesting working exposures. His first experience was in the teaching profession. He taught at Boys' High School Osumenyi, Bauchi School of Arts &

Science, and Government Science Secondary School, Toro in Bauchi State.

He later moved to the Federal Ministry of Health and Human Services between 1986 and 1988, where he worked at the National Malaria and Vector Control Division.

He again moved to Bauchi State Polytechnic in 1989 where he served as a Lecturer. In 1990, Dr. Okwenna stayed briefly at Obasanjo Farms in Ota, before moving up to establish JAPCOM Consultants Limited an Environmental/Engineering consulting firm in Lagos.

In 1994, he established Environment Network the pioneer magazine on environment and sustainable development. The magazine was already circulating in 88 countries and was being accessed in the Internet, before it was temporarily rested in 1998.

Dr. Okwenna wrote the Blue Print and Action Plan for the establishment of Anambra State Environmental protection Agency (ANSEPA) and was appointed the Consultant to the Agency in 1994. In 1997, he was also appointed a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Consultant for preparation of Kaduna State Environmental Public Awareness Master Plan. He prepared the Report and in addition designed Kaduna Solid Waste Management Scheme.

Dr. Okwenna equally prepared the State of Environment Report for Taraba State in 1988. He participated actively in the Technical Sub-committee on Ecology and Environmental Protection for Vision 2010 programme.

Between 1999-2001, Dr. Andi Ifedi Okwenna was a Lecturer and Head of Department of Environmental Pollution & Control at the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (Abuja Centre).

This noiseless academic asset was in September 1999 appointed the first Adviser/Consultant for the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Environment and Ecology, National Assembly Abuja. A position he held until December 2000 when he became the Special Assistant (Political Matters), Office of the

Political Adviser to the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Dr. Okwenna was the Organizing Secretary of Dr. Alex Ekwueme Presidential Campaign Organization (ALEPCO) in 1998 and prepared the Solid Waste Management Blueprint component of Dr. Ekwueme's Manifesto.

Dr. Ifedi Andi Okwenna was the Anambra State Commissioner for Environment, Mineral Resources, Science & Technology, and a Member of the State Executive Council. A position he has held for several years before his retirement on personal grounds.

Dr. Okwenna is a tireless stickler for excellence, professionalism and thoroughness. He has attended a number of international short courses in various parts of the world and has conducted numerous research works, published research papers and presented numerous papers at both national and international fora. He has published many books including ENVIRONMENT OUR NEW FRONTIERS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OUR WORLD BOOK OF POEMS among others published and unpublished.

It is very important at this juncture to observe that Dr. Okwenna is politically aware and equally an active participant, having started off early. During his undergraduate days at the Universities, many saw in him a political guru and colossus of sorts waiting to emerge. Too many a times at the University, he offered the leadership initiatives and roles so much so that even his contemporaries held him with respect and admiration.

He was the Assistant Secretary, Osumenyi Students' Union 1983-85; President-General, Osumenyi Students' Union 1985-1987; President, Old Nnewi LGA Students Union 1986; Deputy Senate President, Students' Union Government, Anambra State University of Science & Technology, Enugu 1986; Executive Member, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP); Leader, All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA). He contested for the Federal House of Representatives seat under APGA for Nnewi North/South & Ekwusigo Federal Constituency in 2003 general elections. Former President-General (PG) Osumenyi Town Assembly, and former Honourable Commissioner for Environment, Mineral Resources, Science & Technology, Anambra State.

Dr. Okwenna's membership of many diverse

but progressive associations of bears true testimony to his avowed determination to serve humanity effectively:

? He was the National Executive Council Member of Nigerian Environmental Society and was elected Councillor of the Society and Member of Chattering Committee in 2001.

- ? A member of Nigerian Institute of Management
- ? Director-General, Habitat Right Institute
- ? Member, Institute of Environment USA
- ? Director of Organization, Nigerian Habitat Coalition
- ? Assistant Secretary, African Coalition of NGOs in Environment and Human Settlement
- ? Former Vice Chairman, League of Anambra Professionals (Abuja Chapter)
- ? Secretary, Iie-Obi Ohaneze Nd'igbo (Abuja) till 2006 when he was appointed member of the Anambra State Executive Council.

Ifedi Andi Okwenna, has received numerous awards and titles, some of which include:-

- ? Nigerian Gold Award
- ? Development Achievers Award
- ? Leadership and Administrative Excellence Award
- ? Young Scientist Award
- ? Among other Awards from reputable organizations, corporate institutions of learning, societies, etc.

Dr. Okwenna is a professed and practising Christian, who in 2001 fulfilled the Biblical calling by ascending Jerusalem, the Holy City and was subsequently conferred with the title of Jerusalem Pilgrim (JP). He is happily married. He loves playing and watching football and he is the founder and proprietor of FC OMAM, a National Division 1 Football Club side. His other hobbies include political commentaries, reading of books and compiling poems. He derives joy in listening to and solving problems.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



## Dr. Enoch Nwalozie Onyeché FCMA

Dr. Onyeché can be likened to the indefatigable Nasir El-Rufai, the former Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Minister who left indelible footprints on the sands of time. He is well known for his service to humanity throughout the nooks and crannies of Rivers State and beyond.

Let me state clearly, that Dr. Onyeché performed beyond expectations in discharging his duties when he held sway as the Head, Urban Re-orientation, Chairman, Demolition Task Force and Chairman of the Special Task Force on High Rise buildings in the state

He single-handedly supervised the demolition of shanty structures that created embarrassing sight to visitors in the heart of Port Harcourt city and its environs. He gladly returned Port Harcourt to its Garden City status with his qualitative approach in sanitizing the area.

It is of interest that before Dr. Onyeché's tenure as the Chairman of the Special Task Force on High-Rise buildings, Port Harcourt city recorded many disastrous collapse of High-Rise buildings, and regular occurrence of death and loss of properties, which threw the government into pondering on how to salvage the situation. His wonderful performances in the housing and urban sector attracted the government who immediately drafted this worthy strategist to take charge of the situation, which was assuming alarming rate.

When this wonderful professional stepped in, he prevented the loss of lives and properties as developers of structures adhered strictly to the rules and regulations of government because of the tough measures he introduced into the Housing sector, thereby saving the lives and properties of citizens in the state.

His policy programmes also yielded high revenue to the state government as illegal procedures gave way to sanity in the system whereby developers register for approved building plans in the ministry.

Considering the hazardous nature and risk involved in handling of illegal demolition in this part of the country, it will be of note that Dr. Onyeché operates with high level of insecurity as he cleverly conquered threats and intimidation from all corners with the level of

**D**R. ENOCH NWALOZIE ONYECHE was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1957 in Omuakuru Ulakwo, Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State. He was educated at St. Gabriel Anglican School, Ulakwo, Etche for his primary education, Ascension High School, Eleme for the Secondary education, school of town planning and survey, Port Harcourt and obtained B. CERT in town & Country planning, Nigerian Institute of Industrial Security (NIIS) in collaboration with the university of Port Harcourt awarded Dr. Onyeché Advanced Diploma in criminology and security management. He proceeded to the same institution and obtained Higher National Diploma (HND) in loss prevention technology. Not satisfied with his education, he proceeded to University of Port Harcourt for his post-graduate Diploma (PGD) in Criminology and security management. He went back to the University of Port Harcourt for his MBA in security studies. Hon. Doctor of philosophy (PhD) in security management, Atlas University, Philadelphia, USA.

Dr. Onyeché is a man of honour, principle, and an administrator par excellence. The Rivers State Etche-born technocrat is a man of virtues and loved by many people through his contribution towards the development and empowerment of his people, the women and the youths.

experience he gathered in various security institutions he attended in the world. His success no doubt was a product of competence and brilliance in his career. Dr. Onyeché's ideas and greater responsibility as a dedicated focused and diligent leader proved successful as he brought his wealth of experience to bear in the discharge of his functions in the state ministry of Housing and Urban Development to the amazement of all.

The level of collapsed building in the state dropped as he introduced policies aimed at giving the city of Port Harcourt and its environs a face-lift. No wonder he is often referred to as the "MOBILISER" because of his actions and achievements over the years.

The zeal to consolidate on his achievements made this charismatic prince to organize an enlightenment campaign programme aimed at educating and informing owners of structures and intending builders of the danger in using standard materials for their projects. This yielded good results as the case of collapse buildings in the city of Port Harcourt stopped.

Dr. Onyeché has proven himself fit for the position he occupies because he has satisfactorily demonstrated that by virtue of educational training and commitment to duty he is more ready to occupy positions of trust in the future.

Apart from winning many awards and honours in Nigeria and Africa, Dr. Onyeché has courageously proved to be a security expert as he attended many institutions of security both in Nigeria and abroad. Please permit me to reel out some of the awards he was conferred with:

- 1) 2006 Distinguished Leadership Award Security Management
- 2) Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria Elected Fellow (FICA)
- 3) Great African Merit Award (GAMA)
- 4) Outstanding 2006/2007 "African Nation Builders Gold Award (ANBGA) 2007
- 5) Nigerian Religious Leadership Merit Awards (NRLMA 200&)
- 6) Distinguished Leadership in National Development Gold Award (D'LINGA) 2007
- 7) Ghana 2006/2007 Outstanding African Nation Builders Gold Award (ARBGA)
- 8) Good Ambassador of Management Science Award

9) Distinguished Nation Builders Merit Award (DINBMA 2007)

10) African International Achievers' Merit Award

11) Eminent African Leadership Merit Award (EALMA 2007)

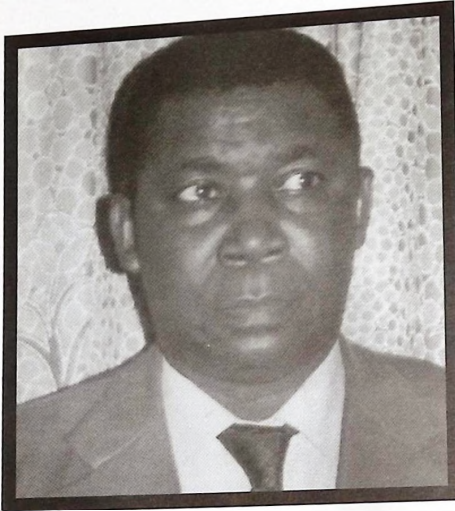
All the above awards were conferred on him between 2005 and 2007, other expected awards are: Outstanding Development in Africa Merit Gold Award (DAMGA 2007) and Royal Merit Gold Awards for Distinction (RMGAS 2008), on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. He is also a fellow and member of various security organizations in the continent and beyond some of which include: 1) A fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Industrial Security (FNISS), an affiliate of the University of Port Harcourt College of Continuing Education ; 2) fellow of the Security Consultants Association of Nigeria (FSC), having demonstrated knowledge and proficiency to the professional examinations committee of the association; 3) member of the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS); 4) member of the Chartered Protection Professional (CPP) being awarded by the Nigerian Institute of Industrial Security on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2005; Member of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria.

Dr. Onyeché's administrative ingenuity and competence propelled him to the enviable height he finds himself today. His gestures in the society has made this versatile, urban and security expert an asset to this generation as he severally impacted positively to the people in the state.

His insatiable quest for education led him to pursue a PhD programme at the prestigious Atlas University, Philadelphia in the United States of America and other professional Institutions of repute.

His hobbies include reading, playing football and travelling. Dr. Onyeché is married with children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



Dr. Patrick Onyekwere, FCIDA

**B**ORN ON 17<sup>th</sup> march 1948 at Ahiara Mbaise, Imo State of Nigeria, Dr. Patrick Ndebuisi Onyekwere is arguably one of the best-trained educationists Nigeria has so far produced in the field of education and training. With his Bachelor of Education (Hons.) Degree, Patrick proceeded to do his Masters Degree also in the field of education and then capped it up with a Doctor of Philosophy in quick succession.

His rising career profile began with an appointment as lecturer at St. Augustine's Teacher's College, Lafia, in the old Benue State and after a stint there, he left to join St. Helen's Teachers' College, Ondo, Ondo State. This was followed by yet another appointment as Lecturer by Federal School of Arts and Science also in Ondo State.

His determination to see more of the upcoming future generation of leaders benefit from his knowledge and resourcefulness made him take up a part-time appointment as Lecturer with Adeyemi-College of Education in Ondo State. He worked for sometime before moving over to the International Division of Educational Support Services, Federal Ministry of Education. He also worked in Bilateral Agreements, Commonwealth and African Affairs Branch, Federal Ministry of Education before becoming appointed Consultant on Distance Education to Commonwealth of Learning (COL) Vancouver Canada.

Dr. Patrick Onyekwere was one time Member of the National Implementation Committee on the Report on Review of Higher Education. He has also worked in the Formal Education Department of the Federal Ministry of Education and Youth Development where his records of service were found to be quite impressive. Having served the nation as Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the Gambia to review Distance Education Programme in the West African Sub Region, Dr Onyekwere saw himself contributing his quota also as a Member of the Committee on 'Life-Link' World Peace Project. He was also a participant in the Sub-Saharan Africa Ministerial Conference on Education, Abuja, Nigeria and in the Commonwealth Secretariat-UNESCO, Africa Regional Workshop on Basic Science Teacher, Jos Nigeria. He was later appointed Head Project Monitoring, Education Tax Fund (ETF).

Described as Nigeria education resource library, Onyekwere has made outstanding contributions in the sustenance of accessible and quality education delivery in the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Teachers' Institute Kaduna. He has in the past thirty three years dedicated himself to the service of the Nigerian Education sector which he joined in 1975 as Education Officer II with the Federal Ministry of Education. Through hard work, dedication to duty and selfless commitment to affordable and accessible quality education, Dr. Onyekwere, rose to the position of Deputy Director in 2005.

In various capacities over the years, Dr. Onyekwere has promoted the adoption of educational policies that seek to promote access, equality and justice. The most notable are the Universal Primary Education (UPE) and the Universal Basic Education Programmes (UBE).

He is an Educationist par excellence having been pioneer staff and Head of the team constituted by the Federal Ministry of Education for the establishment of the Education Trust Fund (ETF). Indeed, his ideas, commitment and foresight are today being manifested in the changing faces of Nigeria's educational system through the Fund's intervention activities.

In September 2007, Dr. Patrick Onyekwere was appointed Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the National Teachers' Institute Kaduna an organisation exclusively dedicated to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of teachers through the Distance Learning Technique. This no doubt, was in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education generally and distance education in particular.

One of the CPD projects undertaken by the Institute is the re-training of 145,000 teachers in 2006 under the MDG Project. The re-training of another set of 145,000 primary school teachers is being planned and has reached advanced stage under the MDG Capacity Building Programme of the Federal Government.

It is pertinent to mention that since Dr Onyekwere's assumption of duty, he has sought to strengthen the Institutional capacity of the National Teachers Institute to deliver capacity Building Programmes tailored at sustaining and enhancing the professional competence of teachers at the Basic Education Level. Measures he had taken in this respect include:

1. Empowering the over 65,000 part-time course tutors in the Institute's Distance Learning Programmes by updating their knowledge and skills;
2. Massive deployment and integration of ICT in the Institute's Programme management and delivery system; Improvement in programme's quality assurance mechanisms tailored at sustaining quality education;
3. Actualization of the establishment of NTI Radio station exclusively dedicated to distance teaching and learning. The Radio will widen access to the Institute's distance

learning programmes and gradually move it to an e-learning institution; and many others.

Through excellent exemplary commitment as a teacher, Dr Onyekwere has ensured that the backlog of examinations he met on assumption of duty were conducted with adequate supervision and monitoring. These Exams include 2007 NCE/DLS 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Examination and more. Examinations processed and results released within the period covered all the semesters in 2006 and the print out for the 2007 NCE & AD/PGDE 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Examinations are being proofread and would be soon be released. On staff welfare, Dr Onyekwere had proved that his twin cardinal agenda of effective programme delivery and staff welfare are practical and well maintained.

Other success areas include:

1. A new 1000 KVA generator was installed to serve the staff housing estate and dilapidated staff quarters have been renovated
2. Pensioners arrears of pensions of over 3 years have been nearly settled
3. Foundation stone laying ceremony of NTI Model Junior Secondary School was performed by Hon Minister of Education Dr Igwe Aja Nwachukwu, within 2 months of Dr Onyekwere's assumption of office.

In recognition of the excellent performance in office of Dr. Patrick Ndubuisi Onyekwere, he has received several awards, which space does not allow listing.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE



## Alh. Mulikat Ayoni Bello, FCIDA

were to the grades of Principal Assistant Registrar (April 1991), Deputy Registrar (April 1998) and Senior Deputy Registrar (April 2006).

Alhaja (Mrs) Bello is a thorough-bred professional educationist and administrator who has, on many occasions, represented the Council on several Boards and Committees such as Nigeria's National Council on Education (NCE), Joint Consultative Committee on Education (JCCE) and the Governing Board of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC).

In the twelve years preceding her new appointment as Registrar, she served on an almost permanent basis as a resource person at the WAEC in-house training course in Test Development procedures. She also at various times, served on very important ad-hoc committees and panels, which included the Committee on the Review of the Council's Security Regulations (Accra 2002).

In her thirty one (31) years in the Council, Alhaja (Mrs) Bello has served in various capacities. She was at different times Head of the General Subjects Section, School Examinations Department and the Security Printing Department in the Nigeria National Office. She was also the Coordinator of the Benin Zone (comprising offices in Edo, Delta, Ekiti, and Ondo States) and later, Head of the Test Development Division in Nigeria

Alhaja (Mrs) Mulikat Ayoni Bello is married with four children.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

**A**lhaja (Mrs) Mulikat Ayoni Bello is the current and eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Registrar of The West African Examinations Council (WAEC). Alhaja (Mrs) Bello is also the second female Registrar and the first Nigerian woman to hold that position in the 56-year-history of the Council. She assumed office on October 1, 2007.

Before her current appointment, Alhaja (Mrs) Bello was the Senior Deputy Registrar/Head of the Test Development Division in the Nigerian National Office of the Council. She is 56 years old and holds a B.SC. (Hons) in Geography (1973) from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) Ile-Ife, Nigeria. She also holds an M.Ed. in Educational Evaluation (1987) from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She has in addition undertaken several short-term courses in Test Development, Test Administration and Management

Alhaja (Mrs) Bello entered the service of WAEC as an Assistant Registrar in May 1977 and was promoted to the grade of Senior Assistant Registrar in April 1983. Her subsequent promotions

## Ms Chikodi I. M. Ezurike

**M**s Chikodi I. M. Ezurike is a well-known name in the world of academe. Her academic progress has received commendations over the years. She is currently working as a senior Lecturer at Imo State University, Owerri.

Chikodi had her primary education at Holy Rosary Primary School, Eziachi. She obtained the West African School Certificate at Girl's Secondary School, Onabaku. She proceeded to University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1982 for further studies and bagged a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1986. She obtained a Master's degree in Education from the University of Ibadan in 1988. She has attended several workshops on Adolescent Reproductive Health, Human Rights, Discrimination against Women and HIV/AIDS.

From 1989 to 1990, she was Assistant Lecturer at the old Imo State University, Okigwe; she was promoted to Lecturer II in 1990 and spent four years in that position. In 1995, She was promoted to Lecturer I. She became a senior Lecturer in 2001.

Apart from lecturing, she has served the University community in several other ways. She was Hall Warden of the Female Hostel from 1989 to 1994. Between 1994 and 1996 she was a member of several examination malpractice committees. She was the Co-ordinator of Teaching Practice in 2005. Some of these appointments are: Secretary/Member, College of Education Welfare Board, Imo State University, Okigwe, 1989 to 1991; Secretary/Member, College of Education Welfare Board, Abia State University, Uburu, 1991 to 1994; Member, Faculty of Education Postgraduate Thesis Allocation Committee, Imo State University Owerri; Member Faculty of Education Committee for Conferences, Workshops and Seminars and Chairman Teaching Practice Committee, Faculty of Education, Imo State University.

Ms Chikodi Ezurike has written several journals articles, books and chapters of books. She has reviewed several books too and has served as co-editor of learned journals in her field. She has attended several national and international conferences and has



presented papers at some of them.

Ms Chikodi Ezurike has been the Imo State Co-ordinator, Women Action Coalition Child Abuse (WACCA) since 2000. She is Member and Imo State Representative of Forum for African Women Educationalist Nigeria (FAWEN); Member, Board of Directors, Community Health and Development Advisory Trust Transition Monitoring Group (TMG). She is a member of the Counselling Association of Nigeria (CASSON); Member, Association for Promoting Nigerian Languages and Culture (APNLAC); Member, Nigerian Society for Educational Psychologists (NISEP); Member, National Association of Women Academics; Member, National Association of Catholics in Academia; Member, Women Resource Centre, Imo State University, Owerri and Associate Member, Nigerian Association of Clinical Psychologists. Ms. Ezurike is Secretary, ASUU-IMSU Welfare Committee; Member, ASUU-IMSU Strike Compliance Coordinating Committee and Secretary, ASUU-IMSU Human Rights Committee.

She is a Christian & member of the Altar Commission and Choir Commission at the Imo State University Catholic Chaplaincy.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



## Dr. Udoghoreyon L. Edema, FCI, A

Certificate (WASC), Dr. Edema holds a Diploma in Law, a Doctorate in Theology, Higher Diploma in Transport Management and a Master of Science Degree in Transport Management.

Dr. Edema began his working life in the Accounts Department of the Nigerian Ports Authority Apapa where he served from 1970 to 1972. His interest in public transportation management exposed him to various transport organizations and associations. He was Africa Vice President of Association of Public Transport (UATP) with Headquarters in Abidjan, Ivory Coast; he also served as Deputy President Logistics/Planning of Road Transport Employers Association (RTEAN), Abuja and currently holds the position of Lagos State chairman of RTEAN, Lagos State Branch.

He is the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of Edema Investment Holdings Nigeria Ltd; Chairman, Jeba Concept Air Travel & Tours Nigeria Ltd, Lagos State Chairman, Road Transport Nigeria Ltd, Lagos and managing Director of Tahmohas & Edema Investment of Nigeria Limited.

In spite of all the above engagements, Dr. Udoghoreyon Lawyer Edema is also a practicing Christian committed to winning and nurturing souls for the Kingdom of God, in his capacity as the General Overseer/Founder, Pillar of Truth Faith Mission Int. Inc. Ojo, Lagos State. He is also Chairman Grace Ministers' Forum, Ojo, Lagos.

An international Speaker on public transportation, Dr. Edema has traveled across the globe to attend seminars on public transportation and deliver papers in various countries notable among which are Egypt, Finland, Belgium and Ivory Coast. He is a philanthropist, has awarded scholarship to four University undergraduates from different backgrounds. He loves writing and can rightly be described as author of Christian literatures. He is a two star General in Chaplaincy and can be referred to as a transporter, agriculturist, scholar and Crusader for truth. He enjoys reading, adventuring and watching football.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

**D**r. Udoghoreyon Lawyer Edema was born at Ughelli in Delta State of Nigeria on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1948. He was educated at C.M.S. Primary School Warri in Delta State from 1955 to 1960. From 1961 to 1963, he was a student of W.U. DC Secondary Modern School also based in Warri where he left to join Urhobo College Effurun, Warri in 1965 and completed in 1969.

Dr. Edema's love of the word of God took him to Faith Tehological Seminary, Ota-Ogun State in 1989 for theological training where he proved himself to be an ardent scholar of God's word. He completed his theological training in 1994. Still in pursuit of further and higher education Dr. Edema gained admission into Lagos State University (LASU), Ojo, Lagos State in 1995, which he completed in 1997. He was also a student of the Institute of Maritime & Air Transport Management Lagos from 2004 to 2006 and the National Institute of Transport Technology NITT, Zaria, (Lagos Annex) in 2006. He spent some years also with the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Lagos having been enrolled for a course of study by the University in 2003. he was at various times a student of the Institute of International Chaplaincy, Ota, Ogun State and Concept University, London.

His studies at the above listed educational institutions brought to him an avalanche of educational qualifications. Aside of the First School Leaving Certificate and the West African School

## Engr Reuben O. Akinwumi



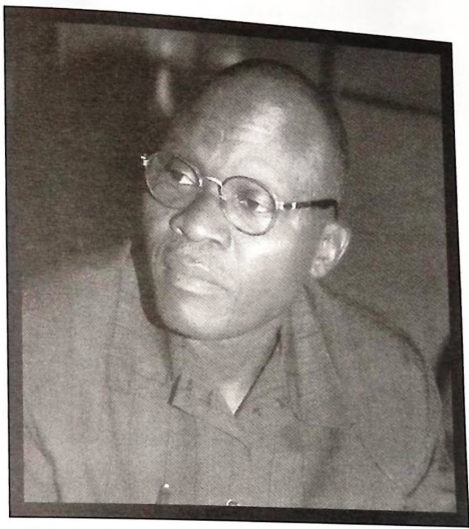
Engineer Reuben Oluyinka Akinwumi, the second son of Mr. & Mrs. Akinwumi of Alagbagun compound Modakeke in Ife East Local Government Area of Osun State was born in the early 50's. His Christian parents brought him up in the way of the Lord.

He attended the Apostolic Church Primary School, Modakeke Ife from 1960 to 1965. He later attended Modakeke High School between 1968 and 1971 where he obtained the West African School Certificate (WASC).

With the excellent WASC result he taught briefly at The Apostolic Secondary Modern School, Modakeke before he joined the former Standard Bank of Nigeria now First Bank Plc in September 1972 to 1973. His quest for qualitative education took him from the Banking Hall to the Polytechnic Ibadan, where he passed out in 1975 with the Award of the Ordinary National Diploma (OND) in Electrical/Electronics.

He worked with the defunct WNTV-WNBS as Engineering Assistant in Ibadan between the period July 1975 and September 1976. Engineer Reuben Oluyinka Akinwumi did not rest on his oars. In October 1976, Engr. Akinwumi proceeded to the then famous University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University for his Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical/Electronics Engineering. In 1980, he successfully completed and bagged his B. Science Degree. He was then posted to Benue State under NYSC where he worked with NTA Makurdi from 1980 to 1981.

On 7<sup>th</sup> September 1981, Engr. Reuben Oluyinka Akinwumi joined the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) now Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Plc as a Pupil Electrical/Electronic Engineer. In a bid to prepare him for the great task ahead, he underwent a two-year pupillage training and courses on the field at the four major sectors of the Electricity Industry, viz; Engineering, Transmission, Distribution and Generation including the professional Training Centre



Kainji, where he exhibited his leadership qualities and flair for Engineering practices.

On completion of his pupilage, Engr. Reuben Oluyinka Akinwumi was finally posted to Generation Sector in Jebba Power Station where he worked for eight years in Protection Control and Metering Department. On completion and commissioning of Shiroro Power Station, Engr. Akinwumi was posted from Jebba to Shiroro Power Station. He joined other Nigerian Engineers to man the Power Station. He worked in Protection Control and Metering Department. For his wealth of experience and leadership qualities, Engr. Reuben Oluyinka Akinwumi headed the Protection Control & Metering Department, and Operations before he was eventually appointed the Chief Executive of the Shiroro Hydroelectric plc March 2006.

In order to knot his engineering career he became member of Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) in 1988, and registered with the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COEN) in 1989.

He held the position of Acting General Manager (Gen) Shiroro Power Station before he was finally appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Shiroro Hydroelectric plc on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006. This appointment is as a result of Engr. Reuben Oluyinka Akinwumi's hardwork, humility and his achievements in the industry. He is an achiever Engineer and

Manager of men, materials, machine and money.

With his position as the Chief Executive Officer of Shiroro Hydroelectric plc, through his leadership qualities, the station has been able to discharge her corporate social responsibilities to the Local Communities by the provision of social amenities.

He attended various internal and overseas courses amongst which are:-

- a. Recalibrating of Turbine Governor for part loading operation
- b. Workshop on Legal issues in Project Management
- c. Managing the Privatization of Engineering

Based Organization

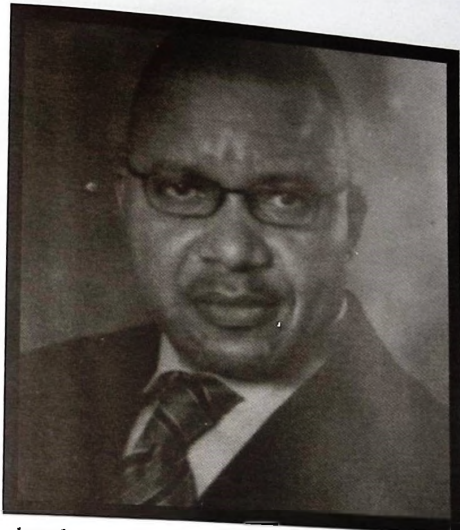
- d. Management Development courses

He has to his credit many awards of excellence, one of which is: Outstanding Contribution to the Nigerian Society and Humanity

Engineer Reuben Oluyinka Akinwumi is happily married and blessed with children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Justine Amase, FCIDA



Justine Amase was born on November 30, 1964 to Geoffrey Yachiga and Margaret Hanmeza Amase in Mbachile, Ikurav-ya, Kwande Local Government Area of Benue State. He is married to Maureen Amase (Nee Kajo) with 4 children two boys, two girls.

He completed his primary education at the St. Patrick's R. C. M. Primary School, Dagba in 1973 and proceeded to St. Andrew's Secondary School, Adikpo where he graduated as the best student with Division 1 in June 1980. At St. Andrew's, he was the Deputy Head Prefect, President at various times of the School's Debating, Science Club, Red Cross Society as well as leader of the Boy's Scouts and Editor of "The Spark" school magazine.

He had successive stints as a Teacher at Tegov Community Secondary School, Amarfu (1981) before proceeding to work briefly with the then Nigerian External Telecommunications Limited Lagos as an international Telephone operator, between 1983 and 1985. He served as the Prefect of the NET training school in his set.

He gained admission to the University of Jos in 1985 where he read Economics and graduated in 1988 with Second Class Upper Division, placing overall second in academic aggregates. After his National Service at the United Bank for Africa (UBA) Yola Branch in 1988, he returned to Jos and while still working as a Management Consultant he enrolled in Lagos to read his Masters Degree Programme in Money and Finance, which he completed in June 1991. He is currently reading his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at the Manchester Business School of the University of Manchester, England.

Mr. Amase started his banking career as a pupil Banker in United Bank for Africa Makurdi Branch in 1986. Thereafter, he served his National Service in UBA Yola Main Branch, Jimeta between 1988 and 1989. After his post-graduate studies, he moved to the then Credite Bank Limited in 1991 as an Officer in the Credit and Marketing Department at the Head Office in Stock Exchange House, Lagos. He

later became the Head of Credit and Marketing for its Ikoyi Branch in 1993 and Head, Middle/Trading, Corporate Banking Division in 1994.

In November 1994, he moved over to Zenith International Bank Limited where he was initially assigned to set up its Branch Co-ordination Department, which supervised operational matters for all the Branches of the Bank nationwide. Mr. Amase was later moved to start up the Apapa (Wharf Road) Branch of the Bank in 1998 where he served as the Group Head, Business Development.

In August 2000, Mr. Amase was appointed the Special Assistant to the Managing Director of New Nigerian Bank Limited where their primary assignment was to restructure and turn around the operations of the distressed Bank and restore it to full banking operations. Upon successful completion of this assignment, Mr. Amase was again appointed the Special Assistant to the Managing Director of ACB International Bank Plc in 2001, with the mandate to resuscitate the then distressed African Continental Bank Plc and return it to full Banking operations. This assignment was completed and the Bank returned to full banking operations in 2002.

Upon commencement of operations, Mr. Amase was detailed to set up its Apapa operations in 2002 where he was later recalled to serve as the Bankwide Head of Consumer Banking Group. In late 2002, he was appointed Head, Strategic Planning and

New Products Development where he doubled as the Assistant to the MD/CEO. He also set up the ACB subsidiary ACB Nominees Limited and acted as its pioneer General Manager. Mr. Amase was again reassigned as Head of Corporate Service Group in June 2003, where he served till March 2005. As the Group Head, Corporate Services, he was in charge of Administration, Human Resources, Security and Strategic Planning for the Bank nationwide. He was later posted to Apapa as Senior Business Manager to oversee business development and relationship management in the area.

Justin was later promoted to the rank of an Assistant General Manager (AGM) and recalled from Apapa to head the Consolidation Committee of his Bank, as Chairman of the Merger Committee, a job that he did excellently leading to the merger of ACB with six other Banks to form the mega bank called Spring Bank Plc. In recognition of his exemplary performance, Justin was selected with two other top Managers of ACB to serve on the top management of the mega Bank as the Group Head, Consumer Products. He is presently the Ag. Divisional Head, Strategy and Corporate Development in which capacity he supervises the Strategy, Products Management, Brand Management, Channel Development and E-Business Groups.

**Committee Assignments**

In the course of his Banking career, Mr. Amase served in various Bank Committees mostly in the capacity of Chairman or Secretary. Such Committees include:

- ? Executive Management Committee
- ? Credit Committee

- ? Assets and Liabilities Committee
- ? New Products Committee
- ? Strategy Development Committee
- ? Branch Development Committee
- ? IT Steering Committee
- ? Culture Committee
- ? Cost Management Committee

He also served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, ACB Pension Fund. He served as the Chairman Technical Committee of ACB International Bank Initial Public Offering and later the General Project Co-ordinator. He received Management Special Commendation for Hard work and Initiative in 2002.

His professional affiliations include:

- ? Associate of the Nigerian Institute of Management (AMNIM)
- ? Associate of the Chartered Institute of Administration (ACIA)
- ? Member, Chartered Institute of Bankers (CIBN)
- ? Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN)

He has attended many courses in all operational areas of Banking organized both locally and internationally. He has also attended seminars for Bank Directors and The Nigerian Economic Summit (NES).

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

**Mrs Yetunde O. Awofuwa,**  
FCIDA



**M**rs Yetunde Olubusola Awofuwa was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1951 in Kano, Kano State of Nigeria. A native of Ijebu North East in Ogun State of Nigeria, Mrs Yetunde Olubusola Awofuwa is a devout Christian who had her primary education at Rev. Kuti Memorial Grammar School Abeokuta (1966); Ibadan City Academy School Abeokuta (1966); Ibadan City Academy School Abeokuta (1966); Ibadan City Academy School Abeokuta (1966) where she obtained her secondary school certificate, the West African School Certificate. She then proceeded to the Queen's School Ibadan for higher education and on completion bagged the Higher School Certificate in Division One.

In continuation of her studies, Mrs Awofuwa was admitted into the University of Ibadan, Jos Campus for preliminary studies where she spent the years 1972-1973 before being offered a place at the main campus of the University of Ibadan to read English Language. She spent the years 1973-1976 and on completion obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education with Second Class Upper Division. Further studies took her to University of Lagos (1990-1997) and the Nigerian Law School, Lagos (2001-2002) for her Master of Laws Degree (LL.M) and Barrister at Law qualification (B.L.) respectively. She is currently a student of National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) where she is pursuing her M. Ed degree.

Mrs. Yetunde Awofuwa has a highly distinguished career progression the first of which dates back to August 1977 when she was appointed Education Officer. In October 1985 she was promoted to the rank of Senior Education Officer, and later Principal Education Officer. Her dedication to duty and commitment to excellence saw her earning yet another promotion, this time to the position of Assistant Chief Education Officer, rising to a substantive position of Chief Education Officer in October 1995. In the years 1999 and 2004 she was promoted to the posts of Assistant Director of Education and Deputy Director of Education respectively.

Perhaps the greatest asset of Mrs. Awofuwa is the wealth of experience she has garnered in the field

of education, which no doubt places her in a vantage position to offer solution to the problems of education development and administration in Nigeria. In the years 2000, 2002-2003, she was head of department of English at the Kings College Lagos; Chairperson College Protocol Team (2002); Chairperson Disciplinary Committee (2002-2003). She was promoted to the position of Vice Principal Kings College, Lagos in the year 2003 and worked in this capacity to 2006 when she rose to the post of Acting Principal. In all of these responsible positions Mrs. Yetunde Awofuwa has displayed the spirit of selfless service to humanity and has in return received numerous honours and distinctions from various quarters.

She received the King's College Prize for outstanding Officer for 1998/99 session; Otunba T. O. S. Services Prize to Academic Staff for Outstanding Services to the Academic Life of King's College (2002/2003) chaired the outstanding Committee Responsible for the Upliftment of Kings College Tone and Discipline Awarded to Students' Disciplinary Committee (2003); received Certificate of Honour from Kings College, Lagos 2003/4 and the Kings College Old Boys Association's Award for Commitment and Devotion to Duty (September 2005).

To update her knowledge and keep abreast of changing technology in the field of education, Mrs

Yetunde Awofuwa has attended many workshops and seminars some of which include a Workshop organized by the FME on Efficiency and Productivity in the Civil Service; workshop on the operation of the Civil Service under Democratic Government; Studying in America: Counselling the Nigerian Student Workshop; three days Training Workshop on Effective School Management for Principals of Federal Unity Colleges in Nigeria organized by the National Institute for Education Planning & Administration (NIEPA) Ondo (2007); repositioning of Unity Schools and Technical Colleges as Models of Secondary Education in Nigeria for Principals and Directorate Level Officers in Federal Unity Colleges at Kaduna (2001); train the Trainer Programme for Principals

of Secondary Schools in Lagos (September 2000); Applied Scholastic Teaching Technology Training Workshop Lagos (August 2004).

Mrs Awofuwa is a Registered Member of Teachers' Registration Council; Member Nigerian Institute of Management; Member Music Society of Nigeria and Member of the Nigerian Bar Association. Her avowed determination is to continue to make a positive difference in the education industry, see challenges as opportunities and achieve peak results. She loves singing, cooking and gardening.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

**HE. Adebisi Sosan**  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE

Born on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1956 into the Onikoyi Royal Family and Osolu Royal Family of Isale-Eko, in Lagos Island and Ibeju in Ojo Local Government Area of Lagos State, respectively.

She started her elementary education at Christ Assembly Primary School, Olodi Apapa between 1961 and 1966, later attended Awori/Ajeromi Secondary School, Agboju between 1977 and 1972, where she obtained her West African School Certificate Examinations (WASCE). From 1980 to 1983, she was at the Lagos State College of Education (now Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education) where she bagged the National Certificate of Education (NCE) in English and History.

The quest to further her education took Sarah Adebisi Sosan to the University of Lagos, Akoka, where she studied and passed with flying colours the Bachelors Degree in English Education (1988) and Masters of Education in Adult Education (1989) respectively.

Having considered the importance and relevance of Information Technology (IT), in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Adebisi Sosan moved to the Lagos city Computer College in 2003 and she graduated with an Advanced Diploma in Information Technology.

Sarah Adebisi Sosan began her teaching career as a Youth Corps member in September, 1983 at Saint Leo Secondary School, Abeokuta as a Classroom Teacher. Thereafter, she joined the Lagos State Post-primary Teaching Service Commission (PP-TESCOM) from 1983 to 1990, where she proved her prowess as a Master Grade II.

From October 1990 to August 1999, Princess Bisi Sosan, worked at the Lagos State Ministry of Education as a Principal Education Officer in the capacity of an Inspector of Education. She also served at the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board,



LSUBEB as the Assistant Board Secretary, from where she rose to become Head, Department of Communication and Information Technology.

2006 became a turning point in the life of Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan, when the opportunity to contribute her quota in the area of governance beckoned on her. With the pedigree of her family in politics, against the background of the fact that her father, Prince Remi Durosinni is an ardent Action Group member and an active Progressive From Badagry Division of Lagos State, the stage was set for Sarah to bring to fore her experience in politics during the Gubernatorial elections in April 2007.

As politician she contested and won as Governor Babatunde Fashola's running mate on the platform of the Action Congress (AC) during the General Elections in April 2007. She has since assumed duties as the Deputy Governor and the Honourable Commissioner of Education in Lagos State.

Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan is a silent achiever and a pathological Philanthropist whose support for women especially the Widows has earned many Awards and accolades from various Individuals and Organisations. She has put in place a quarterly programme on Women Empowerment in Badagry zone, where widow, traders and women in various

Vocations are given grants and materials to start off their own businesses.

A widely traveled woman, whose hobbies include reading, meeting with people, cooking, counseling and dancing, is happily married to Navy Commander Oluseyi Sosan (rtd), and she is blessed with 3 lovely children. She is a motivational team leader, a good team player with good organizational capability and the ability to work efficiently.

A possessor of good time management, interpersonal and communication skills, Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan has the ability to establish

effective working relations with people from all levels across diverse cultures.

Sarah Sosan, in line with the saying that, "all work and no play make jack a dull boy" is an active Member of Inner Wheel Club of Akoka and Busy Bee Women Organisation.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Dr. (Mrs) Roseline S. Konya

**D**R (MRS) Roseline S. Konya JP is a seasoned administrator, a public orator, distinguished academic, a devout Christian, a prolific writer and a crusader of environmental consciousness.

Dr (Mrs) Konya is a woman who believes in "making a difference" in whatever she finds herself. "It is not the office that counts in public service, but the occupier of the office", she opines.

Born to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Duudee Nwizug in Buan, Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State, Dr. Roseline Konya is the surviving daughter of her late parents. Her father was popularly known as "Green Palm" or "Thousand" in Ogoniland.

In November 2003, this distinguished Ogoni "Rose" was invited into the State Cabinet by the then State Governor, Dr. Peter Odili as the Environment Commissioner.

Since her assumption of office, new policies were introduced namely: the reintroduction of the Monthly Environmental Sanitation Exercise and the House-to-House Sanitary Inspection in Rivers State.

Pollution issues by the activities of oil prospecting companies have also been pursued vigorously with most communities receiving favourable responses, due to her "uncompromising stance" on environmental matters with oil companies. She has been firm in the persuasion of oil companies in attaining high standard in their operations to curb environmental degradation.

Dr. Konya would also be remembered for pursuing the waste-to-wealth project, and the concreting of the Nta-Wogba embankment in Port Harcourt, which on completion will reduce flooding problems in the State. She has initiated various workshops and seminars as well as Radio and Television enlightenment programmes as part of her crusade for attaining a sustainable environmental culture and to restore Port Harcourt to its Garden city status.

Ministry of Environment under her leadership was congratulated severally, manifested in the number of Awards she received for good work and leadership.



Her campaign against filth and pipeline vandalization with the use of the famous comedian Zebrudaya, lifted her efforts to great heights in the awareness area. Until her appointment, Mrs. Konya was the Head of Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, University of Port Harcourt.

Her oratory prowess and thoroughness in the delivery of public speeches have endeared her to the academia resulting in her nomination as the University Orator before her appointment as Commissioner.

Dr. Konya has also attended many topical conferences where she presented papers both on scientific and secular topics in Nigeria and abroad. She represented Rivers State at the World Conference on Women at Beijing China in 1995.

Her concern for the total emancipation and empowerment of women brought her to the leadership rostrum as the Vice President of the National Council of Women Society (NCWS) Rivers State Chapter in 1992.

Her contributions towards the socio-economic well being of her people attracted a special award from the Babbe Kingdom as the "PILLAR OF BABBE YOUTHS" during the finals of her late husband's memorial tournament "the Barido Konya Peace and Unity Cup 2005" on December 27, 2005 at Bori, Headquarters of Khana Local Government Area.

Indeed the United Youths Sports Federation of Nigeria (UYSFNON) is among the various national bodies that have also honoured her in recognition of her contribution towards selfless service to humanity, sports development and nation building. Apart from being the first female to be chairman of the Rivers State Civil Service Commission, Dr. Mrs Konya's influence knows no gender barriers while at the Commission, she reinstated with benefits over one hundred and thirty civil servants wrongly dismissed under the Military in early 1999 a feat difficult to perform during the military regime.

It is on record today that in the wake of the Ogoni crises, a peace committee known as the Ogoni Negotiation Committee (ONC) was set up headed by this illustrious woman of God to negotiate with Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) on the way forward in 1997.

The Committee's (ONC) recommendations eventually resulted in the execution of SPDC community projects in Ogoniland. These projects

include: provision of electricity, water supply and construction of road network in the area.

