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MRS. ALAYINGI SYLVA

FORMER FIRST LADY
BAYELSA STATE



SOMETHING NEW | THE START OF A LEGACY

Born to a middle class family in the oil rich Niger Delta Region of Nigeria and married to a very successful Politician to a very successful Politician and leader, presently serving as Nigeria's Minister of state for petroleum and Natural Resources, Alayingi has learnt how to craft talents into opportunities in order to; save lives and improve well being by increasing the last mile access to quality of life and education of the less privileged as her ultimate goal. Passionately driven by this goal, Alayingi demonstrates excellent sense of judgement, creativity and innovation for coordination and management activities; strong technical and analytical capacities, Integrity modelled after the UN's values, ethical standards and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and a high sense of confidentiality and reliability as key competencies to her successful delivery of projects.

An experienced development facilitator, health care advocate and coach, development communicator, outstanding Quality of Life (QoL) coach, who has profound respect for that which strives to blossom and therefore endeavours to support every talent and opportunity that will realise true humanity in children and women.

The compassionate Alayingi, and her consistent ardor for improving livelihood and well being of the orphaned and vulnerable children in her country Nigeria, carried out the first Rural health care/Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness

campaign which educated the rural populace about cancer and freely screened not less than 15,000 women across the Niger Delta of breast and cervical cancer.

In recognition of her contribution to the development of Nigeria's third sector in particular, improving the quality of life of women and children, the Project Management College UK sought for her collaboration to strengthen her capacity building programme for orphans and vulnerable homes in Nigeria.



SOMETHING NEW | PASSION AGAINST ALL TIDES

This collaboration with her NGO platform; Center for Gender Values and Culture and the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs in Nigeria brought about the first ever capacity building workshop for the Wives of state Governors in Nigeria. Basic take home here was the equipping of all participants with Project Management tools and Techniques on how to realise inclusive governance that is people oriented. As co-founder of the one mother one child initiative, a special purpose livelihood support vehicle for women and children Alayingi ingrains her usual green marks of passion which has always planted hope in the African child, by intervening with a scholarship programme to improve the quality of life and well being of children in the Internally Displaced Peoples'(IDP) camps in Nigeria which has given access to full primary, post primary and territory school education to the children kuchugoro IDP Camp for example and several others some of whom have graduated with distinction and excelling records.

Alayingi's passion also seeks expression in her quest for conscious and effective promotion of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3 by establishing organizations and collaborations which improves good health and well being and also strengthens the Agriculture and food production sub-sector of the Nigerian Economy. As the CEO of healthy Options and Blossom Health she collaborates with local Farmers to contribute to sustainable food production inn Nigeria with her nourishing healthy options snacks.

As part of her efforts to promote Infant and Maternal health care, she was the first woman in Niger Delta Region of Nigeria to have collaborated with the rest of the world to celebrate the foremost world pneumonia Day heralded by "fight pneumonia, save a child" walk, a child Survival Round table and donated anti pneumonia drugs and material to several community Health Centers across several LGAs of the Niger Delta Region. In order to reduce the under 5 mortality rate and improve new born in Nigeria, Alayingi as a Governor's wife in Bayelsa State initiated the No woman Should Die Giving Life campaign in 2009 which attracted her attention to the urgent need to launch the premier Traditional Birth Attendants Education Programme in Nigeria targeted at guiding Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) on the best practices that will improve their capacities and reduce infant and material morality in Nigeria. Research revealed that between 2009-2010; this programme helped in ; Increasing Hospital utilization in the state to 56% and Reduced Infant and maternal mortality rate by 26%. It also... Equipped 200 TBAs with basic tools and information that enhanced their capacities..

CHANGING LIVES | ON A GLOBAL SCALE

On the international scene, Alayingi Sylva is the first woman cancer advocate who took the campaign against Cancer to other African countries. The significant one was her cancer education and awareness program in Kenya in the year 2009 which screened more than 500 women and girls free of cervical and breast cancer. Another international feat accomplished by her Excellency, was her anchoring the Women World Trade Fair as first National President strictly to ensure that women productivity efforts in Nigeria is given uninterrupted access to the international markets, this actually promoted enthusiasm in female entrepreneurs and encouraged partnerships. This and many other contributions to women and children development and endeared the attracted the African women leadership organization recognizing her and saddling her with the responsibility of leadership AWLO as serving Regional President. Alayingi, by the trail of her contributions to the development of women and children could pass as the symbol and standard of passion that improves the quality of life and well being of the African child in Nigeria



Dr. Zainab Shinkafi Bagudu

First Lady Kebbi State

Her Excellency Dr. Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu is a Consultant Pediatrician, a loud voice in the fight against cancer and has a longstanding interest in advocating for the rights of women and children. She is the First Lady of Kebbi State, a platform that has turned her into a role model in the State and beyond.

Dr. Zainab Bagudu obtained her MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine) from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, followed by a specialist training in Paediatrics and Neonatology in the United Kingdom. Amongst other academic qualifications, she has a Masters degree in Paediatrics, a Diploma in Tropical Child Health and membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

She returned to public service in Nigeria, and was confronted with challenges in diagnostic reports for her patients. In response, she set up the first world class diagnostic center in Abuja-: Medicaid Radio-diagnostics Ltd in 2009; offering solutions such as Computed Tomography Scan (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Digital x-rays, Molecular laboratory etc. Slowly, she was inspired to start an NGO- the Medicaid Cancer Foundation (MCF).

MCF creates awareness on health matters, trains health workers, and funds the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients in Nigeria. Over the last five years, the foundation has raised over 120million naira for the treatment and support of cancer patients.

Dr. Bagudu is currently a member of the board of directors of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). She has become revered in the cancer space and contributes to national policy on cancer. Furthermore, she now serves as a member of the National Cancer Control technical working group as well as the Cancer treatment fund of Nigeria.

As First Lady of Kebbi State, Dr. Bagudu's other programs revolve on menstrual hygiene, empowerment, education and


gender-based violence issues. Also, a passionate and active advocate for women, children and youth globally, she has won many national and international awards such as Silverbird's man of the year 2017, Zenith Global health and most recently from UNICEF for her contributions to Girl child education.

She is the patron of many organizations including Hilwa, Nigerian Olympic Society, Orphans and Huffaz and Medical Women's Association of Nigeria. Dr Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu is a keen writer and aside from scientific publications in peer journals, contributes to topical conversations via op-eds published in national dailies.

Dr. Bagudu channels her energy into initiatives that aims to improve livelihood across health, education and empowerment of women and children. She also has special interests in several core issues: gender-based violence, drug abuse, maternal/Neonatal health, girl-child education and cancer. She is a long-time champion of women's rights, and has advocated for gender equality and women's empowerment throughout her career. One of her major successes was her decision to start multipurpose cooperatives which has MOUs and rebates with multinationals across Nigeria for women.

She has served on many technical committees including the steering committee for the National Cancer Control plan and a Ministerial committee to build world-class diagnostic centres in six geopolitical zones of Nigeria. She is also an active member of the Northern Governors' Wives Forum.

Her forward-thinking and global awareness continues to elevate her worldwide profile. During the world cancer congress Malaysia 2018, she was elected into the Union of International Cancer Control (UICC) board of directors. This was a major achievement in the sense that for the first time since the formation of the organization 85years ago, a woman and indeed a candidate from a low-medium income region was successfully elected to this position.



I'm UNPERTURBED ABOUT Udom's 'Anointed' Candidate – Akan Okon

Your former boss, the Governor, has anointed someone as his preferred successor. Were you shocked by the choice?

I was not shocked. You can observe that since the Governor made the announcement, you have not heard me make any comment. I went about my business and going to work every day and delivering on all the assignments that I was given. At the appropriate time I had to leave. The reason for leaving was very clear, which is to contest for the governorship in 2023.

Are you satisfied with your performance in office?

While in office God helping me, I discharged my duties and the various assignments given to me creditably. I joined Akwa Ibom State Government in 2013 and my first assignment was at the Ministry of Economic Development. I spent six months there as Commissioner and at the end of six months I was moved to the Ministry of Finance where I served to the end of that administration led by Governor Godswill Akpabio.

When Governor Udom Emmanuel won the election in 2015 and was sworn in as Governor, I was reappointed into that office.

That has made me keep the record as the only person to serve two Governors as Finance Commissioner. I want to say that I served in that office with integrity. Why did I say so? In Nigeria, the easiest way to have issues with EFCC is to be a Finance Commissioner.

To the glory of God I served there and I left in December, 2016. EFCC has never invited me and they will never invite me. From that office I was sent to the Ministry of Housing & Urban Renewal, and later, Ministry of Special Duties.

My responsibility and key deliverable was the 21-storey building which I am sure all of us can see. Another project the Ministry delivered under my supervision was the Governor's Lodge in Lagos.

The lodge has since been completed and put to use. The airport was under my supervision. Being in that Ministry gave me the opportunity to correct the anomaly that I noticed at our

airport. Before now, when airline passengers moved into the airport terminal building to check in or obtain boarding pass, you will pass through security, for the economic passengers you pay at the departure hall.

When there was a need to use the convenience you will have to go out of the security checkpoint and then come back to be screened. In fact in those days of when there were flight delays, there was no place for people waiting to buy water, because the only place water was sold was inside the departure hall which they didn't have access to.

That necessitated the construction of a new building attached to the existing terminal, where you have a restaurant, a gift shop, pharmacy and convenience for members of the public.

Today, if you are traveling, while waiting at the departure hall, if you have to come out of the security area, it won't be because you want to use the convenience.

Now also, members of the public can have access to whatever thing they need at the airport. From that Ministry I was moved to Special Duties and Aviation Development, my responsibility was to ensure that we had Ibom Air flying and I am happy today to the glory of God, Ibom Air is flying and within a very short period of time it has become the airline of first choice for travelers in Nigeria.

The high standards of professional service delivery offered by the airline has increased customers' traffic to our airport and has rendered the existing terminal building inadequate that is what necessitated the move for the new permanent international terminal building which is under construction. When completed, the terminal will be one of the best in Africa. From that Ministry I was moved to the Ministry of Economic Development & Ibom Deep seaport.

The key deliverable there was to ensure that we obtain the approval for the development of Ibom deep seaport, an approval that eluded us for over 20 years as a State and by God's grace on 16th December, 2020, we obtained that

approval and I want to thank Governor Udom Emmanuel, the Chairperson of the Technical Committee on Ibom deep seaport, Mrs. Mfon Usoro, for their efforts and all the things they did to ensure that we obtained that approval.

The question was if I am satisfied, in all that I have said, God helped me to deliver on those assignments and I am happy I was able to accomplish all the tasks and assignments given to me and to that extent I am very happy I was able to do what I did.

What critical needs have you identified that you intend to meet as Governor of Akwa Ibom State?

To be successful in any vocation, you need to undergo a lot of qualification and proficiency training. At 34 years, Akwa Ibom State cannot afford to be an experimental field where people come to learn leadership in public service.

We need someone who has been around and understudied the various sectors of the State's economy, and also understands the challenges that our people are facing so that from day one, he will hit the ground running in embarking on those policies and programmes that will lead to an improvement in the standard of living of our people. I want to thank Governor Udom Emmanuel for allowing God to use him to train me in public service.

As you are aware, I have traversed many Ministries, this was a training and added advantage for me. A Ministry like Economic Development gave me an opportunity to have in-depth knowledge on the workings of government.

Whatever happens in the judiciary, legislature or the executive comes to that Ministry. I have a good knowledge and understanding of what is required to be done so that Akwa Ibom State can continue to be on the path of development and growth. I want to say that why I am contesting is that I have the experience, I have been trained, I am prepared for this leadership position and you will agree with me that we need someone with experience.

If you want to look at it, competence is important in leadership, capacity is also important in leadership, integrity is also important in leadership. Governor Udom Emmanuel has done well, he has embarked on projects that are legacy projects and some of these projects cannot be completed in the life of this administration, his successor must be someone who has full understanding of these projects so that he can continue with them and ensure that they are completed and put to use.

If you observe, Governor Udom Emmanuel's developmental focus is based on three gateways, land, water and air, and fortunately I am the one who by the special grace of God supervised all the three areas, so I am better equipped to continue with what Governor Udom Emmanuel has done so that Akwa Ibom can be what we all want it to be.

Under the administration of Governor Udom Emmanuel a lot has been done to create jobs. I believe we should continue to create jobs. We have a lot of intelligent and enterprising young men and women and all they need is an opportunity to serve, I will create the needed opportunities for them.