Today, it is significant and heart warming to note that the remediation process by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) invited by the Federal Government in Ogoniland was in view when Dr (Mrs) R. S. Konya was serving as Hon. Commissioner of Environment.

She was also appointed Director in the Rivers State Government owned Delta Rubber Company from 1991- 1993.

Dr. (Mrs) Roseline Konya is a JUSTICE OF PEACE (JP) and is blessed with three lovely children.

In less than three years, she has bagged several awards cutting across Local, National and International honours.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Mrs Olutola Ajoke Falano

Mrs Olutola Ajoke Falano (nee Adenmosun), a Paediatric Nurse and Nurse Administrator was born about 48 years ago in Late Pa Oladipo Akanni Adenmosun of Owu, Abeokuta who was a retired Tobacco inspector for many years and Madam Theresa Alake Adenmosun of Bayinbo's compound Ake in Abeokuta who retired as an assistant Health Sister in Ogun State Ministry of Health, Abeokuta many years ago.

Mrs Falano started her elementary school at MCC Moor Plantation in Apata ganga Ibadan, and progressed her educational carrier at Ogbomoso Girls High School, Ogbomoso and People Girls High School, Ogbomoso and People High School at Molete respectively between 1966 and 1978.

She worked briefly for a year at Public Complaints Commission Oyo State Secretariat between 1979 and 1980. She progressed in her educational pursuits by gaining admission into Ogun State School of Nursing Abeokuta between 1980 and 1983 where she obtained her Registered Nurse Certificate. She was then absorbed by the Ogun State Hospital Management Board Abeokuta.

She worked at the State Hospital Ilaro, Ogun State and School of Health Services at Abeokuta between 1983 and 1985. She later did her Midwifery training at Obafemi Awolowo II maternity School of Midwifery, Abeokuta between 1986 and 1987 where she obtained her Midwifery Certificate as Registered Midwife. She was posted to State Hospital Idi-Aba, Abeokuta as a staff Nurse/Midwife.

She is a mother who has the interest of children at heart, which led her to study Paediatric Nursing at the School of Post Basic Studies, University of Benin Teaching Hospital Benin between January-December 1990, where she obtained her Diploma in Paediatric Nursing and Management.

She spent most of her working experience as a Paediatric Nurse in the children's ward and neonatal unit where she discharged her duties and role as a Paediatric Nurse.

She had her first promotion to the post of Nursing



Officer in 1991 during the Military regime of Retired Navy Comm. Oladehinde Joseph in Ogun State. In 1993, the Federal Government took over the Administration of State Hospital Idi-Aba where she was absorbed and still there till date.

Having a strong principle of hard work with care and tolerance, she has high esteem to further her education in Managerial Nursing, hence she obtained her Diploma in Nursing Administration and Management at Institute of Public Administration and extension Services at University of Benin in 2001.

Her over 20 years of challenging experience in Healthcare coupled with her level of responsibilities in the area of patient/client Management qualified her and assisted her in her regular promotion from Nursing Officer 1 in 1991 to Chief Nursing Officer in January 2005.

Presently, she is the Chief Nursing Officer in charge of Maternal and Child Health in her hospital. Because of her commitment and diligence in her duties her boss decided to choose her to be part of different committees in Federal Medical Centre Idi-Aba Abeokuta. Such as Chairman/Co-coordinator Nursing Audit Committee, Member Maternal death audit committee, member servicom committee all in Federal Medical Centre Idi-Aba, Abeokuta. She has also participated in different Investigative Panels in the Hospital.

She has attended several Seminars/workshops

such as

+ **Clinical management and control of acute diarrhoeal diseases**

+ **Understudy of Immunization programme**

+ **Improving Managerial Approach in Nursing**

+ **Workshop on Nursing Process**

+ **Workshop for Local Examiner**

+ **Workshop for National Council Examiner organized by Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, and a host of others.**

She is a member of a professional association known as National Association of

Nigerian Nurses and Midwives and a member of Association of Registered Nurse Administrators Ogun State Branch where she is serving as the Assistant Secretary. She is also a member of Federal health Institution Forum Ogun State chapter.

She is a devoted Christian of Emmanuel Baptist Church Ita-Iyalode, Abeokuta, a member of Women Missionary Union; co-coordinator of Health Fellowship. She is married to Engr. Olufemi Falano a P.S in the Ogun State Ministry of Special Duties.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Rev. Sr. (Prof) Angela Odoemelam

**R**ev. Sr. (Prof) Angela Odoemelam is presently the only known female professor in Amuda, Isuochi, and in fact the whole of Umueneochi L.G.A. of Abia State. Reverend Sister (Professor) Angela Odoemelam, an erudite scholar of no mean repute, is a very successful academia in her chosen career. A professor of Counselling, Rev. Odoemelam has written 17 books on counseling and human development, 37 book chapters and more than 31 Journal articles. Her contribution on human development is attested to by over 15 PhD candidates she supervised and graduated, over 25 M.Ed. candidates she trained, thousands of first degree holders too numerous to really put in figures since 1983 when she began work in higher institutions of learning in Nigeria. Professor Odoemelam has organized and held several National conferences, Workshops, International Seminars and symposia for workers, teachers, families, children, youths, students etc, under the following headings, human development and productivity in nation building, effects of corruption on personality and nation building; A Panacea, Unemployment among the Youths and Career Implications, Enhancement of Career Development among Nigerian Youths, Child Development, Developmental Problems and Solutions. The family in Nigeria, Problems of Training and Developing the Youths in Nigeria, and Solutions to these problems, group, dynamics and processes, and development and productivity of Functional Youths and Elders in Nigeria, training and Internship of those who counsel Nigerian youth towards productive living, Re-adjustment and Rehabilitation of Delinquent and Deviant Youths to enhance more productivity and to enable them develop integrated personality.

The counseling Centers run by Sister Odoemelam assists students, staff and parents in Abia State University Uturu and its environs in counseling psychology. In fact, the 25 years she put in higher institutions of learning have yielded so much dividend in terms of human being who produce maximized outputs in their different careers.

In fact, the counseling centers she has



developed wherever she worked, has provided student-support services and adult-support services. She is a personnel developer and manager. She has worked as a P.R.O. in many women associations, especially in ABSU where she provided counseling services to people around on behalf of women. In that capacity, she was able to promote the welfare of women and youths, doing visitation to the bereaved, and those who have achieved success in life.

Similarly, she has provided counseling to some Convents and Seminaries in official and private capacities. Her series in family counseling has provided four solid books on techniques and strategies for promoting family unity, equilibrium, functioning and happiness in Nigeria where some couples, families and children are dysfunctionally separated, divorced, and cracked. Such inapt families have gained a lot through reading these books, listening to talks she gives, lectures given to people and students. These materials have become preparatory courses in couple, marriage and family counseling, for youth getting ready to marry, and adults and parents already married. Prof. Odoemelam has held administrative positions apart from being the director of the University Counselling Centre.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



## Mrs Edidiong Michael Umoffia

She completed the course in November 1991, got registered and licensed as an Associate of Medical Laboratory Council of Nigeria (AMLCN). She worked with FEN LABORATORIES, Ibusa in Delta State from December 1991 to April 1993.

In May 1993 she took up employment with Irhua Special Teaching Hospital in Edo State as the Pioneer Medical Laboratory Scientist and Head of Microbiology Unit. Having worked for the period of five years, she transferred her service to the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital (UUTH) in June 1997 where she is currently working.

While working at University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, she registered for Masters Programme in Medical Microbiology at University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State in 2000. She completed the programme and obtained Master of Science Degree (Sc) in Medical Microbiology in 2005. She is currently undergoing a PhD programme in Medical microbiology at the University of Calabar.

Mrs Umoffia has published a number of study materials in her area of specialization notable among which are: Protoplast Fusion of two antibiotics producing strains of Actinomycetes, BSc project, UNICASL, Calabar 1988; Bacterial isolates and the Antibiogram in blood cultures in the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin City, Edo State, AMLS Project 1991; Susceptibility Patterns of clinical bacterial isolates from HIV/AIDS patients in Akwa Ibom, Cross River and Abia States, MSc Thesis, UNIYO, 2005; Chlamydia Trachomatis in Antenatal Women in Urban Nigeria African Journal of Public Health (AJPH), Vol 1 2006; and Comparative Chlamydia Prevalence in HIV/AIDS Patients in South-South and South East of Nigeria African Journal of Bioscience 2006.

Mrs Edidiong Michael Umoffia is a resource person who constantly keeps herself abreast of development in her field. As a result she has attended numerous training courses, workshops and seminars in various study areas such as Biosafety in cClinical And Laboratory Services Post Graduate Institute for Medical Research and Training, College of Medicine

**M**rs Edidiong Michael Umoffia was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 1961 to Chief and Mrs Akpan Etukudo Ukpe of Ikot Efre, Edemaya, Ikot Abasi Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

She had her primary education at Primary School, Odot, Nsit Atai Local Government Area in Akwa Ibom State in 1969-1974, where she obtained her first school leaving certificate.

She started her secondary school education in 1975 at Holy Child Secondary School, Calabar, Cross River State but left after one year due to transfer of parents. She completed her secondary education at Onna Peoples High School, Abat, Akwa Ibom State in 1980 where she obtained her West African School Certificate. (WASC).

She had her University education at University of Calabar, Cross River State from 1984 to 1988, where she obtained a BSc. (Hons) in Microbiology.

She had her National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) posting to Delta Steel Company Aladja, Warri in Delta State in 1989 where she served with the company's health sector, in the medical laboratory and water treatment plant respectively. It was during the period of service that she developed interest in medical laboratory profession.

She proceeded to the University of Benin in 1989/90-session to read medical laboratory science.

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Health, Nigeria, and more. Some of the  
organised at NIMR, Lagos by Federal Ministry  
of Health, Nigeria, and more. Some of the  
achievements of Mrs Edidiong Umoffia may be  
summarized as follows: She was the head of the  
microbiology department from 1997 when the then  
Specialist Hospital, Uyo was taken over  
by the Federal Government and became Federal  
Specialist Hospital Centre, until year 2003 when the headship at  
the department was taken over by late Prof. A. A.  
Umoffia. Despite this, she is still being maintained as the  
head in charge of microbiology department till date.

She started hormonal assay in the University  
Teaching Hospital from July 2004, when  
ELISA machine for hormonal assay and sero-  
screening was purchased by the management of the  
hospital, for a period of six months, during which she  
undertook the training of a chemical pathologist to  
handle the machine for hormonal assay.

She has been overseeing the functioning of the  
Antiretroviral (HIV) Unit of the laboratory of the  
University of UYO Teaching Hospital (UUTH) from  
its inception in 2002. This unit is directly responsible  
for the screening of patients, CD4 count assay and  
other HIV baseline laboratory investigations  
necessary for the establishment and confirmation of

the serostatus of clients for commencement of  
antiretroviral drugs and monitoring of response to  
treatment. The center is a pioneer and leading center in  
the management of HIV patients and the preventive of  
mother-to-child (PMTCT) transmission of HIV  
infection in the South-South zone.

She is the ART Focal Laboratory Scientist for  
U.U.T.H. site; she has been nominated by the  
management of U.U.T.H as the National Quality  
Assurance Programme Officer for UUTH. She  
oversees the bench work of the microbiology  
department of UUTH medical laboratory.

She is married to Dr. Michael Umoffia of  
Mkpok, Orona Local Government area in Akwa Ibom  
State, a specialist Paediatrician working at the  
University of Uyo Teaching Hospital Akwa Ibom  
State.

On the religious side, one notes with pleasure  
Mrs Umoffia's devotion to Christian service. She  
worships with the Methodist Church of Nigeria. She  
has held several posts in the church, women  
fellowship both in the circuit and diocesan levels. At  
present, she is the vice president of the women  
fellowship of Methodist Church of Nigeria (MCN)  
Wesley Section and the newly elected secretary of the  
women fellowship of Methodist Church Nigeria Uyo  
Dioceses.

In recognition of her contributions to the  
progress of the society so far, the editorial board of  
Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN  
WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT  
INTELLIGENCE.



Mrs Gladys Modupe Sasore, FCIDA

**M**rs Gladys Modupe Sasore was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1948 to the humble family of late Dr. I. L. Fawole. She had her Secondary School Education at Ibadan, 1963-1966. Later she traveled overseas for her Secretarial Studies at the Highbrow St. Godric's College Hampstead London, where she obtained a First Class Diploma specializing in Business Management.

She acquired her tertiary education at the University of Lagos where she bagged her LLB and B.L. at the Nigerian Law School.

Working experience spanned through 24 years in the Organized Private Sector (OPS). She worked at Lever Brothers PLC (1978-1980) before she moved to West African Portland Cement Company PLC (WAPCO) (1988-1998). She worked in the Managerial position as the Personal Assistant to the Managing Director and also the first female Depot Manager. Mrs. Sasore became the first President of the Senior Staff Management Association of the biggest Cement Company WAPCO (1997).

She is also a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, Federation of Women Lawyers, Zonta International Club and International Women Society (IWS). She became actively involved in politics after her voluntary retirement from WAPCO in 1998.

During her tenure in NEPC, Mrs. G. M. Sasore contributed immensely to the growth and development of the Nigerian economy. To this end, she has received awards from recognized and notable organizations among whom are Times News 2006; Virtues Magazine for her role in establishing the Building Blocks for a more vibrant Export Economy.

Some of her great achievements include:-

- The Council was restructured in line with the Export Strategy Document which was adopted by the Federal Executive Council for effective and efficient service delivery;
- In the year 2005, the non-oil export sector was grown by 8%
- During the Stakeholders forum held at the State House in January, 2007, it was publicly confirmed that non-oil export sector was grown by 24% in the year 2006;
- The NEPC Headquarters New Office Complex in Abuja is under construction and due for completion in 2007;
- The Construction of the Aba Leather Common Facility Centre by NEPC is completed and ready for commissioning;
- Human Capital Development Centre has been established in Lagos and 80 persons are presently undergoing training;
- The Lagos Zonal Office has been renovated to suit its strategic functions;
- A new Zonal Office has been constructed for Kano Zone;
- NEPC in partnership with United States based Hudson Consulting Group trained Nigerians on how to tap into the enormous potentials of the global market in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) outsourcing;
- Currently, NEPC is being Re-branded to reposition and give value to export service towards increased productivity and economic growth of Nigeria.
- Effort by the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) to expand the nation's export of

seafood has yielded results, as the United States recently re-certified that Nigeria has met the requirements set by Section 609 of P.L. 101 162 for the continued importation of shrimp into the United States. Nigeria was re-certified on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2007.

She was appointed Special Assistant to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in July 1999 then later appointed as the Special Adviser to the President on African Growth and

Opportunity Act (AGOA) in July 2003.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2004, the then His Excellency Mr. President appointed her as Special Adviser to the President on Export Programmes/Chief Executive Officer, NEPC.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT



Mrs Nancy Nenka Effa, FCIDA

**M**rs Nancy Nenka Effa, has been described variously, as courageous, hardworking, bold and yet by some beautiful. To the eulogies she will readily tell you, thank you

In 1963 on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, Nneka was born into the family of now late Mr Charles Agbor Enim and Chief Mrs Elizabaeth Esame Enim Nee Agbor Nkang Osaji, all of Ikom town in Ikom Local Government Area of Cross River State. She is the sixth child of the children of the union.

For primary and secondary education, Nancy attended Holy Child Covenant School and Holy Child Secondary School, all in Ikom town, her birthplace. While at Holy Child Secondary School in her final year was the custom, she was named the school social prefect.

After leaving secondary school, the young Nancy, took up teaching as an auxiliary teacher, with postings to St. Brendan's Secondary School, Iyamoyong and Mount Carmel Secondary School, Ogoja. She taught Literature in English and she loved dance. Not surprising therefore that when the time came to study higher, she took up studies in Theatre arts at the University of Calabar, majoring in children theatre, though, where she graduated in 1992. She did the mandatory National Service in Calabar because at this time Nancy had ceased to be described as young, but married. Before and while

at the University she was a consummate and avid trader.

In 1997, Mrs. Nancy Nneka Effa moved away from the mercantilist urge to another role of a moulder of persons, by going into partnerships of two to establish a nursery /primary school. Not done, shortly after, in 1998 a secondary School had come into being. She now has become a proprietor of **LOURDES EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LTD**, owner of **LOURDES ACADEMY** and **HILCREST JUNIOR LTD**, owner of **HILCREST HIGH SHOOOL**, GRA Phase III Ekorinim all in Calabar, Cross River State.

Mrs. Nancy Nneka Effa is a devout Catholic and Christian, as such a strong believer in God and His word. She philosophies that 'No one is a failure who keeps trying' and the axiom that "if your service has not touched others, then it has not touched you"

In 1998, Mrs. Nancy Nneka met her husband Mr. Frank Effa Effa (Snr) who is a Businessman. They have four children, three of them being girls and one boy Effa Effa (Jnr), Rejubi minka, the first and the last Rejae and Rejume being twins.

Mrs. Nancy Nneka Effa, in spite of her busy schedule, enjoys the company of her husband, children and friends. She has attended several workshops and is a recipient of **HONOUR MOTHER'S AWARD AND SAFARI STYLE PERSONALITY AWARD (FEMALE) 2006**. In her place of worship she is the patron, Lay Readers' Association, patron, Ministers of Hospitality and patron, St. Monica Association.

She runs a scholarship scheme with over twenty children now as beneficiaries and ongoing. Mrs. Effa is a stickler for honesty and excellence and attention to detail, all of which qualities have culminated into the success story of an excellent Administrator. She is strong charactered and loyal.

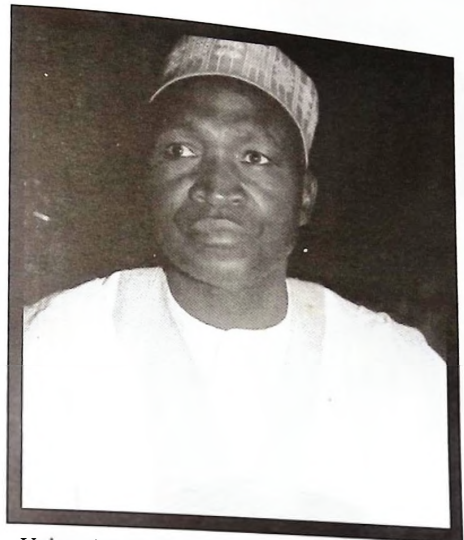
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Mr Bukar Bello, FCIDA



Mr. Bukar Bello is the Secretary to Plateau State Government. He was born on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947. After successful completion of his primary schooling he was admitted into Government Science Secondary School Kuru where he spent the years 1965 to 1979 and obtained his Senior School Certificate. He wasted no time in joining Plateau State Civil service as a Rural Development Organiser on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1970. Prior to this appointment he had worked as Director of Community Development and was later appointed Director-General. Between 1993 and 2000 Mr. Bukar Bello held the position of Permanent Secretary in Plateau State Government a position in which he had responsibility for public administration of his department. Later he was appointed to serve in Auntie Mary Literacy Project as the Executive Director in which post he spent the years 2002 to 2006 before being appointed to the position of Director, Administration and Finance in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). He served the party in this capacity for a period of about one year before joining Plateau State Government again as Secretary to the State Government (SSG) on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007. In his capacity as the SSG, his responsibility includes providing useful advice to the Government, helping in policy formulation and implementation and other administrative functions.

While still working, Mr. Bukar Bello went to Kaduna Polytechnic for a Certificate Course in Community Development and Adult Education. He later did a Diploma course in Community Development and Adult Education at the same Polytechnic. Later, he was admitted into the

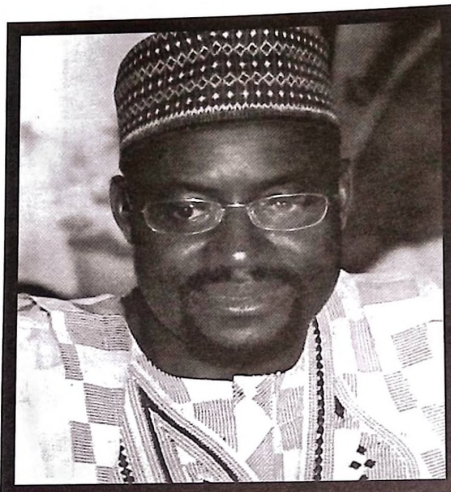


University College of Swansea in Wales, United Kingdom for Postgraduate diploma in Social Policy Administration. He currently holds a Master of Science Degree (Economics) in Social Sector Planning and Management as well as a postgraduate diploma in Social Policy and Administration (1978).

On the professional and social side, Mr. Bukar Bello is a Member of Nigerian Institute of Management; Member, Christian Rural and Urban Development of Nigeria (CRUDN) and Patron of Boys Brigade, Nigeria.

An astute and well-travelled public sector administrator whose contributions to development of public service and the economy of Nigeria cannot be over-emphasized, Mr. Bukar Bello is happily married and enjoys reading, listening to Christian and country Music and farming.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on his the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed M. Ibeto, FCIDA**  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF NIGER STATE

Born on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1959 in Ibeto town, headquarter of Ibelu district in Kontagora Emirate of Niger State; Hon. Ahmed Musa Ibeto came from a humble background of the family of Mallam Musa, a renowned Islamic scholar and farmer. This essentially entailed young Ahmed to begin his educational sojourn right from home as a toddler. Already he was versed in the Holy Quran, even when he was sent to primary school to go into search for the western style of education.

Enrolled at then (Local Education Authority) L.E.A. Primary School Ibeto in 1966, the zealous Ahmed went to Government Secondary School Rijau, from 1973-1977, for his Secondary school education. The promising young Ahmed proceeded to Zungeru College of Advanced Studies at Bida, between 1979 and 1980.

Ahmed Musa Ibeto's desire and determination for qualitative and standard education saw him at the famous Usman Danfodio University Sokoto, where he had his University education between the years of 1980 and 1985 and bagged a Bachelior Degree in History BA (Hons). Hist. On his working career however Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto started as a class teacher, immediately after leaving Secondary School in 1977 and taught up to 1987. He had a stint of clerical job (though brief but glaring) with the Federal College of Education FCE Kontagora from 1978-1979.

He has once served as the NYSC Liaison Officer Yaba, FCT Abuja from 1985-1986, shortly after his graduation from Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto. Among the top administrative positions he held include Director of Protocol to the Government of Niger State from 1999-2003, when he relinquished the prestigious job for the House of Representatives.

Talking about his political background, it is not mistaken to say that Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto has politics in the grave-vine of his blood. This is evident by the fact that he has been in politics right from his school days. Young Ahmed started to exhibit his leadership qualities and political will as a primary school pupil, and became active in student unionism where he held several

**F**or someone to be a veteran in a particular endeavour of life is one thing, and to be noted as a distinguished and successful veteran is another. Moreover the road to success, they say is rough and stormy. Also it is clear that making it to the top is no less a Herculean task than crossing the Rubicon. In philosophical parlance, man is regarded as a struggling being, whose ability to withstand life's challenges is determined by his will-power, perseverance, resilience, large-heart and above all, faith in the creator. Even scholars have argued that, success and credibility are not bestowed. They are earned through vision, integrity and hard work, as well as honesty, and sincerity of purpose. And indeed, these are some of the qualities upon which Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto the *Santurakin Kontagora* and Deputy Chief Servant of Niger State stands tall among his contemporaries. Call him a generational administrator, or a virile and intellectual new breed politician, as well as a silent achiever, your description of Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto, the amiable *Tafidan Ibelu* would be right.

Whichever way you look at him, Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto is down to earth and commands respect as a simple, dynamic, honest, brave, eloquent and transparent leader of high repute, who always eyes excellence, hard work and accountability as his watchwords.

positions in the Student Union Government of Usman Danfodio University Sokoto. And by the time he went into the real field of politics he had not only become a shining star in the game, but had also proved to be a dynamic and an exceptional player and actor, starting from the scratch bottom of politics, coming up promisingly to the top level of the political ladder.

Without mincing words, Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto can be best described as an exceptional new breed politician who started politics at the grassroots, while breaking the record of a successful grass root politician of modern time. He started as the Executive Chairman of his Local Government. He was elected as the Executive Chairman of the then Magama Local Government Council, which now comprises of Magama and Rijua Local Governments between 1987 and 1989 under zero party system.

He was state Chairman of the then National Republican Convention (NRC) in Niger State in 1990 and he became the State Secretary of the party from 1990-1992. He was also one time State Secretary of the defunct United Nigerian Centre Party (UNCP) as well as the present All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) between the years of 1995 and 1996 and 1998-1999 respectively.

Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto contested and won election into the Federal House of Representatives in 2003, under the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) where he represented Magama/Rijau Federal Constituency of Niger State. His people wanted him back into the House in 2007 but in response to the words of elders and his party leaders Ibeto, obediently withdrew from the race. That singular act, earned him great respect and admiration in the political terrain of Niger State. Notwithstanding however, as mentioned before, based on his political will-power, perseverance, resilience, large-heart and above all faith in his creator, as well as, his vision, integrity, hard work, determination, commitment, honesty and sincerity of purpose, he was unanimously nominated as running mate to firstly Alhaji Jibrin Alhassan Bala Gunna and later (Dr.) Muazu Babangida Aliyu, who was subsequently elected the Governor of Niger State in the April 14<sup>th</sup> polls.

Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto, has held several ad-hoc positions in service to humanity and his fatherland. For instance he was one time Care Taker Committee Member of Magama Local Government in 1994-1995. He was also Deputy

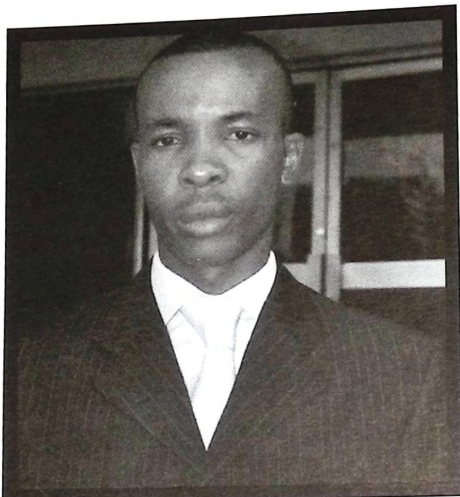
Chairman House Committee on Power, as well as Chairman, House Committee on State and Local Governments in the House of Representatives, a position he held with high integrity, reputation and achievements, such as the various innovations, which earned credibility for the committee. The Committee was also able to monitor the activities and affairs of Local Government Councils in the Country, which added value to prudence and efficiency in the running of the Local Government Councils. The Committee was also among other things, able to pass a bill for the "State and Local Governments Joint Account", towards ensuring probity and accountability in the spending of Local Government Funds by the Local Government Councils in the country. Similarly in the House, Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto also served as a member of the House Standing Committee on National Planning, Navy, and Public Services, Federal Capital territory, Abuja.

A man of many awards and laurels, Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto was a recipient of pro-chancellors prize for Best Behaved Graduating Student of Usman Danfodio University Sokoto in 1985 and also NYSC Chairman's award for meritorious service FCT Abuja in 1986.

In recognition of his sterling academic qualities and quest for knowledge, Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Musa Ibeto was awarded a Doctorate Degree (*Honoris Causa*) in Administration by California University USA, in conjunction with the Institute of Journalism Enugu in 2003. And as if capping it up with the numerous awards he has won, Ibeto was awarded the legislative award for his un-quantifiable contribution to the development of legislature and democracy in the country by the Federal House of Representatives when he was retiring from the House.

His respect for the rule of law and constituted authority endeared him as a respectful law abiding citizen and an obedient servant of the people. His obedience and love for the traditional manifested in his conferment as the Santurankin Kontagora by the Emir of Kontagora, Sarkin Sudan Alhaji Saidu Namaska, just as the District Head of Ibelu District conferred on him the prestigious title of the Tafidan Ibelu

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**W**illiams Onyeabor Mokwunye is a Man of God with a unique calling. A pastor with the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Williams as he is fondly called, is a man who thinks, talks and manifests security as a profession.

Currently serving with the Regional Headquarters 6, Enugu, in Enugu State, he was the first Zonal Youth Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God in charge of Enugu and Ebonyi States from 2000 to 2002. during the period, he also doubled as the minister in charge of security matters of the church in the two states.

Pastor Williams Mokwunye's security exploits are not limited to his church environment alone. In fact, his activities on security matters outside the confines of the church, especially in tertiary institutions, are more pronounced and equally highly commendable.

He is credited as the founder of the Anti-Cult Squad at the Institute of Management and Technology (IMT), Enugu. This security outfit has helped to reduce the incidence of cultism and activities of similar secret societies to the barest minimum at the IMT, Enugu Campus.

Pastor Williams is currently, Chairman of the Investigating Team of Extortion and Intimidation at IMT. The one time Students Union Leader and President, Joint Christian Campus

## Williams Onyeabor Mokwunye

Fellowship at the Institute of Management and Technology, Enugu, is seen and regarded as a radical pastor whose leadership role has helped to reduce crime and fraudulent practices at the institution to the surprise of all. No wonder, the students who can't help but admire and fear him at the same time, have nicknamed him "Pastor EFCC".

The highly resourceful minister of the gospel cum campus security crusader, has served on many disciplinary committees, both in the church and in the larger society. He was the arrow-head of the committee set up by the board Of the Governing Council of IMT to investigate and recommend appropriate sanctions on those involved in admission and certificate racketeering in the institute. The committee was chaired by Mr. Luke Mmamel, Special Assistant to the Executive Governor of Enugu State on Project Implementation. He was also, a member of the disciplinary committee in IMT, chaired by His Royal Highness Rt. Col. Igwe Udeaya in Nsukka Kingdom of Enugu State. Currently, he is a patron of the Drug Free Club of IMT, as well as the Anti-Cult Squad of the Enugu Command.

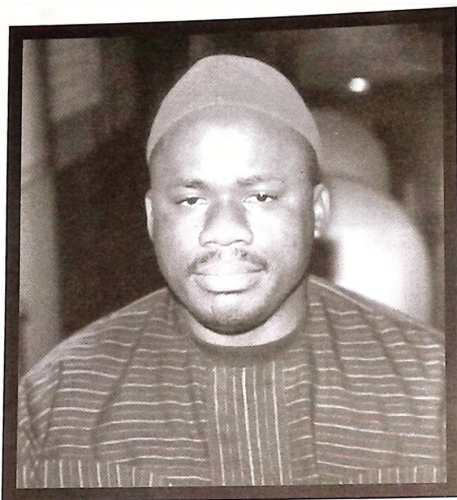
Pastor Mokwunye is a winner of the NDLEA sponsored Gold Award of the Drug Free Club of IMT. Equally in his kitty is the Transparency Life Award by the Anti-Cult Squad of IMT, for risking his life to fight against secret cultism on the campus. He has attended several security-related conferences, seminars and workshops organized by the church, the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), the Police, the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), the Senate, among others. He has equally written and delivered speeches on security issues.

Pastor Williams Onyeabor Mokwunye is a native of Ukwu-Unzu in Aniocha North Local Local Government Area of Delta State. He was born in Ugboodu Town to Mr and Mrs Mokwunye. He had his early education at Eko Primary School Ukwu-Unzu, his hometown. He proceeded to Odiani Mixed Secondary School, also in Ukwu-Unzu, where he obtained the High School Certificate. Pastor Williams possesses both the Ordinary National and Higher National Diploma in

Accountancy from the Institute of Management and Technology (IMT), Enugu. He also holds a Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Psychology from the Ebonyi State University and another PGD from the Redeemed Bible College.

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progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.


**Chief Chris C. Azuka, FCIDA**

today in Kano, Azuka Communications (AZUCOMS) Limited remains a household name. Hon Azuka is also a computer expert who majored in Oracle 10i Data Base.

Chris delved into politics in 2003 when he served as the Sabon Gari Campaign coordinator of the current Governor of Kano State, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau. It takes an amiable young man like Chris to sell Mallam Shekarau's candidature to non-indigenes in Kano who constitute a sizeable number of the votes that gave him victory over the then incumbent governor, Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

In appreciation of his effort, Governor Shekarau on August 22, 2006 appointed Chris as Special Adviser on Inter-Community Relations; and that was yet another beginning for an ambitious and hardworking young man who has demonstrated stupendous concern for the well-being of his own people.

Ordinarily, having got such an appointment, Chris would have gone underground to make his money, live in affluence, and barricade himself with protocols which would make it very difficult for anyone to even access him. But on the contrary, the young man dedicated his revered position to the peace and progress of his constituency, the Igbo Community in Kano and the other non-indigenes of the South-South attached to his portfolio.

His effort and hard work compelled Mallam Shekarau to reappoint him as his aide in the same capacity on September 5, 2007 upon breaking the jinx as the only governor that has won elections to govern Kano two consecutive times; and Chris was instrumental to this success story. Many have described Chris' reappointment in different ways: some would say it was sheer luck, while others see it as a miracle following the stiff opposition that greeted it coming from a cabal in the Igbo Community whom he demystified, damning all consequences. But the truth is that, for Shekarau to reappoint Chris as his aide after receiving a series of unprintable petitions borne out of mischief and blackmail, the young man knows his onions, and the favour was done as a tribute to merit.

A quintessence of peace, Chris upon his

**T**he greatest want of the world is the want of men, men who are true to duty like the needle to the pole, men who thread on the right path and never falter even though the heavens fall. Chief Chris Chukwubuzor Azuka, no doubt, is one of such men. Born on April 7, 1973, Chris who has now become one of the famous sons of Oba clan in Idemili-South Local Government Area of Anambra State, started his education at Community Primary School Ekwulobia in Aguata Local Government of his home state. From there, he moved to the popular Abbot Boys Secondary School in Ihiala Local Government Area of the same state where he had his secondary education. He later left home for Lagos where he completed his secondary education at Sari Iganmu Secondary School.

Young Chris, after his secondary education veered into the business world in 1992. In this world, some people are born to be great, many achieve greatness, while some others see greatness thrust into their hands. But for Chris, the mark he has made in life today is a fallout of determination, perseverance and a cultivated spirit of doggedness.

After his sojourn in Lagos, Chris moved into Kano State where he expanded his business empire. He is holding sway in the stationary and communications business for over a decade; areas where he has made a name because, for instance,

appointment embarked on a resolute mission of bringing a lasting solution to the problem within the Igbo community in Kano. It was on the cause of this mission that a dangerous minority within the community, who had pocketed the fate of a helpless people, saw him as a threat to their evil hegemony and, therefore, decided to rubbish his image. But how could they succeed? Hon. Azuka is evidently someone determined to serve the cause of peace, and to save his people from further shame and ridicule, and he remains resolute in the face of all blackmail and backbiting.

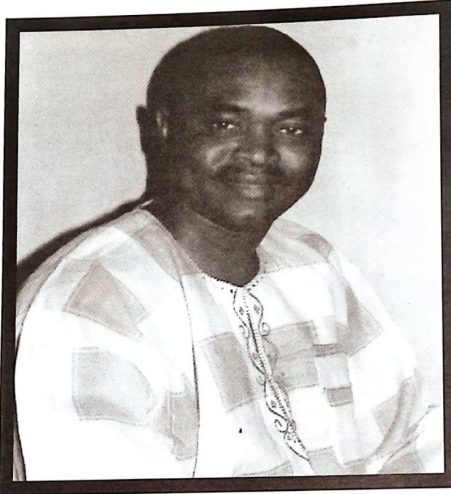
At his instance, a Stakeholders' Forum made up of clergymen, aristocrats, career people, academics, traditional titleholders, business moguls of Igbo origin living in Kano, was convoked on October 2nd 2006 to chart a new cause for Igbo Community. After the Stakeholders' parley, a Caretaker Committee was evolved to install a new and acceptable leadership for the Igbo Community in Kano. He did not stop there. Hon. Azuka was still full of passion for the liberation and unity of his people who have suffered neglect and callous leadership for years. But he was also passionate about promoting closer and more harmonious North-South relationship pursuant to the grand policy thrust of his master bridge building boss, His Excellency Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau. Hence, Hon. Azuka in early January 2008, embarked on a wide-ranging consultative tour of the South East and South-South, where he paid homage to leading traditional rulers, clergymen, and opinion

leaders, soliciting for their prayers and support not only for peace and unity in the Igbo Community, Kano, but also for peaceful co-existence between Southern and Northern Nigerians wherever they are.

Then what else would one want to say of a young man whose priority is service to humanity? A mass mobilizer. If Chris takes a step forward, many follow his leadership, and this is in attestation of the fact that he is a selfless man who believes in the WE LIFE. No wonder his involvement in politics has become instrumental to the political emancipation of non-indigenes living in Kano; and this is so because they believe in him, he has impressed them, and they follow him all the way.

In appreciation for his service to humanity, the Rotary Club International Nasarawa District 9120 of Kano bestowed on him a Vocational Service Award for Exemplary Leadership Qualities. He also received the famous award from the Niger-Delta Solidarity Forum, which honoured him for Excellence in Service to Humanity. This is apart from scores of letters of commendation from many respectable quarters urging him to 'carry-go'!. He has also received half a dozen chieftaincy titles from first-class traditional rulers across the South-East.

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**Mr Babalola Olaleye Famade, FCIDA**

Government 1989/1990.

He then worked as the Foreman at the Muhayak Engineering Company, Owo between 1990 and 1991, he also joined Fagboyegua Company Owo as the Production Officer between 1991 and 1992.

He was admitted as direct student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State between 1992 and 1996.

He worked as a Class teacher/Headmaster in Ariyo Kiddies Campus, Challenge in 1996; he was later appointed as the Principal of the newly established Ariyo Comprehensive High School up till 1997.

He started his extra-Mural classes as PISLIB EXTRAL-MURAL CLASSES at Molete in 1996, which later transformed into a full-fledged Nursery and Primary School in May 1998 and Secondary School in September 1998. The School has produced over 600 undergraduates from the establishment of the extra mural classes and the secondary school into the University both home and abroad.

He later traveled out to Maseru, Lesotho and studied in Maseru School Business Studies and bagged Higher National Diploma in Business Administration and later established his business empire as PISLIB ENTERPRISES (PTY), Maseru.

He finished his Master in Education (M.Ed) in Educational Management in University of Denver, Colorado, United States of America. He is presently undergoing his PhD in Educational Management in the same University.

Mr. Falade also has Advanced Diploma in Human Resource Management in University of Lagos

In order to update his knowledge in education, he traveled to University of Hull in August/September 2006 for a full two weeks Seminar in School Leadership trait. He is also pursuing a Master degree in Effective Leadership in the same University.

His school has won many awards such as

1. Most Outstanding School 2001/2002 by Torch Communication, Ibadan
2. Most well examination conducting School 2004/2005 by Examination ethics an NGO, Ibadan

**M**R. BABALOLA OLALEYE FAMADE is a man of integrity with a respectable and reputable pedigree who is an enterprising academician. His effort to promote the educational sector in the economy of the country is highly commendable. He runs a flourishing Group of Schools in Ibadan, Oyo State PISLIB DE VARSITY GROUP OF SCHOOLS (both Primary and Secondary).

Mr. B. O. Famade, was born on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1966 at Ode-Irele in Irele Local Government Area of Ondo State. He had his primary education at Methodist Primary School, Ode-Irele between 1972 and 1978 and his secondary education at Moribodo College, Ilutitun (Okitipupa Local Government Area) between 1980 and 1986 where he was chosen as the Senior Prefect.

Just after his school certificate examination, due to his intelligent academic efficiency he was employed and he worked as the Physics Laboratory attendance/Mathematics teacher at Oyenuhi Memmorial Grammar School, Ode-Irele between 1986 and 1988.

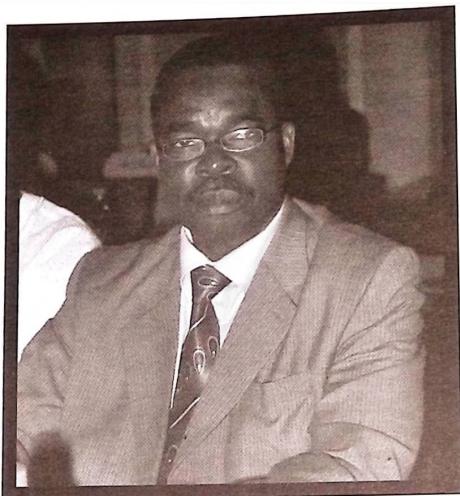
He later proceeded to Ondo State Polytechnic (now Rufus Giwa Polytechnic) Owo to study Mechanical Engineering between 1988 and 1990 and passed out with Upper Credit as the best student of the Department. He also served as Public Relation Officer (P>R>O) of the Student Union

3 Third position State Olympiad Mathematics, by Oyo State

Meanwhile, the WAEC SSCE and NECO SSCE results have been wonderful with Distinctions and Credits, since 2004. He was also conferred with the GOLD AWARD (OYLINGA 2007 for his contributions to the Social-

Economic Development of Nigeria, in Abuja by the Corporate & Media Africa Communications Ltd.

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## Dr. Clement Alaba Omotola, FCIDA

Newcastle General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne after which he returned to Nigeria. He garnered experience at the Newcastle General Hospital in the Management of Burns, Parotid Surgery, Radical Cervical Lymphadenectomy with both Glossectomy and Mandiblectomy.

At various times in the year 1984 Dr. Omotola worked as the Locum Officer General Surgery Division of Grimsby Hospital Lincolnshire, Locum Senior House Officer, General Surgery at Worcester Royal Infirmary, Worcester

Between 1977 and 1978, Dr. Omotola worked as Senior House Officer Ife University Teaching Hospitals Complex and Medical Officer Surgery, The Specialist Hospital Ondo Town, Ondo State. Combining his experience at the two different medical institutions reveals his involvement in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology with Caesarean Sections, two total Abdominal Hysterectomies and he took part in the operative management of several ruptured Ectopic Pregnancies, performing a few Inguinal Herniorrhaphies and haemorrhoidectomies with the Hospital's Chief Surgeon.

After bagging his FRCS fellowship, he has served in Nigeria at different levels. He was Member of the Hospital Management Board in April 1987 during which time he was promoted to Senior Consultant Surgeon with the addition of some administrative responsibilities to the pre-existing Surgical Assignment. From 1988 to 1994, Dr. Omotola was a Member of Senior Staff Committee of the Federal Medical Centre Owo; he was later promoted to Chief Consultant Surgeon in 1991. He doubled as Chairman Medical Advisory Committee and Chief Consultant Surgeon at the Federal Medical Centre Owo, Ondo State between 1999 and June 2001. However from June 2001 to November 2001 he worked in an Acting Medical Director capacity at the Federal Medical Centre, Owo. From October 2003 to February 2006 he became the Chief Consultant Surgeon, Federal Medical Centre, once again before he was appointed the substantive Medical Director of the Centre in February 2006.

Dr. Clement Omotola has numerous publications and presentations to his credit. His personal interests and hobbies include farming (including poultry), traveling and reading religious books. He is happily married and has four children.

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**D**R. CLEMENT ALABA OMOTOLA was born on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1948 at Oka-Akoko in Ondo State of Nigeria. He had his secondary school education at Victory College, Ikare Akoko in Ondo State from 1963 to 1967 and obtained Division One in the West African School Certificate Examination in 1967. He completed his tertiary education at the University of Ibadan where he obtained a medical degree of MBBS in 1974.

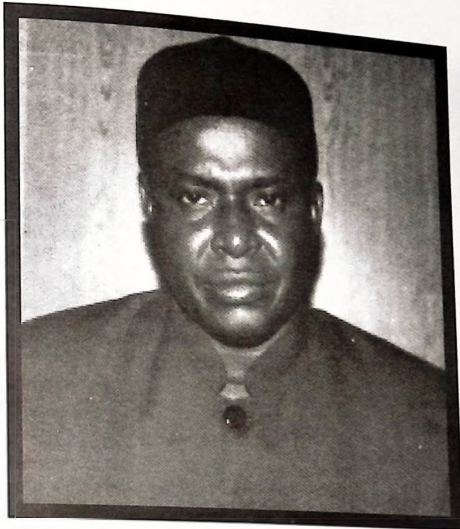
From October 1980 to December 1980 Dr. Omotola attended Primary FRCS Course at the Royal College of Surgeons England. In January 1981, he passed the primary FRCS and then prepared and waited for the PLAB Examination in April 1981, which he also passed at the first sitting. He was employed as Locum Senior House Officer in Trauma & Orthopaedics Middlesbrough General Hospital South Cleveland. At South Cleveland Hospital he learnt Endocrine Surgery with particular emphasis on the Thyroid. He also had real general exposure in parotid, submandibular and Gastro-Intestinal problems. There was also exposure to Vascular Surgery with experience gained in Femoro-Popliteal Bypass, Extra-Anatomical Bypass, e.g. Axillo Bi-Femoral Anastomosis, Femoral Embolectomy and Amputations for Ischaemic Gangrene.

In 1984, Dr. Clement Alaba Omotola was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeon (FRCS (Ed.)) with this professional qualification in addition to his academic excellence, the stage was set for Dr. Clement Omotola to engage in full medical practice

He then began his outstanding career in medical practice in the UK as Registrar, Plastic Surgery,

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**Hon. (Chief) B. Owei-Zala,**  
FCIDA



**HON. (CHIEF) BENNETT OWEI-ZALA** is the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Bayelsa State Government. He was born on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1953 at Sangana in Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

His early education took him to Dennis Memorial Grammar School, Onitsha from 1964 to 1966 where he bagged his West African School Certificate (WASC) in Grade 1 and from 1967 to 1970 he was at Kings College, Lagos where he completed his higher secondary schooling and obtained the Higher School Certificate, the equivalent of Advanced General Certificate in Education in 1970..

From the years 1972-1975 he was at Ahmadu Bello University Zaria where he completed a course of study leading to the award of Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry, which he obtained in flying colours.

After completing the mandatory National Youth Service Scheme (NYSC) at Ochaja Secondary School in Kwara State from 1975 to 1976, Hon. Bennett Owei-Zala was appointed the Principal of Government Secondary School, Akassa in Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State. He held the post from 1976 to 1979. In 1980 he was appointed to the Board of Delta Hotels Limited, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, an appointment he held till 1983.

Owei-Zala who is well known for his pragmatic approach to organizational management, rose to the level of Chairman/Managing Director of Beechey Nig. Limited, based in Port Harcourt, Rivers State in 1984 which position he held till 1997.

From 1998 to 2001, Hon. Bennett Owei-Zala was the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) of Texaco Overseas Nigeria Limited, Warri, Delta State. Again his approach to the management of community-based

issues left no one in doubt as to his effectiveness in this area. His commitment to the resolution of conflicts, deadlock on negotiations soon made him a reference point in the whole of the Niger Delta region. He was quickly spotted by Chevron (Nigeria) Ltd, Warri, Delta State and appointed the Government Relations Representative. He held this position for a space of about three (3) years to the reasonable satisfaction and admiration of his employers who then promoted him to the rank of Advisor on Policy, Government and Public Affairs (East) in 2006 till 2007.. This time, it was with Chevron Nigeria Ltd Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Hon. Chief) Bennett Owei-Zala is currently the Commissioner for Local Government & Rural Development in Bayelsa State. He is happily married and enjoys reading, swimming and table tennis in his spare time.

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## Mallam Suleiman Indabawa, FCIDA

he pursued and obtained in 2005 a Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) with a Merit Grade. Mallam Sule (as he is fondly called by his admirers) also holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) obtained from Bayero University, Kano, (2003/2005).

Mallam Sule's academic pursuits have been interspersed with practical work experience. After completing his National Youth Service in 1983/84 at Baguada Technical College, Kano, Mallam Indabawa worked as Higher Agric. Superintendent Mech. From 1978 to 1983 at Hadejia Jama'are River Basin Development Authority (JRBDA), Kano. In 1985, he moved to Industrial Training Fund where he was appointed Training Development Officer I (Apprenticeship) ITF Kano, 1985 to 1988 before he was promoted to Senior Training Development Officer/Area Officer ITF Calabar 1991. He became the Chief Training Development Officer/Area Officer ITF Kaduna 1992 30 July 1996. He rose rapidly on the job as a reflection of his commitment to excellence, to become the Assistant Director, Head Curriculum Development Division, T & D Department, ITF, Jos and later Assistant Director, Head Direct Training Services Division T & D Dept, ITF Jos.

Mallam Suleiman Indabawa's respectable command of human resource development and training issues, has been his major asset. From year 2003 to 2006 he held the position of Deputy Director/Training Manager, Industrial Skills Training Centre ITF Dorayi Kano. He was appointed Director, Industrial Training Development Dept, ITF Jos in May 2007 a position he holds to date.

Mallam Indabawa's exposure to politics and leadership of people dates back to his primary school days. He was Prefect Government Craft School, Wudil, 1970; President Debating Society C. S. Wudil, Prefect Government Technical College, Kano 1972/73; President Muslim Students Society; President Dramatic Society; President Debating Society and Secretary Red Cross Society. In the early days of his working career, Mallam Sule was President Civil Service Technical

**B**orn on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1953, Mallam Suleiman Yusuf Indabawa received his first school Leaving Certificate with position 1 out of 35 at Kofar Naisa Primary School, Kano in 1967. He then proceeded to Government Craft School, Wudil in 1968 where completed his Secondary III education and obtained his Secondary III Certificate. His further studies enabled him to obtain the City and Guilds of London (Auto) Part I with Distinction and Federal Labour Trade Test (Auto.Mech.) II. Mallam Indabawa also holds Federal Craft Certificate, which he obtained after completing a course of study in Government Technical College Kano from 1971 to 1973.

One interesting thing about Mallam Suleiman Indabawa is his insatiable appetite for knowledge and his determination to excel in whatever endeavour he is engaged. Thus his Ordinary National Diploma (Agric. Mech), which he completed from 1975 to 1976, was obtained with Distinction while his Higher National Diploma (Agric. Mech.), which he pursued from 1982 to 1983, was obtained at credit level. At College of Agriculture, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria where Mallam Indabawa bagged his OND and HND in Agric.Mech, he was noted generally for his outstanding commitment to learning which made him excel in every examination. Further studies took him to Bayero University Kano in 2003 where

Workers Union of HJRBDA, Kano; State Vice President CSTWUN, Kano; General Captain, College of Agriculture, ABU Zaria, Member, NIST Review Committee, T & D, ITF; Secretary, Electoral Commission on Technical Old Boys Association, Kano; Member, Editorial Board for the Publishing of Seminar Proceedings into a Book form 1989, Sokoto Joint Trade Fair; Chairman, National Conference Organising Committee BUK 2005, Team Leader, Engineering Crack Team, ITF Jos, to mention a select few.

On contributions to management development, Mallam Sule has also performed creditably well. He was resource person to Nigeria Society of Engineers Kaduna Branch on Effective Communication of Instruction to Subordinate; he was resource person to Nigerian Institute of Industrial Development, Lagos; resource person to ICAN Abuja Branch; resource person to Nigeria Institute of training & Development (NITAD) and resource person to Peugeot Automobile Nig. LTD (PAN) Kaduna.

Mallam Indabawa has a number of publications to his credit, two of them are:- *Training Problems in Agricultural Mechanisation in College of Agriculture, ABU Samaru, Zaria, 1983* and *Strategies for Improving the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) in ITF, 1992.*

Mallam Sule developed and delivered papers for UNDP Assisted Small and Medium Enterprises

(SME) Industrial Extension Course for Extension Workers on the Federal Ministry of Industries. The papers include Project Feasibility Study Marketing; Intervention Techniques Training, Planning and Implementation; Report Writing and Report Presentation October 1996. He equally developed course papers for the installation and operation of effective Industrial Maintenance System and Industrial Maintenance Management Course for Companies Nationwide for the Industrial Fund. Presently, he is conducting a research on : The Impact of ITF Training Programmes on Productivity and Efficiency in Nigeria's Industrial Sector.

Mallam Sule Indabawa is indeed a seasoned career management science practitioner, who is highly resourceful in all areas of management consultancy, agricultural economics, personnel administration and business planning. He is a member of the Society of Agricultural Engineers and Member of Administrative staff college of Nigeria (ASCON).

He is married to two wives and has many children. Mallam Sule loves reading the Holy Quran, Sports particularly football, Basketball and Athletics; he also enjoys meeting people, politics, socializing, traveling and listening to the radio.

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**Dr. (Mrs.) Olateju A. Somorin, FCIDA**


She retained that position up to the year 2000 and by that became the longest serving Board Secretary of that organisation. She was re-appointed in 2001 and she stayed on till 2003. As a Board Secretary, Teju was easily adaptable to pressurized, fast-moving working environment and she ensured that the Board's workload was prioritized effectively and finished to an enviable standard.

Dr. (Mrs.) Somorin was the first female Chairman to head the Corporate Affairs Branch of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS). She was also the first Chairman Editorial Board of Nigerian Tax News, a journal of the Federal Inland Revenue Service. She was the first Female Secretary to the Management Committee of FIRS. First Secretary of Technical Committee of Federal Board of Inland Revenue (FBIR), the Value Added Tax Committee and the first female Secretary of the Ministerial Tenders Board of FIRS. Also served as the first female Zonal Coordinator of the Middle East and the Central Zones of FIRS. What is more, she is the first and only officer of the FIRS with an M. Tax degree.

**D**r. (Mrs.) Olateju Abiola Somorin is an experienced Chartered Tax Administrator with in-depth knowledge of tax administration spanning over three decades. She is one of the few Nigerian women who have carved a niche for themselves in the sphere of Tax Administration, an area which is ordinarily dominated by men. Born on August 25, 1950 in Lagos, Dr. Somorin hails from Abeokuta North Local Government Area of Ogun State. She is married with children.

She started her University education career at the University of Lagos, Nigeria where she obtained a B.A. (Hons) Degree in English. In 1982/83, she was at the University of Paris where she got a Masters Degree in Tax Administration. A few years later, she got a second Masters Degree in Public Administration. Teju is a graduate of the Nigerian College of Accountancy, Jos Nigeria and also has a Doctor of Letters Degree in Nigerian Tax System.

Dr. (Mrs.) Olateju Somorin is a woman with a record of many firsts. Early in life, she graduated as the Best Form 5 Student (1978) from the prestigious Methodist Girls High School, Yaba, Lagos. Teju received not less than three prizes from her school and also served as a School Prefect. In 1987, she became the first female to be appointed by the Board of Inland Revenue as the Board Secretary.

As a foundation member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), she has contributed significantly to the growth of the Institute where she remains the longest serving Council Member. At the CITN, she also recorded many firsts. She served as the First Chairman of nearly all the major Committees of Council of the CITN such as the Annual General Meeting (AGM), Membership, Publication, Annual Tax Conference, Finance and General Purposes and the Editorial Board of the Nigerian Taxation the CITN Journal. She was the first Chairman of Abuja District Society of the CITN.

This woman of excellence has a lot of awards and recognitions at home and abroad which stand her out as a great achiever. In 1996, for instance, she won the Performance Award for Best Performance by the Management of the FIRS. In August, 2002, she was conferred with the Award of Excellence & Distinction in Tax Administration (AEDTA) by the Institute of Administrative Management of Nigeria. She is also a

Honorary Fellow of that Institute. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants, Member Nigerian Institute of Management, Member, Editorial Board of Nigerian Tax Journal, Member Editorial Board Investors Tax Guide and Council Member CITN.

She is a Doctoral Fellow of the Prestigious Institute of Financial Professional Managers, London. She was awarded "Who is Who in Taxation" in 2002 by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge; the Centre, which later conferred her with the status of a Deputy Director-General and invited her to its Hall of Fame in October 2007. She is a Council Member of the International Biographical Association, Cambridge. Dr. Somorin is also a Deputy Governor of American Biographical Institute, North Carolina.

Teju has served on numerous committees of FIRS, contributed articles to four local tax journals and one International Journal, has over 20 published and unpublished tax articles to her credit, coordinated not less than 36 tax seminars and conferences and demonstrated a high sense of discipline as a two-timed Regional Coordinator.

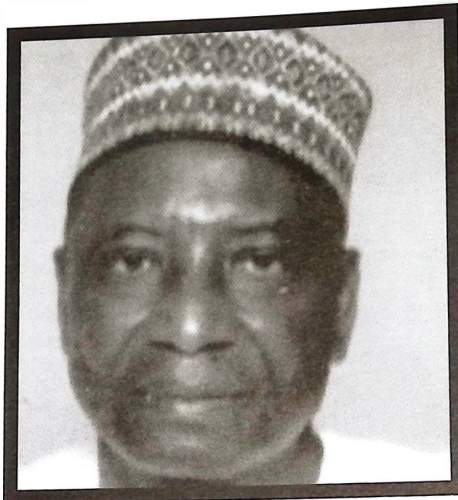
She was appointed as the Secretary to the Study Group on Nigerian Tax System and Administration in 1991 an assignment, which was well commended by the Honourable Minister of Finance. She took part in an essay competition organized by the

Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) and her essay was adjudged to have reached a remarkable standard and was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> position. She served as National Vice President and National Treasurer of the University of Lagos Alumni Association (1992-1994). Teju has attended courses and seminars in different parts of Nigeria, and also in Paris, Algiers, South Africa, Cyprus, Ghana and Egypt. She was a recipient of PSR Magazine, Woman of Merit Gold Award in 2004.

Prior to her deployment to her current position as the Head of Human Resources Department of FIRS, she has held sensitive positions of trust at the FIRS and also on the Council of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) in various high-ranking capacities and finally reached an enviable position of Vice President of the Institute which she relinquished voluntarily in 2006 due to exigency of duty. She has also served as Resource Person to both FIRS and the CITN.

Teju is presently working on her 1,000-paged book titled "TAX DEFINITIONS". This book is being edited and will be published soon.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



Aliyu Habu Fari, FCIDA

**T**opnotch boardroom chairman, Aliyu Habu Fari, FCIDA (Mutawallin Wukari) was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1952 at Wukari LGA of Taraba State. He was educated at Islamiya School Marmara, Wukari between 1957 and 1963. From 1959 to 1963 he was at the Native Authority Primary School (Central) Wukari, Taraba State where he obtained his First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC) in flying colours. Pursuit of his higher School Certificate took him to Government College, Keffi, Nasarawa State where he spent the years 1966 - 1970. Having successfully completed his HSC studies and obtained the qualification, he proceeded to Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Kaduna State in 1972 for a Diploma in Law (Dil) course, which he completed in 1974. Further studies in Law took him to the University of Khartoum in the Republic of Sudan, Khartoum and after completing his studies he obtained the Degree of Bachelor of Law (LLB) in 1977. He also bagged a Postgraduate Certificate in Comparative Laws (GCCL) in the same year and was called to the Bar in 1978 when he officially became a Barrister at Law (BL). Wanting to be more versatile, Aliyu Habu Fari proceeded to the University of Calabar where he was admitted to a course of study leading to Masters In Business Management which he completed and obtained in the year 2003.

Mallam Habu Fari's education and training

was interspersed with practical work exposures. He was appointed Assistant Manager IMB and Company, Makurdi in 1971, Headmaster Marmara Islamiya Primary School, Wukari in 1972 and Assistant Registrar of Courts Benue-Plateau, Jos in 1974. In 1977, the diligent and resourceful Fari became a legal trainee in Gongola State, Yola before moving on to Nigeria Police College Jos in 1978 where he satisfactorily served his fatherland under the National Youth Service Scheme. He was at various times involved in practice where his legal and intellectual prowess received commendation. He was appointed State Counsel, Gongola State, Yola in 1978 and in 1979 worked as Solicitor and Advocate, Baba Adi & Co, Jos. It was from here his corporate management skills became wellknown as worthy of deployment to the boardroom where the benefits would be immense.

Thus from 1979 to-date Mallam Aliyu Habu Fari has been involved in the directorship and chairmanship of over a dozen companies, notable among which include: Albako International Ltd, Wukari (from 1979-1990); Continental Food and Beverages Lagos (from 1980 to 1982); Auto Trans Ltd, Lagos; Abdat Insurance Company Ltd, Lagos (1988); Cosmopolitan Commercial Bank Ltd, Lagos 1989; Taba Trading Company Ltd, Wukari; Nigerian Byrite Company Ltd, Lagos; Wukari Flour Industries Ltd (1991-1998; Contraco Engineering Limited Lagos 1993; Chairman Farida Bureau De Change Ltd Kano 1992-1998; Chairman, Cell Wireless Ltd, Abuja; Chairman Jos Tobacco Distribution Co. Ltd Jos. He is currently, Chairman, Municipal Micro Finance Bank Ltd, Abuja and Chairman Essence Petroleum Products Ltd, Lagos. In all these organizations, Habu Fari has demonstrated immense corporate management skills whether in the capacity of Director or Chairman. He remains one of Nigeria's greatest managers of human and material resources whose footsteps are worthy of emulation.

Habu Fari's towering success in business, politics and industry must be attributed to his sound academic training backed by his professional qualifications. He has many professional bodies to

which he is affiliated, namely: he is a Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management (MNIM), has been described as Certified and Distinguished Financial Administrator (CDFA), is a Member Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) Institute of Administrative Management of Nigeria, and Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Turning to the field of politics, Malam Habu Fari is seen commanding great influence. However his active political life began in 1979 when he was elected Executive Member of National Party of Nigeria (NPN), a position he occupied till 1981. Between 1980 and 1981 Habu Fari also held the post of General Secretary with Gongola State National Party of Nigeria (NPN). He rose to the position of Minister of Transport of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 1982 to 1983. He was Executive Member, National Republican Convention (NRC) in 1993, Presidential Flag Bearer of NRC Option A4 for Taraba State of Nigeria, Executive Member, Democratic Party of Nigeria (DPN), National Secretary, Democratic Party of Nigeria (DPN) 1996; National Steering Committee Member, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) 1998. He was appointed the National Chairman of National Democratic Party (NDP) a position he occupied from 2001-2006. In the 2003 General Election, Aliyu Habu

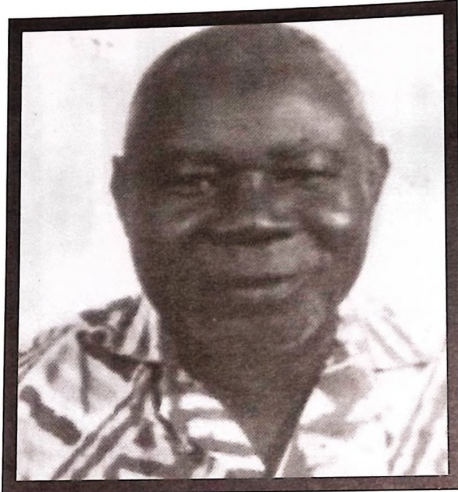
Fari was the NDP Vice Presidential candidate. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of National Democratic Party.

In recognition of his towering service to humanity, Habu Fari has received many commendations, honours, and awards such as Honorary Doctorate Degree Institute of Accounting Executives of Nigeria, Ibadan; Patronship, Doctorate Degree Institute of Accounting Executives of Nigeria, Ibadan, Award of Economic Player of the Year 2002 By West African International Magazine, Lagos; Certificate of Honour By Wukari Local Government and another one from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria.

Mallam Habu Fari's hobbies include, reading, politics, traveling and driving. He is married with children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on his the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Michael M. Tika



**M**ICHAEL Mahula Tika is an accomplished management guru, banker and practicing Christian. Born on September 29, 1948 in Waduku, Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State of Nigeria, Michael began his elementary schooling at Numan Town School where he spent the years 1956-62. he obtained his West African School Certificate in December 1967 after completing the prescribed period of study at Provincial Secondary School (now General Murtala College) Yola Pursuit of the most prestigious qualification in the field of banking and finance took him to South London College London, UK where he spent the period 1971 to 1974 and qualified as Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers London in 1974.

Mr. Michael Mahula Tika started his career in banking with First Bank Plc (formerly SBWA Limited) in 1968 where he worked till 1971 before traveling to the United Kingdom to pursue his professional qualification. While in the UK he served the Barclays Bank PLC from May to August 1974 as ostensibly to gain ACIB post qualification experience. This experience was of immense benefit to the amiable Michael when he returned to Nigeria in 1974 and joined Bank of the North Limited first as Cash Officer/Officer Trainee in the Maiduguri Branch of the Bank. He was promoted to Branch Accountant between 1975 and 1976 and

later in 1976 he rose to occupy the post of Branch Manager Azare (Relief) Bauchi State. Between September 1976 and December 1978 Mr. Tika was Manager of the Dutsin-ma branch of the bank in Katsina State. Not only was his performance as Manager appreciated in the Katsina State branch but he was also sought after in other branches in quick succession. He was Manager Gboko branch, Benue State (1979-1981), Manager, Makurdi branch (1981-1982) and Manager, Ilorin branch in Kwara State 1982 to 1985.

His career progression, which was purely, based on merit saw him becoming Area Manager Designate Kaduna Area Office from May 1985 to December 1985 before he was appointed the substantive Area Manager Kaduna (in charge of Kaduna & Katsina States). Following acceptable results achieved in this position Mr Michael Mahula Tika was appointed Principal Manager (Agric) Head Office (HO) covering the bank nationally) in the year 1987 a position he held till end of 1988 before he was made Assistant General Manager C.L. (South) H.O. (in charge of lending covering Nigeria South of Niger).

Mr. Michael Mahula Tika rose rapidly on the job. Before his retirement in January 1995 he had risen to the position of pioneer Regional Manager, Sokoto having served in various other capacities such as Assistant General Manager (HRD) H.O. (National Covering) and Deputy General Manager.

As a devoted and loyal member of staff of the Bank Mr. Tika also served on various Committees. He was Chairman Turn-around Committee (1992); Member, Senior Staff Establishment (1989-1992); Member, Branch Rationalization Committee (1989); Member, Credit and Investment Review Committee II-Lending Limits from the M.D & CE and above 1991-1994; Member, Budget Review Committee 1992-1994 and Member, Annual Credit Review Committee 1989-1994.

Mr. Tika is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria; Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management (award received awaiting payment of subscription fee and investiture); and a professional

Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration.

In the course of executing various bank management assignments, Mr. Tika attended numerous management courses both locally and internationally, which no doubt placed him in a position to contribute significantly to the progress of his employers. During the course of his service spanning over 20 years he made the following useful contributions.

1. As a Branch Accosuntant of Maiduguri Branch, in 1976, he discovered a fraud investigated it and the bank was able to successfully prosecute the culprits.
2. When posted to Katsina, he took over an 18 months old Dutsin-ma Branch that had been recording huge losses up to August 1976. by December of the same year, the loses had drastically reduced and from January 1979, the feat was so spectacular that the Head Office sent in inspector to find out if there were sharp practices. Findings satisfactory.
3. At Gboko branch he was able to :
  - a) Reduce the level of fraud in the branch to the barest minimum
    - b) In 1980, he was able to break a syndicate of fraudsters who had stolen the bank's Draft booklet of 100 leaves and had succeeded in cashing fraudulent draft at a handful of the bank's branches; but when they tried to draw on Gboko branch they were caught by the ever eagle eyed, humble Michael Tika.
  4. At Ilorin branch (1982-1995) Mr Tika was able to : -
    - a) Reduce the level of fraud and indiscipline to the barest minimum
      - b) Balance the hitherto unbalanced accounts of the branch
      - c) With the assistance of a team of inspectors from the Head office, Mr Tika was able to locate some of the differences in accounts suspended and cleared it.
    5. he contributed immensely to the development of the Operational Guidelines of the Bank
  6. He was one of the people drafted to rub minds

with CBN Agric Office and the protem Management of the Nigeria Agricultural Insurance Scheme during the formative stage of the company at Owerri, Imo State December 1988.

7. The Committee which he headed in 1992 the turnaround committee - provided a breather to the bank that was placed under a withholding Action by CBN/NDIC. And the HRD under his leadership made a case for a "filter" being put in place to stop the promotion of person with a certain qualifications beyond certain capacities.

Since leaving paid employment, Mr Michael Mahula Tika has taken on tasking challenges which no doubt brought to the fore his accumulation of knowledge and experience. He was appointed Executive Chairman of Waduku Investment Nigeria Ltd under which he acted as:-

- Trainer for the Bureau of Public Service Reforms Pre-retirement Workshops
- Factoring and Debt Recovery Services for Bank of the North (Defunct) Jalingo Taraba State, to the tune of N155,000,000.00

He is the Chairman of Bachama Heritage Foundation; Bishop's Nominee (Bishop's Advisory Council Anglican Church of Christ Kano); Chairman Committee on Fund Raising Construction of Bishop's Guest House Kano and Vicar's warden (Adviser to the Vicar on circular issues to do with church St. Matthews Anglican Church Maitama Abuja).

He had previously served, as part of his extra curricular activities, as National Council Member, CIBN Lagos; Member, National Education Committee CIBN, Lagos, Chairman CIBN Kano Branch, Chairman, Education Committee CIBN, Kano Branch, Founding Member and Branch Executive CIBN, Ilorin Branch.

Mr. Michael Mahula Tika is married and has lovely, responsible, intelligent and well-grown children, one of them Cynthia. His hobbies include driving, hunting, football, dancing and indoor games.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on his the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT



## Ahmad Abubakar



Privatization and Commercialization (TCPC) of the Tafawa Balewa Square Lagos, where in his usual candour, he made quality inputs. His sense of value is, unquestionably, very well respected throughout the country. Everything about Mallam Ahmad Abubakar seems to be working in conformity with his background his post qualification exposures, which helped him, garner quality experiences.

Mallam Ahmad Abubakar served under the NYSC scheme at the Ministry of Works and Housing, Enugu, then Anambra State between 1980 and 1981 as Project Quantity Surveyor for Awka Housing Estate; Education Resource Centre, Enugu; Ogochukwu Housing Estate, Enugu. During his service he handled the valuation of Institute of Management Technology Female Hostel, Enugu for the determination of the contract. He was also Lecturer at the Institute of Management Technology, Enugu.

Soon after his NYSC service Mallam Ahmad Abubakar joined Ministry of Federal Capital Territory (MFCT), Abuja as Project Quantity Surveyor I. His duties included coordination and monitoring of all MFCT projects, MFCT Secretariat Gwagwalada, Abuja and all the seven Local Government Secretariat within the MFCT. He also worked as the Project Quantity Surveyor for the construction of 4 Secondary Schools complex with classrooms, dormitories, laboratories, Games, pitches with mini stadia, Teachers quarters etc. located in Abaji, Bwari, Kaje and Rubochi. Construction of Judicial projects he handled include Area Courts, Magistrate Courts, Upper Area Courts and Judges Residences within the Territory. Construction of Health Centres and Gwagwalada Federal Hospital, Gwagwalada Estate and Township roads, Gwagwalada Rural Electrification Scheme, Construction of Generating set House, Installation of Generators, Transformers, etc, erection of electric poles and wiring, etc.

In 1984, Mallam Ahmad Abubakar joined Kautal Hairu Co. Limited, as an Executive Director (Operations) in charge of all operations of the company

**T**opnotch facility management services expert Ahmad Abubakar, is a professional quantity surveyor and also a guru in the field of Construction Management. When he left Ganje Primary School, Ganje in 1970, he proceeded to Government Secondary School, Ganje in 1971 where he completed his secondary education and obtained a Grade 1 Certificate at the West African School Certificate examination. His next port of call for educational qualification was the North East College of Arts & Science, Maiduguri (I.J.M.B) where he spent the years 1975 1977.

For his tertiary level education, Mr. Ahmad Abubakar was admitted into a degree programme in Quantity Surveying at the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria where on completion, he was decorated with a B.Sc. Hons in Quantity Surveying. He did not stop there academically but went on to obtain a Masters Degree in Construction Management in the same University (1983-1984). With his possession of outstanding knowledge of both disciplines quantity surveying and construction management Ahmad Abubakar was ready to contribute his quota to the development of his fatherland.

One of his major national assignment was his participation in the Technical Committee on

in areas of Consultancy, Construction, Procurement, Import and Export. Here he was involved in conception, construction and commissioning of Daddo Feed Mill Yola; Installation of Machinery, Commissioning and monitoring of production for one year. He also did the same for Barkaaji Co. Ltd Rice and Grains Mill, Yola, where he also handled the establishment of procurement programme of grains and packaging materials purchased etc.

He was also involved in the conception, construction and commissioning of barites Mill for Bari Ventures Limited. Mining of Barrites, installation of the milling machinery, employment of production and marketing staff, procurement and training programme. Sourcing of foreign buyers of the milled barites as well as setting targets and standards to meet with consumers drilling programme.

Other projects handled by Ahmad Abubakar as the Executive Director (Operations) of Kautal Hairu Co. Limited include the Establishment of Jinchy Nigeria Limited, an oil Service company specializing in mud logging services and supply of drilling chemicals for oil exploration and drilling. Today, this company is engaged in mud-logging services for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, lake Chad, Drilling operation in Maiduguri and N.P.D.C in Benin.

Import documentation for various industrial chemicals, machinery and equipment and sourcing of various products for import/export documentation as per letter of credit terms for various agricultural products rubber, Gum Arabic, Cashew Nut, Beniseed etc. He also handled import/export documentation as per letter of credit terms, warehousing, shipping, inspection and procurement programme to meet export datelines.

In 1992 Mallam Ahmad Abubakar became the Principal partner Ahmed Abubakar & Associates, a project management outfit involved in feasibility studies of industrial projects, estates development and procurement services for industries and government agencies. From the period 1992 to 1995 his firm handled the Estate Development projects of HIMA Agency, which included Construction of 16 No. 4-Bedroom houses, 12 No. 3-Bedroom Bungalow, and 2No. Multi-Storey flats in Abuja.

In Lagos Abubakar was Lekki Peninsula Phase I

Project Manager for the construction of 4 No.6 Bedroom Super Executive Bungalows with Swimming Pool and Lawn Tennis courts. He participated in the project management of African International Bank Limited (AIB) Plaza, Victoria Island, a modern multi-storey office complex. And in the establishment of Model Aluminium Products Limited for fabrication of aluminum doors and windows, cashier cubicles, curtain walling, etc. while Associated Marble Projects Limited is involved in manufacture of high quality synthetic marble, baths, W.C., wash-hand basin, floor/wall tiles, kitchen work tops, etc.

No project is considered too complex for this highly talented Nigerian facility management services expert. Today Ahmad Abubakar is the Managing Director/Chief Executive of Integrated Facility Management Services Limited where he has responsibilities for implementation of board policies, co-ordination of the various arms of facility management services. He is a Founding member of the proposed Nigerian Institute of Facility Management; Member of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors; and Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management Consultants.

As the managing director and chief executive of Integrated Facility Management Services Limited, he has responsibility for the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the company in managing facilities entrusted to it. At present his company manages the following facilities: -

- i). A.I.B. Plaza, Victoria Island Lagos where total facilities management is offered.
- ii) A.I.B. Central Office, Kano
- iii) Network Housing Estate, Lekki Peninsula Phase I Lagos
- iv) Block of service flats at Ikoyi Lagos
- v) Various executive detached and semi-detached houses in Lagos, Abuja and Kaduna
- vi) Kaduna International Trade & Investment Centre, Kaduna
- vii) Abuja International Conference Centre and Eagle Square

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on his the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Engr. Sabitu A. Olagoke



**E**ngr. Sabitu Ariyo Olagoke is a highly reputed engineer with a penchant for technological development of society. He is one scholar who has earned respect in the field of engineering through his indepth knowledge of the profession. A highly trained professional Engineer, Olagoke has channeled his energy and resources into grooming a new generation of Nigerian students with the capability to hold their own any where in the world.

Engr. Olagoke is presently the Chief Lecturer at the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, Ogun State and Founder/Spiritual Head, Shafaudeen Islamic Organisation (worldwide), Ibadan. Olagoke hails from Ibadan South East Local Government Area of Oyo State. He was born on November 10, 1956. He had his primary school education at Christ Church School II, Mapo, Ibadan, between 1966 and 1971. He proceeded to Prospect High School, Abanla, Ibadan where he studied between 1972 and 1976. In the later part of 1976, he studied briefly at the Polytechnic, Ibadan before gaining admission into the University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Osun State, where he received his tertiary education between 1977 and 1982 and obtained a B.Sc. degree in Chemical Engineering. Determined to expand his academic frontiers, he further studied at the University of Ibadan, Oyo State between 1989 and 1990 and obtained a Master

of Science degree in Industrial Engineering.

Engr. Olagoke started work at the West African Portland Cement Company (WAPCO) in 1981. Between 1982 and 1983, he participated in the mandatory one year national service under the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) scheme and was deployed to the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, Ogun State where he did his primary assignment. Having distinguished himself as a youth corper, (that is the name graduates in service are called), Sabitu Ariyo Olagoke was retained by the institution and subsequently began to rise through the ranks to become Chief Lecturer.

Engr. Olagoke has carried out several research works including, design and construction of Air Forded Dryer for Nigeria Food Stuff (Rice & Sorghum), Water Sprinkler System, Water Treatment Plants for Ilaro Township and the feasibility study and design of Electroplating Process Plant for Maito Industrial Services Plc, Podo Village, Ibadan.

Engr. Olagoke has several publications to his credit including books that border on academics and religion. He has written several articles in various journals and published many in daily newspapers and magazines.

Olagoke has attended several conferences, workshops and seminars, where he presented papers of great interest to the participants. The efforts he has made in the area of community development services are certainly commendable.

Interestingly, Engr. Olagoke excellently combines his academic duties with various administrative positions some of which require him to be on the Board of Committees. He is Member, Internal Moderation Committee (Exams), Adviser, Mechanical Engineering Students Association; Member, Guidance and Counseling Committee and Chairman, Departmental Project Committee, among others.

He belongs to several professional bodies. These include, Member, Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered); Member, Nigerian Institute of Engineering Management; Member, Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers; Member, Nigerian Society of Engineers

(NSE). In recognition of his distinguished career filled with respectable achievements and contributions to societal growth, Engr. Sabitu Olagoke has received several academic, religious and social awards from various quarters. The Best Lecturer Award for the year 2002/2003 Academic Year of NAPES, Federal Polytechnic Ilaro, was conferred on him; Award of Excellence in Academics by the Federation of Ibadan Students Union, University of Ibadan Chapter 2000; Award of Excellence in Religion by Fountain Communication; Award of Excellence by Arissalah Islamic Foundation; Merit Award for Voluntary Community Service by the Oyo State Government and the NTA Meritorious Award, to mention but a few.

Olagoke is the patron, grand patron and life

patron to several organizations and associations. He is also the Chairman, Advisory Board, Centre for Organisational and Professional Ethics and Executive Director, Centre for Religious Cooperation and Tolerance.

Engr. Olagoke is also very much interested in sport. He has founded Shafaudeen Patriot Football Club, Olagoke Babes Football Club and is sponsor of the Rasool Cup U-18 Football Tournament.

He is married with children and loves Writing and Table Tennis.

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## Prof. Babatunde Adeleke

for the best upper six student, Kings College Prize for Physics, 1967, Saint Charles Grammar School, Osogbo, 1965 Prize for good manners and efficiency.

He got his first appointment in 1971 as a Graduate Assistant at the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Ife, returned to Nigeria after his PhD to join Chemistry Department, University of Ibadan as Lecturer II, 1977, Lecturer I 1978, Senior Lecturer 1980, Reader (Associate Professor) 1983 and Professor of Chemistry 1986 just before his 40th birthday.

Professor Adeleke was Head, Department of Chemical Sciences, Ogun State University (now Olabisi Onabanjo University), while on sabbatical leave between 1991-1992, Professor of Chemistry, Kuwait University, Kuwait 1992-1993 and Head, Department of Chemistry University of Ibadan between January 1997 and December 1999.

A born chemist, Professor Adeleke has 72 publications to his credit. He is a member of Science Association of Nigeria, Fellow, chemical Society of Nigeria, Member, international Society of Magnetic Resonance, USA, and member, Nigerian Environmental Society. Before his present appointment, he was Rector, Osun State Polytechnic, Iree between January 15 2002 and June 2005.

He became the Vice Chancellor of LAUTECH, Ogbomosho, the best State University in Nigeria in three succeeding years and third best in Nigeria in October 2005. Less than a month in office, he got all the courses offered by the institution accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC). The course, Information and Communication Technology has also been accredited.

He is happily married with children and has grand children. He loves playing table tennis, reading and sight seeing.

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**P**rofessor Babatunde Adeleke is an erudite scholar who entered secondary school in 1961 and got his PhD fifteen years after (1976). He attended the famous St. Charles Grammar School, Osogbo and passed out with Division One in 1965. He also attended the prestigious Kings College, Lagos for the Advanced Level studies where he got A in Physics, A in Chemistry, A in Pure Mathematics and B in Applied Mathematics in the University of Cambridge Higher School Certificate 1967 and in the year 1968, University of London GCE Advanced Level, he scored A in Chemistry, A in Mathematics and B in Physics.

In the same year, he gained admission into the premier University, the University of Ibadan, where he bagged a B.Sc. Hons Chemistry First Class in June 1971, M.Sc. Chemistry 1973 and PhD Chemistry October 1976 from the Queens University, Kingston, Quartario, Canada.

A professor of over 20 years, he became a fellow of Chemistry Society of Nigeria in 1988, he benefitted from the Canadian Commonwealth Postgraduate Scholarship between 1972 and 1978, AFGRAD Postgraduate Scholarship 1972, University of Ibadan, Chemistry Department Award 1970, University Scholar, University of Ibadan, 1969 to 1971, Shell-BP Petroleum Company of Nigeria Scholarship 1968-1971, Sir Manuwa prize

## Chief Dr. (Mrs) W. A. Awosika

A major source of acquiring knowledge is education. High Chief Dr. (Mrs) W. A. Awosika OON is highly educated. She attended some of the best schools of her time. She attended:

1. Gvoernment Primary School, Owo
2. St. Annes Girls School, Molete, Ibadan for her Secondary Education; she was a School Prefect and House Captain in her final year 1958
3. Nigerian College of Arts, Sciene & Technology Enugu for her Intermediate/A Level studies
4. University College (now University of Ibadan) for her 1<sup>st</sup> degree
5. University College Akoka, Lagos for her Post Graduate Diploma in Education

Travelling is another major component of education. High Chief Dr (Mrs) W. A. Awosika OON is very widely traveled, transversing the world like a colossus. Some of the countries visited include: Iceland, Denmark, Australia, Korea, Russia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, West Indies, Britain, Japan, Israel, U.S.A., Monrovia, Egypt, Singapore and of course the United Kingdom.

High Chief Dr. (Mrs) W. A. Awosika OON is an Educationist of high repute with over forty years of teaching experience. Many of her students are of very good standing holding very important positions nationally and internationally.

She founded the popular Chrisland, (a name which was coined from the name of her Local Community "Abule Onigbagbo" ("Christian Land") Educational Organisation in Lagos in 1977. Chrisland has since grown from a Nursery/Primary School of the late seventies to include 3 Nursery Schools and 2 Secondary schools and a plan for a University in the near future. She is an avid reader with a personal collection of over 2000 books.

Although High Chief Dr. (Mrs) W. A. Awosika is best known for her work as a famous Educationist, also the Chairman/Managing Director, Holy Trinity



Hospitals and Estate Clinic with Headquarters in Ikeja, Lagos and branches in major towns and cities in Nigeria.

She is Chairman/Managing Director, City Commercial and Industrial Enterprises Ltd. (CCIE), a Construction/Property Management and Development Company based in Lagos. She is also the Chairman/Managing Director, Chemo-pharma Laboratories Ltd., a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company.

High Chief Dr. (Mrs) W. A. Awosika is the Founder Chief Executive of "The Empress" a monthly magazine originally meant to celebrate unsung heroines, especially teachers. It projects role models who have excelled in their various fields of calling and promotes family values.

High Chief Dr. (Mrs) W. A. Awosika has infectious leadership qualities in addition to her entrepreneurial skills. Her ability to manage a group of people has been aptly demonstrated by the continued success of the family's business enterprises, which she has not only sustained but also which have continued to grow eighteen years after the demise of her cherished and dear husband, the late Dr. Chief Victor Oloyede Awosika.

The Inner Wheel Club of Opebi, District 911, was formed under the leadership of High Chief Dr. (Mrs) W. A. Awosika in 1983. She became the charter President in 1985. She is a member of the National

Council of Women Societies (NCWS). She was the Assistant National Secretary and Chairman Standing Committee on Education. She was at a time the Treasurer, Zonta International Club of Lagos II. She has represented Nigeria at many international conferences on World Environment and peace matters.

She is a member of the Busy Bees Society of Arch Bishop Vining Memorial Cathedral, Ikeja.

She is a Matron and Trustee of many clubs and organizations.

In recognition of her many great achievements and contributions to humanity, High Chief (Mrs) Awosika has been honoured with many Awards and Chieftaincy titles.

They include;

- a). "Otun Iya Ewe of Ikeja (July, 1983).
- b). "Yeye ni wura" of Opebi (1984) meaning, Mother is a jewel".
- c). "Yeye Fiwajoye" of Ile-Ife (1995)
- d). "High Chief Oshobiken" of Owo (1966).
- e). "Atayese" of Ukpeme where she has sited a big

arable crop farm for the benefit of the community

f). "Yeye Oba" of Igbara-Oke (1998)

g). "Yeye Loro" of Ode Remo (2000), etc.

She is a fellow of Ondo State Polytechnic, Life Member of Anglican Church Fellowship, Owo. In recognition of her great achievements, the Senate and Council of the Federal University of Technology, Akure conferred on this great woman an honorary degree of Doctor of Management Technology (Honoris Causa).

High Chief (Dr.) Mrs. W. A. Awosika was conferred with the Nigerian National Merit Award: Officer of the Order of the Niger OON in the year 2004 for her immense contribution to the development of education and service to her country.

Her hobbies include gardening, reading inspirational books (of which she has a big collection) and traveling.

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**Garba Yedimakudon, FCIDA**



**G**arba Yedimakudon, FCIDA is a trained journalist, a rights activist and a politician with a modest educational background. Born some 44 years ago in Lamurde, Adamawa State, he had his primary and secondary education in Lamurde from 1973 to 1984. Upon completion of his secondary education at Government Day Secondary School (GDSS), Lamurde as a pioneer student in 1984, he proceeded to Lagos same year in search of the proverbial golden fleece.

In 1985, he was employed in the security section of Dumex (Nigeria) Ltd, a French construction firm. He worked briefly for three years before he resigned to study journalism at Nigeria's foremost journalism training institute, the Nigerian Institute of Journalism (NIJ) Lagos. He graduated with flying colours in 1990 and joined Punch (Nigeria) Ltd, the following year.

While at the Institute, Yedimakudon's interest in journalism was reinforced by the caliber of veteran journalists who taught him the art. Some of them included the celebrated former Civilian Governor of Lagos State, Alhaji Lateef Kayode Jakande, the respected Sunday Vanguard's Voice of Reason columnist, Alhaji Kola Animashaun, the quintessential former editor and public relations guru, Chief Dayo Duyile and Mr. Adams Aliu, the ideologically leftist former editor of Headlines, a monthly publication of the then Daily Times Group.

Yedimakudon was among the first set of students of the NIJ who went to Ghana on an exchange programme between the NIJ and the Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ) in 1990.

During the 11 years he spent at Punch, Yedimakudon was at various times, Correspondent of the newspaper in Plateau and Benue States. Special assignment also took him to states such as Kaduna, Bauchi, Abia, Nasarawa, Gombe and Zamfara among others. He was Punch Correspondent in Alausa, the seat of Lagos State Gvoernment in 1997 when Brig. General Mohammed Buba Marwa was the Military Administrator of the State. He ran a weekly column,



"Alausa Round up".

In the course of his career, Yedimakudon had the rare privilege of interviewing political personalities among them former Governor Abubakar Hashidu of Gombe State, former Governor Joshua Dariye of Plateau State and Senators Ibrahim Mantu, Silas Janfa, Said Dansadau and the Late Idris Abubakar. Others include, Mr. Paschal Bafyau, former president of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), Chief Paul Unongo, second republic Minister of Mines and Power and Amb. Hilaly, one time Pakistani High Commissioner to Nigeria.