As a State, we have had our fair share of issues arising from inconsistency in policies and projects implementation and a disconnect between the past and present. An average Akwa Ibom person requires a conducive

environment to function, I know this based on what I have observed. I believe I have what it takes to provide that environment.

We will create business incubation centers to train and empower young people who have sellable and buyable ideas – we will link them with business angels, by that I mean investors who have funds to invest in their businesses- that will help them grow and become sustainable.

The State needs the right environment for our people and a lot has been done in terms of security, we believe that if it continues in this fashion, we will achieve a lot.

You are not the Governor's preferred candidate, don't you think you are swimming against the tide?

We are all seated here because God has made it possible. God is leading me. I don't see myself swimming against the tide. There is no man on earth that is led by God that swims against the tide.

What shortcomings have you identified in the Udom Emmanuel's administration that you would want to correct?

There is no human being that is perfect. There is no perfect government, but I believe that the government led by Governor Udom Emmanuel has done well, and like it is always said, government is a continuum.

A state is like a book with different chapters and if you remove five chapters from a book with ten chapters that book can never be complete. Every successive

administration since the creation of Akwa Ibom has contributed to the development of the State.

Each one comes to take over from where the previous one stopped. I believe that whatever has been the positive things achieved by this government, it will be the responsibility of the next administration to enforce it for the good of Akwa Ibom people and the areas you believe are not properly done, we will together make modifications because the State belongs to us; we will ensure that we do those modifications in a way that will be acceptable to everyone.

Looking at the quality of other aspirants seeking the governorship position, how do you intend to navigate your way through to become the next Governor of the State?

You will be one of those who will help me navigate the way. (Laughs). As my friend, you have a duty to tell Akwa Ibom people the qualities of who should be the next Governor and what is expected of a good Governor.

If you can tell the Akwa Ibom people the lot you have known about my personality, performance, capacity and experience, they will decide that Akan Okon is the best for them in 2023.

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When completed, the terminal will be one of the best in Africa.

MRS. OKORJI FLORENCE IFEOMA

Mrs. Okorji Florence Ifeoma was born in the mid-70s into Akaegbusi family in Onitsha, Anambra State. She is the first child of the family of five (5) with a Christian background. Mrs. Okorji founded Mater Dei School in 2008.

VISION:

Promoting value for humanity.

MISSION:

To build and support inspiring systems that transforms our world.

EDUCATION:

She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Lagos in 2000. After the completion of her mandatory One – Year Service (NYSC) in 2002, she decided to pursue her lifelong passion of setting up an educational institution.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION:

To adequately equip herself for this, she obtained a Diploma in Early Childhood Course (2 ½ - 6 Years) from The College of Modern Montessori (Teacher Training College) in the theory and application of Montessori Method of Education in 2011; a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (International) PGCEi from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom in 2014.

MATER DEI SCHOOL:

The School is situated in Satellite Town, Lagos State. It consists of a **Preschool** and **Elementary School** with a total population



of about three hundred (300) pupils

The institution expanded recently (Sept 2021) with the establishment of a new branch in the Amuwo Odofin axis of Lagos State, which also consists of the two (2) academic units stated above.

The School also has an educational consult "Mater Dei Educational Consult"; a consulting arm that was established to provide customized training and consultancy solutions to the education sector.

PASSION:

Mrs. Ifeoma Okorji has broken new grounds in the area of education as a result of her strong passion for improving the standard and quality of education in Nigeria. The Consult which was created as a result of her vision, has supervised the training of over two hundred education stakeholders including teachers, school heads, administrators and school owners. She serves as an education consultant and has mentored several institutions.

Mrs. Okorji has been recognized for her educational pursuits, achievements and notable contributions to the growth of education. She has huge passion for continuous professional learning which has transcended to her staff members (about 100 personnel) and everyone who comes in contact with her. Mater Dei School staff members have been formed to always keep themselves abreast of the new and ever – changing trends in education and teaching styles in Nigeria and internationally.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

As a life-long learner who practices the system of 'learning, unlearning and relearning', Mrs. Okorji has engaged in several trainings, workshops, coaching sessions and attained valuable certifications in this regard.

She has a burning desire for support for the female gender (women supporting women) which birthed the inception of LIKE MINDS FORUM in 2018. It is a physical community of over

15 female school owners who support, encourage and motivate one another.

Also, she is the brain behind WOTAI (Women of Thrift and investment). A female forum which is focused on supporting each other financially in form of a saving scheme. However, there could be more to this agenda in the near future as time evolves.

She is also spiritually active and handles some activities/offices in the Christian fold.

She is a certified Family Life therapist from the institute of FAMILY SYSTEMS & ENGINEERING INC. - 2018.

She is happily married to Chief Chukwudi Okorji and the marriage is blessed with children.



DR UDODIRIM CHIJIJOKE ISIRIMAH



I am **Dr Udodirim Chijioke Isirimah**, the CEO of Gotit International. I am a Medical Doctor by discipline, graduated from University of Ghana Medical School with A BSc and MBChB. I also have a PGD in Public health. I was working in a clinic, Udo Poly Clinic, before I decided to pay more attention to building my business and focus on being a successful entrepreneur.

Gotit International started during the pandemic lockdown and was really inspired by

- The desire to create a way for people to get what they need conveniently and safely.
- To create an avenue to reach out, educate and inspire women to step up and do more.
- To have a way and means to help people mostly women and be impactful.

That is why our main target customers are women and all our affiliate members currently are also women.

It's grown since we officially commenced the business to a dynamic E-retail and Procurement company that provides

lifestyle products which cuts across various categories from Beauty & Personal, Health & Fitness, Home & Kitchen and more. Basically, we have created a way people get what they need conveniently and safely and the main goal for us is to provide top notch satisfactory service to all our clients in Port Harcourt and beyond.

Currently, we are working on growing the affiliate community which is a great avenue for women to have a good feel of their entrepreneur side and make extra income on the side despite their current work status.

Well, our vision is to be the most sought-after customer-based company where clients find and get what they want. I believe in 3 years' time, we would have immensely penetrated the south-south with a broad customer base and nationally we will be well known for a female owned company that has positively impacted women by providing employment, providing means for women to be financially independent and possibly do a lot better for the women in our community.

My work philosophy will be that work is important to me because in it I find fulfilment, I find more creative ways to educate, inspire and help people and that gives me a great sense of fulfilment and through work I learn more about myself which helps with my personal development as well. That I find the answer to a problem and provide a happy ending is priceless for me. It is truly important to find what you love doing and what comes naturally to you because though it is work, it is fun and you can get 100% lost in it. I work best with a team; you accomplish way more with a good team, so it is important to have the right people by your side during work to get the ultimate satisfaction from that job.

I would not migrate out of Africa because the opportunities to be great and more impactful in Africa is endless. Africa is Home for me and there is no place better than Home.

In terms of impact in our community, the affiliate community serves sort of like a poverty alleviation means where women have means to make an income from home if unemployed with little or no capital investment. We also randomly pick a girl child within a community to give a scholarship to enable her to get good quality education. So far, we have one girl child in primary school who we have awarded this scholarship too.



HON. PAUL DHEL GUM

NAME: Paul Dhel Gum

AGE: 39

PLACE OF BIRTH: Tonj, South Sudan.

GENDER: Male

RELIGION: Christian

MARITAL STATUS: Married

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Bachelor of Science (BSc) focused on Medical Laboratory Science, University of Juba 2007
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Nairobi 2020.
- Experienced Minister with a demonstrated history of working in the executive office industry. Skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Government, Program Evaluation, Legislative Relations, and Fundraising. Strong professional with a Bachelor of Science (BSc) focused in Medical laboratory science from University of Juba and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nairobi.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Inspector of Relief and Food Security, Humanitarian Commission, Government of Southern Sudan 2008-2010.
- Deputy Director of Relief operation, Relief and Rehabilitation Commission 2010-2011.
- Director of Relief and food security, South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation commission, Republic of South Sudan 2011-2012. Instrumental in the agitation for waiver of registration fee for aid agencies due to humanitarian situation that was then facing the nation at that time. More so, Mohamed Elsinari Mustafa and Paul Dhel Gum signed a commitment that was witnessed by representatives of the United Nations WFP in both South Sudan and Sudan. This was done in the premise that it would alleviate humanitarian crisis faced by South Sudanese people and in future if the Sudan plunges into

uncertainty.

- State minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Warrap state 2012-2014.

- State minister of Health, Warrap state 2014-2015. Played critical role in strategic focused on prevention and intervention mechanisms which would reduce malaria significantly in South Sudan. Malaria was and is responsible for over 40% of mortality cases in South Sudan, an enormous economic burden on the country. Also played key role in the ban of plastic bags which was menace in the pollution of environment as well as the cause of death to livestock.

- State Minister of Information and Telecommunication, Warrap state 2015-2017. During the Tenure of Paul Dhel Gum as a Minister of State, Information and Technology, agitated for the improvement of pay and house allowance for state officials working in Warrap State and thus suggesting for unified payroll for all National Employees and their counterparts working for state governments across South Sudan. As a state minister for Information and technology he agitate that Abyei Region be recognized as part and parcel of South Sudan under Warrap State. He further called upon the international community' intervention through blocking the intended annexation of the oil rich region by the K h a r t o u m Government.

- National Deputy Chairperson of Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), Republic of South Sudan 2017-2018. As a deputy chairperson of RRC, he strived to streamline the operations of relief aid

agencies. He took the action after several humanitarian organizations refused to obey the requirements of the South Sudan NGO Act 2016.

- Has remained disciplined and good mannered citizen of South Sudan and continued to serve his country as a private citizen.

AWARDS

- Awarded certificate in conflict resolution, Sudan ministry of foreign affairs.

- Received a honor from DAAM Group

- Anticipating to be awarded with Focus Award 2022 in June in a conference that will be held in Abuja for actively and purposely growing into leadership showcased through the values added to lives of ordinary people by discharging his public duties professionally, has kept making impact felt by communities around him





Femi Johnson

CEO, CLEAR RESOURCES
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR,
CLASSICAL MARTIAL ARTS INC.

Coach **'Femi'** has distinguished himself in the Health and Wellness industry.

He has amassed over 30 years' experience using evidenced-based tools and methodologies to help individuals and groups enhance their health conditions for peak performance.

He started his career with the Africa Leadership (a renowned NonGovernmental Organization focused on leadership and human potential development) where he worked in Administration and Publications at the Otta Farm and Ghana offices respectively for about 7 years.

His interest in human health management was consolidated while he served cumulatively for 9 years as Special Assistant to Former President Olusegun Obasanjo and Late President Umar Musa Yar'Adua at the Presidential Villa respectively.

He has certifications in Holistic Health Systems and Lifestyle Engineering with distinct expertise in Yoga and Meditation Systems (E-RYT-500+). He is also a Certified Energy Therapy Practitioner (CETP) and a Senior Teacher (Laoshi) in the Energy Modalities of Qigong and Tai Chi Chu'an. He is Certified Coach/Trainer by National Institute for Sports (NIS). As a Coach, he has also acquired competence in Emotional Intelligence, Anger Management, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP).

'Femi is also a Certified Martial Arts Professional and Combat/Self-Defense Tactician with over 30 years' experience in the martial arts with multiple black belts in Karate, Jujitsu, Aikido and Mixed Martial Arts. He is the current Chairman, Nigerian University Karate Association (NUKA); Vice President, World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation of Nigeria (WTMF); National Executive Member, Aikido Universal

Association of Nigeria (AUAN); Nigerian Karate Association (NKA); Member, Mixed Martial Arts Association of Nigeria (MMAN) and Martial Arts Actors Association of Nigeria (MAAAN); West African Representative, The World Taiji Boxing Associations (WTBA) and Faculty Member, Mastery Institute of Applied Psychology (MIAP).

He holds a Master's Degree (M.Sc) in International Relations and a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.Sc) in

Political Science from University of Abuja.


He is a Public Speaker, Writer and Syndicated Columnist who loves to speak and engage on a range of subjects including, but not limited to; Personal and Corporate Wellness, Stress Management, Mental and Emotional Health, Purpose and Potential Discovery, Lifestyle Engineering, Physical Fitness and Self-Defense, Self-Mastery, Mindfulness and Meditation.

Dr Iwowarri Berian James

Dr Iwowarri Berian James is a Managerial Psychologist and A Certified Energy Health Practitioner, the first in Africa.

He deploys his knowledge of Energy Medicine and Energy Psychology to support healing at all levels, including emotional health and trauma resolution.