Yedimajudon was also very active in the affairs of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ). He was a member of the Lagos State Executive Council (SEC) of the Union between 1996 and 1997 by virtue of being the Secretary of Punch Chapel of the NUJ. In 2000, he was elected Chairman of the Correspondents Chapel, Plateau State Council.

He quit active journalism in 2002 following his voluntary disengagement from Punch and joined partisan politics same year. He was appointed the Director of Publicity of Adamawa Project 0307, the gubernatorial Campaign organisation of Mallam Adamu Mu'azu Modibbo, the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) candidate in 2003 elections.

Yedimakudon was in 2008 appointed transition committee Chairman of Lamurde Local Government in Adamawa State.

For some time he has been the Assistant National Secretary (in charge of Organisation and Publicity) of the Bachama Heritage Foundation (BHF), an organisation founded for the purposes of promoting and safeguarding the cultural and traditional heritage of the Bachama race and other minorities in Adamawa State. The organisation is currently the nucleus of opposition to attempts by the Adamawa State Government to ridicule and bastardise the traditional stool of the Hama Bachama (Bachama monarch) with illegal

deposition of the paramount ruler, HRH Freddy Soditi Bongo and the imposition of a stooge by the government. Yedimakudon whose hobbies include writing, fishing and reading is married to former Miss Magdalene D. Dabiang from Plateau State.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Alh. Shuaib A. Oyedokun

**A**lhaji (Chief) Shuaib Afolabi Oyedokun is an outstanding political stalwart whose career in politics has spanned several decades. His interest and involvement in partisan politics can be seen as a blessing because he has acquired much knowledge of and gain rich experience in public service which are considered to be a vital factor for the growth and stability of our nascent democracy.

Chief Oyedokun attended the University of Ife (formerly Obafemi Awolowo University) in the early seventies where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Later, he proceeded to the University of Ibadan for further academic studies and on completion bagged a Postgraduate Diploma in Education. An educationist with a rich command of diverse educational issues which sharpen and contribute to human development. Alhaji (Chief) Oyedokun has held responsible executive positions in Government service before going into partisan politics.

He was a Principal under Oyo School Board from 1974 to 1979, in which position he proved himself to be a highly versatile and talented administrator in addition to efficient handling of academic duties.

Later in 1981 the opportunity for advancement of his career arose when he was appointed Secretary to the State Government (SSG) Oyo State Government. As was expected, Chief Oyedokun demonstrated his capacity for thoroughness, thoughtfulness, forthrightness and service excellence in this particular position.

From 2001 Alhaji (Chief) Shuaib Oyedokun was a top-notch Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chieftain occupying the position of Deputy National Chairman of the largest political party in Africa. He was succeeded in later years by Chief Bode George.

Chief Oyedokun believes in the transformation of our nascent democracy, the rule of law and the progress of humanity. He is revered by political opponents for his firmness of character, integrity and honesty and admired by his party colleagues and friends for being a veritable change



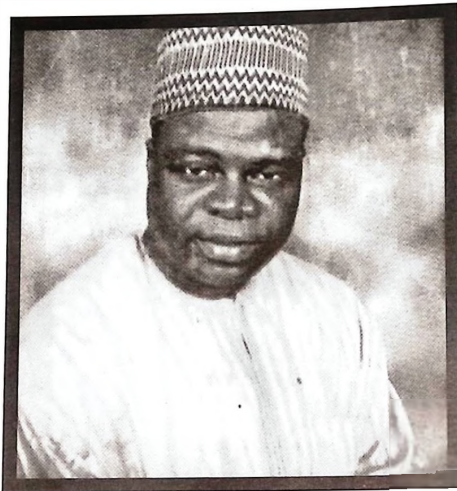
agent bringing innovative approaches to politics to the fore for the benefit of his party and people of Nigeria. He was involved in the day to day running of his party, with party policy implementation and administration and with the use of human resources.

On the social side Chief Oyedokun is not left out. He is the Vice Chairman of Inisa Descendant Union; the Assistant Secretary of Club 25 and the Social Secretary of IRIS Club Iwo.

Chief Oyedokun is happily married, has brilliant full grown children and enjoys farming, reading and grassroots mobilization as his cherished hobbies.

On the recommendations of the Membership Committee, the Council of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration, CIDA, elected Alhaji (Chief) Shuaib Afolabi Oyedokun a Professional Fellow of the Institute with the statutory right to append the letters FCIDA after his name and to describe himself as a Civilian Administrator and Democrat.

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## Oladimeji A. Hassan

of Deputy Manager. In 1994, Mr. Hassan was appointed General Manager of Duha Ventures (Financial and Management Consultants), Lagos and in 1996 rose to the position of Managing Consultant and Chief Executive. He remained in this executive position for several years before taking up a higher and more challenging responsibility with Societe Generale Bank (Nigeria) Ltd., (SGBN) in the year 2002. Through hard work and dedication, Mr. Hassan rose to the position of SGBN's Deputy Manager and Special Assistant to Executive Vice Chairman.

Going by his impressive career records, Ladi Hassan has garnered enormous amount of experience in the areas of business management, business policy, marketing management, accounting and financial management. His corporate finance activities included raising of capital stocks, government bonds, treasury and investment management as well as pension funds management.

Credit must be given to Mr. Hassan for his excellent performance in the areas of policy formulation and execution. He has been very versatile in management training, credit administration, taxation and consultancy services.

Ladi has been involved at various stages of his career in procurement and contract services to a number of Government organizations such as NEPA, INEC, National Population Commission, CBN, Lagos State Government and some Federal ministries.

Executive training in which Mr. Hassan has taken part include improving customer services in modern day banking (COTALEX NIGERIA) 1990, fundamentals of business computing 1992 and the 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference of Harvard Business School, Boston Massachusetts, USA, 2005.

In 1990, Mr. Ladi Hassan was a recipient of the Certificate of Recognition for Contribution to Treasury Activities of Nigerian Merchant Bank PLC. He is also a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management.

Mr. Ladi Hassan currently works for the Kwara State Government of Nigeria, Government House, Kwara State. In his present position, Ladi ensures that

**B**orn on September 21, 1960 in Ilorin Kwara State of Nigeria, Mr. Oladimeji Ali Hassan received his college education at Government Secondary School Omu-Aran Kwara State from 1973 to 1977. On qualifying, he attended the School of Basic Studies of Kwara State College of Technology Ilorin from 1977 to 1979.

Mr. Hassan gained admission to read Business Administration at the University of Lagos in 1982 and graduated with a BSc (Hons) Degree in Business Administration (Second Class Upper Division). Ladi (for short) continued his quest for further and higher education by enrolling for a Master of Business Administration Degree at the University of Ilorin. He completed the programme in 1989 and was awarded an MBA Degree with specialization in Finance.

Mr. Hassan began his working life as a Youth Corps Lecturer in 1982 at Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna. In 1984, he obtained a substantive appointment as Assistant Lecturer with Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, in which service he rose to the rank of Lecturer II before leaving the Institution in 1989.

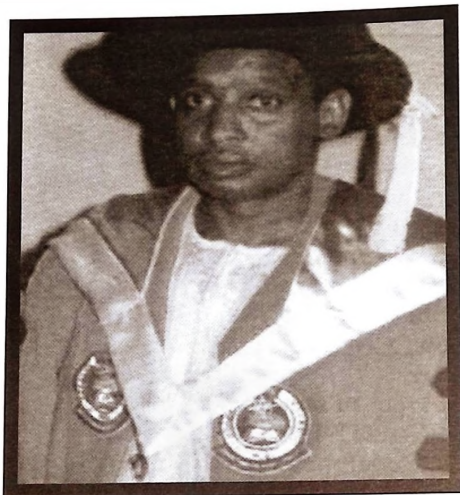
Hassan has had a high-flying career as a result of his commitment to excellence. Various managerial positions held by Hassan include Assistant Manager with Nigeria Merchant Bank Plc, Lagos during which service he rose to the post

his rich knowledge, experience and versatility are applied at every stage of his work. His innovative approaches to various management issues have endeared him to many.

Mr. Hassan is married and is blessed with children.

In recognition of his contributions to the

progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on his the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**A**ssociate Professor Ibrahim Dukku Mohammed is an seasoned educationist and a high profile university don whose intelligence and professional astuteness have been of immense blessing to several institutions of higher learning across the country.

Apart from his professional career as a scholar, Prof. Mohammed is also a renowned agriculturist and an expert in livestock management. With a lot of experience in animal husbandry, his innovative researches into this field have drastically reduced the cost of rearing animals as well as improving the quality and quantity of livestock products in the country.

Muhammed presently occupies the post of Associate Professor in the department of Animal Science, University of Maiduguri, Borno State. He was born in Gombe on June 18, 1954. He had his early education at both Kobi Primary School, Bauchi and Central Primary School, Gombe. He received his Secondary education at Government College Keffi, where he obtained the West African School Certificate in 1973. In 1975, he did the "A" Level at the North East College of Art and Science, Maiduguri before gaining admission into the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he studied and obtained a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Agriculture, Animal Science option in 1978. Mohammed further studied at the University of Maiduguri and obtained

## Ibrahim D. Mohammed

an M.Sc. degree, Animal Science in 1990. He later went to Bayero University, Kano where he completed a doctorate degree in Agropastoral Small Ruminant Production in 1999. He also holds a certificate in French Language.

Mohammed began his working career as NYSC lecturer when he served at The Polytechnic, Ibadan, between 1978 and 1979. After the service year, he worked as Agricultural Officer II at the Ministry of Agriculture and National Resources (MANR), Bauchi State and subsequently functioned as Agricultural Officer on secondment to Tallum Pilot Project, UBRB/RDA, Yola, where he worked between 1979 and 1980.

In the later part of 1980, Prof. Mohammed was employed as a Graduate Assistant, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, University of Maiduguri, a position he held until 1983 when he was made Farm Officer II/Head of Unit, Teaching and Research, Livestock Farm, University of Maiduguri. He worked diligently in this capacity and in 1986, he was elevated to the position of Farm Officer I/Head of Unit of the Livestock Farm.

In 1990, he became Senior Farm Officer I/Head of Unit of the Livestock Farm, where he also lectured. He functioned in this capacity until 1993, when he was made Principal Farm Manager/Head of Unit. In 1999, he was promoted Senior Lecturer/Head, Department of Animal Science of the Institution. Mohammed became an Associate Professor in the department in 2002 and is currently undergoing assessment for the status of a full fledged Professor of Animal Science.

Apart from his routine duties, Professor Dukku Mohammed has held and still holds several important positions within the University of Maiduguri. He is a Research Fellow, Centre for Arid Zone Studies, University of Maiduguri, 1993 till date, Member, Faculty of Agriculture Farm Management Committee, 1984 to 1989, Member Senate Business Committee, 2000 to 2005; Member, Faculty Board of Agriculture, 1980 till date and a member of Senate, University of Maiduguri, 2000 to 2005, among others. Professor

Mohammed also worked outside the University of Maiduguri as a Research Collaborator, for FGN/NARP Livestock Programme, 1995 to 1997.

He is an External Examiner to Borno and Yobe States Colleges of Agriculture, Maiduguri and Gujba, respectively; Federal University of Technology, Yola and Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi.

His services are also enjoyed at the Adamawa State University, where is a visiting lecturer. He was the pioneer Head, Department of Animal Production of the Adamawa State University and a member of the university's Senate.

Mohammed's career profile is dotted with scores of achievements. Fully functional Teaching and Research in Livestock Farm unit was established by Mohammed and he carried out the planning, construction and equipping of two laboratories which have been of immense help in livestock management.

He has equally supervised several thesis for undergraduate students, reviewed many international journals and presented highly technical papers in several conferences and workshops. Mohammed belongs to several professional bodies, including Nigerian Society of Animal Production, Nigerian Society for Arid Zone Agriculture and Animal Science

Association of Nigeria.

Ibrahim Mohammed Dukku has also been honoured many times for his outstanding career achievements. He once won the North East Government Scholarship at Government College, Keffi while in school; the North East Government Scholarship for his B.Sc degree at Ahmadu Bello University, the University of Maiduguri Fellowship For his masters degree and the Centre for Arid Zone Studies Fellowship for his doctorate degree.

In his career, he has won the Best Head of Department Award at the Adamawa State University, 2005/2006 session, a Commendation Letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the University and a Commendation Letter from Poultry Farmers in Mubi Area.

Associate Professor Mohammed is happily married and blessed with children.

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## Hajiya Maimuna A. Abubakar

judge points to her growth from a humble position of an Assistant Registrar to a Chief Magistrate.

After youth service, she briefly served as Registrar Complaint (1994), Associate Magistrate (1994), Magistrate Grade II (1997), Senior Magistrate (2000) and presently she is a chief Magistrate in Suleja, Niger state. Hajiya Maimuna does not maintain a distinct private profile from her public service; her most cherished values are sincerity and humility. She has been a front liner in the struggles for women emancipation, development and gender equity. Her deployment to Suleja is no doubt strategic as she is presented as the government response to the pronounced trend of crime in that jurisdiction. Responding to the report of the rising incidence of rape against women and girls in her jurisdiction, she led the first ever - international campaign against rape in Suleja. In 2003 and 2006 she was honoured with the awards of Excellence and Outstanding Mother, by the College of Legal Studies Minna and the Law Students Association of Nigeria, Justice Fati Lami Abubakar College of Arts and Islamic Legal Studies, Minna. She is also a recipient of the Women of Merit Gold Award, 2007.

**H**AJIYA MAIMUNA AMINU ABUBAKAR has chronicled the Shakespearean indices of greatness; she remains relentless and evergreen in service to God and humanity. Her father, Late Alkali Umaru Yahaya, was an accomplished Islamic scholar and a jurist. Born in Minna, Niger State on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1963, Hajiya Maimuna read her primary education in Kuta, Suleja, Bida and Kontagora, and later attended the prestigious Government Girls College, Minna for a very successful secondary education. Out of courage and zeal to align with the tradition of her progenitors, she proceeded to read Law by first acquiring a Diploma in Law from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. Shortly afterwards, she was employed by the Niger State Judiciary as Assistant Registrar.

She has a membership in both national and international organizations including: Nigerian Bar Association (NBA); Magistrates Association of Nigeria (MAN), International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA) and Muslim Lawyers Association of Nigeria. She is the Matron of the Law Students Association of Nigeria (LAWSAN), Justice Fati Lami Abubakar College of Arts and Islamic Legal Studies, Minna Chapter. Hajiya Maimuna Abubakar has attended and presented papers at several workshops and seminars on Legal profession and humanities, nationally and internationally. She is a writer and her hobbies include: reading, graphic arts and writing.

She is married to Alhaji Aminu A. Abubakar with children

She proceeded on in service and acquired a Bachelor of Laws Degree in Common and Islamic laws at the Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto, and graduated in 1992. Successively, she passed through the Nigerian Law School, Lagos and was called to the Bar in 1993. Having completed the compulsory National Youth Service with the Niger State Ministry of Justice, Minna in 1994, she immediately resumed back to the Niger State Judiciary. Since then, Hajiya Maimuna invested commendable courage, hard work and selflessness hence these active years of meritorious service as a

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## Mrs Abosede O. Vidal

**M**rs Abosede Olufunke Vidal was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1952 to the popular family of Mr. Robert Adekunle Martins of the well-known Martins Street Lagos. Her mother was Mrs Dorcas Olabisi Martins.

Mrs Olufunke Vidal had her primary education at Williams Memorial Methodist Primary School situated at Ebute-Metta West in Lagos State and on completion proceeded to the Lagos Anglican Girls Grammar School Surulere whose Principal at that time was Miss Busola Phillips of blessed memory. On completing her secondary school and obtaining the school certificate, Mrs. Vidal spent a brief period working with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources which was then located at Obalende Lagos before she was admitted into the Lagos State School of Nursing at Campbell Street Lagos as a student nurse in May 1992 under the supervision of Late Mrs. Ayo Vaughan Richards who was the principal at that time.

In December 1975, Abosede graduated from the Lagos State School of Nursing as a Staff Nurse. She then proceeded to the Lagos State School of Midwifery and by September 1977, she became a recognized midwife. She had a brief stint at the Lagos Island Maternity Hospital after her graduation as a midwife before being transferred to Ebute-Metta Health Centre, also in Lagos State. She later moved on to Harvey Road Maternity Annex Yaba, which is now known as Harvey Road General Hospital.

From the Lagos State Health Management Board (now Health Service Commission), Mrs. Vidal was seconded to the Lagos State School of Nursing to work as a clinical instructor but her insatiable thirst for knowledge saw her moving to Kaduna Polytechnic which was affiliated to Ahmadu Bello University through a sponsorship of the Lagos State Government.

At the Kaduna Polytechnic, Mrs Vidal studied Nursing Education in the department of education technical and obtained a diploma in Nursing Education in June 1985. Further studies in the area of family planning at the Lagos State University Teaching



Hospital (LASUTH) Ikeja no doubt gave her more in-depth knowledge of issues relating to this branch of her discipline. Based on her commitment to service excellence and the vast knowledge acquired over the years, she was promoted to the position of Senior Nurse educator. She rose gradually over the years to become a Chief Nurse Educator and subsequently the vice principal of the Lagos State School of Nursing.

In the course of her career, Mrs Abosede Vidal attended series of workshops/seminars in Lagos and other States of the Federation. She received certificate of attendance and participation at all these seminars and workshops. A member of the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives (NANNM), Federation of Female Nurses and Midwives (FFENAM) and the Association of Senior Nursing Administrators (ASNA) Mrs Abosede Vidal is calm, articulate, cool-headed and a great problem solver. She was appointed the principal/head of school of midwifery Lagos State from which position she retired from public service in May 2007 after having served the Lagos State Government well for 35 years. She was a beneficiary of the First Lagos State Government Long Service Award and has also received an award in Abuja titled Women Merit Gold Award (WMGA) from the People State Resources (PSR) magazine.

Mrs Abosede Olufunke Vidal is married to sculptor Josiah Olaseni Vidal and the marriage is blessed with children.



## Mrs Zainab A Dikko

Polytechnic where she read a Certificate course in social welfare. She then proceeded for further studies in the same Kaduna Polytechnic between the years 1985 and 1987 and obtained a Diploma in social Administration.

Zainab began her working life with Kaduna Local Government on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1968 as Social Welfare Assistant on Grade Level 04 but was quickly promoted to the rank of Social Welfare Officer on Grade Level 06 after finishing her Diploma studies. There was more to this promotion than the academic qualification. Zainab Ahmad Dikko was found to be committed to her work and maintained a high sense of discipline which endeared her to her colleagues and superior officers. She went on to obtain her higher Diploma in Local Government Studies at the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria in the year 1991 - 1992.

Below is given a chronicle of her work experience and transfers to various Local Governments she has had over the years. She was at the Kaduna North Local Government from 1986 to 1996; Zaria Local Government from 1996 to 2000; Sabon Gari Local Government from 2000 to 2002; Kudan Local Government from July 2002 to September 2002; Zaria Local Government once again from September 2002 to date. The industrious and highly gifted Zainab enjoys the challenges of her work and takes great interest in ensuring the welfare of the people as a great social welfare worker which God has destined her to be.

Zainab is married to Alhaji Aminu Pate and the marriage is blessed with 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls.

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**M**RS ZAINAB AHMAD DIKKO was born in Zaria City in the Kaduna State of Nigeria on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1966. She started her primary schooling at L.E.A Babban Dodo primary School in the year 1972 where she spent only one year. By then her late father, Alhaji Dikko was transferred to Birnin Gwari Local Government as a civil servant working under the local Government. She further went to Local Education Authority school Pada, Birnin Gwari to continue her primary school education but had to leave for the Kofan Kuyambana Local Education Authority School known as Town School No. One in Zaria, (following her father's transfer to Saminaka) where she completed her primary schooling.

The amiable social welfare administrator Zainab got admitted into Secondary school in the year 1977 at Queen Amina's College Kakuri Kaduna where she spent five years and graduated in the year 1982. She continued thirsting for further and higher education which led to her admission into Kaduna Polytechnic.

Zainab spent the years 1984 - 1985 at the Kaduna

## Maria G. Lami Sule

**M**aria Goretti Lami Sule was born on the 5th Day of October 1945 at Zikpak Kafanchan into the family of Late Mr. And Mrs Garba Tukur in Jama'a Local Government Area.

She attended ECWA Primary School (now Gin Primary School) Kafanchan from 1952-1956, after which she proceeded to the Girls Central Convent School Zawan (in Plateau State) where she completed her Senior Primary School in December 1958.

In January 1959 Maria Goretti Lami Sule was admitted into Our Lady of Apostles College Akwanga (now in Nasarawa State) where she obtained the Grade three Teachers Certificate. After that she taught at the College of Mary Immaculate Practising School in Kafanchan for 1 academic year before she gained admission into the Sacred Heart Teachers College Kaduna where she graduated as a grade two teacher in December 1964. After her graduation, she went back to the C.M.I. practising school to teach.

In 1967, she was posted to the L. E.A, Senior Primary school Kafanchan when the Government took over the Voluntary Agency Schools. While teaching at the L.E A Senior Primary School, she gained admission into the then Advanced Teachers College Zaria from 1971 1974 where she obtained the Nigeria Certificate in Education with speciality in Home Economics. After she graduated from the Advanced Teachers College, she was employed by the Kaduna State Government and she taught in the former W.T.C Kaduna and Zaria respectively from 1974 - 1977. She gained admission into the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria for the Bachelor of Education degree with speciality in Home Economics and graduated in 1980. she served in the National Youth Service Corps under her employer and was redeployed for primary assignment to teach at W.T.C (Women Teachers College) Kaduna her Alma Matter in January 1981, Mrs. Sule was transferred to the Ministry of Education, Inspectorate Division Kaduna as the Staff Inspector Home Economics. In 1982, she gained admission into the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria for the study of her second Degree in Home Management (M.ED MNGT). About this very



time she was transferred to the Educational Resource Centre Zaria as Principal Education officer in charge of Home Economics. She was again transferred from the Education Resources centre Zaria to the Ministry of Education Headquarters Kaduna as Principal Education Officer (Home Economics). From 1990 - 1991, she was transferred within the Ministry to the Women Education Unit as Assistant Director In-charge. During this period, she served as an ex-officio Member of the Kaduna State Women Commission as well as a committee Member of Kaduna State Task Force on Children and Women Programme. Mrs. Sule's position as the Officer In-charge of Home Economics in the Ministry of Education Headquarters exposed her to many educational programmes such as attending professional workshops seminars, and conferences which subjected her to a lot of travelling. She became a member of the Home Economics Teachers Association of Nigeria (H.E.T.A.N). She served the association in the capacity of

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| 1. Kaduna State President  | 1987 - 1990 |
| 2. National Vice President | 1987 - 1995 |
| 3. National President      | 1990 - 1995 |

In December 1991, she was transferred from the Ministry Headquarters to the Government Girls Secondary School Tafawa Balewa Way Kaduna as the Principal. This appointment earned her the privilege

of becoming a member of the All Nigerian Conference of Principals of the Secondary Schools (ANCOPSS) from 1991 - 1996. She became the president of this noble association in Kaduna Zone from 1995 - 1996. This astute woman attended quite a number of conferences, seminars and workshops. As a Professional Teacher, she also participated in curriculum development on;

- A. Primary Text in Home Economics for NERDC
- B. Literacy Health Text for Adult Education for Fed. Ministry of Education from 1981 - 1989 respectively, she was also involved in curriculum Development for WAEC in Foods and Nutrition from 1987 - 1991, and a Master Trainer in Population and Family Life Education.

Mrs. Sule's struggles did not stop only in the confines of classrooms, she was also a member of several associations i.e.

1. National Council of Women Societies (NCWS). She represented Kaduna State Wing as a State Vice President at the International Council for Women Centenary Celebrations/Conference at Washington D.C and New York from June 23<sup>rd</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> 1988.
2. A member of Kabzyegan Social Club: served as Assistant National Secretary and National Secretary respectively from 1977 - 1981.
3. Nigeria Girls Guides Association: served as

- A. Assistant State Commissioner Kaduna State, 1995 - 1996
- b. State Commissioner 1997 - 2006
- c. National Deputy Chief Commissioner ( IN CHARGE OF NORTHERN ZONE) 2006 to date.
- d. A member of 'FRIENDS OF AFRICA' An organization of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts).
- 4. WIDOWS MULTIPURPOSE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (WIMDA) KADUNA- TREASURER 2001 to DATE
- 5. NIGERIAN UNION OF PENSIONERS KADUNA STATE BRANCH- TREASURER 2004 to DATE

Mrs. Maria Goretti Lami Sule retired from active service in January 1/1/1997 as a Deputy Director of

Education after putting 35 years of meritorious service.

Retired but not tired, in May 1997 when Her Excellency Hajia Miriam Abacha the then First Lady of the Federation celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Maria Goretti Sule was called upon to review the cookery book her Excellency had written; Titled 'The Pride of Culture'. To keep herself busy she opened up a restaurant MARGORETTI RESTAURANT, which has up to 15man power and she is offering catering services for various occasions. In recognition of her hard work, the government of Kaduna State appointed her as a Permanent Board Member of the Kaduna State Teachers' Service Board in November 2002, a post she still holds up to date.

Maria is a widow who was blessed with five children (4 sons and 1 daughter) before the death of her husband Mr. Anthony M. Sule on November 4<sup>th</sup> 1999.

During her university studies, she carried out the following Research Projects;

1. MARIA G. SULE KEEPING QUALITY OF SHORGUM MILLED FLOUR ABU 1980
2. MARIA G. SULE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RURAL HOUSING AND THE PERCEIVED EFFICIENCY OF REFORMING HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES IN KADUNA STATE ABU 1989.

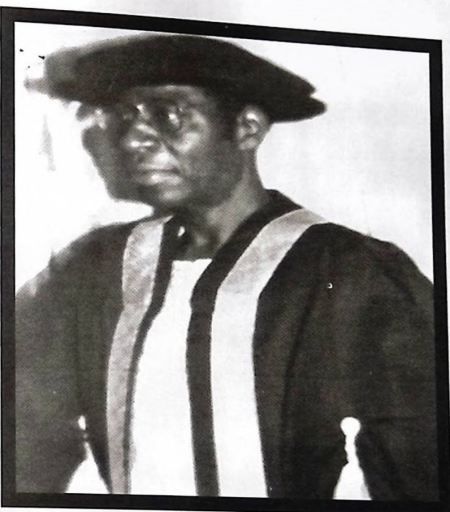
Mrs. Sule has traveled to Ghana, Zambia, London, Germany, Israel, New York and Washington D.C. mostly on conferences and visits.

She has also received the following awards;

1. Home Economics Teachers Association of Nigeria ' MERIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE' - August 2004.
2. 'WOMAN OF DISTINCTION GOLD AWARD' BY Esther's Generation Southern Kaduna Daughters- November 2007
3. 'THE WOMAN OF MERIT GOLD AWARD' by People State and Resources (PSR) Magazine December 2007.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Prof. Samuel A. Garba



Professor Samuel Alimi Garba was born at Okene, Kogi State, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1944. He completed his primary Education at the Native Authority (N.A.) Community School, Aiyetoro-Gbedde in 1958. He obtained his secondary school education at Government College, Kaduna (1959-1963), and his Higher School Certificate (H.S.C.) at provincial secondary school, Kano (1964-1965). Professor Garba obtained both his Associate and Fellowship certificates in Science Technology in 1972 and 1979 respectively at the University of Ibadan. He obtained his B.Sc degree at the Georgia State University, Atlanta, U.S.A. in 1978. His M.Sc. and PhD were obtained from the Brunel University Uxbridge, U.K. in 1981 and 1983 respectively.

Professor Garba has worked at the National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom as Technologist (1973-1989), and at the Federal University of Technology, Minna as a lecturer and scientist (1988 - Date). He is a professor of Microbiology. Professor Garba has been an active member of several societies and scientific organizations in and outside Nigeria. He was the National Chairman, medical Section of Science Association of Nigeria (1990-1991), National Publicity Secretary of Science Association of Nigeria (1985-1993), National Secretary, Nigerian Society for Microbiology (1989 - 1993), National President, Biotechnology Society of Nigeria (1996-2000), National president Nigerian Institute of Science Technology (1997-2003). He is an international member of the American Association for the Advancement of science. Professor Garba is a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Science Technology; Biotechnology Society of Health and Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration.

In research, Professor Garba has had breakthroughs in the area of Medical/Applied Sciences. These breakthroughs are note worthy. He developed a vaccine against contagious bovine pleuropneumonia a cattle disease. He was awarded National prize for this work by the Nigerian Academy of Science (1989) and recently, he developed a vaccine against TYPHOID FEVER, a disease that is endemic in Nigeria and the third world countries in general. He received the National Universities Commission (N.U.C.) award for this work in 2004. Professor Garba has held several positions in the University. He was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (1993-1997) and later became the Acting Vice-Chancellor (1997). He is married with 5 children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



## HE Garba Mohammed Gadi

DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BAUCHI STATE



proceeded to engage in commercial administration as a Commercial Officer (1974-1976). He also worked for a space of about 4 years as Chief Industrial Officer (between 1977 and 1980) before rising to occupy the position of Permanent Secretary (1980-1981).

A respected business administrator with a high command of financial management issues, Garba once worked as a Bank General Manager (1981-1986) where he demonstrated uncommon skills in general management of the bank. He had responsibility for supervision, progress monitoring, financial control and general management. He equally proved to be a good team player that got on very well with other members of staff and was respected for his ability to generate positive results, which helped to move the bank forward.

It would seem that His Excellency Garba Mohammed Gadi actually reached the zenith of his career in industrial management when he was appointed Managing Director of Flour Mills of Nigeria a position he held from 1987 to 2000 when he joined active politics.

Now occupying the position of Deputy Governor of Bauchi State, His Excellency Garba Mohammed Gadi's contributions to the running of the State can only be thoroughly understood in the light of the support he gives to the incumbent Governor his Excellency Governor Isah Yuguda in carrying out the policies of the Administration. The unflinching loyalty of the Deputy to the Government and people of Bauchi State is common knowledge to all and sundry.

A well-traveled gentleman, His Excellency Garba Mohammed Gadi had added more countries to his list of countries visited, namely, America, China, India, Middle East, Far East, Europe, North East and West Africa. He is married and enjoys reading as his hobby.

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**B**orn in 1947 in Katagum Local Government Area of Bauchi State, Garba Mohammed Gadi (now His Excellency Deputy Governor of Bauchi State) began his early education in 1955 and on completion in 1961 obtained the First School Leaving Certificate. His secondary education at Government Secondary School Bauchi from 1962 to 1966 was completed successfully with the qualification of West African School Certificate. He equally obtained his Higher School Certificate from Government College Zaria in quick succession.

When he made the choice to study Business Administration at the tertiary education level he pursued it by gaining admission into Ahmadu Bello University (A.B.U.) Zaria where he spent the years 1969 - 1973 in the first instance and obtained a B.Sc. (Hon.) Degree in Business Administration. He paused for a while before going on (in 1975/1977) to complete his second degree (Masters) at the same institution in Public Administration. He also received a Certificate when he embarked on further studies, this time in International Grains Management.

His Excellency's pursuit of academic qualifications was interspersed with relevant work experience, which helped him garner sound skills in various aspects of public administration and management. Beginning at Azare Primary School in 1969 where he worked simply as a Teacher, Garba

**Dr. Alhssan B. Zaku, FCIDA**

**D**r. Alhassan Bako Zaku, an erudite scholar and an accomplished administrator was born on January 18, 1951 at Dampar in Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State.

Dr. Bako Zaku's sound primary school education seems to have implanted in him a craving for a life-long career in academia.

With this craving and hardwork, he was able to attend some of the most prestigious schools of his time.

The first of these schools was the Barewa College, Caria, where he earned his West African School Certificate and Advanced Level Certificate between 1965 and 1971. The next school was Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, fondly called A.B.U. which he attended from 1972 - 1976.

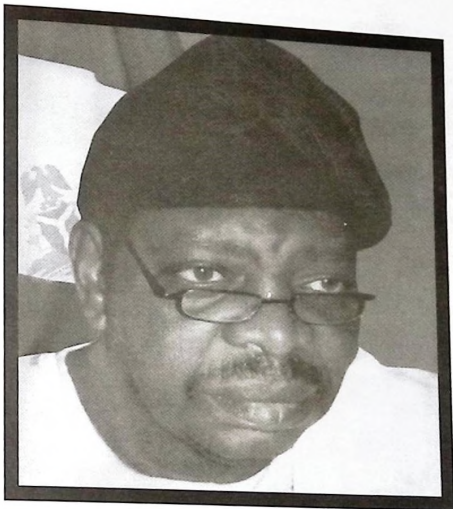
Having obtained his B.Sc. (Ed) degree in 1976, Dr. Bako Zaku further went for his M.Ed (Science and Tech Ed) at the same prestigious University (ABU) and passed with a flying colour in 1979.

Due to this outstanding performance, Dr. Bako Zaku was offered admission into the University of Hull, England for doctorate degree in 1981, this he obtained in 1983 with specialization in Science and Technical Education.

Before he obtained his post-graduate degrees, through hard work, Dr. Bako Zaku had taught in 1977 in his Alma-Mater as a Graduate Assistant (Chemistry) in the Institute of Education, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria. In 1978, he joined the College of Education, Jalingo as a lecturer and was later promoted to the position of Senior Lecturer in 1986 and subsequently became its provost in the same year.

It is interesting to note that between 1991 and 1993, Dr. Bako Zaku helped to establish the Adamawa State Polytechnic and was indeed its pioneer Rector. He was later invited to Taraba State to establish the State Polytechnic, in Jalingo in 1993 as its pioneer Rector too.

Dr. Zaku worked and assiduously with the



National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) as Centre Manager, Yola Centre between 2001 and 2004. He later returned to College of Education, Jalingo as Chief Lecturer between 2004 and 2005. From 2005 to May 2007, he came back second time to become Rector of Taraba State Polytechnic, Wukari, a record nobody has beaten in the history of that Institution.

In May 2007 Dr. Bako Zaku was appointed Secretary to the Taraba State Government by the Executive Governor of Taraba State, His Excellency, Pharmacist Danbaba Danfulani Suntai, the office which he occupied before his appointment by Mr. President, Alhaji Umar Yar'Adua GCFR as the Honourable Minister of State for Science and Technology in October 2007.

Dr. Bako Zaku has not only made outstanding contributions in academia, he has also distinguished himself professionally and is a member of Association of Science Education, United Kingdom and member, Science and Teachers Association of Nigeria (STAN).

Dr. Alhassan Bako Zaku has made immense contribution to knowledge through his books and thesis which include *Funding of Primary Education in Nigeria, the Importance of Nursery/Primary Education in Nigeria and Science, Technology and Environmental Education for Sustainable Development*, among others.

There is no doubt in the fact that all these had actually prepared him for the challenges ahead.

Within the short period he assumed office as Minister of State at the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology he has brought to bear his rich experience in co-running the affairs of the strategic Ministry.

Little wonder, the Ministry has recorded noteworthy achievements in the establishment of Science parks, telemedicine projects provision of Science equipment workshops in tertiary institutions, redesigned strategies for commercialization of R&D results, selection of suitable site for the Nuclear Energy plant etc.

A veritable team-player, he alongside the Minister of Science and Technology, Chief (Mrs) Grace Ekpiwre, JP, mni, has been piloting the

affairs of the Ministry with deep sense of purpose and direction.

Dr. Alhassan Bako Zaku is happily married with children.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

## Hon. John Clark Dabwan, FCIDA

**H**on. John Clark Dabwan was born on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1965 to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Clark Dabwan in Mangu District of Mangu Local Government of Plateau State.

After completing his primary school education he did not stop there as he then went to the Plateau State Polytechnic Barkin Ladi where he obtained National Diploma (OND) in Financial Studies and Higher National Diploma (HND) in Accounting and Finance from 1994-1996 and 2003-2005 respectively.

He further attended the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) Professional College in Jos where he successfully completed the studies in 2006.

He is presently a student of the famous Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria where he is studying Post-Graduate Diploma in Accountancy and Finance.

On the professional side, Hon. Dabwan is a personality to reckon with. He is a Certified National Accountant of Nigeria (CAN); Certified Public Accountant of Nigeria (CPA) and Fellow of Certified Institute of Management (FCIM).

Dabwan has served in various capacities and in different organizations. He was Caretaker Chairman, Nigerian Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) Mangu Local Government Branch; Branch Chairman, Nigerian Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) Mangu Local Government Branch; President, Nigerian Union of Local Government Employees, Plateau State Chapter and Chairman, Conference of State Presidents of Nigeria (COSPON) Northern States of Nigeria. Other positions of responsibility held by Hon. John Clark Dabwan include Vice chairman, Northern Forum NULGE; Member, Plateau State House of Assembly representing Mangu South Constituency; he is also keenly involved in many church activities.

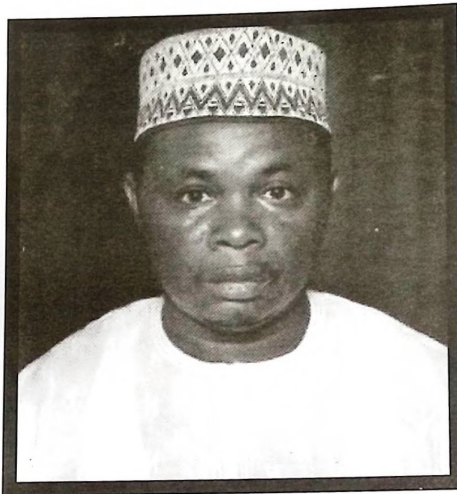
Today, Hon John Clark Dabwan serves his people in the Plateau State House of Assembly in the capacity of Minority Leader. He is a vibrant and keen lawmaker whose contributions to the democratization of governance in Nigeria, particularly Plateau State, have been quite phenomenal. In recognition of his



avowed commitment to serving humanity, many organizations have bestowed great honours and recognition on him. He received the Award of Excellence by Assemblies of God Church, Pankshin District of Plateau State Nigeria; the Pillar of the Mwaghavul race by the National Association of Mwaghavul Students (NAMS) University of Jos; Outstanding Leadership Award by NAMS A.B.U. Zaria Chapter. He was declared and honoured with Contemporary Comrade of the Year 2008 by Students Union Government (SUG), Federal College of Education, Pankshin and this was followed by another Award of Service by NULGE, Mangu LGC Branch. To crown it all, an international organisation African Success recently conferred on him the great African Success Award for outstanding contribution to the development of the African continent.

In order to keep himself abreast of developments in politics, lawmaking and democracy, Hon. John Clark Dabwan has attended many workshops and seminars organized both within and outside Nigeria by foreign consultants and NGOs. With his rising profile in the field of democratic administration, little wonder he is admired everywhere he goes.

Hon. John Clark Dabwan is successfully married with a wife and 5 children. His hobbies include Evangelism, listening to Gospel music, philanthropy and traveling.



## Shehu Othman Masari, FCIDA

including Head of Department, Dean, Director of College and now as Managing Director of KadPoly Consult (Nig.) Ltd.

He also held the position of Permanent Secretary in the Government of Katsina state under His Excellency Alhaji Umar Musa Yar'Adua. He was commended in writing by the Governor for an Outstanding performance as Permanent Secretary.

He was chairman/member of various Boards/Committees at institutional, state and Local government levels including:-

? Member, Governing Council Isa Kaita College of Education, Dutsinma, Katsina State

? Member, Governing Council, Hassan Usman Katsina Polytechnic, Katsina state

? Member, Public Service Reform Committee of Kaduna Polytechnic

? Chairman, Committee on Restructuring of Kaduna Polytechnic Registry to meet the University Standard;

? Chairman, Fraudulent Admissions Investigation Committee of Kaduna Polytechnic

? Chairman, Library Advisory Management Committee of Kaduna Polytechnic

? Member, Endowment Fund Committee of Kaduna Polytechnic

? Member, Management Advisory Committee of Kaduna Polytechnic

? Member, Academic Board of Kaduna Polytechnic

? Member, Certificate Verification Committee of Kaduna Polytechnic

? Chairman, College Board of Studies CASS, Kaduna Polytechnic

? And Many others, at state and local government levels, too numerous to mention.

This distinguished personality stands out as gentle, humble, modest and democratic in his attitude and behaviour. He is fearless, firm and has tremendous respect for elders, leaders, scholars and humanity in general. Shehu is of acceptable and tolerable conduct. He easily gets along with others and it is easy for others

**G**entle Shehu Othman Masari, as he is fondly called by his mates and colleagues, is the Managing Director of KadPoly Consult (Nig.) Ltd. Gentle Shehu is a name he acquired from mates and lecturers while at the University of Jos undergoing his Postgraduate programme.

Shehu Othman Masari was born 49 years ago in Masari Village of Kafur Local Government area in Katsina state.

He was enrolled into L.E.A. Primary school, Kafur in 1966 at the age of seven (7). He wrote his Common Entrance examination in 1972 and was admitted into Government Secondary school Funtua in 1973 and obtained his West African School Certificate (WASC) in 1977.

Shehu Masari then proceeded to Katsina College of Arts, Science and Technology, Zaria for his "A" levels and obtained the I.J.M.B. He is an Alumnus of the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University where he obtained a 'Second class (upper)' degree in Public Administration in 1984. He later obtained his Masters degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Jos in 1989.

Gentle Shehu started his career as an Assistant Lecturer II and rose through the ranks to the rank of Principal Lecturer.

Masari served in various capacities

to get along with him. This is indeed an invaluable virtue or quality.

Shehu Masari is descent; he abhors corruption in all its ramifications. As part of his strategy to distance himself from corruption, he treats all subject files and documents that require his official attention the same day such are brought for his action. Thus no room is given for follow-up before action is taken by him and he ensures that his subordinates behave in the same style.

His strategy as a lecturer to get himself away from corruption was to ensure that all students in his class pass his examinations provided such student attends his lectures, submits assignments and partake in continuous assessment tests and final examinations. This he did to ensure that no student bribes him in any manner.

He hates and dislikes corruption which is why he wrote so many papers and articles on issues of

corruption in Nigeria and its influence on underdevelopment

Shehu Masari is undoubtedly an excellent example for public or corporate administrators in Nigeria. He is a recipient of Development in Nigeria Merit Award (DINMA). He is a fellow of the Institute of Corporate Administration & The Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (CIDA)

Shehu Masari is married and has six children. He has special interests in analysis of political events and public affairs. He is honest, reliable and dependable. He is both emotionally and physically stable and also very transparent. He is, simply put, religious!

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**Pastor (Mrs) M. B. Babalola, FCIDA**

**P**astor (Mrs) Margaret Bolade Babalola is an educationist of high standing. She is the Chief instructor at Federal Polytechnic Ede, Osun State.

Born on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1952, Margaret began her early education for the First School Leaving Certificate in 1958 and completed in 1963. She then entered St. Louis Grammar School, Owo, Ondo State and spent the period 1964 to 1969 and bagged the West African School Certificate. Further studies in 1970-1972 and 1978-1980 took her to The Polytechnic Ibadan, Oyo State and the College of Technology Ilorin, Kwara State respectively for the Ordinary National Diploma (OND) in Secretarial Studies and Higher National Diploma (HND) in Secretarial Studies.

From 1990 to 1992, she was at the University of Benin, Edo State where she completed a postgraduate Diploma in Technical and Vocational Education.

Pastor (Mrs) Margaret Babalola's in-depth knowledge of Secretarial and Business management has made her a reference point in the world of academe. Her working career began at Osogbo Grammar School, Osogbo, Osun State in September 1981 where she served as Teacher for sometime before rising to the post of Vice Principal.

She later joined the services of the Federal Polytechnic Ede, Osun State in 1994 first as Principal Instructor and has risen to the present post of Chief Instructor.

Pastor Babalola's academic knowledge finds its support in her professional skills. She equally belongs to several professional organizations namely, the Association of Business Educators of Nigeria (ABEN); National Association of Professional Secretarial Staff of Nigeria (NAPSSON).

In order to bring her vast knowledge to young and upcoming generation, Pastor (Mrs.) Babalola has authored several academic text books some of which include Modern Advanced Typewriting for Tertiary Institutions (Textbook); Intermediate Modern Typewriting (Textbook); Business Studies for Junior Secondary Schools (Textbook) and Graded Shorthand dictions, Short-cuts and Printed outlines (iii-iv co-authored).

As a woman of outstanding integrity with spiritual leadership ability, Pastor (Mrs.) Margaret Bolade Babalola has served on numerous boards and committees in the Polytechnic in various capacities. She was Chairperson, Departmental Staff Welfare Committee; Chairperson, Departmental Environmental Committee; Member, Polytechnic Disciplinary Committee; Member, Disciplinary Committee for Examination and other academic matters; Member, Polytechnic Examination Audit Committee; Chairperson, School of Business Studies Examination Audit Committee; Member, Mock Accreditation Committee, School of Business Studies; and Course Adviser.

To satisfy her burning desire to give of her best in service to humanity, Pastor (Mrs.) Babalola has served at various times as Matron, Methodist Students Fellowship, Federal Polytechnic, Ede.; Matron, Scripture Union (SU), Federal Polytechnic, Ede chapter; Matron, Harp of David Covenant Ministry, Osogbo and Matron Christ Anointed Melody, Osogbo.

In the larger community, Pastor (Mrs.) Babalola serves as President, God's Women Mission International

(Inc.), a ministry through which she engages in the promotion, advancement and empowerment of women through:

- ? Organizing lectures, seminars, conferences for Women's total development
- ? Promoting the growth of Godly homes (families) required to make Godly nation, through publications, counseling, seminars, workshops, evangelism, teaching and family prayer ministry and vocational training
- ? Helping the widows and the oppressed spiritually, materially and financially.
- ? Organizing special programmes and planned outreaches to market women, rural women, prison inmates and the physically challenged people and helping to meet their pressing needs as much as possible.

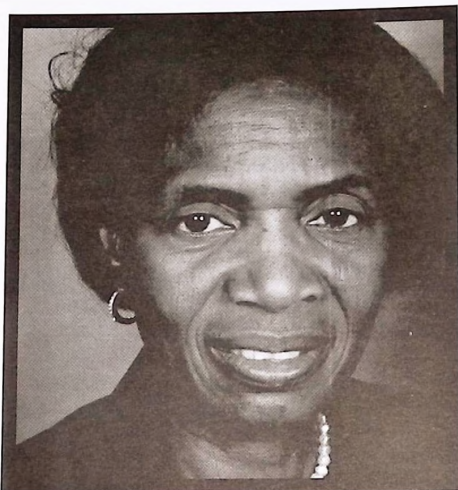
As founder of **Word of Life Bible Competition Project for Secondary Schools**, Founder of **Queen Esther Fellowship**, and Founder of **Glorious Campus Sisters Ministry**, Margaret works tirelessly to make students study the Bible, make married women appreciate the value of home-life and train their children properly; and encourage female students in tertiary institutions to inculcate in them hard work, sober and disciplined life, respectively.

In return for all her service to humanity, Pastor

Mrs. Margaret Babalola is being appreciated by those who value her services as the awards have trailed every step of hers. She received Year 2000 Merit Award presented to her by the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Osun State Chapter on November 8, 2000. She was conferred with Doctor of Divinity award by **Lord's Institute, Singapore** in the year 2000. **The Award of Excellence** followed successively with another **Precious Motherhood Award** by National Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE), Osun State Women Wing on December 16, 2003 and Jesus is Alive Evangelical Mission, Ilorin, Kwara State on December 13, 2003 respectively. Other merit awards received include Award of Excellence by Mount Zion, ECWA Church, November 12, 2006 and Women of Gold Merit award by PSR Magazine.

Beloved Pastor (Mrs) Margaret Bolade Babalola loves reading, writing, composition and singing of hymns and gospel songs, baking and evangelical activities. She is happily married with children.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



**D**r. (Mrs) Felicia Funsho Olatunji was born on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1949 to the very humble family of late Alfa Bello and late Mrs Olorunsomo Bello of Isantu, in Kogi State of Nigeria.

She started her Primary School at a very tender age at Iyara Ijumu where her late father migrated. While the parents of most girls in the village saw no good in sending female children to School, her father's desire was for her to be educated. No wonder when she gained admission to Government Girls College, Dalla, in Kano, her late father accompanied her to Ilorin where she caught the train to Kano. Her father's wish was to sponsor her to any level she wished to attain educationally. Unfortunately, this loving father did not live to see his desire on the little daughter realized, as he died just a little over a year after he took her to catch the train at Ilorin. The death of her father was a don-turn in her life, an eclipse of her life, since there was no member of the extended family that was willing to sponsor her to complete her Secondary School. They all felt that as a female, she should wait until she was of age and get married. But God had mercy on her as one of the female foreign teachers Mrs Harrigton, a Canadian, assisted her to complete her Secondary School, and also higher School Certificate (HSC) in the same school.

After the HSC, God brought her to meet a

## Dr. Felicia F. Olatunji

man who became her husband since August 15<sup>th</sup> 1970, who was interested in her realizing her father's dream and sponsored her through the first degree course at Bayero University College, of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, where she graduated with Second Class Honours Upper Division in 1977.

After her graduation, she joined her husband, who was a professional librarian at Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin as a Lecturer in the English Department of the School of Basic Studies. She did her Youth Service Corps Primary assignment in that same Department.

Dr (Mrs) Felicia Funsho Olatunji continued her educational pursuit as she obtained her Master's degree (M.A) in Applied Linguistics at the University of Ilorin in 1987.

The desire to attain the highest possible educational qualification, in fulfillment of her late Father's dream made her enroll for her PhD programme at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria which she obtained in 2003 in spite of all odds, as her application for Study Leave was not granted, and she had to run the programme on Part time. Shunting between Federal Polytechnic, Offa and Zaria, and without any financial support, was not easy at all. But God continued His mercy on her as she obtained the PhD in Teaching English as a Second Language in 2003. Her thesis was dedicated to God and her late father who did not live to see his dream on her daughter accomplished.

Throughout these years of hard work and educational struggles, Dr (Mrs) F. F. Olatunji was actively supported by her loving husband, Elder Francis Olatunji, himself an accomplished educationist and Librarian, who stood as a pillar behind her. They are blessed with three accomplished children, who are doing very well in their professions.

As an accomplished teacher, Dr (Mrs) F. F. Olatunji's first encounter with pupils was a few months stint at Therbow Nursery and Primary School, Zaria where she was put in charge of Kindergarten pupils immediately after her wedding in 1970. The short period of 6 months she spent there was the foundation of the deep love that Dr (Mrs) F. F. Olatunji has for the

education and moral development of children; on which she has continued to build upon till today.

However, Dr. (Mrs) S. F. F. Olatunji's experience as a teacher began in earnest at Government Secondary School, Birnin Kudu, Kano State in 1972. Without any teaching experience, as she had only HSC then, she was made to teach the upper classes ie Forms 4 & 5 despite the fact that there was an Indian female teacher with M.A. English in the school. The lady was attached to lower classes. This was the challenge that Dr. (Mrs) F F Olatunji had to justify the confidence reposed in her; it was the tonic she needed for her love of and commitment to the teaching of English. It is no wonder she had her first degree in English and Education.

Dr. (Mrs) F. F. Olatunji's teaching experience in English took her through Kwara State Polytechnic (formerly Kwara State College of Technology in 1978, and she rose to the level of Senior Lecturer in 1992. She was promoted to Principal Lecturer in 1996 and in 1998, she became the Head of Department. This Department teaches English Language to all students of the Polytechnic, irrespective of their courses. She rose to the post of Chief lecturer in 1999, and was appointed the Director of the School of General Studies in 2001.

Dr. (Mrs) F. F. Olatunji is an academician to the core who is always involved in research work and papers. As of today she has nothing less than 24 published and unpublished work to her credit, some of which were published in academic journals (National and International); many were delivered at conferences, workshops and seminars. As a teacher of English all her life, Dr (Mrs) F F Olatunji's main focus in most of her research work and publications bother mostly on

"the effect of grammatical competence on the communicative ability of students in tertiary institutions". It is no wonder that a number of tertiary institutions especially Polytechnics in the country tap part of her endowment by engaging her as External Moderator for their final examinations. The institutions included the Federal Polytechnic, Ede; Federal Polytechnic, Bida; Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti and Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin. Dr (Mrs) F. F. Olatunji also serves as Editorial Adviser to some academic journals. She is quite often invited by the NBTE to join the team on the Accreditation visitation to some Polytechnics.

As the Director of the School of General Studies Dr

(Mrs) F. F. Olatunji motivated the lecturers of the School and other institutions into the area of research and publications. Thus her school was the first to publish an academic journal in the history of Federal Polytechnic, Offa, "the Edifice: Journal of Federal Academia" in 2004. It has since been the pride of the management and staff of the Polytechnic, being an annual publication.

Dr (Mrs) F. F. Olatunji was the Chairperson of the Conference Planning Committee for the first National Conference to be hosted by Federal Polytechnic, Offa ie the National Association of Teachers of English in Colleges of Education and Polytechnics (NATECEP) in 1998.

Dr. (Mrs) F F Olatunji is a member of a number of professional bodies. These include the General Studies Association of Nigeria (GSAN); the Nigerian English Studies Association (NESA); Nigeria Association of Teachers of English in Colleges of Education and Polytechnics (NATECEP); the Reading Association of Nigeria (RAN) and the Modern Language Association (MLA) and Teachers' Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN). Administrative Experience.

Dr. (Mrs) F F Olatunji is not only a classroom teacher; she is also an astute administrator. She has gone through the hierarchy of being a Lecturer, a Language Co-ordinator, to being an Head of Department, to the level of being a School Director the position she occupied for six good years. During the period she was School Director, she nurtured the School of General Studies to the status in which another School School of Communication and Technology was carved out.

Throughout this hierarchy, the Management always presented her with written letters of commendation.

Despite Dr (Mrs) F F Olatunji's commitment to research and publications, teaching and other very tight schedules, she still finds time to render extra-curricular activities to the Polytechnic community and the society around her.

Her tight schedules have not been able to rob her of her love for children and their spiritual and moral up-bringing. For over 30 years, she has been the Director of Children Choir (ages 4 to 12) in her Church 2<sup>nd</sup> ECWA Church, Ilorin. Through her efforts, these little kids have released several audio-cassettes and 4 VCDs. Some of the children that passed through her training have become great Gospel

Singers at least two of them are Choir Directors of their Churches on full time in the city of Abuja

On the inception of the Federal Polytechnic, Offa, she was appointed the Chairperson of the Christian Advisory Committee. She held this position for 8 years and the Rector presented a letter of commendation to her for the matured manner she handled Christian religious matters on the campus and outside the campus. Five years later, the African Children's Crusade (Nigeria and overseas) awarded to Dr Mrs F F Olatunji "Christian Values Leadership Award Certificate, for her exemplary Christian values such as honesty

integrity, humility, patriotism, love, fear of God, transparency, hard-work, high sense of morality and truthfulness" dated 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005.

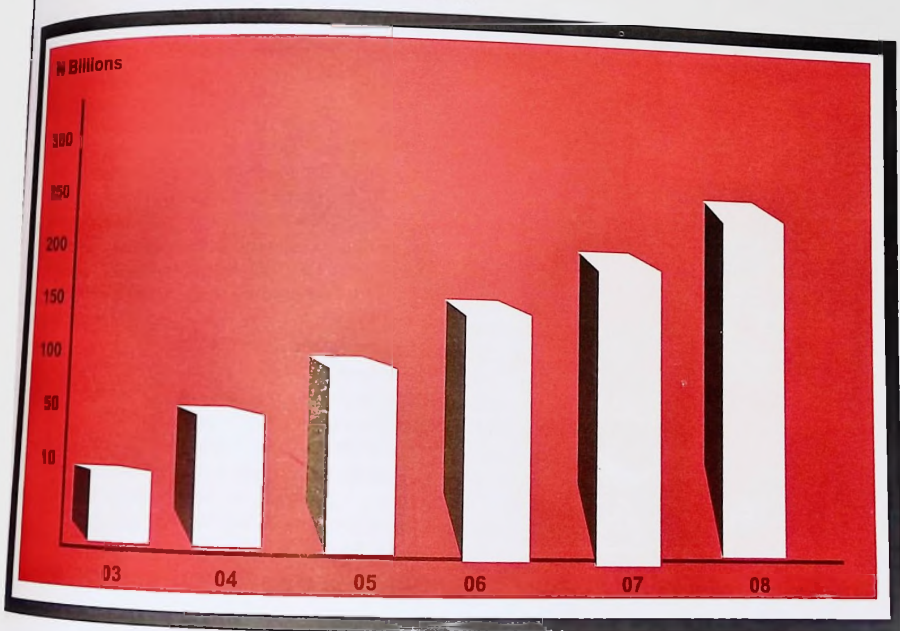
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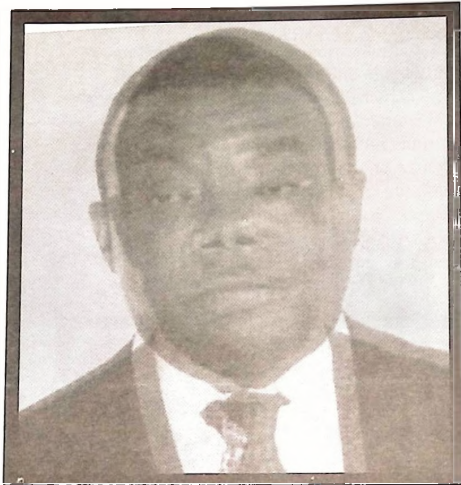
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With his sound academic and practical training, Mr. Chris Okereke JP was fully prepared to meet the requirements of his profession. He became very much in demand by organizations with the discerning eye to achieve excellence in financial management and accounting procedures.

Mr. Okereke started his working career as a Senior Auditor at Peak Marwick, Ani Ogunde & Co,

Chartered Accountants, Lagos where he worked between 1977 and 1982 before joining the services of Mikko Industries Aba, Abia State as their Finance Controller. He worked in this establishment for sometime and left in 1984 to join Federal Polytechnic, Uwana-Afikpo as Lecturer I. In 1986, Okereke left the Federal Polytechnic to become the Chief Accountant/Company Secretary, Development Finance Investment Company, Owerri. From 1989 to 1990, he served as the Audit Manager, Adebisi Ogunleye & Co. Chartered Accountants, Lagos before being finally employed at the Securities and Exchange Commission as Senior Manager. He has since risen to the position of Director/Head, Planning and Budget Department of the Commission. He also doubles as the Director, Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Commission.

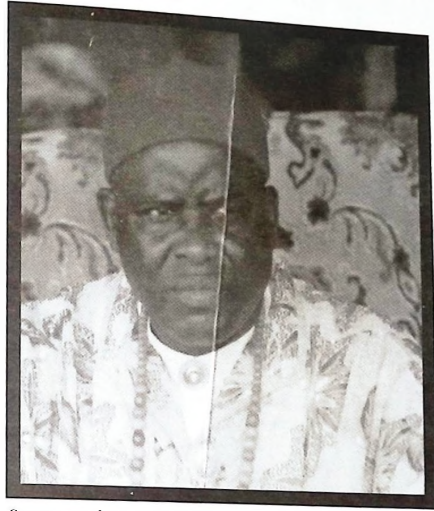
Okereke's professional competence is closely related to his professional training which saw him belonging to several professional bodies, some which include: Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, Member, Nigerian Institute of Management, Associate Member, Institute of Chartered Stockbrokers, Member, Institute of Directors and Alternate Council Member, Nigerian Stock Exchange.

Okereke's services have been found useful in various committees and sub-committees including. The Committee on Code of Good Corporate Governance in Nigeria, 200 to 2003; the National Steering Committee on Basic Metal 2000 till date; Technical Committee on National Council on Privatisation, 2000 to 2001, the Professional Examination Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, 1977 to date and the Technical Sub-Committee on Accounting Standard for Banks and Non-banks Financial Institutions Part II, 1994 to 1997, and others.

He has served as a Supervising Examiner Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, 1994 to 1997 and also an External Examiner in the Department of Accountancy, College of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, 1986. He has equally presented professional papers at different forums and has also attended several courses both at home and abroad which greatly impacted on the performance of his job.

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As far as politics in "Greater Ahoada Constituency" and indeed Rivers State is concerned, HIGH CHIEF A. M. OKPOKIRI has always been a

force to be reckoned with. After the 16 months councillorship bout, he was appointed as a Director in Rivers Transport Company (RTC) until 1994. At the community level, High Chief Okpokiri was also very active as Community Development Committee (CDC) member, and became CDC Chairman, in the early 1970s/.

He was appointed Adviser on Chieftaincy and Community Affairs to Ahoada West Council between 1997 and 1998. All these challenging positions were just forerunners, preparing him for the greater task ahead. In 1999 when this present republic was ushered in, High Chief Augustine Maxwell Okpokiri contested for the Chain Seat in Ahoada West LGA as the PDP Flag-Bearer, won and was sworn in as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive chairman of the LGA, a position he held up to the year 2002.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> tenure, High Chief Okpokiri took monumental strides in developing the area. Therefore, it became a big problem to find who the shoe would fit. However, in April 2004, High Chief Okpokiri after an overwhelming victory at the polls was returned for the second term as the Executive Chairman of Ahoada West LGA.

Following his many contributions to the development of this Community, State and the country in general, High Chief A. M. Okpokiri is the recipient of numerous Awards and a Chieftaincy title of Egbuluka of Ekpeyeland (Stronghold of Ekpeye Tradition) conferred on him by HRM Eze Ekpeye Logbo and his Council on

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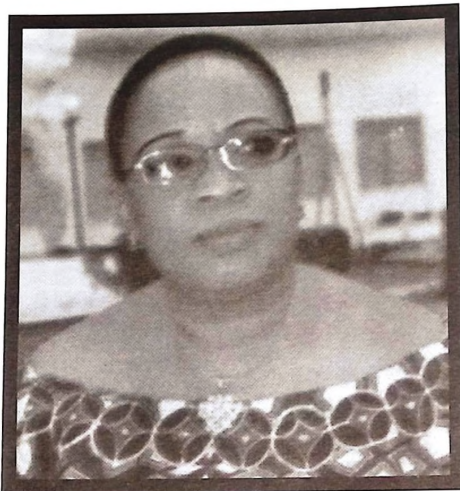
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## Dr. (Mrs) Abimbola Oni



Development, National Directorate of Employment Jos, Plateau State from 1992 to 2003

- From June 2003 to date State Coordinator National Directorate of Employment Ekiti State  
She has attended various workshops and seminars to enhance her productivity as a Vocationist and an Entrepreneur. Some of the workshops include:

1. Industrial Training Fund "National Occupation Skills Standard Seminar held at ITF Centre for Excellence from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 1994.
2. National Directorate of Employment "Skills Acquisition for Nation Building Service held at Circular Hotel Ilorin Kwara State (November 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 1997)
3. Plateau State Commission for Women "Post Benue Women Workshop" held at Plateau State House of Assembly From December 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 1999.
4. The YWCA of Nigeria Workshop on "Entrepreneurship Development Programme" (May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1996).
5. National Directorate of Employment/Technical Cooperation, Federal Republic of Germany
6. In-service training in Didactics/Vocational Workshop Management and Organisation from September 14<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1998, amongst others.

Awards received by Dr (Mrs) Oni include Departmental Merit Award of Best Student in Textile Design Polytechnic Ibadan (1981).

Merit Award and Certificate of Honour by the Nigerian Future Manager, Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti (2003); Times News International Leadership Gold Award for Development Achievement and Entrepreneurial Excellence in Nigeria and West Africa (TILCA) 2004.; Professional Membership award of Institute of Industrialist and Corporate Administration for proficiency in Corporate Administration (March 2006). Honourary Doctorate award in Philosophy in Political Science (PhD) by Pilgrim University Burlington NC

**D**r. (Mrs.) Abimbola Oni was born on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1958 at Osogbo, Osun State to the family of Late Pa Eugene Olarewaju Olusola from Lagos and Abeokuta and Late (Mrs) Lydia Bilewumo Olusola (nee Adegbesan) from Ile-Ife.

After her primary education at Ebenezer African Church School Ekotedo Ibadan in 1969, she attended our Lady's High School Ile-Ife from 1970 to 1975. between 1975 and 1976 she gained admission to Yaba College of Technology to study Fashion Designing, which she did for one year before changing to Ibadan Polytechnic to study Fine Arts. In 1979 she obtained her Ordinary National Diploma in Fine Art and in 1981, she got her Higher National Diploma in Fine Art (Textile Option) with Department Merit Award as the best student in Textile Design in 1981 at Polytechnic Ibadan. She bagged her Masters Degree in Public Administration from University of Ado-Ekiti in December 2005.

Dr. Mrs Abimbola Oni got her first appointment with Baptist High School Josas Teacher/Head of Vocational Studies Department from 1982-1988. She was appointed:

- Teacher (Fine Art) university of Jos  
Demonstration Secondary School from 1988 to 1992

- Head of Department, Vocational Skill

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In addition to the awards, she had presented several papers to both the youth and women on how to get out of unemployment and the role of women in the development of the Society/Women Empowerment. The wife of the Ekiti State Governor notes her role in youth development in the State by naming her "An Asset to Youth Development in Ekiti State."

Dr. Mrs Abimbola Oni has distinguished herself among many and is a mentor to several youths, a leader who was never seen to be a boss but a mother to all the staff, her cool headedness and firmness attest to this virtue.

She is also a focused woman who is willing to reach her goal not minding the obstruction on the way, once she sets a target she pursues it until it is achieved.

Dr. Mrs Abimbola Oni has shown interest in disabled youths by assisting them on her own and through philanthropy to be entrepreneurs. This she has done touching their lives positively both in Jos and her present station.

Dr. (Mrs) Oni is happily married and blessed

with four children.

Her outstanding success both at home and at work is as a result of God's Grace and Mercy and the support from her husband and children.

She is sufficiently patient, meticulous, cool and collective being.

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## Mohammed Sani Yusuf



transferred to Katsina State between 1987 and 1990 and served at Malumfashi and Danmurabu. Alhaji Sani also served as the Delivery Officer in the same Company in Kankara between 1990 and 1992. He was Primary Delivery Officer (PDO) between 1993 and 1994, Deport Officer Funtua 1995-1998; he was a Store Officer (PTF Store), Dutsina 1999-2000 and again Depot Officer Funtua with the same Company between 2000 and 2002.

Alhaji Mohammed Sani began politicking in 2002, when he resigned his appointment with the State Farmers Supply Company and joined the PDP. He was involved actively in political activities up to November 2004 when he was appointed by Governor Umaru Musa Yar'Adua as Chairman Caretaker Committee of Kankara Local government and when the Councils were dissolved in the State, and fresh elections were conducted, Alhaji Sani Yusuf contested for the Post of Chairman and won on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2004 and was sworn into office on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2005.

Within the shortest period of time, Mohammed Sani has brought meaningful development to Kankara Local Government without any discrimination and this has endeared him to his people who loved, cherished and are praying for his continuity as Chairman of the area.

Like the then Governor Umaru Musa Yar'Adja, Mohammed Sani is commended for prompt payment of staff salaries and allowances, which has made the NULGE Chairman in the area happy and in return continues to pour encomiums on Mohammed Sani Yusuf.

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**M**ohammed Sani Yusuf, Executive Chairman of Kankara Local Government Area, Katsina State. He was born on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1957 to the famous family of Alhaji Yusuf at Kankara. Mohammed Sani began his education at LEA Primary School Kankara between 1965 and 1971 where he got his First Primary School Leaving Certificate. He proceeded to Kagoro Teachers College between 1975 and 1980 and passed out with Grade Two Teachers Certificate.

His interest in further education made him to gain admission into College of Administration Funtua where he spent the years 1993 and 1994 and passed out with A.S.O. Certificate and between 1996 and 1998, Mohammed Sani Yusuf was in Kaduna Polytechnic where he graduated with Advanced Diploma in Public Administration.

Alhaji Mohammed Sani began his working career as a Headmaster in S/Guraje and Baure Primary Schools from 1980 to 1986, respectively. He was Commercial Assistant, Farmers Supply Company in the then Kaduna State and later

**Dr. (Mrs) Obianuju Blossom Oku,**  
FCIDA



A virtuous woman of inestimable value, an accomplished educationalist and an evangelist with fire in her bones, Dr. (Mrs.) Obianuju Blossom Ositadinma Oku is a woman whose life is worthy to be celebrated. She is a woman who through sheer determination and implicit trust in the ability of God to cause water out of the rock, has actualized most of her life's dreams.

A woman embraces hard-work as a norm, Dr. (Mrs.) Oku, a senior lecturer in the Department of Education Foundation and Administration, Faculty of Education, Imo State University Owerri began what was to become a life worthy of honour, forty-two years ago. She was born on the 30, 1965 in Port Harcourt, Rivers State to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Ukwu of Ikpaeze, Arondizuogu.

She completed her primary school in 1977 and her secondary education at the age of 17, young 'OCY' as she was fondly called by her family members, was employed as a teacher in the Imo state secondary Education Board and was posted to the famous Ovim Girls secondary school, Isuikwuato in the present Abia state where she taught for one academic year before proceeding to a higher institution.

In 1987, she obtained the National Certificate in Education in English Language and Literature from the Alvan Ikoku College of Education Owerri. She later proceeded to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka where she graduated with B.A.Ed (Honours) in English Language. Her quest for further education took her to Abia State University, Uтуру Okigwe where she bagged a post-graduate degree in Educational management and planning in 1992. Not done yet, she proceeded to the University of Port Harcourt, Rivers state where she obtained her PhD in Educational Administration. She also obtained a diploma in theology from Methodist theological Institute (MTI), Umuahia and a Certificate in basic computer operation from Swintec Computer Institute.



Having identified her career path very early in life, it was not surprising that Dr. (Mrs.) Oku has accomplished much in the education industry where she has made indelible footprints in the various institutions and on the lives of the students and staff she has come in contact with in her capacity as lecturer, student staff adviser, and HOD. In her affection and dedication to the work of God and development of mankind especially the youths, Dr. (Mrs.) Oku founded the youths' Blossoming Forum which is an NGO meant to expose the youths to positive knowledge that will them take important life decisions for their all-round quality development and success.

Her contributions have not gone unnoticed by her constituency. She has been appreciated in form of honours and awards. They include Merit Award from Education students Association (ESA) which she served for years as staff Adviser, Award from students Union Government, Imo State University and Award of Excellency from Okigwe Students Union.

Dr. (Mrs.) Oku has authored and published twenty-five articles in learned journals nationally and internationally; authored and co-authored three books. She is a member of many national and international academic associations such as National

Association of Educational Administration and planning (NAEAP), National Association of Women Academics (NAWACS) and Commonwealth Association of Educational Administration and planning. She is a member of the Board of Directors, Centre for Gender Studies, Imo State University, Owerri.

Above all, she is charismatic preacher of the word of God and ordained Evangelist of the Holy Ghost Generation Movement International. She is an accomplished wife to Deacon Ndubuisi Oku and mother of four. To say that the person described is God's gift to mankind and a round peg

in a round hole is, certainly, not an overstatement.

Her hobbies include reading the scriptures, scriptural based materials, evangelizing and counseling.

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## Mrs Hauwa M. Lemu

**M**rs Hauwa Mohammed Lemu was born in Toro on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1958. She is of the NUPE/FULANI tribe in Niger State. Her early education was at Padingtons Kindergarten, London from 1962 to 1963 where she obtained a Nursery School Certificate. She then entered Saint Thomas' Primary School based in Kano in 1964 and passed out in 1970 with the Primary School Certificate.

In furtherance of her education, she was admitted into Government Girls' College Dala, Kano in 1971 where she bagged the West African School Certificate in 1975. Hauwa further attended College of Education Minna between 1975 and 1978 where she obtained the Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE). Further studies in Education took the amiable lady to Bayero University Kano in 1982 and she graduated B.A. Special Honours (Literature in English) in 1985.

Hauwa began her working career as a Teacher in Government Girls College Minna in 1979 and continued with her work till 1982. Between 1985 and 1993 she was employed by the Ministry of Education Minna in the Department of Personnel Management and later served in the Nomadic Education Unit (1993-1996). From 1996 to 2005 she served as State Co-ordinator, Nomadic Education in the State Primary Education Board before rising to the position of Director, Schools Services in the year 2006, a position she currently holds.

Over the years Mrs Hauwa Mohammed Lemu has been involved in special Ad-Hoc Duties in which she held important positions. She was appointed President, World Organisation for Early Childhood Education (OMEP) Niger State Chapter in 1996, a position she holds to date. Additionally she received another appointment as Assistant National Secretary OMEP in 1999 and served till 2003. Between 2003 and 2007 Mrs Hauwa Lemu served as Financial Secretary, National Council of Women's Societies, Niger State; she is a member NGO Network for Girl



Child Education Zone "C", she has been State Coordinator, WANEP (West Africa Network for Peace Building) since 2005. Other important ad-hoc duties Mrs Hauwa Mohammed Lemu holds include Executive Director, Centre for Peace and Civic Awareness; National President, Niger State College of Education Alumni Association; Member of the Executive Steering Committee, Bayero University, Kano Alumni Association, Niger State Chapter and Chairman, Education Committee of Better Life for the African Rural Women.

Mrs Lemu is a well-exposed individual in the field of education and training who has participated in various conferences, workshops and seminars. She attended African Regional Seminar on Education of Nomadic Populations jointly organized by UNESCO/BREDA and NCNE, Kaduna in 1995; the 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference of OMEP Nigeria in Jos on "Preparing Young Children for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", 1996; the 12<sup>th</sup> National Conference on OMEP Nigeria in Akure on "Children and Books" 1997; a workshop organized by OMEP in London on "New Directions in Early Years Education" University of East London, 1999; Zonal Orientation Workshop on CRC and CEDAW for Teachers, School Girls and NFE Instructors, jointly organized by NGO \_ Network for Girl Child Education Zone 'C' and UNICEF 2000; Induction Course for Inspectors, organized by Federal Ministry of Education, Kaduna 2006; Stakeholders

workshop on the validation of the draft Nigeria Country Self-Assessment Report (CSAR) organized by NEPAD, Abuja 2007; Workshop for the development of Guidelines on Policy Framework for Gender Education in Nigeria organized by UNICEF and Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja 2007, among many others.

Mrs Hauwa Mohammed Lemu is a well-travelled educationist of immense exposure. She has visited Britain (London) 1960-1963, 1999; Copenhagen, Denmark 1998 and Kenya 2007, to mention these three.

In recognition of her immense contribution to her field Mrs Hauwa Lemu has received

numerous awards, notable among which include Honorary Fellowship on Teacher Education (HFTE) 2004 by College of Education, Minna, Niger State; The Woman of Merit Gold Award (WMGA) by PSR Magazine 2007 and she is billed to receive several others in due course.

& Fellow of The Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (FCIDA)

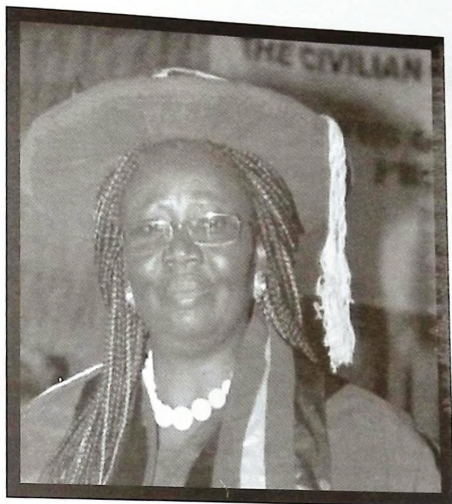
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## Ms Gladys O. Simplice

**M**s. Gladys Olajumoke Simplice, FCIDA was born at Lagos on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1949. After completing her primary and secondary education, she gained admission into Ahmadu Bello University to read Economics and on completion bagged a B.Sc. (Econs.) Degree. Ms Simplice could not rest on her oars after obtaining her first degree but pressed on to obtain professional qualifications.

She enrolled for further studies leading to accountancy professional qualification which she successfully completed. Today Ms Simplice holds the final qualification and Associate membership of the Chartered Institute of National Accountants. She is also Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria as well as the Chartered Institute of Management. Armed with both professional and academic qualifications Gladys Olajumoke Simplice was ready to demonstrate the value of knowledge. She engaged by the Federal Inland Revenue Service where she has made significant contributions to the implementation of the tax laws and policies of the Federal Government of Nigeria. She has risen to the rank of Assistant Director of Taxes.

Ms Simplice's present position was earned through hard work. She also finds time to engage in social activities. She is a member of Lions Clubs International, Ikoyi Club 1938; Member Project Implementation Board Sickle Cell Foundation and



Member Musical Social of Nigeria (MUSON).

Gladys can best be described as a multi-talented lady with interests in various sporting activities. She enjoys football, swimming, and athletics. In the area of drama she engages in dancing and theatre arts. She is also deeply involved in charity, taking the welfare/care of the under-privileged as an essential aspect of her life. Part of her hobbies also involve reading novel and books on Biography, autobiography, philosophy as well as professional journals.

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## HM King (Dr) Mark T. Igbara JP



member, patron and grand patron of several institutions and bodies some of which include Nigerian Association of Doctors of Pacific University, California; Patron, Institute of Sales Management of Nigeria; Ambassador for Peace Interrelation and International Federation for World Peace; and Ambassador of Examination Ethics, Joint Action Committee on Exam Ethics (JACEE).

King Igbara currently enjoys first class status in the traditional leadership hierarchy in Rivers State and is a member of the Rivers State Council of Traditional Rulers. He is president Khana Council of Traditional Rulers and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Traditional Rulers of Oil Mineral Producing Communities of Nigeria (TROMPCON), whose activities have led to the resolution of several conflicts in the Niger Delta region.

King Igbara was the first signatory to the Ogoni Bill of Rights and actively participated as a member in the 17-Man Reconciliation Committee in 1979, that brokered peace between Shell Petroleum Development Company and Ogoni people.

On the social front, King Igbara is not left out. His presence is heavily felt in this regard. He is a patron and grand patron to over twenty associations and clubs.

Mark Igbara was born on September 23, 1939. He attended Native Authority Primary School between 1948 and 1955 before proceeding to Zik Institute of Commerce, Onitsha, where he studied between 1955 and 1960 and was made the Senior Prefect of the school. After his secondary education, he attended the University of London, where he obtained the General Certificate of Education, Advanced level in 1962.

Furthermore, King Igbara enlisted in the Nigeria Airforce and was trained at West Germany in the science of Aircraft piloting, Maintenance and Engineering. He voluntarily retired on health grounds in 1967 and ascended the Babbe throne as the Gbenemene Babbe Kingdom on April 25, 1978.

The king enjoys reading, fishing, farming and football as his precious hobbies he is married and blessed with several children and grand children.

**H**is Majesty King (Dr.) Mark Tsaro Igbara JP, is a first class traditional ruler. He is very versatile and competent king, well equipped with the attributes of a good leader. He sees leading the people of his rural community as something that poses no serious challenge since he is well acquainted with their yearnings and aspirations. An elite who is thoroughly educated and exposed to western culture, Mark has sufficiently blended modernization with indigenous culture such that his subjects do not have problems coping with his style of leadership.

King Igbara is the Gbenemene Babbe-Ogoni, Rivers State. He is a disciplined and cultured leader who places much premium on his reputation. A keen advocate of peace, King Igbara has successfully mediated in several cases of youth restiveness in his Ogoni Community and has brought sanity to the otherwise troubled region.

King Igbara is highly reputed for his possession of the correct amount of business acumen. He also has great propensity to succeed in any endeavour he lays his hands on. No doubt, King Mark Igbara has made his mark in Fish Farming, Agriculture and Hotel industry. He is the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of Yorkpo and Sons Nigeria Ltd, a fast growing general services and supply Company based in Port Harcourt.

On the professional side, King Igbara is a

## Prof. Tijani Sulaiman

**P**rof. Tijani Sulaiman is an erudite scholar and an esteemed public administrator who has seen it all in school management and administration.

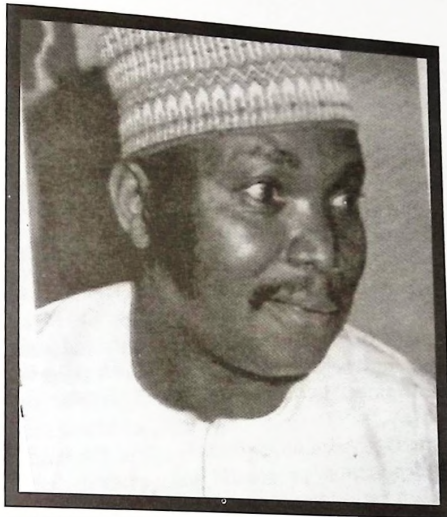
Prof. Ahmed Tijanni Sulaiman is presently the Honourable Commissioner for Higher Education on Science and Technology, Jigawa State of Nigeria. He was born on September 28, 1945 at Ringim, Jigawa State. He attended Government Colege Zaria, between 1959 and 1963 where he obtained the West African School certificate. He then proceeded to Kings College, Lagos where he received further education from 1964 to 1965 and obtained the Higher School Certificate. Therafter, he gained admission into the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and obtained a B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering degree in 1970. From 1971 to 1975, Prof. Ahmed Sulaiman studied at Paisley College of Technology, University of Paisley, Scotland for his masters and doctorate degrees.

When he returned to Nigeria, he began work at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria as an Assistant Lecturer in 1970 and by 1980, he was already Senior Lecturer in the department of Mechanical Engineering of the institution. Between 1980 and 1983, he served as the Principal, School of Technology, Kano State Institute for Higher Education. Thereafter, he was employed at the University of Sokoto, now Usman Danfodio University, where he served as Director, Energy, Research Centre and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) respectively. Prof. Sulaiman later became a professor Energy Studies in the institution.

Professor Sulaiman left Usman Danfodio University to become the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Yola where he served from 1988 to 1995. From July 1998 to May 1999, he served as the Acting Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja.

Prof. Sulaiman has never left anyone in doubt about his immense intellect. This prompted his appointment as honourable commissioner in March 2004. He is a man of strength who finds time to meet his academic engagements. He is also visiting professor in Mechanical Engineering to the University of Kano.

Apart from his routine academic engagements,



school and public administration, Prof Sulaiman has handled other tasking assignments. He was member, Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities 1988 to 1995; and from 1998 to 1999, Member, Adamawa State Scholarship Board; From 1991 to 1995 he was member, Committee on the Future of Higher Education in Nigeria while from 1996 to 1997 member Governing Board, Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna.

He has also served as Chairman, Raw Materials Research and Development Council's Committee on the sStatus of Non-Metallic based Nigerian Manufacturing Industries in 2003; and more.

Professor Sulaiman was a member of the board of Directors, Volkswagen of Nigeria Ltd, 1987 to 1994 and Member, Board of Directors Nigerian National Paper Manufacturing Company 1984 to 1985.

Professor Sulaiman is a member of several professional bodies including the International Association of Hydrogen Energy, International Solar Energy Societies; Solar Energy Society of Africa, Solar Energy Society of Nigeria of which he was president from 1982 to 1994 and 2001 to 2003.

He has participated in several national and international conferences, seminars and symposia and has published over fifty research articles in books, journals and conference papers. He is happily married and blessed with children.



## HE (Mrs) Patience Jonathan



College of Education Rumuolumeni where she spent the period 1986-1989 before proceeding to the University of Port Harcourt in 1991 for her B.Ed degree which she obtained in 1994, having previously armed herself with the First School Leaving Certificate (1976); West African School Certificate (WASC) 1980, Certificate from the School of Basic Studies 1982 and the National Certificate of Education (NCE) 1989.

Mrs Patience Jonathan has had vast and varied working experience during her service with various organizations, namely, Port Harcourt City Local Government Council, Obumotu Nigeria Limited, Port Harcourt; Government Secondary School Borikiri, Port Harcourt; Sports Institute Isaka, Port Harcourt; Stella Marris College, Port Harcourt and Okrika National Grammar School Okrika, where she served as Master Grade II. She equally had a stint in marketing as marketing manager in Akpor Community Bank Port Harcourt, before joining the Ministry of Education, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

Mrs Patience Jonathan's hobbies include Reading, Swimming, Writing.

In recognition of her contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on her the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.

**H**er Excellency, Mrs patience Jonathan, wife of the Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, GCON, was born at Port Harcourt, Rivers State. She hails from a town called Otuoke in Ogbia Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Educated at Baptist Day Primary School, Port Harcourt (1970-1976), Mrs Jonathan proceeded to Government Secondary School Bassambiri (Nembe) where she received her secondary education from 1976 to 1980. thereafter she gained admission into the School of Basic Studies, Port Harcourt, 1981-1982. On completion of her studies at SBS, she proceeded to Rivers State

# CHAPTER 12

## National Assembly Leadership

## Sen. David Mark

Senator David Mark is a third-term senator having been voted into the National Assembly in the 1999 general election with the return of the civil rule. He is the President of the Senate from 2007. Though his 2007 election was seriously disputed by Usman Dan Maishanu Abubakar, popularly known as 'Young Ahaji' of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP), Mark never blinked for one moment.

David Mark is a retired Brigadier-General in the Nigerian Army who was appointed Military Governor of Niger State in 1984. His tenure still remains one of the most memorable periods in the history of that state. Some of the many achievements as Military Governor included his dogged determination to create the enabling environment for the industrialization of the State. He introduced the Niger State Trust Fund, an Industrial Blueprint for the state and created industrial layouts, in his bid to achieve his goal.

He once served at the Federal level as a Minister of communications and Member of the Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC) during the regime of General Ibrahim Babangida. He also made his mark during this period which witnessed the establishment of Post and Telecommunications (P & T), and the Nigerian External Telecommunications limited (NITEL).

Mark while serving as communications minister also ensured the establishment of digital telephone exchanges in various parts of the country and initiated the establishment of Expedited Mail Service (EMS) and the installation of data switching system called computer-oriented switch for international telegraph. It was also during his tenure as minister that the eight channels digital PABX designed by NITEL and the 32-channel micro Eagle that was also developed by NITEL were established.

Mark's tenure as communications minister was also the period when the government declared that telephone was not meant for the poor, but all that is history.



Mark is a devout Christian of the Catholic faith; he is married to Mrs. Helen Onma Mark. In his early days Mark was a keen footballer and golfer.

Before his emergence as the leader of the Senate of the Federal Republic, the National Assembly suffered serious challenges, integrity of the members was called to question and the relationship between the Executive and the National Assembly was frosty. David Mark's tenure as leader of the Assembly has however witnessed a relatively peaceful atmosphere amongst members and also between the NASS and other arms of Government. He seems to be using his might as the David of the Old Testament and the physician of the new, to overcome challenging leadership problems of the Senate.

Having scored some marks in service of humanity David Mark has been honoured by various communities in Nigeria. He holds the traditional titles of *Okpowulu* and *Ejegbogwu of Otukpo* just as he is the *Ogakwu* of *Agatu*, *Onmojiji* of *Apa*, the *Onmejek'Ogbadibo* and the *Ogbejuwa Ik'Okpokwu*. He is also the *Omega* of *igede*, the *Ogbo Neikunu Egidi* of *Ado*, the *Gabi* of *Lokoja* in *Kogi State* and the *Dikemba of Nri* in *Anambra State*.

While serving in the Upper chambers of the National Assembly, Mark has been chairman, Senate Committee on Police Affairs. He also had his inputs on bills such as the Anti-Corruption Bill, the Niger-Delta Bill, the Minimum Wage Bill, the Basic Primary

Education Bill and the Nigeria Police Reforms Bill.

Surprising, Mark was among those senators that strongly supported the controversial tenure elongation plot placed before the last National Assembly by the Presidency. Of recent, he has given reasons why he strongly supported the move.