Chief Dr. Sir INNOCENT OKECHUKWU NTIASAGWE

Chief Dr. Sir Innocent Okechukwu Ntiasagwe was born in Lagos State, Nigeria; the Second in the line of four children to Rose and Bede Ntiasagwe. His mother was a successful small business entrepreneur with no education. And his father was a retired military officer with a high school education. Despite his parents' limited education and finances, he is one out of his four siblings that attended college. He was motivated by his parents' resilience and struggle to raise the best children in the community, with such meager income.

Dr. Ntiasagwe received his high school education in Nigeria. After graduating from high school, he worked as a waybill clerk at a shipping company in Lagos for five years. Through personal endeavour, determination and perseverance, he gained admission to further his education in the United States of America. Upon entering the United States, he attended Midlands Technical College and obtained an Associate degree in Social Services in 1996. He went further and obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree (BS) in Political Science with a minor in Public administration in 1998 from Benedict College

Columbia, South Carolina. He then proceeded to Webster University in 1999 where he obtained a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology (MA).

In 2020, he obtained his Ph. D. degree in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from Nova Southeastern University, Florida, from School of Humanity, Arts and

Social Sciences.

His career path spread across different areas. He has worked as a Clinical Counselor and Health educator at South Carolina State Department of Mental Health; Director of Programs at Mental Health Association in South Carolina; served as the Dean of Students and Development Services and taught freshman and sophomore courses at Allen University in Columbia South Carolina. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Midland Technical college in Columbia, South Carolina. He served as a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), Program Administrator of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), and MHP III, Programs Reentry Rehab and Services, and now serves as a Senior Consultant with South Carolina department of Corrections up till date. He currently serves as a Team Leader of Situation Controller (Negotiator Special Squad) at South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Dr. Ntiasagwe is passionate about the affairs of the youths in our society. He loves coaching and mentoring youths. He is currently a mentor with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

Dr. Ntiasagwe has helped developed youths' programs both in colleges and high schools as well as in churches. Dr. Ntiasagwe is happily married to his best friend and partner and together they have three sons and two daughters. He is a traditional African dancer, enjoys playing tennis, and reading. His resilience, optimism, ethics, wisdom and common sense judgment are his most admirable qualities according to his peers.



A portrait of Chief Joseph Tubodei Penawou, a Black man with short hair, wearing a brown traditional Nigerian agbada with a beaded necklace. He is seated in a black leather chair, looking directly at the camera. The background consists of dark wooden slats.

Chief Joseph Tubodei Penawou

Chief Joseph Penawou is an astute and successful entrepreneur and businessman with primary focus on the oil and gas sector. His interest spans across upstream, downstream, and diverse services sectors covering exploration and production (E&P), technical and special services, logistics, transportation as well as construction

Having nurtured his diverse interests firsthand, from inception to their present accomplished status, his experience, profound understanding, and leadership skill is nothing short of holistic.

His quest for change whilst applying contemporary management strategies is the key to his numerous successes.

Chief Penawou is the Chairman/CEO of Nigdel United Oil Company Limited an independent oil and gas entity incorporated to carry on diverse activities in Nigeria's prolific Oil and gas sector and operator of OPL 233, founder of First Marine and Engineering Services Limited and sits on the board of several entities including Pena Oil and Gas Limited, First Drilling Services Limited, Tubos International Limited, as well as Channel Works Nigeria Limited. He is the current Country Chairman of Daewoo Nigeria Limited – a

subsidiary of Daewoo E&C, South-Korea.

Chief Penawou's modest beginning endears him with boundless appetite for philanthropy, with a yearning to bring comfort to the needy as well as all that come his way. This commitment for economic and social change to diverse members of society triggered his establishing Joseph Penawou Foundation (JPF) for the consistent empowerment of the Niger Delta youths via education, sports, healthcare, social empowerment, and economic enablement to countless individuals.

Chief Penawou is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Directors. He has a Diploma in Industrial Relations and Personnel Management and has attended and actively participated in several business management and strategy fora, courses and trainings globally. Chief Penawou is happily married with children.

A portrait of Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote, a man with short dark hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a dark shirt. The background is a warm orange-brown color with large, stylized white letters spelling out 'ENGR. SIMBI KESIYE WABOTE' and 'NCDMB'.

ENGR. SIMBI KESIYE WABOTE

Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote is the incumbent Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB). He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS). He holds a Masters Degree in Corporate Governance from Leeds Metropolitan University and a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) Degree in Civil Engineering from Nigeria's premier university of science and technology, the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt.

Prior to his current appointment as the Executive Secretary of NCDMB, he had an exceptional career in Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), spanning over 26 years. During his time in SPDC, he held several leadership roles and functioned in different capacities, including as Executive Director; General Manager Local Content; General Manager, Business & Government Relations.

He also served in various other roles traversing engineering, operations, procurement and strategic local content development particularly in Nigeria, Gabon, Brunei, Oman, Kazakhstan, Australia, Iraq, Qatar, Jordan, USA and new frontier countries for Shell, just to mention but a few.

He was appointed by the His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari in September 2016 to lead the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board, as Executive Secretary. Re-appointed for a second term in 2021, Engr Wabote has transformed the Board and Nigerian Content achievements from 26% in 2016 to well over 43% at the end of 2021.

Under his steer, in 2017, NCDMB developed a 10-Year Strategic Roadmap with the key objective of achieving 70% Nigerian Content in the oil and gas industry; creating 300,000

direct jobs; establishment of major fabrication facilities in-country; and establishment of manufacturing hubs in-country for the manufacture of equipment, components and accessories required by the oil and gas industry and its linkage sectors.

Today, in furtherance of the NCDMB 10-Year Strategic Roadmap, the Board has developed different initiatives that is catalysing industrialisation of the oil and gas industry and its linkage sectors. These initiatives span from gas utilization programmes to modular refinery partnerships and growing local service companies through the provision of single digit loans.

An engaging and phenomenal public speaker, Engr Wabote is a stickler for details, transparency, and an advocate of end-to-end project planning and execution strategy. He's a multiple award winner including Global Local Content Advocacy Award; the most outstanding Transformational Leader in Nigeria's Public Sector space in 2019 by Nigerian Business and Leadership Awards; and the 2021 African Local Content Icon Award by the Africa Leadership Magazine. These awards and many more are in recognition of his numerous groundbreaking achievements and revolutionary initiatives deployed for the promotion of local content in the Nigerian oil and gas Industry landscape and the linkage sectors.

Engr Wabote who is a devout Christian of the Anglican persuasion is a Knight of St. Christopher in the Anglican Communion. He is also an ardent golfer and a voracious reader of books on diverse subjects.

A native of Okpoama in Bayelsa State, Engr Wabote is happily married with three children.



A

chai Awet Alor, popularly known as Achaiwiir, was born and raised in a politically unstable period in the early nineties in the town of Torit, Eastern

Equatoria State of South Sudan, she acquired her education from Uganda. It was during the time of a heightened political conflict between the two major regions of the South Sudan, which left her puzzled by the absence of peace in her country.

Growing up, Achaiwiir realized that she had a calling and needed to do her role as a citizen in the newly independent country of South Sudan which is fraught with numerous challenges that requires individual and collective contributions for its development.

Achaiwiir is an Entrepreneur with initiatives of empowering young people who want to achieve their goals. She has been involved in life changing activities with a belief that young South Sudanese deserve a better opportunities.

Achai Awet is the founder & CEO of the Achaiwiir Foundation, the foundation is a charity foundation, raising hopes of the vulnerable members of the society, whilst promoting resilience among the youth, widows, people with special needs/Disabilities, students as well as among young women who work across her chain of business.

Achaiwiir owns other businesses in South Sudan such as Achaiwiir General Trading Company, Achaiwiir Boutiques and she also owns shares in several businesses in the country.

DR. INYANG ASIBONG

Dr. Inyang Asibong is the Cross River State Commissioner for International Development Cooperation, responsible for bringing the world to the State! She is a leading expert in leveraging global-best practices, technology and human capital development to bridge the access gap in improved rural livelihood.

She has achieved milestones since assuming office in December, 2019, through effectively utilizing international partnerships and mechanisms towards the overall economic growth and development of the State. In line with the Ministry, her goals are to also develop and support the economic cooperation between the State, the Federal Government and global organizations.

Dr. Asibong served as the Commissioner for Health between 2015 and 2019, where she worked closely with the health sector stakeholders to develop and implement strategies for preventing diseases and the health consequences of environmental hazards and anthropogenic disasters across the State.

Dr. Asibong has had a distinguished career in public health and health systems strengthening, and was in 2016 nominated a Member of the World Health Organization's Working

Group on Investment for Impact in Geneva, Switzerland, in recognition of her work and stellar performances.

Dr. Asibong holds a Bachelor's Degree in Medicine from the University of Calabar; a Master of Public Health from the University of Sheffield; and several professional certifications from renowned global institutions.

She's also a certified Project Management Professional; a Social Behavioral Change (SBC) Monitoring and Evaluation expert; and a WHO IPC for the novel Corona virus pandemic. She's a member of the CRS Covid-19 Task Force Committee; Secretary of the CRS Covid-19 fund raising Committee; and a serving member of the Federal response to Covid-19 in the State. She is also a member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in Atlanta, Georgia; a member of Uniting to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases consortium, United Kingdom; and a member of the Governing Board of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria. She currently mentors over 2000 youths across diverse areas of life in her quest to breed transformational leaders under the auspices of Inyang Asibong; her multidimensional platform.





ZUWAIRA GAMBO

Public Administrator & Humanitarian Work Expert

PROFILE

A trained Journalist, Writer, Seasoned grassroots mobiliser and Humanitarian Works Expert with over twenty years' experience using the platform of my NGO, a non-profit making organization – Hope Initiative for the Vulnerable and Marginalized (HIVAM) to address peculiar issues of target groups which include the aged, orphans, widows, itinerant beggars, youth as well as disadvantaged women and their respective environment.

Based on the under listed experience of being

- Editor, Daily Times.
- Secretary, Defence & Police Officers Wives

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Association (DEPOWA).

- Administrative Secretary, better Life Programme for the African Rural Women.
- Founder, Hope Initiative for the Vulnerable and Marginalized (HIVAM).
- Senior Special Assistant on Media to the Governor of Niger State.
- Special Adviser on Women Affairs & Special Project to the Borno State Governor (2017-2019).
- Secretary, Wife of President's Committee on the Distribution of Donated items (WIPCOMDI).
- North East Coordinator of the Future Assured Programme.
- Appointed Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development by His Excellency Professor Babagana Umara Zulum (2019).
- Member, Borno Women Development Association (SBWDA)

I have been able to execute works in different part of the country especially in Borno and Abuja. This include;

- Feeding the poor.
- Addressing socio-economic issues as it affects target groups.
- Promoting informal and formal education.
- Fighting the cause of the girl child by way opening the frontier of education to her which has largely earned her respect as a responsible member of the society.
- Promoting rural based health care services to vulnerable groups.
- Working with government and relevant agencies in deepening the mechanism of capacity building.
- Priority attention given to empowerment scheme through formation of co-operatives which has largely helped in ensuring cohesion and access to funding by beneficiaries.
- Promoting rural based healthcare services to the vulnerable groups.
- Supporting Peace Building and Conflict resolution initiative in Borno State.
- Providing psychosocial and other support including capacity building and economic empowerment to survivor of Gender Based Violence in the North East Region of Nigeria.

Hon. Zainab Buba Galadima

My name is **Hon Zainab Buba Galadima**, I am a mother of 3, Poet, a youth activist and a grass-root politician.

I hold a Ba(Hons) in International Finance & Accounting, MA in information Technology Management; an MBA, a Master in Management & Leadership; a PGD in Conflict, Peace & and a member of Association of Certified Chartered Accountants. I also have attended a couple of certificates in leadership within and outside Nigeria. I served in the National Assembly communication committee and joined politics to be able to contribute my quota in the development of my country. I was elected as a councillor of the largest ward in terms of registered voters in Nigeria at the Federal Capital Territory and became the minority's leader from 2013-2016. And also participated in the youth directorate of the presidential campaign council of President Muhammadu Buhari in 2015.

I worked in the office of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as a technical Assistant under the domestic & sexual violence response team where we are working hard on ensuring we reduce the rate of abuse and violence, by helping victims deal with the trauma and create an enabling environment for rehabilitation and empowerment 2016-2019. Ambassador #hushnotspeakout campaign against domestic & Sexual Violence; Convener of Bringing The Table (Youth Leadership Series); Board Member Nigerian Film Corporation (2018-2021) & Federal Medical Centre Gusau (2018 till date) Co Founder Muslimah Global Foundation and Founder of Nigeria We Are project which aims at unifying young people along ethnic & religious lines.