Born on April 8 1948, Mark attended St. Francis Catholic Practising School, Otukpo before

proceeding to the Nigerian Military School (NMS) Zaria. He further attended the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) Kaduna and the College of Military Engineering and Telecommunications, Molow, U.S.A. where he bagged the Bachelor of Engineering (B.E. Telecomm). Mark also attended the National Defense University, Washington D.C. and Harvard University, Boston, Massachussets,

## Alh. Nasiru I. Arab, FCIDA

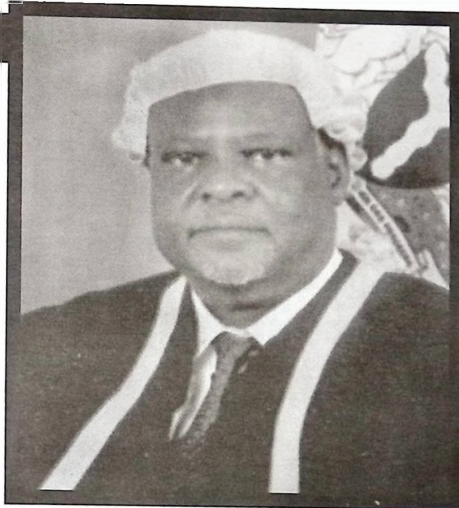
**A**lhaji Nasiru Ibrahim Arab, FCIDA was born in Kaduna on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1950. He is presently the Clerk to the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Arab received his early education at L.E.A. Primary School Tudun Wada in Kaduna from 1960 to 1966. Then he proceeded to College of Arts and Arabic Studies, Sokoto in 1967 where he spent about five (5) years and graduated with the award of the Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE). On leaving the College he was admitted into Bayero University Kano where he spent the years 1977 to 1980 pursuing a course of study leading to the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts Education (BA.Ed), which she obtained in 1980.

To further pursue his education and training, Alhaji Arab enrolled at the University of Ibadan for an In-service Course of about three months duration on Educational Planning which he completed and received the Certificate of Attendance. He also received a Certificate in Achievement on Parliamentary Procedure and Practice in 1991.

Alhaji Nasiru Arab's education and training pursuits were also interspersed with practical work experiences. As a young primary teacher in 1972, Arab was an employee of Kaduna Local Government where he contributed his own little quota to the local government through teaching. He was a full Class Teacher at the Government Secondary School Birnin Gwari in 1980 and Acting Principal, GSS Birnin Gwari in 1981 before being elevated to the position of Principal Education Officer, Zonal Education Office, Kaduna in 1981, a position he held till the year 1984 when he received another appointment as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) in the Ministry of Education Kaduna State (1984 to 1986).

Alhaji Nasiru Ibrahim rose rapidly on the job and received in 1986 an appointment as Kaduna State Commissioner of Social Development, Youth and Culture. He held this position till 1987 when he became the Honourable Commissioner Ministry of Information and Home Affairs, Kaduna State. He was at various times Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Works and Transport, Kaduna State;



Honourable Commissioner Ministry of Social Development, Youth and Sports, Kaduna State; Deputy Clerk, House of Representatives, National Assembly, Abuja; Clerk House of Representatives, National Assembly, Abuja; Deputy Clerk to the National Assembly 1999-2005; and currently the substantive Clerk to the National Assembly.

His other engagements include Chairman, Technical Committee on Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP), a Project through a grant from ACBF (African Capacity Building Foundation); and Secretary, Constitution Review Committee of the National Assembly, Abuja.

Alhaji Arab has attended numerous courses and training programmes mostly overseas. Notable ones include Legislative Training on Parliamentary Procedure and Practice, Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Lok Sabha, New Delhi India; Legislative Training Royal Institute of Public Administration London, UK (1998); Parliamentary Attachment at the Parliament of Grenada, West Indies 1992; Top People Course on Corporate Governance in a Turbulent World November - December 2000, University of Surrey England; National Conference of State Legislatures 2000 Annual Meeting held in Chicago, USA (11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2000); and National Conference of State Legislatures 2001 Annual Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, USA (11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2001).

Alhaji Nasiru Ibrahim Arab enjoys Reading, Visits and Travelling as personal hobbies.



## Oladimeji Bankole

Dimeji was educated at Baptist Boys High School, Abeokuta, and Albany College, London, England. He was also at University of Reading, Reading, England; University of Oxford's Officer Training College, Oxford, England; and Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Before going into active politics, Bankole was Director of Freight Agencies Nigeria Limited and Executive Director of Operations, West African Aluminum Products. He was elected into the House of Representatives on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in 2003 and represents Abeokuta South Federal Constituency of Ogun State.

Bankole was Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Finance when Aminu Bello Masari was Speaker of the House. Later he became the Chairman, House Committee on Land Transport. He was reelected in April 2007 and became the proper choice for the position of Speaker when Patricia Etteh was ousted for complicity in the house renovation contract scandal.

Bankole is married and blessed with a baby.

**M**r. Oladimeji Bankole is the youngest politician ever to occupy the exalted position of Speaker of the House of Representatives in the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

He was recently decorated in Abuja by President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua with the national honour of Commander of the Federal Republic (CFR). Dimeji Bankole was born on November 14 1969 to the family of Chief and Mrs Alani Bankole.

# CHAPTER 13

## Elder Statesmen

## Chief Anthony Enahoro

Chief Anthony Enahoro, journalist, politician, publisher, elder statesman, was born on July 22 1923 at Uromi, Ishan, Bendel State (now Edo State). In 1954 he married Helen Imayuse Ediae and they both have four sons and one daughter.

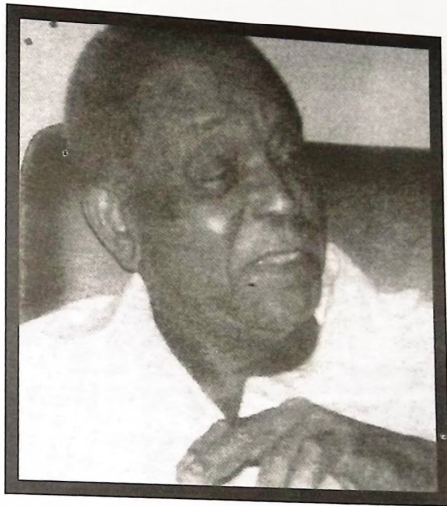
Enahoro was educated at Government Schools Uromi and Owo, and Kings College Lagos, after his education he was appointed editor, Southern Nigeria Defender, Ibadan where he served between 1944 and 1945. he became editor Daily Comet, Kano from 1945 to 1949 and associate editor, West African Pilot, Lagos in 1949. from 1950 to 1953, Chief Anthony Enahoro was the editor-in-chief Morning Star newspaper.

He was a foundation member Action Group and later became the acting General Secretary and National Vice-President. He also served as Chairman and Secretary, Uromi District Council and Ishan Division Council.

Enahoro was member Western House of Assembly and Federal House of Representatives and Party Chief Whip between 1951 and 1954. From 1953 to 1956, he was Director, National Coal Board, after which he became Minister of Home Affairs, Transport, Information and Mid West Affairs and Leader of the House, Western Region, 1954-1959. Enahoro was the Opposition Spokesman on Foreign Affairs, Internal Affairs and Legislative Affairs, 1959-63. perhaps one of his greatest achievements in politics is associated with the fact that he moved the motion for self-government and attended all Constitutional talks Preceding independence in 1960.

For his struggle for emancipation of the people of Nigeria, he was detained during emergency period in Western Region in 1962, went into political exile in UK in 1963, extradited from UK and imprisoned in Nigeria for treasonable felony and released by the Federal Military Government in 1966.

He was appointed leader of Mid-West State Delegation to Ad-Hoc Constitutional Conference and member, Ad-Hoc Constitutional Committee in 1966; he was appointed Federal Commissioner for Information, Culture, Youth, Sports, Cooperatives



and Labour from 1967 to 1974; Federal Commissioner for Special Duties in 1975; he became Chairman and Publisher, World Publications Limited (Publishers of Sunday World, the Weekender and Woman's Vista magazine), Benin City. Enahoro was appointed President, World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture (FESTAC) from 1972-1975 and appointed Chairman, Committee on Edo State Movement in 1981; Chairman, Nigerian Shippers' Council, 1982 and member, National Party of Nigeria (NPN), Bendel State Chapter 1978-80.

Chief Anthony Enahoro identifies with the objects of NADECO and has been advocating a Sovereign National Conference, as a precursor for the emergence of a new people-oriented Constitution for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as the basis for peaceful co-existence, fairness and equity for all, irrespective of ethnic affiliation.

In the course of his service to the people, Chief Anthony Enahoro has been honoured with traditional titles, namely; he is The *Adolo of Uromi*, Bendel State; bagged the national honour of Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR) in 1982; honoured with the award of Honourary Doctor of Science (Hon. D.Sc.), university of Benin in 1972.

His autobiography titled *Fugitive Offender* was published in London in 1972 by Cassels, London.

Elder statesman Chief Anthony Enahoro enjoys golf, reading, and traveling.



**G**eneral Yakubu Gowon was former Military Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 1966 to 1975.

An elder statesman, Yakubu Gowon was born 73 years ago. He hails from Garam, Iga, Pankshin, Plateau State. He had his education at St. Batholomew's School (CMS), Wusasa, Zana, from 1939-1949 and Government College (no Barewa College), Zaria from 1950 to 1953.

He enlisted into the Nigerian Army and proceeded to Officer Cadet Training School, Teshie, Ghana in 1954 for a military training., after which he left for the Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School, Chester, England in 1955. Thereafter he went to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, England where he trained between 1955 and 1956; and from January 1957 to June 1957, he was at the Young Officers Training School, Hythe and Warmisnster, England. He also attended the Staff College Comberley, England in 1962, Joint Service Staff College, Latimer England (1965) as well as Warwick University, Coventry, England between 1973 and 1984.

## Gen Yakubu Gowon (rtd)

In the course of his career, he served as a Platoon Commander, BN Mortar Officer, Company 2/IC; and Acting Company Commander from July 1957 to 1960. He was the first indigenous officer to be appointed an Adjutant at the Fourth Battalion, QONR in 1960 where he served till 1961. He was at the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force, Congo from 1960 to 1961. In 1962, he became a Major and later a Brigade Major. He was also elevated to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1963, Adjutant-General, Nigerian Army (1963-1965), and Chief of Staff, Nigerian Army, January 1966.

Gowon was a member of the Federal Executive Council and Supreme Military Council from January to July 1966. in 1966, he became the Head of Federal Military Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, a position he held until July 29, 1975 when he was deposed through a military coup d'etat while attending the then Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Summit in Kampala, Uganda. This led to his subsequent exile in the United Kingdom. He returned to Nigeria in 1983.

He was the Head of State in the country during the turbulent three years of the Nigerian Civil War which started on July 1967 and lasted till January 15, 1970.

He was the Chairman of OAU from 1973-1974 and co-founder, Economic Community of West African States, chairman Board of Trustees and founder of **The Yakubu Gowon Centre for Development Studies, Jos**, as well as coordinator of **Nigeria Prays** among other bodies.

General Gowon has been a notable politician, having run as a presidential aspirant on the platform of the defunct Social Democratic Party. He holds several traditional titles and honours, among them are *The Aare Ajagunla of Ife*, Officer of the Federal Republic and Grand Commander of the Federal Republic (1996).

## Chief Vincent Ogbulafor

Chief Vincent Ogbulafor is a prince of Olokoru, Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State who emerged victorious a People's Democratic Party National Chairman at the party's recent convention.

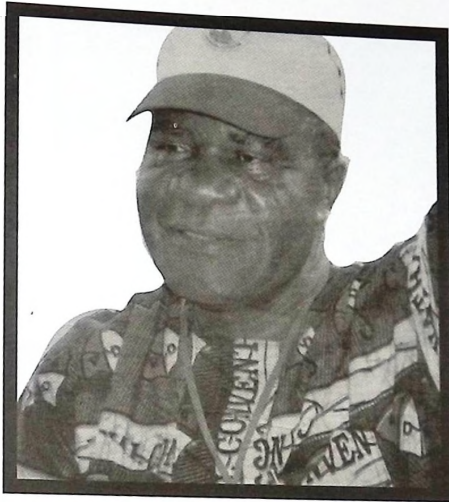
He was born on May 24 1949 to the family of Eze J. J. and Ugoeze Abigail Ogbulafor, in Olokoru, in Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State. Ogbulafor holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Political Science from Lake Forest College, United States of America. He was the National Secretary of Independence Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria from 1981 to 1986. a devout Catholic and Knight of St. John, Ogbulafor has held key political appointments at the federal and state levels.

Ogbulafor was at various times a special adviser on Economic Affairs in Abia State. In 1993, he was appointed commissioner for works, lands, housing and transport for the state.

On the political front, he is not a neophyte. He was a two time governorship candidate of parties in his native Abia. He was first the gubernatorial candidate of the United Nigeria Congress Party (UNCP) and later the candidate of the All People's Party (APP) in Abia State in 1999. He lost in the two attempts. Yet he did not give up.

In the 1999 contest, what was most intriguing was how his opponent Orji Kalu politicized Ogbulafor's name that even his popularity did not bring victory to him. Ogbulafor in Igbo means someone that kills on afor (market day, or death on market day). In the view of Orji Kalu, Ogbulafor compounded his problem when he picked Nwamuo which means son of a spirit. Orji made a political issue out of this combination, urging the electorate not to vote a man who kills on a market day and has the son of the spirit as his running mate. Kalu used this superstition to outplay Ogbulafor and emerged victorious in the 1999 election.

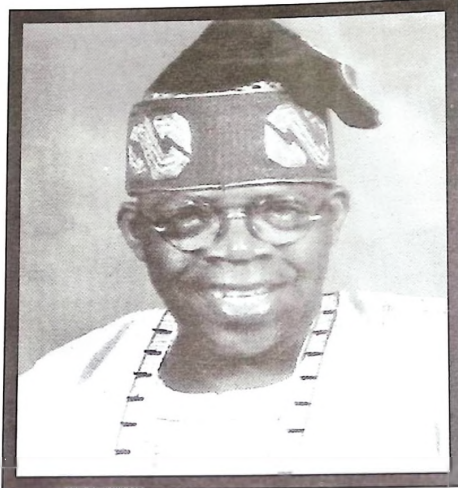
Chief Ogbulafor dumped the ANPP and joined the PDP and his vast experience paved way for his



appointment as minister, Economic Matters and Special Projects in 1999 by the Obasanjo led administration. He also chaired the Federal Tenders Board, a vital government organ responsible for the evaluation and award of contracts while he was a minister. In 2001, he resigned his appointment and contested the position of National secretary of the PDP and won.

He was national secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party under the chairmanship of Audu Oge. Not only was he enmeshed in controversy at that time but he also competed the political space of Abia with Orji Kalu then Governor.

As the new helmsman at the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Ogbulafor faces great challenges but he believes he has what it takes to surmount them all. He has the experience of party administration to put to task and this he has started doing. Perhaps the most urgent is to reconcile members engaged in the internal conflict within the house of PDP, which led to the exodus of many of the founding fathers. To clean up the table and bring about a new beginning, Ogbulafor has pledged to strictly adhere to the rule of law in all things and at all times.



## Sen Bola Tinubu, FCIDA



became the pillar of the democratic struggle against the military junta.

By the time, the democratic ship set sail in 1998, Tinubu was among the exiles advised to return home by the new regime of Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar (rtd). It is on record that his contributions to the anti-democratic struggle made the leadership of Afenifere to consider him for the ticket of the Alliance for Democracy (AD) in Lagos State instead of the late Funsho Williams.

Somehow, Tinubu as the governor of the most populous state in the country, was ever in the news. In his personal life and politics, circumstances have always entrusted upon him a higher burden. From his period in exile to date, Tinubu has always borne the burden of leadership.

Fresh from the trenches where he and other pro-democracy activists fought military dictatorship, Tinubu contested and won the governorship election in 1999. He set up a transition committee, which conducted research across the state, assessing the major needs of the people and how to meet them. The committee came out with a report that crystallized into his 10-point agenda, covering health, education, shelter, food, employment, clean environment, provision of infrastructure, transportation, industrialization, rural development and others. The implementation of that committee's report has succeeded in transforming Lagos.

Tinubu's war, however, did not end with the military's exit. He fought and triumphed over the accusation of perjury, money laundering and drug trafficking hauled at him. With regard to the latter, Michael H. Bonner, the legal Attache at the United States consular office, wrote a letter to Tafa Balogun, the former Inspector General of Police, giving Tinubu a clean bill of health.

As a federalist, Tinubu states his faith in true federalism in his book, 'The Faith of A Democrat', thus: "The federal system is one in which there is a coming together of people on the basis of equality. They decided to establish a political union while affirming their various equal rights, integrity and autonomy."

Not long after Tinubu became governor,

**S**enator Bola Ahmed Tinubu, FCIDA was born on March 29, 1952 in Lagos. At 23, he left Nigeria in 1975 to attend Richard Daley College in Chicago, Illinois, USA. He later proceeded to Chicago State University and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with specialization in Accounting and Management. Fresh from school, Tinubu worked for some American companies like Arthur Andersen, Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, and GTE Services Corporation.

At 31, and after eight years abroad, he returned to Nigeria in 1983 to work for Mobile Producing Nigeria where he rose to become the company's treasurer.

Tinubu's entrance into politics was during the botched Third Republic when he was elected as a Senator. When that republic collapsed following the June 12 political impasse, Tinubu joined the National Democratic Coalition (NADECO) as foot soldier. And when it became apparent that his life was in danger following the manhunt for the NADECO members, Tinubu fled abroad. In exile in Europe, he became the rallying point of the democratic struggle from Europe, and sponsored most of the activities of NADECO movement abroad. He housed and accommodated many fleeing members of NADECO in Europe and

the Olusegun Obasanjo government threatened to declare a state of emergency in Lagos because of some ethnic fracas. The governor fired back at the President that, in a federal structure, the governor must first of all express helplessness and then ask for federal intervention, before an emergency can be declared.

He says of himself: "I know that I am here in this world for a purpose. I know that the purpose is to promote the good life for God's creation.... It is then left for me to vindicate God or disappoint Him. My choice is to vindicate Him by being an important agent for the promotion of the good life for all. My faith in my ability to do is what drives me in all my activities, whether political, social or religious," he writes.

He probably knew he is a man of destiny and made good effort to fulfill his destiny. He knew his life was preserved to be a blessing to others and he used the little time he had to do that. For instance, Tinubu, during one of his campaign tours for the 2003 election, once broke protocol when he ordered his convoy to stop at the Agidingbi area of Ikeja. He did not stop to pee or to extend greetings. He had seen a woman who was selling assorted ware valued at less than N1,000. Tinubu came down and gave the woman N20,000 cash. As the governor left, the woman's jaw opened wide for as long as it took his convoy to disappear from her sight. The woman broke into tears of joy thereafter saying it was a miracle from the Lord. Her life was transformed immediately as she put the money to good use.

Two years later, Tinubu re-enacted his uncommon philanthropy again. Chima Ubani, famous civil rights activist, and Tunji Oyeleru, photo editor of Vanguard newspapers, had died in an auto crash during a protest over the federal government's decision to hike prices of petroleum products. After his formal expression of condolences, Tinubu promised to provide befitting accommodation to the immediate families of the deceased. He did not allow the promise to become another political statement. The promise was redeemed when he gave Ubani's widow keys to a three-bedroom flat at the highbrow M.K.O. Abiola Gardens in Ikeja, while Oyeleru's widow was handed keys to a two-bedroom flat at Ojokoro Housing Estate.

The former governor also announced that he would contribute substantially to the education of the children of the deceased. He also promised to

contribute substantially to the endowment fund instituted by Vanguard Newspapers for the education of Oyeleru's children. Tinubu followed it up by immortalizing Ubani, through the renaming of the Ikeja Office of the Public Defender, an arm of the Justice Ministry that offers free legal services to the poor. The building now goes under the name 'Chima Ubani House'.

In 2003, fate made it possible for him to be the only one out of six men of the AD to survive the onslaught of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the South West, the traditional stronghold of the Yoruba in national politics. In a way, the burden of the AD as a party rested on the shoulders of Tinubu. As the only surviving governor among the six AD governors in the first term, he provided the springboard for the future survival of the party. And he made this very clear at the party's national convention held in Lagos where Bisi Akande, immediate past governor of Osun State emerged as the chairman. At the convention he said: "Let us never forget that the values which the AD represents are the only ones that can salvage Nigeria. We stand for true federalism and radical decentralization of our polity. We stand for national restructuring to guarantee social justice for all. We stand for welfarism to provide succour for the poor, weak and infirm".

He tried to weather the storm posed by the factional fighting in the party as he was caught between the crossfire of the two ferocious armies of Senator Mojisoluwa Akinfenwa faction and the Bisi Akande-led faction. But the man made his stand very clear: "I am the only governor produced by the party. Therefore, I am the leader of all elected members and by implication, the leader of the party," he said then.

When Ahmed Abdulkadir declared that he remained the bona fide chairman of the AD, and his subsequent action of inaugurating a National Convention Committee, Tinubu was at the forefront of the battle, hauling stones at Abdulkadir, and providing inspiration for the mainstream group led by Akande. He described Abdulkadir as an agent of destabilization. "The man is an agent of destabilization who is bent on destroying the party," he said. Tinubu further described the meeting where Abdulkadir announced his return as a "kangaroo assembly."

He has always been viewed as the bridge between the old and the new breeds in South

West politics. But, besides burdens, Tinubu has had to grapple with trails in his one-decade stint in the struggle for the control of power. Among his many trails is the revolution in the Lagos AD that led to the decampment of Ganiyu Dawodu's camp into the Progressive Action Congress (PAC). There were the controversies with his erstwhile deputy, Mrs. Kofu Bucknor Akere.

Tinubu, certainly passes as a dogged fighter, a welfarist, a revolutionary and a visionary leader. His eight-year sojourn in a state reputed as the center of excellence, has proved that he is a resilient, master political strategist per excellence. Tinubu, popularly called *Jeun s'oke Baba* for the way he was able to mobilize Lagosians to vote for his AD in the 2003 polls, is a true federalist who is prepared to live what he believes in.

He remains one of the most acidic critics of the eight years regime of former Obasanjo. He was ever on the frontline of those drawing attention to the illegality of the government he took a frontline position in criticising the opening of excess crude oil account, onshore-offshore dichotomy, the third term and the illegal seizure of allocations due to local councils in his state.

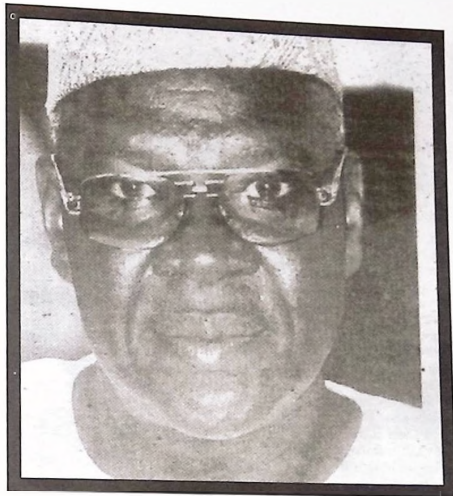
It is on record that in all the skirmishes between the Tinubu-led government and the federal authorities, the Lagos governor did not adopt gutter tactics. Rather, he headed for the law courts. The most visible example was how the Supreme Court ruled in favour of Lagos State on the seized local government funds.

Like other democrats in Nigeria, Tinubu fought against Obasanjo's tenure elongation plan. His involvement in that struggle indeed was a morale booster to member of the "2007 Movement" in the National Assembly, who saw the move as a direct assault on the corporate existence of Nigeria. His strategic involvement was always refreshing to anti-third term agitators across the land.

While his colleagues from other Yoruba states fell for Obasanjo's mien, he was resolute and was able to counter the PDP onslaught in his state. The feat effectively earned him the sobriquet 'the last man standing' among his admirers.

However, it was the manner he attained the 2007 feat that marked him out as a man to watch in Nigeria's political future. It was a rugged and resolute Tinubu that defied all the intimidation and under table tactics of the PDP to renew his claim on Lagos. He shoved off the intimidating threat by the PDP to capture the state 'at all cost', beating back an Obasanjo-inspired political assault to retain the state for his party. For instance, all the effort by the federal government to use the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to hound him to submission failed, as he refused to be distracted from his goal of preserving Lagos for the Action Congress (AC). Not even the last minute effort by Obasanjo to mobilize votes for his party succeeded.

## Kalu Idika Kalu



**K**alu Idika Kalu is a renowned economist and former Minister for Finance. He was born on October 14 1939. Kalu hails from Ebem Ohafia in Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State. He had his early education at Ebem Ohafia Central Primary School from 1946 to 1953; Ladi Lak Institute, Yaba 1947; Colony Public School, Ebute Metta, Lagos 1948-1949; St. Jude's School, Ebute Metta, Lagos from 1950 to 1953; and Kings College, Lagos, from 1954 to 1958. He attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison USA, from 1961 to 1966.

Kalu lectured at the Economic Development Institute, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus from 1966 to 197; Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, USA from 1971 to 1972. He was Country Economist to the World Bank Projects in Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong-Kong from 1972 to 1980. Kalu was also the Head of Economics group and Company Limited, Lagos and Enugu between 1980 and 1984. He became a Fellow of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Fellowship for Economics in 1970.

In 1984, Kalu was appointed Commissioner for Finance and Economic Planning, Imo State. He became the Minister for Finance from 1985 to 1986; in 1986 Kalu was appointed Minister for National Planning and Minister for Transport from 1987 to 1989.

Idika Kalu has been a Financial and Economic Consultant since 1989. He is a member of both the Nigerian Economic Society and American Economic Association. He was the chairman, Board of Trustees,

Private-Public Partnership as well as that of ECOWAS Council of Ministers from 1986 to 1989. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Dakal Services Limited. He has also been the Chairman of BLG Limited since 1996. He is a Consultant to Nigerian Fertilizer Company and African Capacity Building Foundation and Global Coalition for Africa.

In the course of his career, Kalu Idika-Kalu has won several awards among which are the Kings College prize for Economics, 1960; African American Scholarship for American Universities and African American Graduate Fellowship. As a politician, Kalu also desires to serve his country in the capacity of president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He was the presidential aspirant under the platform of the National Democratic Party in 2003



**Alh. Shehu U. Shagari, GCFR**

**S**tatesman, politician, administrator, farmer, Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari, GCFR, was born in May 1924 in Shagari, Yabo, Sokoto State. Shagari received his early education at Yabo Elementary School, from 1931 to 1935; Middle School Sokoto, from 1935 to 1941; Kaduna College (now Barewa College) Kaduna from 1941 to 1944; Teacher Training College, Zaria, from 1944 to 1945.

He became a Science Teacher, Sokoto Middle School from 1945 to 1950 and from 1951 to 1958 he became the Headmaster of Argungu Senior Primary School. From 1953 to 1956 Alhaji Aliyu Usman Shagari was Senior Visiting Teacher, Sokoto Province.

He was elected member, House of Representatives for Sokoto West, Lagos between 1954 and 1958; Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, from 1958 to 1959 before becoming Acting Federal Minister of Commerce and Industry from October to November 1959. Shagari was appointed Minister of Economic Development from 1959 to 1960; Minister of Pensions and Establishment from 1960 to 1962; Minister of Internal Affairs from 1962 to 1965 and Minister of Works from 1965 to 1966.

In 1966 Shagari returned to farming after the first Coup which took place in that year. Between 1967 and 1968 he served as Secretary to

Sokoto province Education Development Fund and was appointed Commissioner for Establishment, North Western (now Sokoto) State, from 1968 to 1969. he was appointed Federal Commissioner (now Minister) for Economic Development, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, 1970 to 1971; Federal Commissioner for Finance 1971 to 1975, former Chairman, Peugeot Automobile Nigeria Limited, member, Constituent Assembly, 1977 to 1978; Shagari was elected First Executive President and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in October 1979 and he ruled till December 1983 when he was toppled in a military coup d'etat that took place on 31 December to be precise. He was placed under 'house arrest,' from January 1984 to July 1986, banned from holding public office and political activity in August 1986 when he was left off the arrest.

Alhaji Shagari went back to farming as the proprietor of Shagari Farms, Janzomo, Yabo. Later he was again appointed member, Federal Scholarship Board, 1954 to 1958. he became Governor World Bank from 1971 to 1975 and member, IMF Committee of 20 from 1971-75.

In partisan politics, Alhaji Shehu Shagari served as Secretary, defunct Northern Peoples Congress (NPC), Sokoto, 1951 to 1956, Foundation member and presidential Candidate, banned National Party of Nigeria (NPN) 1978 to 1983.

Shagari holds the traditional title of Turakin Sokoto and has been conferred with honorary Doctor of Laws (Hon. LLD) Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, 1976. As a former president, he is also the holder of the national honour of Grand Commander of the Federal Republic, GCFR.

Shagari has written some books including *Wakar Nigeria* (Poem meaning Song of Nigeria), published in Zaria by Gaskiya Corporation, 1983, *Shehu Usman Danfodjo: Ideas and Ideals of His Leadership*

Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari's hobbies include reading, writing (poetry), gardening, table tennis, farming.

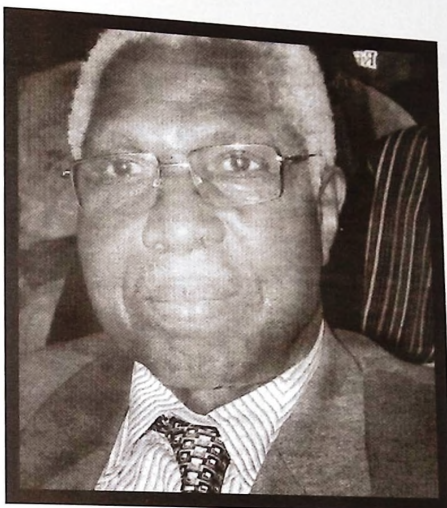
## Chief (Dr) Alex I. Ekwueme

**C**hief (Dr) Alex Ifeanyichukwu Ekwueme, B.A., B.Arch, MA, LL.B (Hons), PhD, architect, politician, administrator, was born October 21, 1932, at Oko, Aguata, Anambra State. Married to Beatrice Chigozili Nwajagu in 1959, Ekwueme and wife have seven sons and one daughter.

Dr. Alex Ekwueme received his early education at Anglican Schools, Oko, Ekwuobia and Aguata, 1938 to 1944 and Kings College Lagos 1945 to 1950. He then proceeded to the University of Washington, USA for further education, 1952 to 1957 and University of Strathclyde, Scotland, 1976 to 1978.

Before his university education, Dr. Alex Ekwueme had served as a Clerk, Nigerian Railways Technical Assistant and Science Instructor, Kings College and later, Physics Master, Hussey College, Warri, 1950-52. He was Assistant Architect, Leo A Daly and Associates, Seattle, USA between 1956-57; Assistant Architect, Nickson, Borys and Partners, London, 1957; Co-ordinator, Construction and Maintenance, Esso (West Africa) Inc., Lagos 1957 to 1958.

He established Ekwueme Associates (Architects) in 1958 under which name he practiced his profession for some time. In 1970 he was appointed member, former East Central State Development Authority 1970-75; Chairman, Oko Community Planning and Development Committee, 1970-79; member former East Central State Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy, 1971-75; Chairman, Board of Governors, Oko Community Hospital, 1972-75; elected Vice-President of the



Federal Republic of Nigeria, October 1979 - December 31, 1983. He was thereafter arrested and detained by the Federal Military Government for 31 months. When released on July 3 1986 he was banned from political activity or holding public office.

He received international appointment to serve as President, University of Washington North America, in 1955 and served till 1956. Back home in Nigeria, he was appointed Assistant Secretary, Nigerian Institute of Architects, 1958 to 1962, Vice President of the Institute, 1963-1964, President, 1965-68 and its fellow, since 1970. He was Chairman, Practice Committee, Architects Registration Council of Nigeria, 1973-75 and its president 1976-79.

In partisan politics, Dr. Alex Ekwueme was a frontline politician. He was National Executive member of the banned National party of Nigeria (NPN) 1978-83 under which umbrella he was elected Vice President of the Federal Republic.



## Ebenezer O. Fabiyi

Fabiyi started his professional career in music in the mid 1950s after moving to Lagos. He received his tutelage under Fatai Rolling Dollar band and later formed his own band called International Brothers in 1964, which played high-life juju music. In early 1970s, the band metamorphosed into Inter-Reformers with a long list of Juju album hits on the West African Decca musical label, to its credit.

Obey also experimented with Yoruba percussion style and expanded on the band by adding more drum kits, guitars and talking drum. Obey's musical strength lies in weaving intricate Yoruba axioms into dance-floor compositions. As is characteristic of Nigerian Yoruba social-circle music, the Inter-Reformers band excelled in praise-singing for rich Nigerian socialites and business tycoons. Clearly the superstar juju musician described as 'Miliki Exponent' soon became the darling of the elites at social gatherings. Ebenezer has hit secular music for well over three decades during which he released several albums that tickle the fancy of his fans. Commander Obey is also well known for Christian spiritual themes and from the early 1990s he has gone into the Nigerian gospel music ministry.

Obey was ordained an evangelist in the year 1992 and he is currently the General Overseer of Ebenezer Obey Evangelistic Ministries/Decross Gospel Mission. He is one elder statesman whose talent has been used to cast sorrows away from people and bring about joy and happiness to them.

**E**benezer Oluwaremilekun fabiyi, popularly known as Chief Commander Ebenezer Obey was born on April 3rd 1942.

He received his early education at Methodist Primary School, Idogo, Ogun State, 1948-54; Methodist Secondary Modern School, Abeokuta, Ogun State, 1955-58.

Chief Ebenezer Fabiyi's music is appreciated by all for its lyrics and beats. Chief Commander Obey remains one of the greatest musicians Nigeria and Africa has known in a long time. He is a musician with style who has attracted fame, wealth and admiration of all but he continues to tow the path of humility and service to humanity.

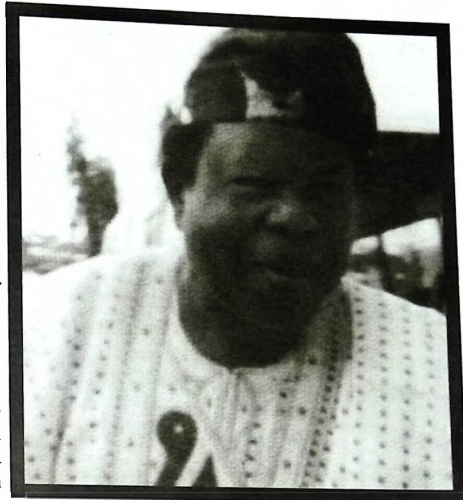
Ebenezer Fabiyi hails from Idogo, in Ogun State of Nigeria; he is of Egba-Yoruba ethnic background.

# CHAPTER

# 14

## Special Profiles

**CHIEF AYO MAKANJU DADA,**  
FCIDA



Chief Ayo Makanju Dada, FNISM, FCIDA was born 61 years ago in Oruruwo, Boripe Local Government of Osun State of Nigeria. A notable Christian, Pensioner and Managing Director of his own establishment prior to his present appointment, Chief Dada belongs to the very high-class intellectuals whose adherence to sound reasoning or intelligent thoughts cannot be discounted.

His early school days began at Holy Apostles Primary School, Agba where he spent the years 1946 to 1955 before he moved on to Kiriji Memorial College, Igbajo Osun State in 1958 where he obtained his WASC in 1962. He then proceeded to Southern Police College, Ikeja (Cadet Inspectorate) where he spent the years 1963 to 1964. On leaving the Police College, Chief Dada went to West Riding Constabulary Training College, Wakefield England in 1966 for a special training course on completion of which he returned to Nigeria in 1967 to attend yet another Special Branch Basic Course, Force HQS Lagos. Other courses attended by Chief Ayo Dada included Advanced Branch Course in London 1971; National Intelligence Academy, Fort Lauderdale USA (DIP I.O) 1978 and Lagos Academy, Lagos (C.E.) 1984.

Chief Ayo Makanju Dada has had an illustrious and time-honoured working career, which saw him rising to the rank of Deputy Commissioner. He was Director of State Security Service, Oyo State Command between 1976 and 1979; Deputy Commandant Lagos Academy, Lagos from 1980 to 1982; Director, State Security Service (SSS) Lagos State Command from 1982 to 1984. However, an opportunity arose for him to serve his Local Government area. He was appointed Member, Caretaker Committee Boripe LGA from 1994 to 1996, an appointment in which he was required to perform the role of a Works Supervisor.

In 2002, Chief Dada was appointed the Resident Electoral Commissioner for Bayelsa State a position he held till 2003 when he was made to transfer his services to Lagos State in the same capacity as the

Resident Electoral Commissioner. He has also served in this capacity in Kaduna State and is presently serving in Ondo State.

In his early days, Chief Ayo Dada received Local Government Scholarship for Secondary School education from the years 1960 to 1962. He equally received in 1962 while at Kiriji Memorial College, an Award for Best All-round Student. He holds the final qualification and Fellowship of the Nigerian Institute of Sales Management (FNISM). He also bagged the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration's highest professional honour of Fellow.

Other organizations and professional bodies to which Chief Dada belongs include: Rotary International; he is the President of Prestige Club in Oruruwo: Chairman Board of Governors, Amota Community High School, Oruruwo, Osun State; Chairman, Parish Pastoral Council, St. Benedict's Catholic Cathedral, Osogbo, Osun State and Chairman, Ola-Oluwa CICS Limited, Osogbo, Osun State.

Chief Ayo Dada's main hobbies are reading and farming.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



## PROF. CELESTINE O. E. ONWULIRI, FCIDA

University of Jos. Barely one year after in 1981, he was promoted to Lecturer I and in 1984, to Senior Lecturer, Zoology.

As an accomplished researcher, Prof. Onwuliri had a meteoric rise within his chosen profession, the academia. He was Associate Professor (part-time) Biological sciences, Federal University of Technology, Yola from 1986 to 1987; Associate Professor (Zoology) University of Jos in 1988 and Professor of Zoology in the same university in 1991, at the age of 39. From 1993 to 1994, he did a one year sabbatical stint at the Imo State University. He is also a visiting Professor, Nassarawa State University, Keffi, Nigeria from 2002.

Prof. Celestine Onyemobi Elihe Onwuliri was born 56 years on February 17, 1952 in Umuokazi Amuzi Ahiara in Ahiazu Mbaise Local Government Area of Imo State. He had his early education at St. Jude's Catholic School, Amuzi, where he obtained a First School Leaving Certificate, with Distinction in 1963. In 1971, he earned a West African School Certificate with Division One, and with an outstanding performance in the same year, gained admission into the prestigious University of Nigeria, Nsukka, to read for a degree in Zoology. With a B.Sc. Zoology (Second Class Honours, Upper Division) in 1975, his further quest for knowledge took him to the University of Leeds, England on a Research Fellowship of the Commonwealth University Interchange Scheme, for a one year research training. A highly gifted scholar, Prof. Onwuliri, at 28 years, bagged a doctorate degree in Zoology with specialization in Parasitology in 1980. His academic brilliance earned him the University of Nigeria Vice Chancellor's Postgraduate prize (1980) as the Best Overall Graduating Post-Graduate Student (M.Sc. and PhD), the first person to be so honoured.

After having served his alma mater, the University of Nigeria as a Junior Fellow, Zoology from 1976 to 1980, he joined the University of Jos as a Lecturer II, in September 1980. Thus began a twenty six year research and teaching career in the

As an academic, Prof. Onwuliri has distinguished himself as a teacher, scholar, and researcher. He has completed and recorded useful research contributions in the areas of Physiology, Epidemiology and Biochemistry of Developmental stages of Parasitic Nematodes, including the Gross Nature of Pre-parasitic Development and the Ecology, Biochemistry and Epidemiology of Parasitic Helminths and their Vectors especially in the Guinea Savanna Zone of Central Nigeria. He remains an active researcher and was recently involved in research in two areas, viz: Ecology, Epidemiology, and Socio-economic aspects of Filariasis Onchocerciasis, Dracunculiasis, Schistosomiasis and other Tropical Diseases including Intestinal Helminthiasis and their Impact on the environment in Central North Eastern and South Eastern Nigeria with emphasis on their Eradication and Control; and the Impact Assessment of Cultural Behaviours, Local Beliefs and Practices on Emerging Parasitic Diseases.

He has successfully supervised over 100 BSc, M.Sc and PhD students, many of whom are today professors, high ranking and distinguished professionals. He has to his credit more than 110 high quality Scientific Articles spread in over 52 different peer-reviewed reputable Scientific Journals, nationally and internationally, and has attended over 62 national and international Scientific Conferences and Workshops, some of which were attracted by him, to his

his host institution. He has taught several courses, including General Biology; Tissue and Organ Histology; Comparative Animal Physiology; Introduction to Animal Parasitology; Taxonomy and Evolution; Ecology and Comparative Animal Embryology; all at the University of Nigeria Nsukka. At the University of Jos, he taught amongst others, the Mammalian Anatomy and Physiology, Nematology, Invertebrate and Vertebrate Zoology at the undergraduate level and Applied Parasitology I and II and Public Health at Postgraduate levels.

An expert in Animal Physiology at the Federal University of Technology, Yola, he also taught General Biology, Invertebrate Zoology and Animal Physiology during his sabbatical at the Imo State University, Owerri. As Visiting Professor and Consultant on Curriculum Development, he also taught the same courses at the Nassarawa State University Keffi.

Alongside, his teaching and research experiences, Professor Onwuliri has gained tremendous and varied University administrative experiences. He was the Head, Department of Zoology (1990-1991 and 1995-1997), during which period the department received full accreditation from NUC.

He nurtured to fruition three postgraduate programmes in the department, Applied Entomology and Parasitology; Applied Hydrobiology and Fisheries; Conservation Biology and Ornithological Studies, from which over 600 Scientists within and outside Nigeria have been produced.

He was a three-time Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences (1991, 1994-1995 and 2000-2004) in the University of Jos. During his last tenure, the Faculty was ranked the Best Faculty of Sciences in all Nigerian Universities by the NUC. He has been a member of the Governing Council of the University of Jos and at various times, Chairman of over 16 Committees. He has served as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and also as Acting Vice Chancellor, University of Jos.

No wonder, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, former President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria appointed Professor Celestine Onwuliri the fifth substantive Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. He is a life member of the Nigerian Society For Parasitology, a registered

member of the British Society for Parasitology; Institute of Nbiology, London; Science Association of Nigeria; Entomological Society of Nigeria; and International AIDS Society. He is also Co-founder and member, Biotechnology Society of Nigeria.

Prof. Onwuliri is also Editor, Nigerian Journal of Biotechnology; International Journal of Environmental Health and Human Development; Humanity Journal of General Studies; Nigerian Journal of Natural Sciences; International Journal of Natural and Applied Sciences, etc. Prof. Onwuliri is a fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (FCIDA).

With an outstanding profile such as this, it is not surprising that Prof. Onwuliri has received so many honours, distinctions and prizes, including recognition by his community., Amuzi, Ahiazu Mbaise, in 1997, with the conferment of a Chieftaincy title Okanmmuta Nwachinemere by HRH Eze C. Oparaaji, Ezeoha I of Amuzi Mbaise.

Outside the University, he has served the larger society as Honourable Commissioner, Agriculture and Natural Resources (May 1998 to October 1998), Member Committee of Assessors, Nigerian National Merit Award (2002-date); and Member Federal Government Official Delegation for the 2005 Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (appointed by former President Olusegun Obasanjo).

Prof. Onwuliri is a devoted and faithful Catholic, a noble family man married to graceful Associate Prof. (Mrs) Viola Adaku Onwuliri and the marriage is blessed with a daughter, Dr (Mrs) Ijeoma Judith Dozier; four sons, Kennamdi Charles Onwuliri, a Civil Engineering Graduate of FUTO, Chukwuemeka Celestine Onwuliri, an Electronics Engineering graduate of the University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Chinemerem Daniel Onwuliri, a graduate of medicine from the University of Jos and Tochukwu Philemon Onwuliri.

Professor Celestine Onwuliri enjoys reading, writing, analytical discussions, table tennis, soccer and boxing.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE

**PRINCE EBENEZER A.  
OKORODUDU, FCIDA**



Born on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1964, Prince Ebenezer A. Okorodudu hails from Okpare, in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State. He began and completed his primary school education at St. Paul Primary School, Ughelli from 1969 to 1975. Between 1975 and 1980 Prince Okorodudu was a Student of the Government College, Ughelli where he bagged his West African School Certificate as well as his Higher School Certificate (HSC) (1981-1983).

Always eager to further his education, Ebenezer was admitted for university education into the University of Benin where he spent the years 1983 to 1986 and obtained a B.Sc. Degree in Political Science (2<sup>nd</sup> Class Upper). He did not check out of the University on completion of his first degree but went on to enroll for a Master of Public Administration Degree, which he obtained in the year 1998.

Okorodudu further underwent a post Masters Degree Course which he has completed recently and now holds the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Administration.

His outstanding working career saw him rising to the post of Head of Administration in Field Crest International School, Warri in 1988. Also in the same year, Okorodudu worked as a Consultant in the firm of Universal Management Konsult Ikeja, Lagos. In 1989, he became the Managing Director,

Akpodu Company a position in which he exhibited uncommon skills that saw the company making tremendous progress. His interest in the management of enterprises brought him to Charis International Limited in 1997 where he was equally appointed as the Managing Director.

Olorogun (Dr) Ebenezer Okorodudu is by no means a newcomer to the field of politics. Beginning with the post of Director, pointer Newspapers, Delta State from November 2004 to June 2005, Okorodudu rose rapidly to the position of Honourable Commissioner for Commerce & Industry, Delta State Ministry of Commerce and Industry in February 2006. It is noteworthy to point out that prior to this position, Prince Okorodudu was appointed Member, Technical Back-up Committee to the National Political Reform Conference which was held in 2005 having served as Member of the Publicity/Protocol Committee State Burial Committee for the Burial of the Late Chief of Staff, Chief F. A. O. Agboro in 2004. He also served in various other capacities such as Secretary, Effurun Otor Ward, Ughelli South PDP; Member, Drinks Committee State Burial for the Late Mother of the former Executive Governor of Delta State, Chief James Ibori, and other State and Local Government Committees.

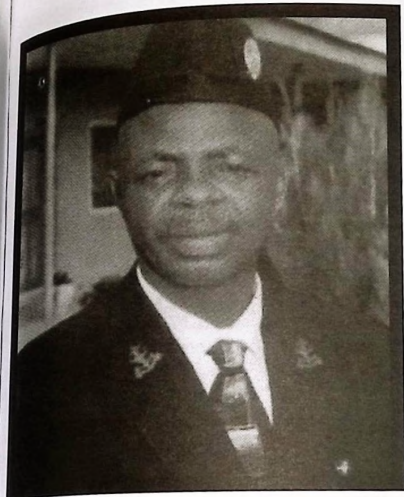
Several Organisations have spotted and recognized the effectiveness of Prince (Dr) Ebenezer Okorodudu's services by conferring on him valuable awards. Notable among these are the Exceptional Leadership Award by Obaro Social Club, Lagos (2005) and Exceptional Leadership Award by Warri Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (WACCIMA) 2006.

To further lend credence to the contributions to the progress of the society, the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (CIDA) conferred on him the highest professional status of Fellow.

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## MR. JOHNSON BOLU OGUNDOWOLE

FCIDA



Mr. Johnson Bolu Ogundowole, FCIDA is perhaps one of the very few academics with towering career profiles achieved through hard work and deep sense of commitment to the development of the society. Mr. Ogundowole hails from Iyere, Owo in present day Ondo State

Born on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1950, Mr. Ogundowole was educated at Imade College, Owo between January 1966 and December 1970; Edo College, Benin City from January 1971 to December 1972; University of Ibadan, Nigeria from 1975 to July 1978 where he obtained his first Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours majoring in Education and English. He also holds a Professional Degree of Master of Communication Arts (MCA) from University of Ibadan, which he bagged on completion of his studies in May 1989.

On the professional side, Mr. Ogundowole has meritoriously gained the membership of several associations, notable among which are as follows: He is an Associate Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management (AMNIM); Member, Nigerian Institute of Management (MNIM); Member, Reading Association of Nigeria (MRAN) and Member of the Nigerian Institute for Training and Development (MITD).

In the course of his professional career, Mr. Ogundowole has received numerous honours, recognition or awards for which he was adjudged

suitable. In 2001, he received the Merit Award and made Life Patron, Nigerian Universities Accounting Students Association (NUASA), University of Ado-Ekiti Chapter. He had previously received in 1995 National Library of Poetry Editor's Choice Award, which he won in Maryland, USA. Similarly he was the Nominated Poet of Merit/Poet of the Year 1995 of the International Society of Poets, Maryland, USA. In 2002, he was the winner of Hallmark of Service Award in Ondo State presented to him by Onward Media Network Ltd.

Interestingly, Mr. Ogundowole began his working life in the National Youth Service (1978/79 session) at Government Secondary School, Dadin Kowa, Gombe State, where he served. At the end of his service he was appointed class teacher and later vice Principal of Oludaye Grammar School, Oba-Akoko.

He went to Ondo State Polytechnic, Owo (OSPO) in 1982, which later became Rufus Giwa Polytechnic and has remained there until his recent retirement. He was first appointed full-time Lecturer in the Department of Liberal and Extra Mural Studies (LEMS) September, 1982, a position which he occupied for long in addition to other challenging and vital engagements. He was the Chairman, Languages Unit 1985 to 1987 and 1990 to 1993; was the Acting Head of Department, LEMS from 1989 to 1990 and the substantive head of the department in 1996. Other positions he occupied in OSPO before he was promoted to the position of Rector in 2002 included, Acting Director, Continuing Education Centre 1996-1999; chairman, 10<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony Committee, 2001 to December 2002 and Acting Rector from 4<sup>th</sup> April 2001 to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2002.

He was the Rector of the Polytechnic from 2002 a position which enabled him to function as the Chief Executive of the Institution with the responsibility of exercising general authority over the staff/students of the Polytechnic. He is equally responsible for maintaining the general discipline in the polytechnic.

His extra-curricular activities, which are too numerous to mention all in this profile for lack of space included Member, Board of Studies, 1989-1990, 1993 to

April 2001; Chairman, Board of Studies, April 2001 to date; External Examiner for Use of English and Communication, Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti, 1989-1991; 1995-1996; Public Orator, Ondo State Polytechnic, Owo 12996 to 2001; President, The Prime Club of Owo, 2001 to 2004; Member, Owo Community Advisory Committee 2004; and Grand Patron Nigerian Red Cross Society, Polytechnic Community, 2004.

It is easy to see how good Mr. Ogundowole is in creative development through his more than 65 literary works some of which were published as books, some as articles contributed to professional journals and some as well-researched and intelligent papers presented at learned conferences and seminars. One of the papers, "Training and Re-training", a Keynote Address was presented at the Board of Studies' approved Seminar on the conduct of examinations in Ondo State Polytechnic, Owo, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2002. Another, "Nigerianising English Language" appeared in the Punch of June 1989 on Page 13.

Most of Ogundowole's literary works were the products of his sound thoughts on how best to impart valuable knowledge to people students, and practitioners alike. As a prolific writer, Ogundowole's numerous publications do not bring an end to his ideas and knowledge. About 65 literary works on ground and he is still writing.

Ogundowole's achievements while serving as Rector of OSPO cannot be chronicled on a sheet of paper to be read within minutes. It is sufficient, however, to list a few in outline only. These include:

1. Construction of a befitting Gate which according to experts stands to be one of the best in the South West Nigeria.
2. Construction of additional blocks of classrooms for OSPO Staff School, Establishment of a standard Secondary School for the Institution.
3. Conversion of NISSI Ventures premises to habitable students' hostel.

4. Construction of Institution's Guest House, which is a sine-qua-non for accrediting the HCM programme.
5. Resuscitation of the abandoned Library Project
6. Resuscitation of the OSPO Consult
7. Resuscitation of the Health Centre old Auditorium and the Central Cafeteria.
8. Purchase of specialized seats for the new O'ODUA Auditorium
9. Procurement of Lecture and Visitors' Seats for students' use
10. Computerization of the Bursary Department
11. Introduction of New programmes, such as marketing, Maths/Statistics, Banking and Finance, Estate Management and Post-HND TRP, HND Agric. Engineering Tech, HND, Secretarial Studies, etc.
12. Proposal to make the Departments of Architecture, Agricultural Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Food Science Technology among others more functional in the areas of internally generated revenue for the Institution.

Mr. Ogundowole's Peace Initiative Projects was consolidated with the setting up of a virile Conflict Resolution Committee. He also set up and sustained Anti-Cultism Crusade with Ad-hoc Committee and Inter-Religious Relationship Committee working together for positive results. Ogundowole has received the highest professional qualification of Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration, FCIDA.

In recognition of his contributions to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigerian Who's Who confers on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE

## PRINCE BADEJO ADEMOLA, MNIM, FCIDA

Prince Badejo Ademola, FCIDA MNIM was born on June 6, 1945 at Epe, Lagos State of Nigeria. Prince Badejo Ademola proceeded to St. Andrew's College, Oyo where he had Teachers' Grade II Certificate in 1965. His next port of call was Adeyemi College of Education, in Ondo where he obtained the Nigerian Certificate in Education in 1973.

Prince Badejo Ademola was also a student of the University of Ife, Ile-Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University (O.A.U.) where he graduated B.Sc. (Hons) majoring in Education in the year 1978. Prince Badejo Ademola is a registered member of the Nigerian Society for Sports Management and the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM). With his qualifications in the field of education, Prince Badejo Ademola has made useful contribution to the development of education and educational administration in Nigeria particularly in South Western Nigeria. He held several teaching appointments in Primary School, Secondary school and Teacher Training College. Among such Schools are Ansar-U-deen Primary School Arapagi in Ibeju Lekki Local Government, St Peter's Anglican School Idowa Ijebu-Ode, Mayflower School Ikenne, Molusi College Ijebu-Igbo and Government Teachers College Epe.

In recognition of his education and training, Prince Badejo Ademola was appointed Education Officer, Lagos Mainland Local Government in 1979 and later transferred to Lagos Island Local Government. He still worked in this capacity at Epe Local Government from 1979 to 1980 before being appointed Head of Personnel, Schools Management Committee, Epe in 1981. He had served in various capacities ranging from Secretary, Schools Management Committee, Epe, 1982; Secretary, Ibeju Lekki Schools Management Committee from September 1982 to June 1987 before becoming Principal Inspector of Education, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Inspectorate Division from 1987 to 1988. Prince Badejo Ademola was also a one-



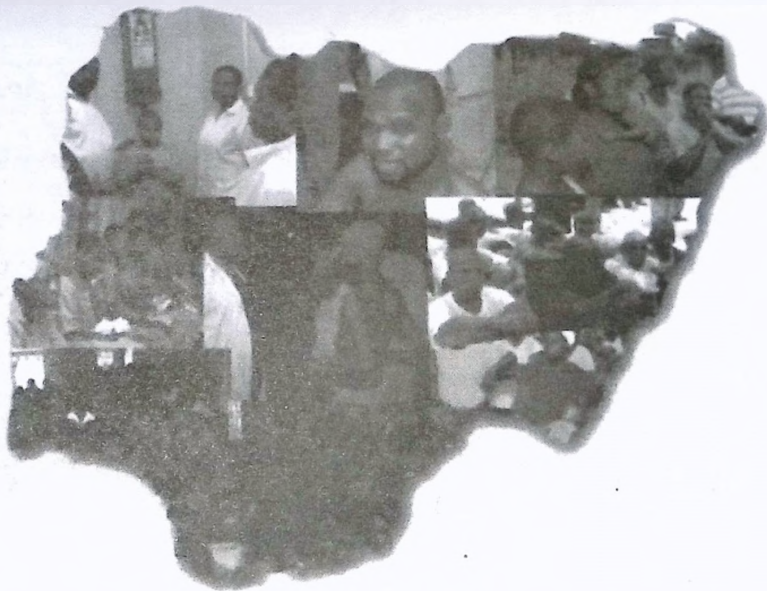
time Principal, Army Children High School, Epe from July 1988 to February 1991 before retiring voluntarily in March 1991 even when he was not yet tired. Continuing his service to humanity, Prince Badejo Ademola took up the appointment as Secretary, Epe Local Government, Epe in 1991 and served till 1993.

He was appointed Chairman Governing Council, Michael Otedola College of Primary Education, Noforija-Epe in February 2005, a position he holds to date. Prince Badejo Ademola must be commended for his untiring efforts in promoting selfless service to humanity. Other appointments held by Prince Badejo Ademola include Member and Secretary, Board of Directors, Epe Community Bank, 1993 to 2005, when he resigned on matters of principle; President, Epe Club; and member, Nigerian Institute of Management.

In recognition to his contribution to the progress of the society so far, the editorial board of Nigeria Who's Who confer on him the NIGERIAN WHO'S WHO MERIT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT INTELLIGENCE.



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## Prof. Dolapo A. Alabi

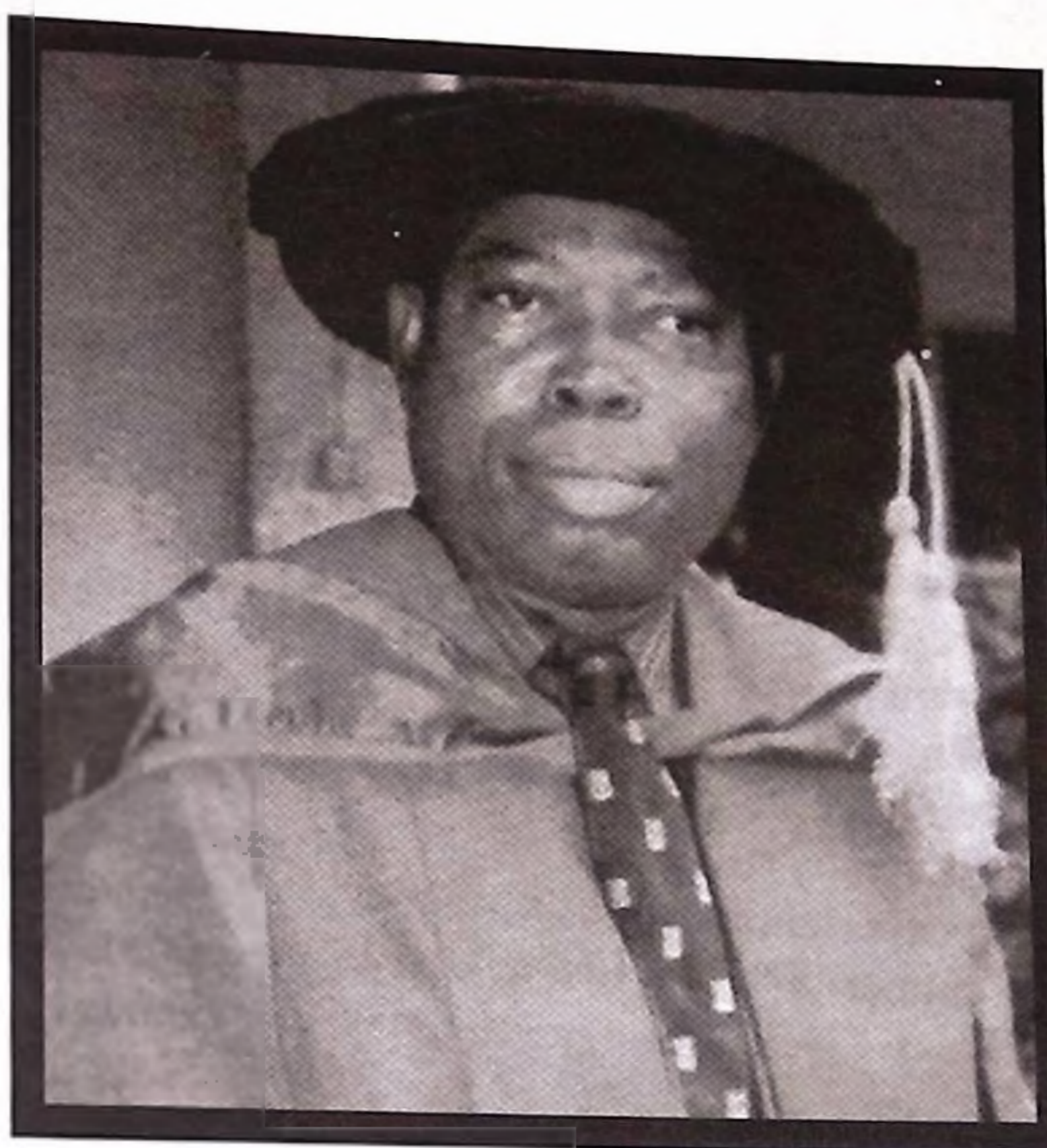
**P**rofessor Dolapo Ayowole Alabi is a seasoned educationist and an erudite scholar. He is someone whose track record of academic achievements is appreciated by all. He has contributed to much to the growth of education in Nigeria both at the grassroots and the higher education levels.

Presently Dr. Alabi works as the Dean, Students Affairs, at the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye and also lectures students of the university. He is a reputed plant scientist with interest in agriculture. His research work on Organic Waste and Agriculture has proved to be a milestone in improving plant growth and productivity.

Born on July 24, 1947 Professor Alabi hails from Ajegunle Otta, Ado-Odo Otta Local Government Area of Ogun State. After his primary and secondary education, he was admitted into the University of Ibadan where he obtained a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Botany in 1979. He further studied at the same University in 1981 and obtained a M.Sc. degree also in Botany. In 1990, Professor Alabi went ahead to obtain his doctorate degree in Plant Physiology and Biochemistry at the same University.

His working career which he began as agricultural Science Teacher with the Dawakin Tafa Science Secondary School, Dawakin Tafa, Kano State after his youth service there spanned from 1979 to 1980. In the same year he returned to Ogun State and took up a job as science teacher at Baptist Girls Secondary School, Idi Aba, Abeokuta, Ogun State and also worked as Extra Mural Tutor of the University of Ibadan between 1981 and 1984. He also used the period to serve as Teaching Assistant, Demonstrator and Tutorial Instructor, Department of Botany and Associate Lecturer, Science Laboratory Technology Programme respectively, all at the University of Ibadan.

Professor Dolapo Alabi's engagement as a teaching staff in Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye began towards the end of 1984 and since then he has had tremendous career progression. He first started as lecturer II; later he was elevated to Lecturer I



position in 1988 and was made a Senior Lecturer in 1991. In 1995, he became a Reader/Associate Professor and eventually became a substantive Professor in the year 2004.

Apart from his academic engagements, Professor Alabi has been deeply involved in the administrative functions of the institution and has supervised scores of undergraduate and postgraduate students. He also serves as external examiner to several institutions of higher learning across the country.

He has also demonstrated his creative abilities in the course of his career. He successfully developed fungicides used for destroying microorganisms that damage plants. This feat was considered a major breakthrough in plant management.

Some of the important positions Prof. Alabi has held in the university environment include Head, Department of Biological Sciences 1996 to 1998; Chairman, University Transport Unit 1995 to 2001; Member Senate 1991 to 2001 and 2005; member, committee of Deans and Provosts, 2005; Vice Dean, Post graduate School 1998 to 2001 and now holds the position of Dean, Directorate of Student Affairs.

Alabi is a member and Vice-President of Yewa Think Tank. He has equally used his position to help students secure scholarship from other well meaning Nigerians, local governments and companies. He is the coordinator of Yewa Clubs and Societies.

The amiable Professor Alabi has been credited with several publications, some of which are books, dissertations, articles in learned journals and the media. He equally belongs to several professional institutions and has attended several conferences, seminars and workshops where he has made quality contributions.

He has also earned several awards and recognition for his outstanding service in the field of

education and human development. The national Honours Award of the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC), Federal Government Postgraduate Scholarship Award and the University of Ibadan Scholarship award are some of these awards he has received.

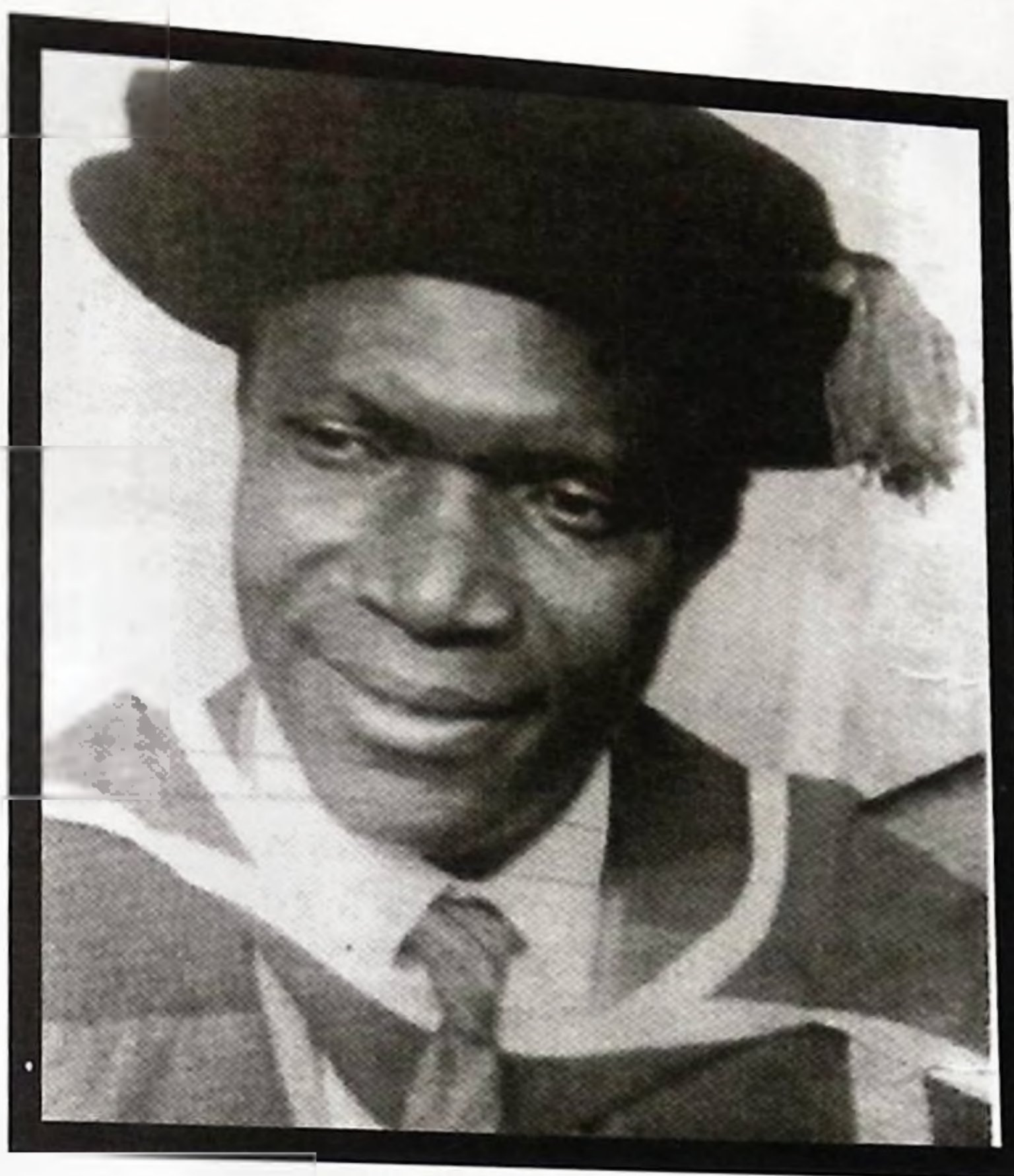
Professor Alabi is married to Mrs Motunrayo Alabi and the union is blessed with four children.

## Prof. Christopher A. Ademoroti

Professor Christopher Aderemi Ademoroti was born 66 years ago in Ilesa, Osun State. He was educated at Ibadan Grammar School Ibadan between 1953 and 1957. He then proceeded to Federal Science School, Lagos where he studied between 1960 and 1962. Thereafter, he gained admission into the University of Ibadan where he schooled between 1963 and 1967 and obtained a B.Sc. Special (Hons) degree in Chemistry. Between 1969 and 1973, he was at the University of London for further studies. The height of his educational pursuits was attained when in 1979, he obtained a PhD degree in Environmental Chemistry from the Imperial College, University of London. The point must be made that this amiable Professor received scholarship during his academic pursuits because of his extraordinary brilliance.

He began his career as a classroom teacher at Methodist Boys High School, Lagos, where he taught between 1958 and 1959. In 1963, he taught briefly at Oduduwa College, Ile-Ife, before moving over to St. Patrick Grammar School Ibadan where he taught between 1968 and 1969. His next port of call was at Christ High School Ibadan, where he continued teaching from 1969 to 1970 before gaining employment as a Chemical Analyst/Research Officer II at the National Cereals Research Institute, Ibadan. He worked at this Institute from 1970 to 1974 before being employed as a Scientific Officer Grade I, Ministry of Works and Environment also in Ibadan. Professor Ademoroti functioned in this capacity from 1974 to 1977 before he was elevated to the position of a Senior Scientific Officer in April 1977. In October 1979, Ademoroti became a principal Scientific Officer and by 1981, he rose to the position of Assistant Chief Scientific Officer.

All through his career, Ademoroti has had a burning ambition to impact his wealth of knowledge to future generations. This was certainly what inspired him to re-enter the academic world as a Senior Lecturer in the Chemistry Department at the University of Benin in 1983, where he put in his best and rose sharply to become a professor of chemistry in



the year 1989.

Professor Ademoroti is a tested and proven academic of sound discipline. He also served as a visiting and part-time lecturer to several universities and polytechnics across the nation. He was also a visiting Lecturer/Research Fellow to the Chemical Engineering Department of the National University of Singapore.

A highly respected scholar, Professor Ademoroti is involved in the supervision of Dissertations and Thesis for the awards of M. Sc. and PhD degrees. He has also handled various administrative functions as head of the chemistry department. He has also been a member of the university senate since 1988; member, Postgraduate Board of Studies, 1993 to 1995; member, University Admission Board, 1994 to 1999 and Chairman, university library and Routing Publications Committee, 2001 to 2004, among other engagements.

He was a member of the panel of the team selected to write chemistry text books for tertiary institutions in 1992. He was also a member of a panel of the team selected by the then Bendel State Government (now Edo & Delta), to write text books on integrated science for Nigerian secondary schools (JSS 1-3, between 1986 and 1989). He is a major contributor to the much celebrated New Certificate Chemistry for Secondary Schools.

Apart from his academic engagements,

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Professor Ademoroti is an environmental consultant to the Federal and various State governments and has carried out full-scale analysis for some members of the public. He has also been involved in some international organisations' projects. The World Health Organisation (WHO), UNESCO and the Ford Foundation of America are some of the organizations he worked for as Project Leader in some of their major operations in Nigeria.

Professor Ademoroti is of immense wisdom and has written several books, contributed to several chapters in books and has written several articles in learned Journals. He is listed in International Leaders in Achievement 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, 1988. International WHO'S WHO of Intellectuals,

8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Editions, 1989 to 1993; International Men and Women of Distinction 1990 to 1992 and the American Biographical Institute's 5000 Personalities, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Edition 1989 to 1992.

Interestingly, Professor Ademoroti belongs to several professional bodies some of which include, Chemical Society of Nigeria, Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria, Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria, Institute of Science and Technology, UK and the International Water Association.

Ademoroti enjoys playing lawn tennis, swimming and Christian chaplaincy ministry. He is married and has four children.

## Prof. Pat Utomi

Professor Pat Utomi was born on February 6, 1956. He hails from Ibusa in Delta State of Nigeria. He had his early education at Our Lady of Fatima, Gusau; Christ the Kings College, Onitsha, Anambra State and Loyola College, Ibadan.

For his tertiary education, Pat Utomi attended University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State and Indiana University, Bloomington, U.S.A.

He was Special Assistant to President Shehu Shagari in 1983. He was also a principal partner, Utomapp Ltd, 1984-1985 and chairman/chief executive officer, Patike Communication, 1984 to 1998. He was once the assistant general manager Volkswagen of Nigeria, 1986-1988.

From 1988 to 1993, Pat Utomi served as the deputy managing director, chief operating officer, Volkswagen of Nigeria and acting CEO, Volkswagen of Nigeria, 1991-1992.

Pat has been a member of the Adjunct Faculty, Lagos Business School since 1992. He is chairman of various companies. He has been Chairman, Finacorp Building Society, Patike Communications Ltd, and Interactive Data Systems Ltd since 1994. He has been director, contact Marketing Services Ltd., since 1994, Gilt Bond Investments, since 1994 and Linkserve-Internet Company since 1994.

Prof. Utomi is a member, Institute of Management Consultants of Nigeria, Nigerian Institute of Public Relations; Institute of Directors and National Council, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria. Between 1988 and 1994, he was a member, Economic and Budget Committee, Council member, Nigeria Employers Consultative Association; Advisory Board, Enabling Environment, Nigerian Economic Summit Group; Nigerian Economic Society Board of Advisers, Association of International Students of Economics



and Management, Lagos and West African Enterprise Network. He is also member, African Studies Association, USA; Council, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Finance and General Purpose Committee, Council of Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Governing Council and Executive Committee, Institute of Directors of Nigeria.

Pat Utomi was also consultant of defunct Citizens International Bank; GPT (Telecommunications) West Africa and National Maritime Authority. He has also served as chairman, Wordsmiths Printing and Packaging, Platinum Bank Ltd and vice-chairman Bank PHB.

He is credited with several published books, some of them include *Thriving in Nigeria's Chaos*, *Institutions and the Evolution of Competition in the Nigerian Banking Industry* and *Managing Uncertainty: Competition and Strategy in Emerging Economies*. Pat also anchors a television programme called *Patito's Gang*.



## Princess E. B. Oladunni

Before she began work at the nation's apex bank, Princess E. B. I. Oladunni acquired series of academic and professional training both locally and abroad. She is a distinguished alumnus of the University of Lagos where she bagged her Master of Science degree in Economics (M.Sc. Economics) majoring in international trade. She had earlier bagged a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.Sc. in Business Administration) between 1973 and 1977 from the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States of America. She also obtained two different certificates from the French Cultural Centre, Ministry of External Affairs, having earlier secured her West African School Certificate from Egbeoba High School, Ikole-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

When she joined Central Bank of Nigeria in 1978, Princess Oladunni underwent series of in-service training and workshops and conferences abroad. These include IMF Institute WAIFEM in Lagos on Techniques of Loan Negotiation; WAIFEM in Banjul, the Gambia in 1999 Swiss National Bank course in February 2000; WAIFEM Workshop in Ghana in August 2002 and various other courses she attended in the Republic of Benin and Lome, Togo.

She has also participated in international conferences, meetings and seminars some of which include the IMF/World Bank meetings in 1980-1991, and 2002 and those held in Cairo Egypt, Trinidad and Tobago between January and February 2003; Committee on more durable Naira note in Australia, Germany, Britain and France from February to August 2001; IMF/World Bank workshop on Poverty Reduction strategy in Africa; Dakar, Senegal 2001; World Summit for Social Development Copenhagen, Denmark in 1995; World Summit for Social Development by the Economic and Social Council, United Nations New York in 1994, Global Summit of Women, Taipei, Taiwan in 1994 and World Conferences held in countries like Manila, Philippines, Geneva, Washington DC and London.

A widely traveled banking practitioner, Princess Oladunni retired recently from the apex bank to establish a financial consultancy firm in Abuja. She is married and blessed with children and grand children.

**P**rincess Ebunoluwatofunmi Bosede Ilugbusi Oladunni is first and foremost a family woman rich in tradition and culture. She is also an outstanding banker who had a highly distinguished career as a deputy director at the Central Bank of Nigeria.

Born on September 28 1949 in Ekiti State Princess Oladunni has impressive credentials and a wealth of experience acquired from across Europe and other continents. At the Central Bank of Nigeria where she worked as the Deputy Director of International Economic Relations, Princess Oladunni carried out her duties to the reasonable satisfaction of the bank.

Her department at the nation's apex bank, carried out and regulated important functions of policy proposals and reports on the activities of international financial institutions at global, continental and other departmental levels, which have implications for our nation's growing economy. She was never found wanting in the discharge of her duties.

Princess E B I Oladunni has made her mark in the service of the Central Bank and is held everywhere as a woman of outstanding talent whose achievements and academic attainments serve as a reference point to young and upcoming generations of women. Her profile can be used to inspire the womenfolk.

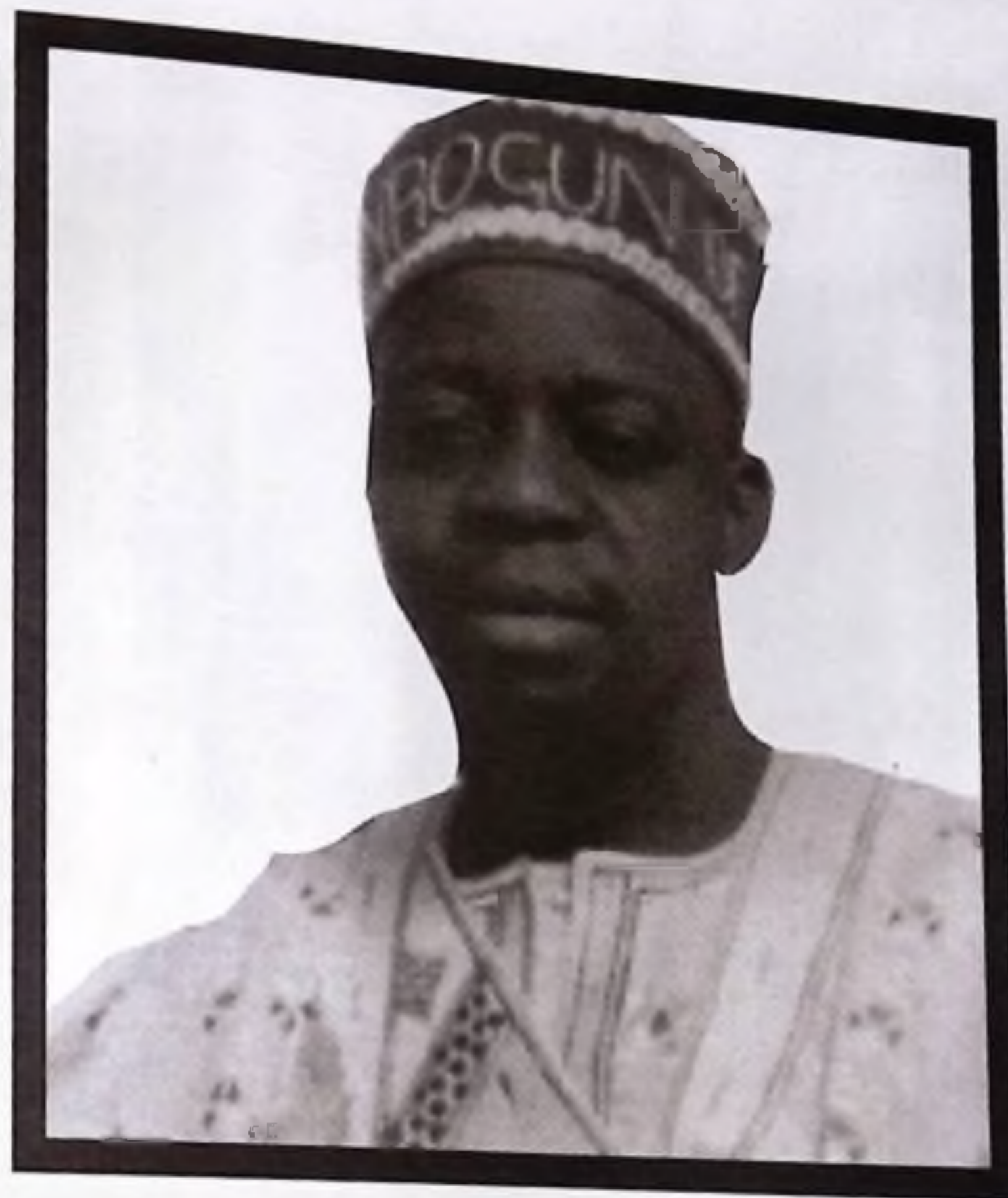
## Chief Abdul-rahaman A. Yusuf

Alhaji (Chief) Abdul-rahaman Adebayo Yusuf was born on July 26 1966 at Iwo-Isin in the Isin Local Government Area of Kwara State. He had his primary school education at Iwo-Isin his hometown after which he came to Lagos to learn a vocation. On getting to Lagos he became an apprentice learning the art of buying and selling cosmetics products.

Alhaji (Chief) Abdul-rahaman Yusuf ended up spending about fifteen years for an apprenticeship that would ordinarily have lasted for not more than five years as a result of his honesty and penchant for hardwork. These qualities made his boss to build so much confidence in him that he did not want him to work as an independent man.

As soon as he was granted the long awaited "freedom", he went into the business of buying and selling wristwatches as a novice, in strict compliance with the instruction of his boss that forbade him from engaging in the same trade with him for the fear of losing all his customers to him.

Nonetheless, he is today an internationally acclaimed and successful businessman by the grace of Almighty Allah who crowned his effort and hard work with success. He is the Chairman/Managing Director of R. A. Yusuf Horological Trading Company Limited with its head office at No. 42 Isale Agbede Street, Off Idumagbo Avenue, Lagos Island, Lagos. His company has branches, which are scattered all over the country and along the West African Coast. The company is the sole distributor in Nigeria of wristwatches with brand



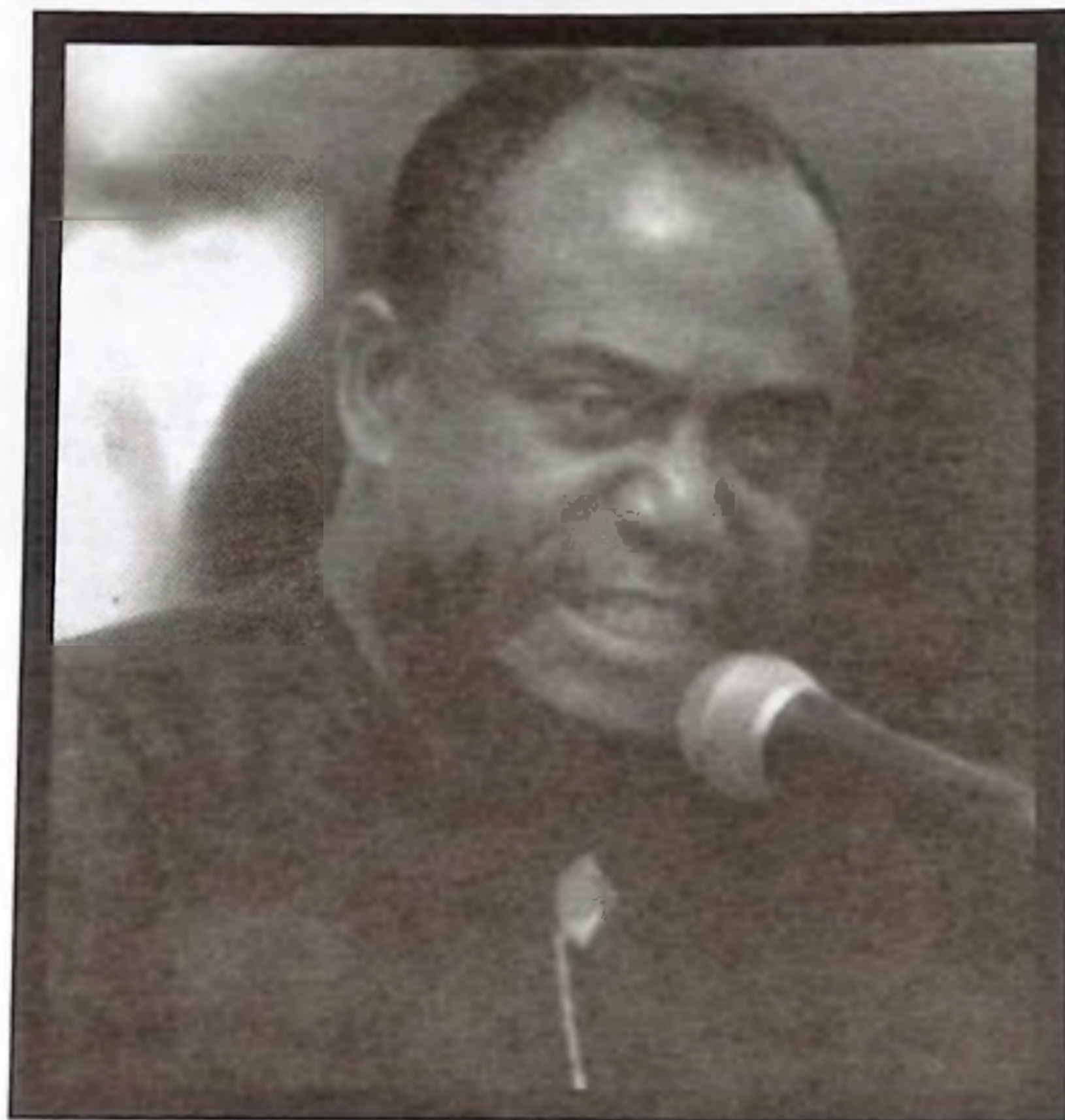
names such as Royman Well, Laurine and Vennessa.

He has through his company and in his private life touched positively the lives of so many young men and women by providing them with gainful employment. In recognition of his valuable contribution to community development, he was honoured with the Chieftaincy title of Akinrogun of Iwo-Odu-ore Town in the Isin Local Government Area of Kwara State

Alhaji (Chief) Abdul-rahaman Adebayo Yusuf is a devout Muslim and is married and blessed with children.

For his achievements in the field of business, Alhaji Yusuf has received the Development in Nigeria Merit Award; the Distinguished Leadership in National Development Gold Award, Business Reprints International Merit Award (BRIMA) and many others.

## Dr. Peter Otunuya Odili



Liverpool, UK.

Before venturing into politics, he was a practicing medical doctor. He joined the ruling Peoples Party (PDP) where he contributed actively towards the progress of the party. He was elected the 13<sup>th</sup> governor of Rivers State in 1999. Following his successful completion of the first four year tenure, he was re-elected for a second term that ended on May 29, 2007.

In 2006, Dr. Odili announced his plans to run for president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the general election scheduled to hold in 2007. He embarked on widespread campaign that traversed virtually the whole country. However in line with the PDP's style of leadership during the days of former President Olusegun Obasanjo, Odili and other persons were made to step down from contesting paving way for then fellow governor (Katsina State), to emerge as the party's flag bearer, who eventually emerged as president of Nigeria.

Odili is happily married to Justice Mrs Mary Odili and they are blessed with children.

**D**r. Peter Otunuya Odili, immediate past governor of Rivers State, is 60 years of age. He received his post primary school education at Christ the King College (CKC), Onitsha from 1961 to 1965. Thereafter he proceeded to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka where he bagged a degree in medicine and later traveled to the United Kingdom and received his postgraduate education at the University of

## Lady Scholastica Ekere



**L**ady Scholastica Ekere KSJ is a beauty to behold. She was born on September 15, about 56 years ago into a humble Christian family in Ukom, Cross River State of Nigeria. A mother of seven children, she became a widow in April 2001 after almost 35 years of marriage following the tragic death of her husband, late Engr. Cyril Ekere, former Chief Works Officer at the University of Calabar.

Lady Ekere is admired for her obviously charming appearance and decent carriage. Her upbringing was thorough and with the right education, she bagged a Masters degree certificate in Educational Management, Organisation of Schools from the University of Hull England. Scholastica is presently undergoing a doctorate degree programme at the University of Calabar.

A well-trained and professionally disciplined teacher with over 25 years experience in school administration, Scholastica Ekere has made a mark in her service of humanity. She is an achiever and an icon of hope for the young generation of women. Equally important in a profile of hers' is her reputation for excellence, which has brought her various honours and recognition from different quarters. A calm and intelligent resource, Lady Scholastica Ekere has been honoured as an educationist; she has equally received awards for outstanding crusade for the emancipation of the less privileged members of the society.

Lady Ekere was the pioneer recipient of the 2006 maiden national award for excellent performance as School Principal by the Conference of Nigerian Universities Secondary Schools (CONUSS) in March 2006, which was conferred on her in recognition of her invaluable contributions to



educational administration in Nigeria.