I am an energetic young promising individual who has a thirst for opportunities and challenges in the ever changing and challenging world around me. I am a good team player with a strong ability to work on my own initiatives. My passion is to make a difference by promoting good governance, inclusion, and women participation.



Amina

Ummulhair Ibrahim (Bibi Farouk)

Amina Ummulhair Ibrahim (Bibi Farouk) born on 2nd January, 1962 in Kano State and a Lawyer by profession Alternate Dispute Resolution, Islamic Law, International Human Rights of Women and International Protection of Human Rights.

Amina is a Principal Partner at OIS & Partner, a law firm in Abuja. She is over three decades post call to the bar and holds a Masters degree in law (LLM) from the University of London (SOAS) 1998. Her core subjects include Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Human Rights and Islamic Law. She has worked in Nigeria and also in the United Kingdom where she was a Partner at Greenland Solicitors LL.P. In the United Kingdom she was a Human Rights and Immigration Lawyer working with Refugees and Migrants, including Corporate Law and Arbitrations.

In Nigeria, she was Acting Zonal Coordinator NW at the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from 2005. By 2007 she was at the National Planning Commission (NPC) on the UNDP desk of the International Cooperation Department, Chief Legal Officer and was Head of Administration NV 20:2020. She also participated in the review of some of Nigeria's Bilateral and Multilateral agreements in the National Planning

Commission, and was the coordinator of the States' Infrastructure Technical Working Group (SITWA) of the National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan (NIIMP).

In 2014, Amina was a Deputy Director/Head of Department for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, In 2015 she coordinated the successful adoption by the Federal Government of Nigeria's Migration Policy.

In 2018 she commenced and established OIS & Partners as a Principal Partner. By 2020/2021 Amina had pioneered a Training and International Cooperation Department at the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), despite the Covid-19 challenges.

Amina enjoys problem solving and new challenges.

She started out as a Legal Officer at NICON Insurance in 1989, worked at A.U. Ibrahim & Co. from 1994 - 1996 and proceeded to a Masters degree in law (LLM) in 1997; all the while building a family. She is conversant with the workings of various institutions and confident of having excellent working relations in the interest of Nigeria.



Lekuru Annet



Lekuru Annet. Executive Director of feminature a non- profit organization based in UgandaFeminature Uganda is a women-led, not-for-profit, non-partisan organisation founded in 2016 to spearhead the socio-economic, political transformation of women, youth and children through initiatives that provide a platform of self-help for participatory advancement of households with them making informed decisions geared towards their own transformation.

Feminature looks forward to a community where women, youth and children enjoy equal and equitable rights and opportunities, regardless of their religious profession, race, social-economic standing or sexual orientation. She has successfully carried projects and trainings that has changed young women's with in Arua therefore for that reason I believe her impact in the community is worth for to be nominated.

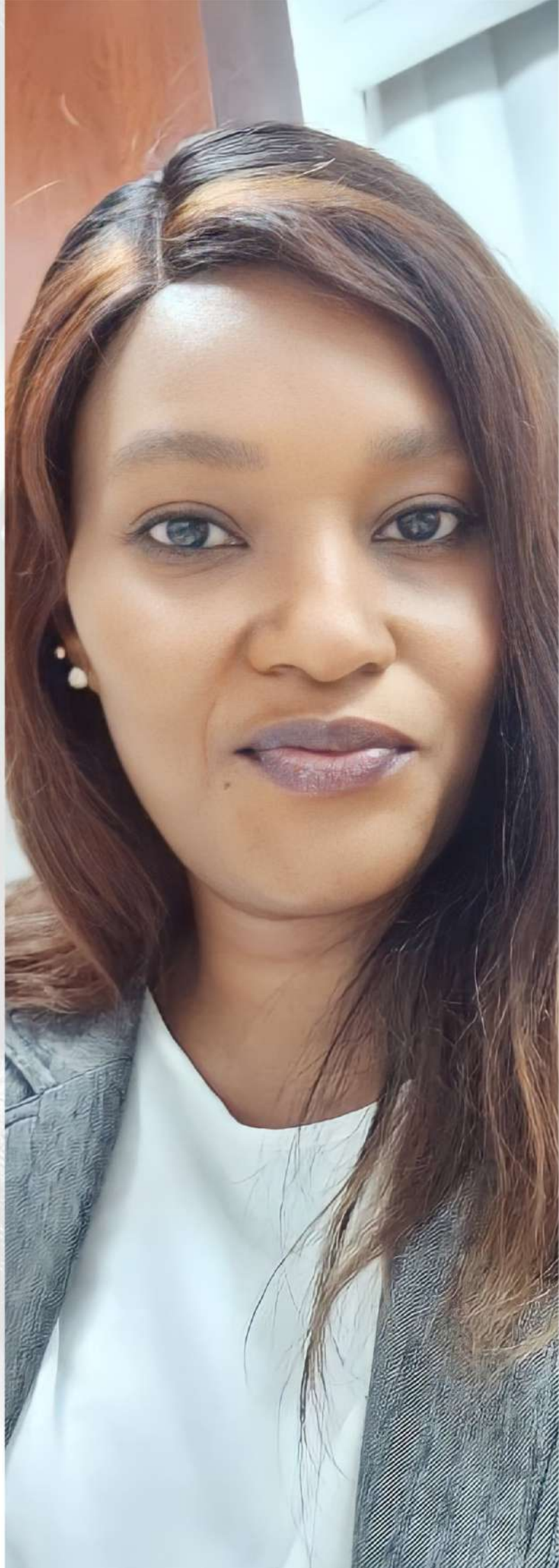
FIONA AHIMIE

Fiona Ahimie is the Managing Director of FBNQuest Securities Limited, a subsidiary of FBNQuest Merchant Bank, a subsidiary of First Bank of Nigeria Holding PLC. Before this role she was the Managing Director of African Alliance Limited a South African Investment banking firm. She has worked with Stanbic IBTC Bank and Lead Capital Limited in varying capacities. She is an accounting graduate from Lagos State University.

Fiona is a chartered accountant and a chartered stockbroker. She holds an MBA from the prestigious Lagos Business School and a diploma from IESE, Spain.

Fiona is a council member of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers of Nigeria serving on various committees. Fiona serves on the board of Purple Money Microfinance Bank, she is an Audit Committee member on the Board of National Association of Securities Dealer of Nigeria (NASD). She is a guest lecturer for the full time MBA class of the Lagos Business School and a Member of the Curriculum Management and Learning Committee of Lagos Business School. Fiona has experience in asset management & product development and has set up accounting structures in unstructured environments. She is a very passionate professional and entrepreneurial minded serving on advisory boards of some SMEs as well.

Fiona is a mentor to many young professionals and undergraduates.





WOMEN TO WATCH

LINDA OCHUGBUA

Linda Ochugbua is a seasoned marketing and sales professional with over 13 years of working experience. She started her marketing career in 2008 in Ryden Oil and Gas where she worked for a few years before proceeding to the United Kingdom where she earned a First class honors from the prestigious University of Surrey – with an MSC degree in Management. After her studies Linda worked a few years in ERAC Ltd where she rose to becoming a team lead. On returning to Nigeria she joined BusinessDay Media Limited the leading business newspaper in West Africa. Linda joined Businessday in 2012 and led the strategic digital transformation of the advert department leading to increased revenue sources for the company.

Linda's creativity and dedication to innovation helped the business grow and diversify into other income streams including the production of Nigeria's first financial literacy Television show in partnership with the Central Bank Of Nigeria, which was designed to advance the cause of financial literacy amongst millennials. She has also held various positions within the organization including being the pioneer strategic head of Businessday's SME unit, tasked with creating a suite of products to capture the opportunities in the growing small business segment. Since then she has continued to spearhead the work in Businessday's digital transformation journey from 2016 till date, leading the team as Digital Advert Sales Manager.

Linda Ochugbua is responsible for a sales portfolio of over 300 million Naira per annum and she manages a team of 5 sales staff to achieve this over \$500,000 per annum. Her experience in B2B sales is complemented by her educational background. Linda Ochugbua holds a master's degree in Management from the University of Surrey and a Bachelor's Degree in business management, and recently got a certificate in Entrepreneurship

from the Harvard Business School.

In her current role as Head of online sales and digital platforms, Linda Ochugbua is responsible for running and managing the department. She is responsible for the digital expansion at BusinessDay Media which includes restructuring of all digital platforms, increasing the paid subscriber base and exploring various digital revenue models for publishers. She is currently responsible for managing all team members, (online editors, graphic designers, marketers, social media team and app construction team), under her leadership create different marketing strategies to attract and retain B2B customers and B2C customers and is also responsible for creating and selling innovative products and services to the customer base. Linda has also been involved in Content development and production, her work includes the production of a Web Tv and Television financial literacy show focused on millennial entrepreneurs called "The Bridge" Tv Show and "BDFuture Series" a web TV series celebrating the achievements of some of the largest companies in Nigeria.

Linda Ochugbua is passionate about youth entrepreneurship and empowerment, evidenced by her new initiative called "The CEO Apprentice" that trains young Nigerians on how to start and grow a business. She also worked on the "SME 100 Project" for over 3 years, where she trained and empowered over 1000 SME's across Nigeria. Linda is an avid panel speaker having spoken at notable conferences like Social Media Week and other conferences worldwide. She loves to watch movies and reviews movies weekly across various platforms. She anchors an IGLive series "The African SME Story", she anchors a podcast weekly "Growing Your Business With Linda" on her platforms and on Africa Business Radio. Linda is also the anchor of a new show she is working on called "Linda's Nuggets" where she reviews books, life issues and business Tips. Linda is the convener of the Festac children's Funfair, a yearly event for kids; she writes movie reviews for BusinessDay. She is passionate about training and impacting lives.

AMB. ANTHONIA A. EKPA

Amb. Anthonia A. Ekpa, the former permanent secretary intergovernmental affairs and special duties PhD was at different times:

Permanent Secretary

- 1) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and appointed Amb by President Buhari.
- 2) Federal Ministry of Women Affairs.
- 3) Federal Ministry of Special Duties and Intergovernmental Affairs , the Presidency.

She had also worked as a University Lecturer of Gender, Women's studies Communication, Sociolinguistics in and English in University of Calabar and Abuja respectively.

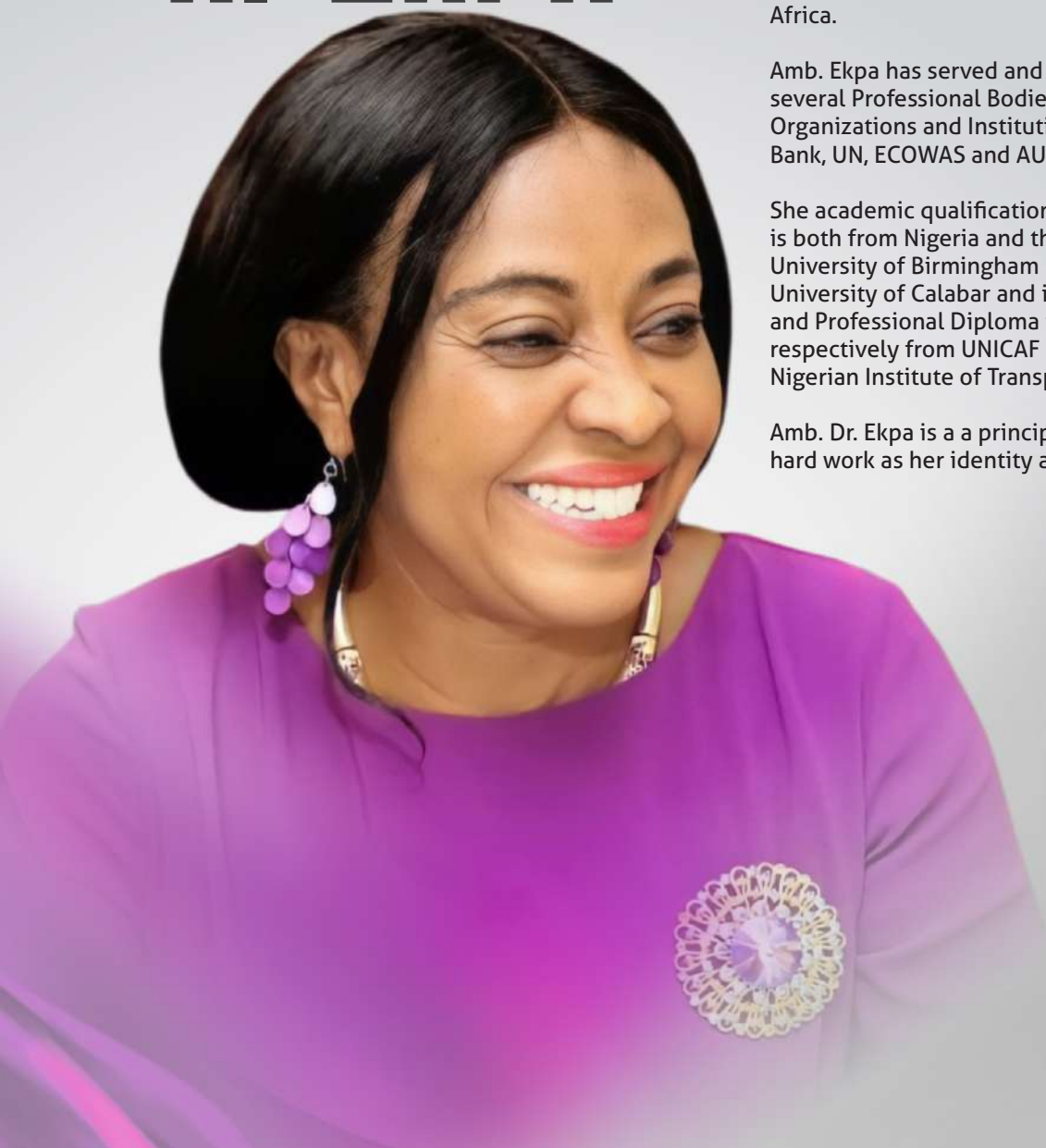
She worked as an astute administrator in various sectors in the Service including the Reforms at the Bureau of Public service reforms , Power , Water resources, Transportation, Administration at the office of the Head of Service.

She is a versatile researcher , writer and publisher , Women's studies as with her PhD at the University of Ibadan focuses on Discourse Analysis in Black women's communities in the USA and Africa.

Amb. Ekpa has served and is Fellow and Member of several Professional Bodies, International Organizations and Institutions including the World Bank, UN, ECOWAS and AU.

She academic qualifications PhD , MSc, MA and BSc is both from Nigeria and the United Kingdom: University of Birmingham Uk, University of Ibadan, University of Calabar and is undergoing an MBA and Professional Diploma in Transportation respectively from UNICAF University Zambia and Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Zaria.

Amb. Dr. Ekpa is a principled with integrity and hard work as her identity and passion.



DR. EVELYN EBINAGBOME

Who is Evelyn Ebinagbome?

She is an epitome of integrity and a highly industrious personality. She is first amongst six siblings and hails from Etsako East Local Government Area in Edo State, though born in Kaduna.

An erudite scholar; who had respectively, her First and Second School Certificates from Dodan Barracks Primary School, Lagos and Army Day Secondary School, Benin City. She proceeded for her Higher National Diploma (HND) in Accounting, from the prestigious Yaba College of Technology, Lagos. Relentlessly, she bagged a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Public Administration, from Stratford University, United Kingdom. She still yearns for more.

Not relenting on her oars, she took it up her sleeves, to take series of professional courses and trainings, to acquaint her with more knowledge. An instance of such trainings is: 'How to Handle Women and Business'. Moreso and lately, in March, 2022, precisely she was amongst the dignitaries on seat, at an international women's conference held in Dubai. This is a chip of the iceberg, in comparison with the entire trainings she has attended so far.

On work experience, the banking industry, particularly Eco Bank, will always remember the monumental contribution accorded it for several years, by doctor Evelyn Ebinagbome. Her quests for loftier hieghts, skyrocketed her position with the Oxford International Group (OIG). Her zeal for success has currently placed her as a Group Managing Director (GMD) with the Oxford Gold Group. Unsurprisingly, she has increased the number of subsidiaries of this firm to over a score, to the company's credit. The company recognizing this remarkable feat, in appraisal, promoted her more than three times within a span of two years.

A Royal Gem, you will agree.



Velveeta Viban

Velveeta Viban is a Youth and Gender activist and an avid advocate for inclusive communities. She's the Executive Director of a social enterprise, Im Human Organization running in 3 African countries with focus on providing alternative education support, skill development and livelihood programs for vulnerable groups of women and girls and has been able to over 25 Internally displaced women start a business with small venture capital. She is known to have championed one of the first computer and digital skills training for physically challenged women in crisis affected regions of Cameroon and has reached over 2500+ girls across 12 schools in hard-to-reach slums and communities through her signature mentorship programme "My voice matters" in Lagos and Ibadan; Nigeria, Buea, Cameroon and Nairobi, Kenya.

This middle child in an all-girls home, who has always had a knack for people's rights; she has a learning curve that spans through an LLB in Law, an MA in International Disputes and Agile project management delivery certification. She defended a dissertation on the notion of cyber attacks and the use of force in international law, earning her a first-time distinction from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon.

Her work has equally been profiled by United Nations office for the youth envoy; as one of 10 youths creating impact during the COVID19 pandemic helping over 800+ internally displaced persons and designing a program for remote learning program for out of school orphans. Winner of the Focus Africa Series Award 2021, leadership category, and winner of the outstanding Fellow award from the first West Africa cohort of the 2021 LEAP Africa Social Innovators programme; she's also been featured by the American Chamber of Commerce in Cameroon, in their Women's Day issue.

Her Knack for content creation and storytelling, led her to co-found IMAGENATION PR the first only female-led PR firm in Cameroon, earning her a digital support role in the just ended TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations. Her work cuts across many brand campaigns such as Ballantine's true Music Challenge, Jameson Black Barrel: Black like no other campaign and Boiler Room.

Velveeta believes every girl/woman has the potential to change the world and they simply need to be given the opportunity to do so. She believes in helping young girls and women find their voice, a voice she uses in hosting high level dialogues with entities like Bosch Alumni Network, Women Empowered Global, African Women Leadership Forum, Global Peace Champions. In an initiative on building more women poised for leadership, she offers lessons on public speaking, helping to rebuild vulnerable women and tackle GBV related issues and would love to work with women across multiple sectors, because she is convinced in collaboration over competition.

To connect more and find out about her work www.imhumann.org/ / LinkedIn: Velveeta Viban.



Josephine H.M Jackson

*Member of Parliament Sierra Leone People's Party
(Candidate) Constituency 110 Goderich*



My political journey started way back in my university days until I came into mainstream politics. I have survived assassination attempt in 2019 Rerun election against the APC opposition party. As a woman I have survived the hurdles of violence intimidation threats but still standing tall in a constituency that was 100 percent opposition narrowing the gap of 48.7percent having done all development and projects through the vision of H.E Dr J.M Bio . Indeed better politics requires Women's inclusion.

In a constituency that host 21 communities mainly dependent on fishing, sand mining and owning land in the western area. I have built an ultra modern community center, multi purpose field, rehabilitate schools and community centers, construct taps and provide water tanks for safe drink water and gave out non refundable loan to over 500 women across Constituency 110. Adding value to the lives of my people and aiding the capacity of men and women through the free education for the enhancement of the human capital development which has been my priority and vision to fulfill.

I thank His Excellency The President Dr Rtd Julius Maada Bio for the platform her has given and continues to give women to excell under his leadership.

Mrs Taka Ange Carine Epse Akem

My names are **Mrs Taka Ange Carine Epse Akem** fondly called Angie Sparkle . I hail from the North West Region of Cameroon precisely Santa sub division . I am a mother of Two adorable kids and the Owner of Sparkle TLC beauty complex, complex because sparkle has a chain of businesses, a spa, a boutique , a lounge, a grill, and a 360 photobooth and we hope to achieve more in the future.

I am a holder of a bachelors degree in Law and Political Science and a Masters degree in International Human Rights Law from the University

of Dschang. I know that no single approach is the right one for every individual so I focus on gaining a lot of experience in the Beauty industry as its is my passion hence I have acquired diverse skills as a beautician in Makeup , Hair and esthetics in General and would not hesitate to gain more skill in the rapidly growing beauty industry.

I am 32years old, my favorite color red, I love to read listen to music, dance, watch movies, do a whole lot of internet discovery, and enjoy getting involved in humanitarian activities.





IMAOBONG ESSIEN

Imaobong Essien is a Journal Writing Coach, an Author and an Influential Leader. She is the Founder of journal4wellbeing.ng, a self-development platform committed to helping individuals enhance and transform their lives and thoughts through Journal writing. She believes that the habit of daily journaling helps in gaining clarity over situations.

In an inspiring Journal, titled "My Child and I Legacy. Which has just been published in March 2022. She vividly captures a mild motherly hodgepodge of emotions she experienced for her son when he went miles away from her to further his education. This

publication captures the essence of therapeutic writing.

She has an academic background in Statistics and Computer Science and works as a civil servant. She is a member of the International Association of Journal Writers, a Certified member of Maxwell's Leadership Team, a Registered member of Toastmaster's Club, and an Associate Member of WIMBIZ.

She is happily married to one man and a mum of three lovely children which she fondly calls God's Masterpieces. She loves yoga and Meditation.



MRS. TAI

Mrs. Tai is a feminist, human rights defender certified by frontline defenders Ireland, and a seasoned, Peace-building master trainer, certified by the United States Institute of Peace (USIP). She is the USIP youth country liaison for Uganda, Sudan, and South Sudan, she is one of the finalists nominated for the USIP women making peace award for the year 2021, a winner of the Africa focus award 2020.

She is a member of the United States Institute of Peace (2019) Youth Advisory Council, and African union youth volunteer batch 10(AUYVC). Additionally, she is an avid storyteller, head of gender programs at Assistance Mission for Africa (AMA), she was the Special Assistant to the Advisor to the Chairperson on strategic relations with the African Union policy organs agencies at the African Union head office in Ethiopia.

Nyachangkuoth is a consultant hired several times by many peace-implementing organizations and the United Nations mission in South Sudan.

She briefed the UNSC on South Sudan in September 2020, on behalf of South Sudanese civil society organizations in September 2020. She is a 2019 Change Maker Alumni (CXC) 2018 World Youth Forum Attendee, a certified human rights defender

by Frontline Defenders, and shelter city guest in Deventer for human rights defenders with justice and peace Netherlands 2019. She is also Oxfam-born to lead campaign steering committee member. And United States Institute of Peace First South Sudan Female Youth Leader fellow (2018) and Generation Change fellow (2017) at Assistance Mission for Africa (AMA). She raises awareness of the cross-cutting nature of gender equality in social, economic, political, scientific, cultural, and educational fields. She seeks the participation and inclusion of women in the decision-making processes and the protection of women from all violence they may experience. Nyachangkuoth conducts training and workshops empowering women to have free, just, dignified, and self-actualizing lives in South Sudan. She incorporates the Generation Change training manual's contents into her work, effectively transforming her delivery and productivity and ultimately, her community. Nyachangkuoth has a bachelor's degree in economics and social sciences from the University of Bahr-Elgazel, she is also pursuing a master's in governance and Development Studies from the University of Antwerp, Belgium. she is passionate about, women empowerment, peace, and conflict resolutions. Mrs. Tai has 11 years of work experience working for civil society organizations and international organizations.



MRS. MINA IYALLA

Mrs. Mina Iyalla is a trained Certified Marriage Counselor, A Leading Humanitarian Works Expert that capitalizes on global-best practices concerning human development and technology by bridging the access gap in improving rural livelihood through providing tangible foundational and financial aid to widows and young children in orphanages across Port Harcourt and Abuja.

She has received a post graduate degree in N.T.I (National Teacher's Institute) which she uses to teach in Amadi-Ama Secondary School. She believes that education is a vital key in the lives of young children especially in the rural areas by ensuring that the necessary academic knowledge gained by children will be important in their future. Mrs. Mina Iyalla is also a successful businesswoman who engages in the merriment lifestyle of parties and events. She takes pride in organizing birthdays, weddings, and parties across Port Harcourt and Abuja through her company MIMIBI EVENTS AND PARTY HOUSE. Moreover, she uses her subsidiary company in MIMIBI MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP

ACADEMY to advocate for glowed and fulfilled marriages across Nigeria. She does not believe in the notion of divorce, but in the notion that good marriages is the instrument to ensuring a happy home, good families and positive upbringing in children.