She has also received the distinguished service award for Public Administrators in Nigeria following her outstanding contributions and practical application of the ethics and ideals of the Nigerian Association of Educational Administration and Planning (NAEAP).

She has authored many articles in professional journals and also presented numerous papers at seminars, workshops and conferences. She has also been very vigorous in her religious life having been a member and patron of many pious organizations in the Catholic Church. At present she is a member of the noble order of the Knight of St. John International.

In recognition of her service to humanity, she is classified as a member of the Nigerian Who is Who in Management Intelligence, with the honours and privileges the membership confers.



## Prof. Frank Morah



While at Nsugbe College of Education he served as the Head of Department of Chemistry between 1983 and 1985 and was Dean of the School of Natural and Applied Sciences, 1985 to 1986. He then left for the then Bendel State University, now Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma in the later part of 1986. At Ambrose Alli University, he lectured in the Chemistry Department and headed many administrative units until 1989 when he left for the University of Calabar where he currently works.

Key appointments held by Professor Frank Morah in his present position include, Departmental Examination Officer, 1990 to 1994; Head, Department of Chemistry, 2002 to 2004; Member, Faculty Examination Malpractice Committee 1997-2002, Chairman, Chemistry Book Writers Committee 2002 and statutory member of the university senate, etc.

Professor Morah is a member of several professional institutions, some of which include Science Association of Nigeria, Royal Society of Chemistry, London, Chemistry Society of Nigeria, Life Member, Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria; Nigerian Environmental Society, Science Teachers Association of Nigeria and the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria (IPAN). He held the position of Chairman of the Cross River State Chapter of the Chemical Society of Nigeria between 2001 and 2003.

He is a prolific writer, and has written several articles in learned journals and has some books to his credit as well.

He has been honoured severally by institutions and organizations in recognition of his service to humanity in the field of tertiary education and more. He has been conferred with the Development in Nigeria Merit Award; Distinguished Nation Builders Merit Award and a listing in the Maquis Who's Who in American Education (6<sup>th</sup> Edition).

Prof. Frank Morah is married and blessed with 5 children.

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**P**rof. Frank Morah is a seasoned professor of organic chemistry and a well-trained academic whose tools in the trade is his intelligence and resourcefulness which he channels into higher education in Nigeria.

Prof. Morah is currently a lecturer in the Chemistry Department of the University of Calabar, Cross River State. The distinguished professor hails from Anambra State.

Born on March 23 1951 at Umudioka in Dunukofia Local Government of Anambra State, he received his secondary education at Union Secondary School, Enugu and Remo Secondary School, Shagamu, Ogun State. Furthermore, he proceeded to the University of Ibadan where he studied between 1973 and 1976 and obtained B.Sc. Degree in Chemistry. Further studies in the same university enabled him to gain his M.Sc. degree also in Chemistry in 1978. In 1982, he finally obtained his doctorate degree in the same discipline from the same university.

Professor Frank Morah is a distinguished scholar whose working experience began as *corper* teacher at Ebenezer Grammar School, Ijeda, Ilesha, Osun State. After completing the mandatory National Youth Service he was employed at the Department of Chemistry, University of Ibadan where he lectured between 1978 and 1982 before moving over to the College of Education, Nsugbe.

## Alh. Muhammad N. Abdur-Rahman

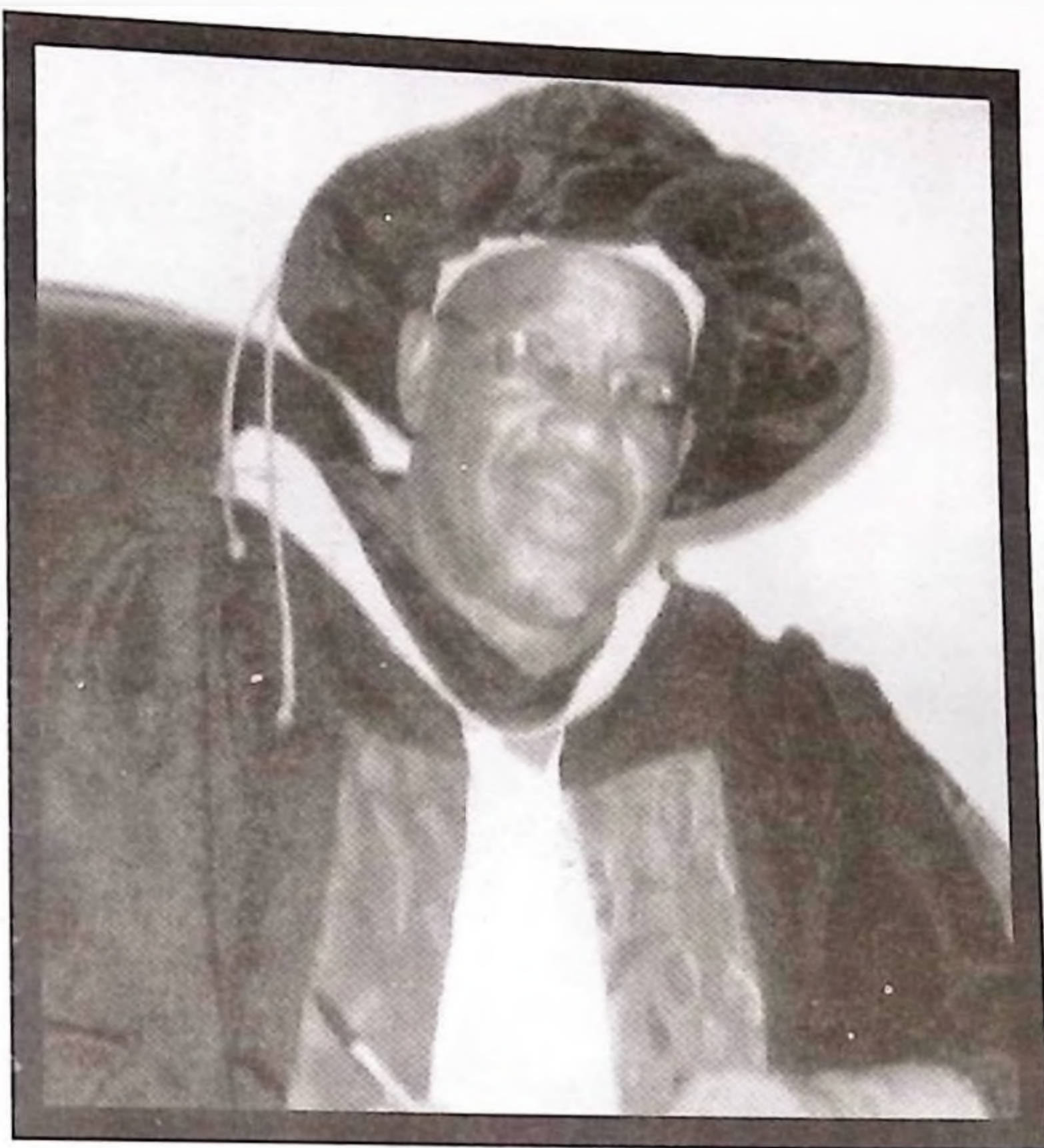
**A**lhaji Muhammad Nasir Abdur-Rahman, is the principal of Federal Government College Kiyawa, Jigawa State, he was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1948 in Yalwa Quarters of Dala Local Government Area of Kano State.

Young Muhammad Nasir began his early education at the Quaranic/Islamiyya School, Hausari Maiduguri Kano from 1956 to 1957 and Madrasatul Dantata Koki Kan School (1957-1959). He started western elementary education at Bulukiya Primary School, Kano State in 1960 but completed it at Warure Primary School in 1966. He proceeded to Kano Teachers College directly and obtained his Grade II Teachers Certificate in 1972.

Alhaji Abdurrahman realized quite early the importance of education in life so he proceeded to write the General Certificate of Education Examination at Advanced Level in History 1974 and passed; Diploma in Business English in 1975 and Diploma in Arabic Language in 1977. After recording success in the three examinations, Alhaji Muhammad enrolled in the School of General Studies, Bayero University Kano 1977/1978. he graduated from the University with a Bachelors Degree in Education (combined honours in Islamic Studies/History) with impressive scores.

To acquire professional knowledge, Alhaji Nasir attended various seminars/conferences both locally and internationally. Such conferences include a ten-day induction course on educational administration; functions and structure of the Federal Civil Service; Budgeting; research and planning, November/December 1988. he also received Intensive Training Programme for Federal Civil Servants on grade levels 12-14 (2002).

A man destined for great achievements, Muhammad has served as a resource person in some other seminars/conferences. He is a seasoned administrator/educationist whose career since 1973 as a teacher in Tarai Primary School Kano and later at Tanagar Primary School, Warawa in the same year, is without blemishes. In 1974, he was transferred to



Dawanau Primary School and within few months of arriving was promoted to assistant headmaster and transferred immediately to Jakara Primary School in Kano municipality. He also taught in Arabic Teachers College Gwale (1983) and Bichi Teachers College (1984).

When Alhaji Muhammad Nasir Abdurrahman joined the Federal Civil Service Commission he was posted to Federal Government Girls College Kazaure, as a teacher. He rose to the position of Vice Principal (Academics) in Federal Government College Kano (2002) and Vice Principal (Administration) in Federal Government Girls College, Yola, (2002-2005) as a result of his hardwork, diligence and dedication to duty. However, he opted for the classroom in Federal Government Girls College Minjibir in 2005 to satisfy his desire to impact knowledge to the younger generation. But a golden fish, they say, has no hiding place, so in the year 2006 Alhaji Muhammad Nasir was appointed Principal of Federal Government College, Kiyawa, which position he still occupies.

Amiable Alhaji Muhammad Nasir enjoys service to humanity and has been serving his community through his active membership of various community associations. He was the chairman of the Muslim Corpers Association, Kano State chapter in 1983 and the publicity secretary of the National Union of Teachers Kano State wing from 1974 to 1976. He is widely acclaimed and revered by his colleagues and

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acquaintances as a firm believer in good leadership, justice and fair-play.

In the course of his service as an educationist cum administrator, Alhaji Nasir Muhammad has left enviable legacies worth celebrating. He has earned numerous awards and recognition too:

1. he received a letter of commendation from the National Economic Intelligence Committee under the Presidency in 2006 for his contribution towards establishing good management and development of moral standard in his college
2. he received an honorary doctorate degree in psychology conferred on him by Pilgrims University, Burlington North Carolina, USA on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007
3. he received Distinguished Nation Builders

Merit Award from Complete Success publications Limited, for his selfless contribution towards the development of the education sector in Nigeria.

Alhaji Muhammad enjoys reading and traveling; he has traveled to Ghana, Mali, Niger, Mauritania, and Libya, outside Africa he has traveled to England, Scotland, Laurinbur, Thailand and Saudi Arabia. He is happily married to two wives and has many wonderful children among whom are architects and engineers.

In recognition of his service to humanity, he is classified as a member of the Nigerian Who is Who in Management Intelligence, with the honours and privileges the membership confers.

## Mallam Abubakar I. Zubairu

**M**ALLAM Abubakar Isah Zubairu is the current principal of Government Secondary School, Okene, now Abdul Aziz Atta Memorial College, Okene, described as the Great Lion of the North, established in 1923 by the northern Nigeria and named after the late Secretary to the Federal Government, during General Yakubu Gowon's regime.

Zubairu is a great teacher, a dramatist, and career Civil Servant. He was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1954 at Okene, in Okene LGA of Kogi State to late Mallam Isah Zubairu and late Madam Meriyetu Isah Zubairu.

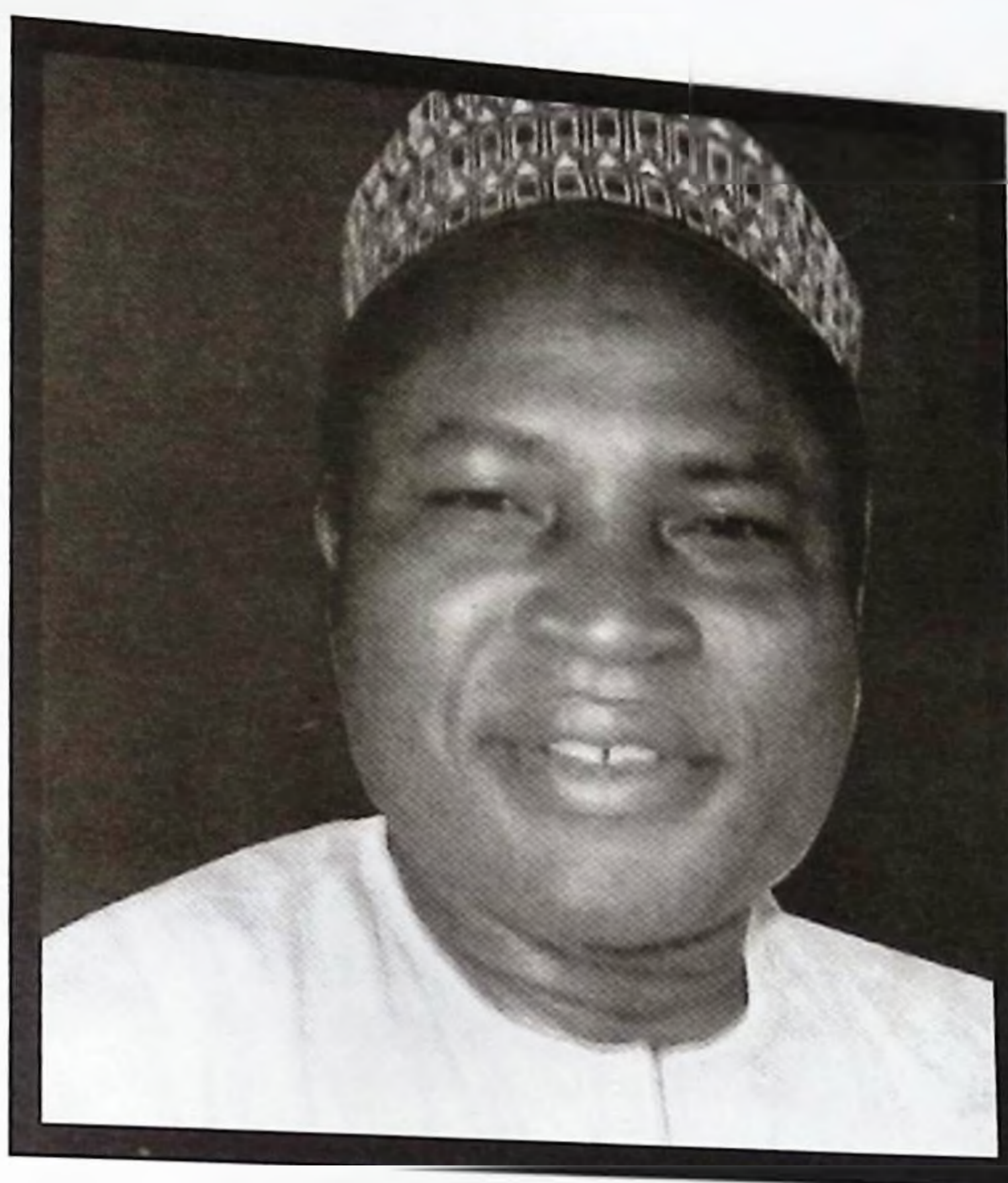
Zubairu is the current Secretary General of All Nigeria Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools in Kogi Central Senatorial District of Kogi State. He is a stickler for excellence.

He attended LGEA Primary School Ungwoashanu Kaduna between 1964 and 1968; LGEA Primary School Sabon Gari Kaduna (1968 to 1969); Commercial College, Zaria between 1970 and 1974; Idah Teachers Government College Ida, Kogi State (Pivotal) between 1974 and 1976 where he obtained his Teachers Grade II Certificate. He proceeded to Kwara State College Ilorin for his Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE) between 1978 and 1981.

On completion of his education, he was posted to Soun High School Ogbomoso, Oyo State for his one year National Youth Service between 1981 and 1982 and between 1986 and 1989 he did his bachelors degree in education and English (B.ED) at the University of Ilorin.

Zubairu began his working career as a grade II teacher at Ilorin Local Government Education Authority at St. Banabas Primary School, Sabo Oke, Ilorin, between 1976 and 1977 and LGEP Primary School Ilorin between 1977 and 1978. After his NCE, he was posted to Offa Teachers College, Offa Kwara State where he taught between 1982 and 1986.

Between 1986 and 1990 Mallam Zubairu taught at Okene Teachers' College Oken and between



1990 and 1993 at Okene Secondary School Okene, where he became Vice Principal (ACA) and was posted to Local Government Secondary School Ajaokuta as a Vice Principal in 1994. after a stint of about six months, he became the Principal of the School (1994 to 2000).

From 2001 Zubairu worked at Government Science Secondary School Lokoja a bigger institution than his former as the Vice Principal Academics and just a year later, he was posted to the present School (Abdul Aziz Atta Memorial College, Okene as the Vice Principal Administration between 2001 and 2003. He was reposted to Geovernment Secondary School, Lokoja as the Vice Principal Academics. When the principal retired in 2004, he became the acting principal of the school for a term. Zubairu was later posted to the head office (STEB) Lokoja at the monitoring Unit., from where in September 2006 he was posted to his present school as the substantive Principal.

Zubairu has held various important positions in the course of his career. Such positions include, President, Ebira Students Union, Mini-campus University of Ilorin, 1988-1989; General Secretary, Kwara Students Union, Kwara State College of Education, 1979-1980; General Secretary, All Nigeria Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools, Kogi State Chapter and a host of others.

He has equally participated in

conferences, seminars, workshops, too numerous to mention. They include All Nigeria conference of principals of secondary schools Nigeria Conference Jos Plateau State 1998, etc.

In recognition of his service to humanity, he is classified as a member of the Nigerian Who is Who in Management Intelligence, with the honours and privileges the membership confers.

## Prof. Innocent C. Okonkwo

**P**ROF. Innocent Chuka Okonkwo is a renowned Professor of Industrial Economics with a distinguished career. He is an icon of hope in the world of academe in Nigeria.

His sharp rise to the top of his career is not surprising because he has, from childhood displayed enormous amount of wisdom and intelligence, which even earned him awards in his undergraduate school days. Currently, Professor Okonkwo is the Vice-Chancellor, Imo State University, Owerri, having served the University in the capacity of Dean, Faculty of Business Administration.

Born on May 8, 1954 Okonkwo hails from Amaifeke in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State. He started his primary education at St. Patrick's School, Ogbete, Enugu and completed it at St. Theresa Primary School, Okigwe, Imo State. He then proceeded to Uli High School, Uli Anambra State for his secondary education.

Further studies took him to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, where he attended Saint Thomas University and graduated with B.A., Economics, in the year 1978. he continued his studies at the same university and obtained a Masters Degree in the same discipline in 1979. Later he bagged fellowship award of the University. While in the University, Professor Okonkwo won the Prof. Degle Award for the Best Student in Residence in 1976; the Harrington Hall Award for the Best Economics Student in 1977 the Dean List Award in 1978 and the Second Valedictorian Award in 1978.

He went on to the University of Reading where he completed his doctoral research and bagged the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Industrial Economics in 1987. he then began his working career in 1978 as a Tutor in the Department of Economics, University of New Brunswick. When he returned to Nigeria he took up an appointment with the Federal Polytechnic, Idah and was a Senior Lecturer from 1983 to 1988. he was engaged by the old Imo State University Okigwe in October 1989 and rose to become a Senior Lecturer in 1992, an Associate



Professor in 1995 and a Professor of Industrial Economics in 1996 at the now Imo State University, Owerri.

Professor Okonkwo is arguably an experienced university don with tested proficiency in administration and management. He has functioned at various levels. He was Coordinator Postgraduate programme Imo State University; Head, Department of Economics, Banking and Finance, Imo State University, between 1992 and 1995 and Dean, Faculty of Business Administration of the university from 1992 to 2005; he has also been serving as a member of the Senate of Imo State University since 1990 and was the Sole Administrator Polytechnic Senior Staff Association, Idah.

Prof. Okonkwo has also served at state, national and international levels. He was consultant to the Imo State Government on Local Government Affairs in 1994; member of the Governing Council Federal Polytechnic Kaura Namuda between 2000 and 2004; member, Imo State planning and Economic Development Committee 1988; member, Judicial Panel of Inquiry on Ihigwa Civil Disturbances 2000 and Imo State Economic Blueprint Committee 1990. He has equally supervised many undergraduate research projects, several MBA thesis for Postgraduate students and he is currently supervising some PhD thesis for three students. He is a member of many professional organizations notably, the Nigerian

Society of Economists, Nigerian Association of Foreign and Commonwealth Scholars, etc. He is married to Barr. (Mrs) G. C. Okonkwo and the union is blessed with children.

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is classified as a member of the Nigerian Who is Who in Management Intelligence, with the honours and privileges the membership confers.

## Dr. Uzoma Maryrose Agwu



**D**R. (LADY) UZOMA MARYROSE AGWU (Nee UMAHI) was born at Uburu, Ohaozara Local Government Area, Ebonyi State, Nigeria on 26 October 1971 to Mr & Mrs. Francis Umahi Nweze. She is a resident doctor (Senior Registrar) in the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Ebonyi State University Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State. Presently, she is the National Coordinator of Young Women Doctors Forum of the Medical Women Association of Nigeria, and the Country's representative of the Special Interest Group of the Medical Women International Association.

### EDUCATIONAL CAREER

Dr. Maryrose Agwu started her educational career at Tsugugi L.E.A. School, Sabon Gari, Zaria with her passing the School Leaving Certificate in 1983/84, and obtaining her Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) certificate from Government Girls Day Secondary School, Dogon Bauchi, Zaria in Kaduna State, with distinctions and excellent Testimonial (1984-1989). She was awarded Best Student in eight (8) subjects, Best Science Student of the Year 1989 and Overall Best Student 1988 and 1989. She proceeded to the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria (1992-2000) where she got her MBBS in 1999/2000. She was awarded the Second Most Hard Working Female by the class. She did her National Youth Service Corps with the National Orthopaedic Hospital Igbobi, Lagos (2001), where she led a programme "Youth for Health 2002" that dewormed more than Seven Thousand (7,000) School children and was the medical coordinator of the Stand-for-Life Programme, where secondary school children in Lagos were educated on the scourge of HIV/AIDS and its prevention. She was awarded Outstanding Corper in 2002 by the Somolu LG.. NYSC Field Office for her contribution towards the growth and development of Somolu Corps Members in Lagos State. she attended Linez Royal Computer School Ikosi, Lagos in 2002 and graduated with a Diploma in Computer Appreciation and Desktop publishing. She is

presently undergoing residency programme in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department at the Ebony State University Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki.

### WORKING EXPERIENCE

She did her Housemanship at the Military Hospital Ikoyi and the Army Reference Hospital Yaba (2001). And Worked at Orthopaedic Hospital Igbobi as a Corper Medical Officer (2002-2003). She worked with Global Evangelical Medical Mission, Oshodi Lagos, an outreach ministry as the Medical Coordinator and took her campaign against HIV/AIDS to the Police, Schools and Religious Communities (2001) in Lagos State. She has attended many International and Local conferences, where she presented papers. She has done lots of studies on women and reproductive health issues and many are in their respective stages of publication.

### ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE

She single handedly carried out an HIV/AIDS awareness campaign and deworming programme in Uburu and Okposi community in Ohaozara Local Government Area, Ebonyi State in 2004 sponsored by her husband. She dewormed all the school children (about three thousand benefited) in the said communities. Similar programme was carried out in collaboration with FEES foundation in 2005 and now a proposal is on to make it a yearly programme for the community.

She is an active member of the Nigeria Medical

Association Ebonyi State branch and have served in several committees, and also as a staff of Ebonyi State University Teaching Hospital (EBSUTH) Abakaliki, she has served in many committees.

Dr. (Lady) Agwu has carried several outreach programmes in Ebonyi state under the auspices of the Medical Women Association of Nigeria and her capacity as a Medical Doctor. This outreach programme has taken her from Akaeze, Okposi Okwu to Afikpo, Ezzamgbo etc. to name but a few. She has also done outreach programmes on Cervical Cancer and Breast Cancer with Mater Medics (an association of Wives of Medical Doctors).

She has attended and participated actively and also occasionally as facilitators in workshops, organized by UNICEF and UNFPA in Ebonyi State. She was nominated for more than 17 awards.

#### LEADERSHIP POSITION/AWARDS

Leadership positions occupied by her and awards she has received include: president Association of Resident Doctors EBSUTH Abakaliki 2008 to date, 2. Woman of Merit Gold Award by People State and

Resources Magazine, 2007; National Coordinator, Young Women Doctors Forum of Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN) 2007-date; Country Representative The Special Interest Group of Medical Women International Association 2007- date; Secretary, Medical Women Association of Nigeria, Ebonyi State 2007-date; Coordinator/Founder VEE Medical Research Club EBSUTH Abakaliki 2007-date; Coordinator/Founder EAA Female Medics Research Club EBSUTH Abakaliki 2007 to date, to mention but a few. She is a lady of the Knight of St. John International, Afikpo Commandery 2006 to date.

Dr. Mrs Uzoma Agwu is a devout Catholic and member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement. Her pastime hobbies include reading, singing, and watching movies. This woman of high integrity has honesty as her watchword. She is happily married to Pharm. (Chief) J. C. Agwu (KSJ, GPI) a renown Pharmacist and they are blessed with two children, Chidinma and John.

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## Rev. (Dr.) Micheal Agboola Oladeji

**R**ev. (Dr.) Michael Agboola Oladeji has been described as a self made man who has launched himself into recognition by dint of hard work and tenacity of purpose. It is true this passionate servant of God did not have the advantage children from affluent homes had yet it did not deter him from working hard to get to the top.

His forthrightness is common knowledge to all. This quality has kept him going and he is today the Presiding Pastor of the Baptist Church, Suleja. He is a fervent believer in God and loves service to humanity. One of his avowed commitments in life is to see no human being around him suffers by reason of deprivation, lack or want. A kind hearted man of immeasurable integrity, Rev. (Dr.) Oladeji reflects the character of a true servant of God.

He was born to Pa Abraham Olaniran Oladeji in Ogbomoso, Oyo State on May 15, 1947. He attended St. Andrews Primary School, Ilara Imeko, Egbado, Abeokuta for his primary education before proceeding to Ghana Middle Mixed School, where he schooled between 1966 and 1968. His next port of call was Ghana Baptist Theological Seminary. He was also a student of Olivet Baptist High School Oyo, between 1974 and 1978. Between 1978 and 1981, he schooled at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomo and later obtained a PGDE and M.Ed in Guidance and Counselling from the University of Lagos. Desirous of higher education, he went on to the University of Jos and obtained a doctorate in Church History. In 1994, he took an Advanced Leadership Course at Haggai Institute, Singapore.

Rev. Dr. Oladeji has spent close to forty years in the vineyard of God proclaiming the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. his ministry has taken him to such countries as Ghana, Republic of Benin, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Togo, USA, UK, Italy, Israel and France.

In addition to his pastoral engagements, Rev. (Dr.) Oladeji spent sometime as a civil servant heading many parastatals in Oyo State between 1990 and



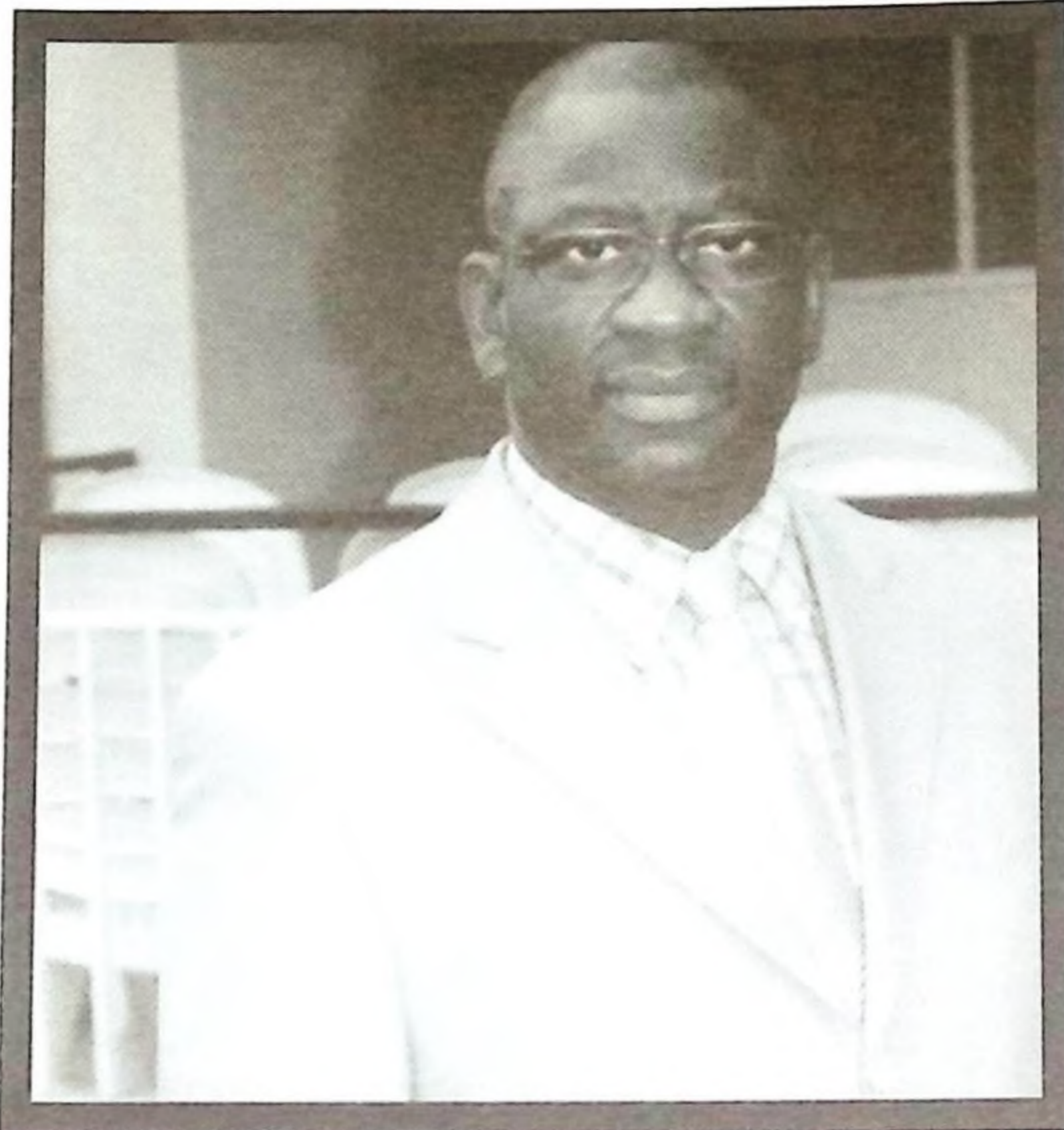
1995.

He has immense philanthropic disposition which has propelled him at every point in his service to humanity. He single-handedly completed a library building for his people and has equally granted soft-loans for projects execution geared to emancipation of his people from financial problems.

In Christian service he has held and still holds several positions in the Baptist Convention and the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN). He is the Chairman, Bible Society of Nigeria, Suleja Auxiliary, Executive Council member, Christian Association of Nigeria. He is the Chairman of all Baptist Churches in Niger and Kebbi States, Chairman, sub-Ministerial Committee of Niger-Kebbi Confence.

Rev. (Dr.) Oladeji has been honoured with "The Ambassador Plenipotentiary" of the Royal Ambassador. He is a member of the Peace Committee appointed by the Emir of Suleja to ensure peaceful co-existence in the community. He is married to Mrs Comfort Adeduntan Oladeji and the union is blessed with five children.

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## Engr. Olufemi Falano



He did his National Youth Service at the Nigerian Navy, Calabar, Cross River State, from 1977 to 1978, had his pupillage with the Ministry of Works and Housing, Abeokuta from 1978 to 1980 and from 1980 to June 1981 he was Divisional Engineer Ministry of Works and Housing, Ilaro, Ogun State. From July 1981 to September 1982 he was Project Engineer Task Force on Rural Roads within Imeko area. He served as Superintending Engineer Ministry of Works and Housing Ayetoro, Ogun State from October 1982 to October 1983.

From November 1983 to September 1984 he was Senior Engineer, Ogun State Forestry Plantation Project Area J4, Ijebu Ode; Superintending Engineer, Ministry of Works & Housing Abeokuta, Ogun State from September 1985 to August 1986; Assistant Director, Deputy Director, Ministry of Works and Housing, Ogun State. He rose to Acting Director, Highways department, Ministry of Works & Housing, Ogun State; between April 1977 and June 2003. From July 2003 to August 2007 he was Project Manager, OGROMA, Ogun State before assuming work in August 2007 as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Special Duties Ogun State.

Engr. Olufemi Falano's diverse experience in civil engineering work has helped him maintain excellence in every project in which he is involved. Over the years, he has been involved in the supervision of various projects some of which include Single Span Bridge along Osiele-Alabata Road (1998); overall supervision of all roads awarded to Major Contractors in Ogun State (1999-2003) such as a) Ilishan-Siun Road, b) Oloke Hilltop road, c) Ibogun Abalabi road, d) Toyin Railway Junction/Agbado Road, Lagos Boundary e) Awujale Street, Ijebu Ode, f) Eruwon road, Ijebu Ode, g) Ijagba-Oba Erinwole Road, Shagamu, h) Igbogila Eggua-Tata Road, I) Ijebu Ode-Epe road., j) Odeda-Ogunmakin Road, k) Ijebu Igbo-Dagbolu Road and l) Ayetoro-Olorunda Road.

He has also been in charge of quality control in the execution of some engineering projects. Specifically he handled quality control and supervision of all Direct Labour Road projects and Bridges constructed in Ogun

**B**orn on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1954, Olufemi Falano, a qualified engineer by profession, began his early education at St. Jude's Primary School Ebute Metta (1960-1966). After obtaining his West African School Certificate for which he was educated at Christ's School Ado-Ekiti (1976-1971), he proceeded to Federal School of Science, Lagos for his GCE "A" Level during the period 1972-1974 and was successful.

Without wasting any time, Engr. Olufemi Falano gained admission into University of Lagos to study Civil Engineering. He completed the programme of studies from 1974 to 1977 and bagged a B.Sc Degree in Civil Engineering. From 1984 to 1985, Engr. Falano was at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne for a Postgraduate Diploma in Structural Engineering, which he obtained in 1985.

A qualified Engineer who underscores the importance of professionalism at every given project, Olufemi Falano has been a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) since 1986. He is also a member of the Council for the Registration of Engineers in Nigeria (COREN) with registration Number R2812. He has also participated in various seminars and workshops on manpower development. He was at the November 1992 Management Course for Middle Level Officers organized by the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON).

State from May 1999 to 2003. He served as project Manager Ogun State Road Management Agency (OGROMA) 2003-2007 during which over 350 Roads were rehabilitated. In addition, some major roads were constructed, which include: Dualisation of Abeokuta-Sagamu Interchange; Dualisation of Ejirim Road, Ijebu Ode; Dualisation of Lalubu Road, Abeokuta; Dualisation of access road to Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijebu Ode; and completion of the abandoned bridge at Omi river along Ilisahn-Ago Iwoye road.

Between 2007 and 2008, when he was posted to the Ministry of Special Duties Engr. Olufemi Falano has carried out the following major jobs,

namely:

- i) Construction of International Stadium Ilaro; ii) Construction of Judicial Headquarters Abeokuta (ongoing); iii) Construction of Core Ministries at Oke-Mosan Abeokuta; iv) Construction of 14 No. Commissioner/Judges Quarters Abeokuta; v) Construction of Block of Classrooms at Omu Ajose Comprehensive School, Omu; and vi) Construction of Classrooms, Workshops, Residential accommodation for Gateway Petro-gas Institute Oni.

Engr. Olufemi Falano is married. He enjoys Table Tennis and Volleyball.



## Hon. Justice Saka A. Ibiyeye

where he obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Air and Space Law in the year 1971. When he returned to Nigeria 1971, he joined the Nigerian Law School for the mandatory legal training and was called to the Nigeria Bar in June 1972.

Prior to obtaining all the legal training, Justice Saka Ibiyeye had worked as a Grade II Clerk in the Nigeria Railway Corporation, Ebute-Metta, Lagos between 1958 and 1961. His service in the nation's judiciary commenced in 1972 when he was appointed as Magistrate Grade II. With his dedication to service and commitment to excellence, Justice Ibiyeye rose to become Chief Magistrate Grade I and served as Chief Registrar in the Kaduna State Judiciary.

Following highly distinguished service in the judiciary, Justice Ibiyeye was appointed High Court Judge between 1983 and 1992, Chief Judge of Kaduna State, between 1992 and 1998 and equally served as the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal Nigeria, in Ibadan, Port Harcourt and Calabar Divisions before taken up his present position as Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Benin Division. He has served as Chairman, Robbery and Fire Arms Tribunal between 1987 and 1996 and has been a member of the House of Assembly Election Tribunal.

In addition to all these, Justice Ibiyeye has also served in very important offices. He served as Governor, Board of the National Judicial Institute of Nigeria, 1992 to 1998; Hon. Chairman, Kaduna State Judicial Service Committee 1992 to 1998; Hon. Member, Advisory Judicial Committee, Nigeria, 1992 to 1998 and member, Body of Presiding Justices, Court of Appeal, 2005. He was on the Official Delegation of the Kaduna State Pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia, in 1992 as the head of the Delegation. He served as patron of the Law Society, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, between 1992 and 1998.

Justice Adeyemi Ibiyeye has several published works to his credit. He is married and blessed with children and enjoys soccer, reading and sometimes enjoys playing golf (occasionally).

**H**on. Justice Saka Adeyemi Ibiyeye is not a new comer to the practice of law and justice in Nigeria. He has served at various times as chief Magistrate, High Court Judge and Chief Judge of a State. He is today the Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Benin Division.

Born on July 13 1939 in Offa, Offa Local Government Area of Kwara State, Saka Adeyemi Ibiyeye had his early education at St. Peter's Anglican Primary School, Minna Niger State between 1943 and 1950, after which he proceeded to St. John's College now Rimi College, Kaduna where he spent the years 1951 to 1957 for his secondary education and obtained the West African School Certificate on completion.

He moved on for further education, which took him to City of West Minster College London where he obtained the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level in 1962. From 1963 to 1965, Justice Saka studied at the University of London where he completed a course leading to the award of Diploma in International Affairs.

He went on to receive his law training at the Inns of Court School of Law London where he completed the prescribed courses of study and passed the qualifying examinations. He was called to the English Bar by the Inner Temple in the year 1970. His thirst for more knowledge made him to enroll at the London Institute of World Affairs

# CHAPTER 15

**Who's Who - Pictorials**



**Sayyad Abba Ruma**  
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**Chuka Odom**  
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**Adamu Waziri**  
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**Dr. Jerry Agada**  
Education (State)



**Mrs Dieziani Alison Madueke**  
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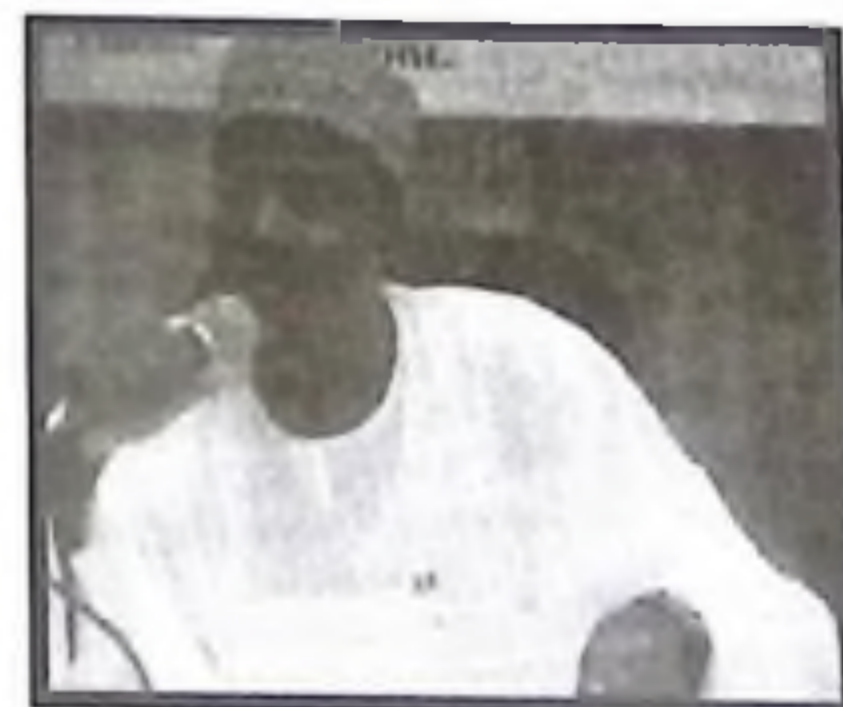
**Prince Adetokunbo Kayode(SAN)**  
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**Akinlabi Olasukanmi**  
Youth Dev.



**Aishatu Dukku**  
Education (State)



**Aliyu Idi Hong**  
Culture & Tourism (State)



**Mrs Fidelia Akubata Njeze**  
Defence (State)



**Charles Ugwu**  
Commerce & Industries



**Fatima Ibrahim**  
Energy (Power)



**Felix Hyatt**  
Air Transportation



**Henry Odien Ajumogobia**  
Energy



**Halimat Tayo Alao**  
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**John Odey**  
Information & Communication



**Aliyu Modibbo**  
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**Ahmed Gusau**  
Mines & Solid Minerals (State)



**Olatunde Odusina**  
Energy(Gas)



**Dr Igwe Aja-Nwachukwu**  
Education



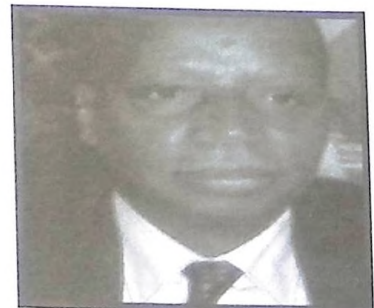
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**Demola Seriki**  
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HOD Finance Unilag



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MD - Madora Stop Centre



**Alahaja Musilat Adeymo**  
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**Pharm. Sa'adatu D. Ahmed**  
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Rtd Banker



**Mrs Oladunni Ajoke Akinola**  
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Women Leader PDP



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**Jumai Collins**  
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**Dr Mrs Abisoye Daini**  
Lecturer - Olabisi Onabanjo University



**Dr Doyin Abiola**  
Chairman - IMFB



**Mrs Mfon Ebienang**  
Perm Sec. Ministry Of Health  
Akwa-Ibom



**Prof. Philomena Ejele**  
Lecturer - Uniport



**Elder Dr. Edyang-Ekpa**  
Humanitarian, Medical Practitioner &  
Church Elder



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**Fola Daniel**  
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of Lunguda - Adamawa State



**Mrs. K. Louisa Lar**  
Politician, Business woman & Philanthropist



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CEO - Zain Nigeria



**Oba Lukman Riliwan**  
Oba of Lagos



**Mrs Virginia I. Major**  
CEO - Caprica Drug Ltd



**Hon. Bridget Massah**  
President - Akugbene District  
Customary Court, Delta



**Mazi Sam Ohuabunwa**  
President/CEO Neimeth



**Felix Ohiwerei**  
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Primary Healthcare Coordinator,  
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**Musa Al-faki**  
DG - Securities & Exchange Commission



**Hajia Bola Muse**  
Chairperson - Bomaroh Foundation



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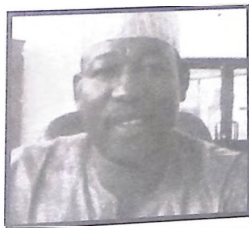
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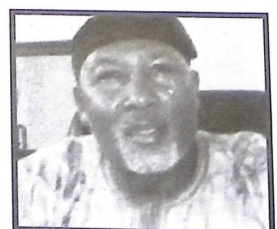
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