Mrs. Mina Iyalla has created a foundation for Widows and Women Suffering In Domestic Violence because she understood the importance of positivity in families, growth of women and children by aiming to provide emotional, physical and financial support to these target groups.

Words cannot emphasize on the impeccable humanitarian works of Mrs. Mina Iyalla in marriages, homes and young children lives. Her emphasis on positivity has changed lives across Port Harcourt and Abuja. She hopes to further her works across the Nigeria and worldwide by making sure the lives of people become fulfilled through her works.



Mrs Ndudirim Nkechi Eucharia

Am **Mrs Ndudirim Nkechi Eucharia** the CEO of 1stClass Healthy Lifestyle, a dealership of an American based company, Salad Master. My company is a health & nutrition company that shows families how to turn their kitchens into their clinics and their everyday meals their medications with the resultant effects of preventing, reversing and curing all manner of lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, high cholesterol, arthritis, and cancer that hasn't reached the final stage. We do not sell drugs or supplements. We only show people the healthiest ways of preparing their meals using a scientific healthy cookware, at a very low temperature, without oil & fat, without Maggi or artificial flavors and with little or no water retaining up to 93% of the nutrients in the food making the food the only medicine people need to live a healthy long life with the grace of God.

MY STORY: I've being a trader and a Real Estate Realtor for over thirty years now. Am the founder of Eucharia Ndudirim Empowerment Foundation, an

NGO whose primary objective is to help the less privileged especially the women & youths. About 5 years ago, the dearest person in my life came face to face with death as he was diagnosed with prostate issues. The battle wasn't an easy one but at the end, God Almighty, the greatest healer made it end in praise. That traumatic moment made me undergo some courses on healthy lifestyle qualifying me as a health Ambassador. I then learnt that every disease except cancer that's at the final stage(which only God can cure) is curable. The only thing that's not curable is the human being who believes that something must kill a man. In the course of my quest, I came in contact with Salad Master, an American based health & nutrition company that has being in existence for 75 years producing life changing, scientific, healthy cookwares. My family's testimonies from the use of these cookwares made me take the decision of being part of the evangelism. Today, am one of their dealers in Nigeria and the stories, testimonies & rewards have been amazing.

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DIGESTIVE PROBLEMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	ALZHEIMER'S	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBESITY	<input type="checkbox"/>	DIABETES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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What is your favorite dish? _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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EMAIL: _____

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- How **GOOD** you **LOOK**?
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- How **LONG** you **LIVE**?

Consultant Name: _____

Consultant Contact: _____

Presentation Date: _____

Mrs Mukete Njike Sonia Epse Lifanda

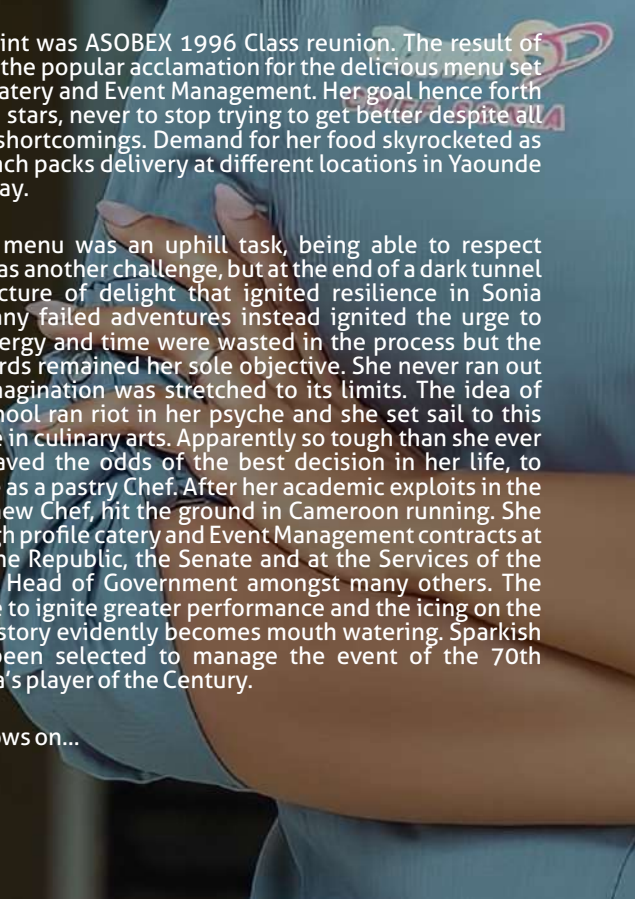
Born thirty three years ago in Ekondo Titi located in the South West region of Cameroon, Mrs Mukete Njike Sonia Epse Lifanda has widened the frontiers of cattery and Event Management in the CEMAC Zone. As Chief Executive Officer and founder of Sparkish Delights, this company specialized in exquisite delicacies and pastry creation is rated among the best in the Central African Sub-region. Sparkish Delights, in adding creativity, quality ingredients and flawless work flow to their products, provides an elegant experience at most affordable prices. Rated among the rare five star Cattery outfits in Cameroon, it offers expertise in Black Tie, High Tea, Kid and wedding events among others. Its culinary design triggers mouth watering African, American, European and Asian menu.


The Chief Executive officer of Sparkish Delights is a house hold name not only in the corridors of power within the Central African Sub region when it has to do with event management, but a guarantee of success and culinary satisfaction. MUKETE Sonia LIFANDA has all it takes to guarantee fame and probity in her trade. The wife of a Medical Practitioner and mother of three kids, Sonia has added value, pride and distinction to the profession of Cattery and event management in her native Cameroon. She attended high profile training stints worldwide going far beyond the title of a Certified City and Guilds Chef and graduate of the Dubai based SCAFA. Her journey started years ago shortly after her marriage where weekly routine cooking for friends of her husband took a quantum leap in passion for culinary delicacies. Basically she will prepare a shopping list and cook for free with growing pleasure. As the quality and appreciation mounted with increasing demand for her meals, it rang a bell and triggered the transformation of passion to commercial instincts.

Her first Catering stint was ASOBEX 1996 Class reunion. The result of this experience and the popular acclamation for the delicious menu set her on the path of Cattery and Event Management. Her goal hence forth was to shoot for the stars, never to stop trying to get better despite all the challenges and shortcomings. Demand for her food skyrocketed as she started daily lunch packs delivery at different locations in Yaounde from Monday to Friday.

Setting a standard menu was an uphill task, being able to respect delivery deadline was another challenge, but at the end of a dark tunnel was a sparkling picture of delight that ignited resilience in Sonia Mukete Lifanda. Many failed adventures instead ignited the urge to push on. Money, energy and time were wasted in the process but the desire to set standards remained her sole objective. She never ran out of ideas and her imagination was stretched to its limits. The idea of heading back to school ran riot in her psyche and she set sail to this enriching adventure in culinary arts. Apparently so tough than she ever imagined, Sonia braved the odds of the best decision in her life, to eventually graduate as a pastry Chef. After her academic exploits in the trade in Dubai the new Chef, hit the ground in Cameroon running. She has been picking high profile cattery and Event Management contracts at the Presidency of the Republic, the Senate and at the Services of the Prime Minister and Head of Government amongst many others. The challenges continue to ignite greater performance and the icing on the cake of the success story evidently becomes mouth watering. Sparkish Delights has just been selected to manage the event of the 70th anniversary of Africa's player of the Century.

The success story flows on...



A portrait of Mrs. Ujunwa Mary-Vilate Adesanya, a woman with dark hair, wearing glasses and a blue and white checkered dress. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Dr. (Mrs) Ujunwa Mary-Vilate Adesanya

- CEO Flawless Fabrics and More

Mrs Ujunwa-Adesanya is an experienced female-Realtor, a business enthusiast and a team player.

Her Studies began with an HND degree from the Yaba college of Technology. At Bestower Int'l University, she bagged a BSC certificate with good grades. In 2021 she became an MSC holder in business Administration from university of Ibadan, She also received an honorary doctorate degree in public administration from Stratford university.

She was born in Lagos state but hails from Awo-Idemili; a town in Orlu L.G.A of Imo State Nigeria. She is also Married with children.

As a young leader, her charisma and passion towards success earned her the name "Flawless"; the first woman to be conferred a fellow of Nigeria youth [FYN]. Also a fellow and a certified management consultant from the institute of management consultants, (IMC-Nigeria).

Beyond just passion but hardwork and dedication, she became alumni of Harvard business school (HBS) where she studied 2 courses, disruptive strategy and sustainable business strategy.

The Congress of Nigeria Youth [CONYO] awarded Ujunwa as a "beacon of hope & societal development" for her resilience, hardwork and compassionate professional capabilities and immense contribution to the Nigerian youth.

Ujunwa is a certified member of "Yali Network" with several awards in her shelves.

She is an 'icon of Humanity' as pronounced by National Association of Polytechnic Students [NAPS].

Into her career, Mrs .A. Nnaekezie Ujunwa started her career with; Excite petroleum limited (EPL): An oil and gas sector as an Administrative Officer.

In the year 2012, she left EPL to join PEAKAFLEX INVESTMENT LTD, a finance company, where she manned the position of an Administrative Manager.

With her resume, She joined Oxford Commercial International services limited in 2015 to continue her passion for Administrative duties.

She rose to a managerial level with the first flagship subsidiary of Oxford International Group called CrystGold Logistics Limited. With the experience garnered in years past, She grew the subsidiary into having over 40 other subsidiaries based on the vision to build leaders.

In the interim, her ability to Surmount targets and tasks cascaded her into the shoes of the Group Chief Operating Officer where she was acting GCOO for a season.

This feet of achievements earned her the position of Group Managing Director to oversee The entire 'GOLD GROUP' in 2020, which was a merger of two subsidiary groups.

Into the peak of her career, She got promoted to the position of Executive Director, Customer relations in February, 2021. Up until date Mrs Ujunwa Adesanya seats as the ED, Customer Relations at Oxford Holdings PLC.

Gmail: ujunnekezie@gmail.com

Mrs. Adebisi Ruqayah Abimbola

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Adebisi, Ruqayah Abimbola (Mrs) is an experienced professional with over ten years of experience in Business Management, customer relations, marketing, sales, and team building.

Been a graduate of Computer Science from the prestigious University of Ilorin, her experiences span wellness, Agriculture, Logistics, Real estate, and several others, working in different capacities from entry to mid-level to senior Management level.

She started her career as an Assistant Stock Analyst in the stock and Energy Unit at Otawah Investment Limited, where she also served as a youth coup member and retained as a full staff just after her service year due to her contribution to the growth of the company, and her passion for individual growth and development. She is a passionate goal-getter whose love for greater quality and impactful life led her into the World of Entrepreneurship just 2 years into her job as an Employee.

In the quest for more out of life, especially time and financial freedom, she decided to resign and go all out for her passion to start up her own business which led to her partnering with an international Corporate Organization where she empowered over 500 women through her biweekly Business summit Tagged "women in Business Summit" to help women in attendance step into their unstoppable zone where they draw from inner power to overcome limitations and do their dreams.

Her dedication to empowering more people especially women brought the idea of setting up a farm in the remote area of Oyo state, majoring in fishery and animal husbandry, trainings and teaching rural women to upgrade into higher version of themselves so they can serve their precise purpose and build a life of influence.



In 2020, her desire to solve the issue of housing deficit through affordable mortgage facility led her into the Real Estate world and this has, in turn, become a passion for her. She is currently a Grand Managing Director of Crystgold Diamond Adventure Group, (a member company of Oxford International Group, a multi-sectoral business conglomerate) that houses over 30 Group Subsidiaries and still growing. Her quest for knowledge, personal development, and growth led her into taking varying courses, Especially in leadership and Management. She has also undergone training at various seminars and conferences.

She is an astute trainer and motivational speaker that's passionate about helping individuals discover themselves, attain their full potentials and also, live a life of great fulfillment.

She is happily married, with great kids, and upholds herself as someone disciplined and tenacious, with a high level of integrity, great leadership prowess, and dependability.

A portrait of Tariro Chirewa, a woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark, patterned top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

Tariro Chirewa

Tariro Chirewa is a mother, wife, International speaker, businesswoman, author and a certified Business Empowerment Life Coach. She has founded, Yama Foundation, I Am Not Just A Woman Network (IANJAWNN), co-founded Global Women's Forum (GWF) and owns a successful Health and Wellness business called House of Moringa, just to mention a few.

Tariro Chirewa has been working with young people, women and the girl child since 2013. She has organized programs that saw more than 3000 youths benefit from activities such as beekeeping, potato farming and mushroom farming. She has mentoring programs that cater for the girl child in the rural areas. Her organization has footprints in Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Yama Foundation has one of its many initiatives titled "My Voice Matters" with the aim of breaking barriers and stereotypes for African girls and

debunking the common myths that have slowed down their growth and ability to achieve their full potential.

Her passion is to help men and women in business and management roles, refine their leadership skills. Some of her mentees have been on Top 30 under 30 Atlantic Canada Top Innovators and Top 100 Most Influential Leaders in Africa. She has assisted many entrepreneurs, business owners and business professionals worldwide.

She's a Young Diplomats Forum Alumni and a Black Diplomats Academy Alumni.

In 2021, she was awarded the Go Getters founding 100 outstanding young Zimbabwean women, for the phenomenal work she is doing in and outside Zimbabwe. She was awarded an Africa 40 under 40 award for the philanthropic work she does through her organization Yama Foundation in 2022.

A portrait of Dr. Mariam Morenikeji Animasaun, a woman with dark skin, wearing a black hijab and a black garment. She is looking slightly to her left with a gentle smile. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with some red floral elements on the left side.

DR. MARIAM MORENIKEJI ANIMASAUN

Dr. Mariam Morenikeji Animasaun is a graduate of Business Administration and an experienced female-Realtor.

She started her career as an Assistant Statistical Officer in the Academic Planning Unit under the Vice-Chancellor's office in Lagos State University and served the unit meritoriously for seven (7) years. She is a passionate goal-getter whose love for greater quality and impactful life led her into the World of Entrepreneurship few years into her job as a Civil Servant.

In the quest for more out of life, especially time and financial freedom, she decided to resign and go all out for her passion as a Wellness and Global Business Coach partnering with a Global Corporate Organization with presence in 165+ Countries and the partnership has spanned eight (8) years now.

Her desire to solve the issue of housing deficit through affordable mortgage facility led her into the Real Estate world and this has, in turn, become a passion for her. She rose to a managerial level with the first flagships subsidiary of Oxford International Group called CrystGold Diamond Group that houses 22 Subsidiaries and still growing.

Dr. Mariam currently heads Oxford International Group Headquarters in FCT Abuja, Nigeria, which houses over 50 Subsidiaries and also just got


appointed as the Regional Business Manager for the Organization's expansion into Northwest, Nigeria.

Her quest for knowledge, personal development, and growth led her into taking varying certification courses, especially in leadership and management. She has also undergone training at various seminars and conferences home and abroad one of which earned her the conferment of Honorary Doctoral Degree in Public Administration (DPA) from the prestigious Stratford University. She was part of the attendees of the International Women Conference held recently in Dubai, an event organized by the Ibukun Awosika Leadership team.

She is a Fellow of the African Institute of Strategic Managers (FAISM), a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants (FIMC), a Certified Management Consultant (CMC) and a Fellow of Institute of Management Specialists (UK Rgrds).

She is an astute trainer and motivational speaker that's passionate about helping individuals discover themselves, attain their full potentials and also, live a life of great fulfilment.

She is happily married, with great kids, and upholds herself as someone disciplined and tenacious, with a high level of integrity, great leadership prowess, and dependability.

A portrait of Princess Abiodun Folashade Omotade. She is wearing a white and gold patterned headwrap, a gold necklace with a circular pendant, and a vibrant, multi-colored patterned dress. She is looking slightly to the left with a gentle smile.

Princess Abiodun Folashade Omotade

- CEO and Philanthropist

EDUCATION & CAREER

After attending Ahmadiyya Grammar School as a young woman in Eleyele Ibadan, Princess Omotade graduated from Oduduwa University of Ile Ife. From there, she went on to acquire a degree in Sociology at Obafemi Awolowo University.

Immediately after graduating, Princess Omotade moved to Lagos where she worked at the Nigerian Port Authority, and remained in that position for seventeen years.

She left that job to establish her own shipping company, ATF ADELtd. After many years, Princess Omotade established two more businesses; Geotech Oil services and RFO Oil & Gas Ltd.

IMPACT

Princess Omotade has a keen understanding of her position in society, and of the potential that comes with it. She recognises the impact kindness can have on lives and is a strong believer in practising generosity.

The princess has always held strong views on the importance of education and so has donated personal funds to the renovation of poverty-stricken schools in many areas across Nigeria including; Lagos, Abeokuta, Ibadan and Abuja.

During the summer of 2020, the height of the pandemic, Princess Omotade organised the distribution of hundreds of cartons containing bread and bottled water to aid those in smaller towns who received less aid from the government. The next year, she donated #100million worth of goods to the Nigerian Police Force.

Most importantly, Princess Omotade practices her magnanimity on a smaller, more personal scale. Behind closed doors, she has been paying the school fees of a few orphans in Ibadan for the past few years.

The princess has even been formally recognised for her positive contributions to society. In the summer of 2021, Princess Omotade was awarded a chieftaincy and gained the title 'Yeye Jagun of Ibadan land'. And during November of that same year, the princess was awarded an honorary doctorate degree of Business from Oduduwa University.

QUEEN HADASSAH IBINYINGI ALLAPUTA ACILG.

Queen Hadassah Ibinyingi Gloriana Allaputa Acilg. studied mass communication from the Rivers State University Port Harcourt and advanced diploma certificate in Broadcasting and Presentation from Alpha Institute of Broadcasting and Presentation Rivers State. She is from Bonny/Kalabari, Rivers State in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

Queen Hadassah is reigning Ms WORLD UNITED NATIONS 2021 Queen Ambassador, the first black African to win the Ms United Nations world Finals in New Delhi, India over 51 contestants from all the continents of the world.

She is the CEO of The Queen Hadassah Legendary, Sec Gen of the first biggest family pageant in Africa and the Initiator of Grow with Purpose International Network (G-PIN) a network of teenagers across the globe.

Before Winning the Prestigious Crown, Hadassah has been tagged the "Queen of Compassion", This is in recognition of her little effort in transforming the lives of over 2000 Girls and underprivileged single mothers within Nigeria, through the Queen Hadassah Legendary projects.

She has supported several IDP camps, school dropout girls, 8 orphanages, 12 rural communities, 9

secondary schools in Rivers State and the Federal Capital Territory Abuja and have reached out to 30 Albinos, over 200 visually impaired children, 485 deaf and Mute children, 50 beauty queens and over 1,000 children who have been imparted her humanitarian activities.

She is the Director General of SDGs and Tourism Affairs Queens Connect Africa, as well as the Nigerian Regional Coordinator of the Chartered Institute of Leadership and Governance USA. And currently the Youth Coordinator Research National Council for Women Society.

Queen Hadassah is known for her passion to add value to humanity and reach a large network of young people with a focus on teenagers, youth development, beauty royalties, women and men helping them find their true purpose, especially the under privileged single mothers and their children giving them hope and support to navigate the challenges that comes with single motherhood so they can achieve personal greatness and become an agent of change in the nation.

Hadassah is the project manager at LGBS Medical Tourism services UAE and Lifestyleassetshub she is a humanitarian, social entrepreneur and beauty consultant. She loves children, enjoys photography, makeup artistry, dancing, traveling and tourism.



MRS. AYOADE FOLASHADE ARIKE, PH.D



The Kogi State Biochemist was born on 27th August, 1965 to the family of late Pa Aliu Alaira Olorunfemi Obaro and Mrs. Aliu Kikelomo Victoria in Ibadan. She attended C.A.C Primary School, Ibadan and Saint Mary's Grammar School, Iwo between 1972-1982. Thereafter, between 1982- 1984 she proceeded to School of Basic Studies, Kwara State College of Technology, Ilorin (Now Kwara State Polytechnic) where she obtained IJMB A' Level and later got her B.Sc Biochemistry from the University of Ilorin, 1985-1988 whereupon she proceeded to University of Lagos where she obtained M.Sc Biochemistry, 1991-1992.

Between 1996-1997, she attended Carl Durlberg Gesellschaft, Saarbrücken, Germany for Diploma in German Language as well as Fachhochschule, Trier, Germany for Diploma in Quality Assurance of Food. Mrs. Ayoade obtained her Ph.D in Biochemistry from University of Ilorin in 2017 with speciality in Mycotoxins.

Mrs. Ayoade started her career with the Federal Ministry of Health, Food and Drug Division as a Scientific Officer in 1990-1994 and later moved to the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) when it was created in 1994 and remained until 2016. In between her career, she took time out in 1997 to work with Chemisches Untersuchungsamt (Chemical Investigation Authority), Germany.

She has attended various courses, conferences, seminars and workshops, Nationally and Internationally which include: Quality Assurance of Food in Germany, 1996-1997; FAO/IAEA Training Workshops on Advanced Instrumental Techniques Pesticides Residue Analysis in Austria, 2002; Mycotoxins Analysis of Food and Feeds (Seibersdorf Laboratories, Vienna, Austria, 2002-2003; Analysis of Aflatoxins and Ochratoxins (Central Laboratory, Yorkshire, UK) 2007; Regional Workshop on Rapid Alert System for Food and Feeds (RASFF) (Casablanca, Morocco) 2008; Food Safety Management System: (Pretoria, South Africa) 2009; Food Safety Management System: Internal Auditing (Pretoria, South Africa) 2009; Quality Management System: Internal Auditing (Johannesburg, South Africa) 2009; among others.

Dr. (Mrs.) Folashade Arike Ayoade is a member of various Professional bodies including: Member, Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria (MIPAN); Fellow, Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria (FMSN); Member, Biochemical Society of Nigeria (MBSN), Fellow, Academy For Entrepreneurial Studies, Nigeria (AES) among others.

Dr. (Mrs.) Ayoade owns and manages a Non Governmental Organization (NGO)- Folashade Ayoade Initiative For Widows & Orphans (FAIWO) where she had empowered several hundreds of Widows and Orphans.

She has received several awards from different Organizations and Institutions among which is the *Award of Excellence as a Role Model by the National Council for Women Societies*.

The longest serving SSG in Kogi State is an ordained Assistant Pastor with the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG). In her words "The greatest asset to me is being Born Again".

She is by the grace of God currently a two term Secretary to the Government of Kogi State (SSG) and the longest serving SSG since the creation of the State. A position she holds since 2016 to date. Coincidentally, the only female SSG in the 19 States of Northern Nigeria.

She is happily married with children and grandchildren.

A Fellow of the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria (FIPAN)



DR. EMMANUELLA ZAMBA

Telemedicine platform which was the backbone of the state Covid response and is being currently offered as a stand-alone plan for all residents of the state.

She collaborated with key MDAs to introduce concepts that enhance the Lagos State Health Scheme and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through the use of creative and problem-solving abilities, as well as the effective utilization of human and capital resources.

She rebranded the state's health scheme to make it more accessible to the informal sector; established Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP) to expand the scheme's health care facilities; and devised innovative financing structures as well as quality improvement measures to improve service delivery at the provider level. She developed additional health plans and a flexible payment mechanism on the scheme to cover the various segments of the society; she expanded grassroots presence through the deployment of divisional offices and LGA/LCDA Sales Kiosks which at the same time created employment opportunities and a career path in the state health insurance industry with respect to Sales, Marketing, Business Development, and Quality Assurance/Improvement. Furthermore, the Lagos State Health Management Agency, under her leadership, became the first state health insurance agency to commence regulatory functions which involve the issuance of appropriate regulations & guidelines, registration & licensing of NHIS accredited Health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and HEFAMAA accredited Healthcare Providers (HCPs), registration of all employers (public & private) to protect the legitimate interests of people, businesses, and cooperative groups in the Lagos health insurance space. She is fondly called the Service Charter champion as she has received four (4) different awards for service charter between 2015 till date. She operates an open-door policy, enjoys mentoring, and has a strong desire to help the less fortunate. She believes that innovation, strategic planning, and adaptability are important instruments for growth, and she is a strong proponent of transparency and accountability.

Dr. **Emmanuella Zamba** is a Medical Doctor and a Public Servant. A public health expert and a health system strengthening specialist. She has vast experience in healthcare planning, Human Resource for Health, Quality and Healthcare management, Health Financing, Public-Private Partnerships, Policy Development, Monitoring and Evaluation, Project Management, Research, and Data Management. She has actively championed and led the Universal Health Coverage movement in Lagos State, with an excellent understanding and hands-on expertise in context-appropriate strategy design for financial protection and expansion of population and service coverage.

She is presently the General Manager of the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), which is in charge of ensuring that all Lagos residents have access to affordable and high-quality healthcare, as well as regulating the Lagos State health insurance market. She has created and implemented a number of projects aimed at making the Lagos State Health Scheme (LSHS) a success. She established EkoTelemed, the country's first state-owned



MRS.

HANNAH

ONYINOYI

ODIYO

Mrs. Hannah Onyinoyi Odiyo was born on July 21, 1961, in Okengwe, Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State. She had her Primary Education at the St. Paul's Anglican Primary School, Okengwe in 1975 and proceeded to Lennon Memorial College, Ageva- Okene where she had her West African School Certificate in the year 1980.

She acquired Advanced Level Certificate from the School of Basic Studies, Kwara State College of Technology, Ilorin in 1982 and thereafter, proceeded to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology in June 1985.

Mrs. Hannah Onyinoyi Odiyo got her first working experience with the then Kwara State Education Management Board as Biology Teacher in 1986. She worked with the Kwara State Government till the year 1991 and was subsequently deployed to the newly created Kogi State as Biology and Integrated Science Teacher in the service of the Kogi State Teaching Service Commission, Lokoja in September, 1991. Between August, 1995 to July, 1997 she was assigned on an international mission to the Ministry of Education in Lusaka, Zambia under the TECHNICAL AID CORP as Biology and Integrated Science Teacher. While in Lusaka, Zambia, she attended the prestigious Evelyn Honne College of Applied Arts and Commerce where she obtained a Certificate in Computer Application in June, 1996. She also obtained a Master Degree in Environmental Management from the Kogi State University Anyigba in the year 2013.

As an Environmentalist She worked with the Kogi State Environmental Protection Board, Lokoja as the Acting Director and Head of Department, Environmental Monitoring, Enforcement and Inspection of Industries. She also worked with the Kogi State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and was the Director of Environment in charge of Ecological problems. In addition, she was the Desk Officer, Kogi State Erosion and Watershed Management Project (Kogi NEWMAP).

Mrs. Odiyo had served in many several committees including the Committee for the Development of Important Documents for the State e.g Kogi State Policy on Environment, Kogi State Economic Empowerment and Development Document (KOSEED, ENVIRONMENT).

She served in several Federal Government Panels on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). These panels include the Obajana Cement Plc, Obajana Earth Dam Project, Quarry Project for Obajana Cement Complex, GSM Mast and Optic

Fiber Cable Laying, RIVGAS Refinery/ Petro Chemical Complex, Porthacourt , NSP/Rivers State Government Refinery Project, 250 Km Gwagwalada-Lokoja- Ajaokuta 330KV Transmission Line and Associated 330/132KV Substation Facilities Project, Power Plant and Solid Minerals Mining.

Mrs. Hannah Onyinoyi Odiyo participated in the Development of Environmental Sanitation Policy and Action Plan Documents in the year 2004 as well as the Development of National Water Sanitation Policy Documents in the same year. She equally participated in the Development of Kogi State Environmental Protection Board Law.

She has attended several seminars and workshops within and outside Nigeria among which are: The use of Environmental Laboratory Equipment by ELE, England (1998), Local Empowerment And Environmental Management Project (2005), ODS Phase out Programme (2006), Post Flood Disaster Risk Assessment by the World Bank (2012) and Urban Resilience International workshop in Barcelona-Spain (2005).

She delivered Papers at workshops and seminars on Environmental Pollution in Kogi State (Problems, Constraints and Solutions) 2002 and Pollution control in a Steel Industry, Ajaokuta Steel Company 2005.

Mrs. Hannah Onyinoyi Odiyo was the Focal Officer, UN-Habitat Programmes between 2014 - 2016 and Desk Officer UNDP Environmental Project between 2014 - 2016 both in Kogi State.

She was involved in several World Bank Assisted Projects like Sustainable Land Management FADAMA III Projects, Staple Crop Processing Zone Support Project, and Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project.

She is the Head of Civil Service Kogi State and a member of the State Executive Council with effect from February 11, 2021.

She is currently serving as member in the Boards and Councils of Government and Tertiary Institutions respectively, in the State, among which are Kogi State University, College of Education Ankpa, College of Education (Technical) Kabba, Kogi State Specialist Hospital, Kogi State Pension Commission, and Kogi State Community and Social Development Project.

Mrs. Odiyo is widowed but blessed with four Children and a Grandchild. Her life has been that of hard work, dedication to service, and perseverance with the fear of God. For many years, she worked with the Teenagers Outreach Ministries in Nigeria, a faith-based NGO for Adolescents and currently she is the President of Tabitha Vision Network (TVN), a faith-based NGO for young widows.



Nacha Bawa Waziri

Nacha Bawa Waziri, fondly called Tina by friends and acquaintance was born into the family of Late Hon. Bawa Waziri Yaduma, Ganye Local Government Area.

Nacha Bawa Waziri obtained her First Degree Certificate in Sociology and Anthropology in the University of Maiduguri and she went on to obtain her Master's Degree in International Relations at Ahmadu Bello University. To coincide with the notion that nobody has full monopoly of knowledge, and to the large extent, for a better understanding of political terrain, Nacha Bawa Waziri took up a vigorous study on political analysis, under political studies in Valley View University, Accra, Ghana.

As an aftermath obsequious of Nacha Bawa after her auspicious school sojourn, she showcased great leadership skills, and to many she was described as a woman who can function in any leadership position any time the occasion arises.

Nacha Bawa was one time banker, marketing executive in Brains and Hammers Ltd, MD/CEO of Nachamada Venture Reators Estate Developers & Home Finishers, CEO of Nacha Stitches & Scissors Couture, founder Nachamada Care Heart Foundation, Founder Youth Leadership Right Activation, Founder of Adamawa Women and Youth Group for Leadership and one of the core pioneers' advocating for "Not Too Young To Run".

Nacha Bawa is an adroit and humane philanthropist, a young entrepreneur who is into humanitarian service. Most of her energy is being channeled into succor gesture, sensitizing and mediating for women and youth at the grass root in accessing grants or loans to start up a small and medium scale business. Not forgetting her silence periodic efforts in visiting IPs and Prisons with relief materials given to those who are in their to serve as a succor and encouraging wand of hope to them.



BARR. LADI AHMED JATTO

Barr. Ladi Ahmed Jatto, an indigene of Okene LGA of Kogi State was born in Azare, Bauchi State.

An astute administrator, Lawyer and manager of human resources, she recently bagged an MBA in Human Resource Management from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria.

However, her quest for knowledge knows no bounds thus, challenging her (in spite of her busy schedules) she bagged another certificate in the prestigious Cambridge University on a Business Sustainability and Management.

In Her desire to further acquire more knowledge, she has enrolled for another Master in International Affairs and Diplomacy at the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University. She attended Federal Government College, Azare, Bauchi State, following which she proceeded to study Law at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

Ladi Ahmed Jatto graduated with LLB Hons, from ABUZaria in 2004, and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2005. Ladi Ahmed Jatto is a Member, Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management, and also an active member of the NBA and IBA.

She equally has a Certificate of Distinction in Procurement Management from the Ibadan Business School, as well as a Certificate in Project Management from the Abuja Graduate School. In addition to all of these, she is also an Ambassador of the UN-OCHA following her participation in the multi-sector initial rapid assessment training (MIRA). She started her career with Legacy Pension Managers in 2006, when the new pension scheme was introduced, and contributed a lot to the success and growth of the Company.

She left the Firm in 2009 to set up her own Legal Firm, L.S. Jatto and Co. in Abuja.

Her passion for a clean environment and sustainability, led to her appointment as the Special Adviser on Environment to the Governor of Kogi State, in 2011 a position she held until October, 2015. During her stint as Special Adviser, she initiated several environmental friendly projects, owing to her love for environmental sustainability.

As a Special Adviser, in the aftermath of the devastating floods of 2012, she successfully facilitated the unprecedented visit of Baroness Valerie Amos, the United Nations' Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (UN-OCHA) to Kogi State in 2013, thus making Kogi State the only northern state to be visited by the Under-Secretary during her first visit to Nigeria.

Owing to her knack for environmental excellence, she successfully facilitated the selection of Kogi State as the host of the 2014 National Ecological Fair tagged "Effective Partnership towards Sustainable Management of Ecological Projects". Additionally, in 2014, she successfully facilitated the hosting of the National Environmental Sanitation Day (NESD) commemoration on 11th and 12th July, in Kogi State. Indeed, this 'Amazon' is a lover of ecological equilibrium.

Her dogged effort led to the modification of the Banda section of the on-going Abuja – Lokoja road construction work, leading to the increase in height of that section by 1 meter, in order to avert a recurrence of the flooding of that section of the road during the floods of 2012, which almost cut off the South from the northern part of the Country.

It may interest you to know that Barr. Ladi Ahmed Jatto is also a writer. She writes a lot on environmental issues. Some of her write-ups are:

- Power of Climate
- Air Pollution; the Earth Needs Help
- She equally does a weekly social media broadcast, where she discusses pertinent issues bordering on climate change & environmental sustainability...

In November 2015, she was appointed the State Project Coordinator, Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP). The NEWMAP is a collaborative effort of participating states, the Federal Government of Nigeria and the World Bank, aimed at sustainably tackling erosion in erosion prone states participating in the Project. She has, since her appointment as State Project Coordinator, alongside her team in the State Project Monitoring Unit (SPMU) stopped at nothing to battle the menace of erosion in the State.

AMB. DR. (MRS.) NWOSU SERAPHINE CHIOMA



Amb. Dr. (Mrs.) Nwosu Seraphine Chioma the girl child ambassador is the vision bearer and president of The Seraphine Outreach which has been hosting the United Nations International Day of the Girl Child every year for the Military and other Secondary Schools in Nigeria since two thousand and fourteen (2014).

She is a girl child ambassador. Her mission is to see that every girl child is well equipped and her value enhanced so as to make our society a better place.

She is a spirit filled lover and servant of God. A vibrant and multi-talented lady with a heart of gold. A prolific writer, sought after speaker, coach and blogger at Chioma's corner.

She has a visible passion for the girl child, a teacher by profession and calling, a parenting solution provider to families and a growing generation coach. She is using her talent, resources and experience to impact families especially women and young people which according to her is service to God and humanity.

She believes that if the girl child is educated, it will enhance her productivity and progress in life.

She is the publisher of "The Girl Child" magazine; and has authored several books including *'Have You Taught Your Daughter?'*

Seraphine is a Director in Gee Dell Concept Limited. She is in love with her family, the wife of Chief Chuks Gabriel (Nzenwajiugo) and blessed with children.

Amb. Seraphine is the Author of the following books.

- Making a beautiful marriage.
- Have you taught your daughter?
- Cooperative Parenting
- Responsible son Exceptional daughter

- The True Beauty Of A Woman
- Promise Yourself.
- The Girl Child Magazine
- Where Are The Mothers?

The Successful Student Mad Men And The Girl Child. Presently she has been visiting different schools, churches and communities on **THE SAVE THE GIRL CHILD PROJECT**. To rescue the girl child from mad men and self-destructive habits.

She has spoken to thousands of young girls, answered hundreds of questions from them and personally counseled dozens.

She is currently following up on many of them in her bid to help them to be fully free from self-destruction and is still speaking to new groups.

She has visited some parents during the school PTA and other meetings to appeal to them to take care of their female children.

She has visited over twenty secondary schools, many churches, camps and parents' forum within and outside Lagos State. She has likewise spoken to thousands of girls, parents and leaders all over the country for the sake of the girl child.

By the grace of God, before the pandemic, she has never missed her appointment with female teenagers at the end of every month TAGGED- **"The Girl child, Equipped and Empowered"**. That meeting to her is very important because it gives her the opportunity to spend quality time with her girls which means the world to her. It is a grooming time for the girl child as they are taught:-

- Personal Effectiveness/ Team building.
- Skill acquisition
- Counseling/motivation Mentorship and lots more.

MARIAM OZIOMA



Mariam Ozioma Abedo was born in the year 1965. Attended Amina LGEA primary School, Samaru, Zaria and Ilorin Teacher's College, Ilorin for her Secondary education.

For her tertiary education, She obtained a diploma in Insurance from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University and Bsc Business Administration from University of Abuja.

She started her career in Union bank in 1987 as a clerk and worked in various departments including the prestigious International Banking Department of the bank that was exclusively manned by the best of the banking staff in terms of honesty, integrity

and competence in those days.

While in the bank she served as a branch Accountant, appraisal officer, branch manager, Zonal coordinator, Coach North central/ North West and retired in 2018 as a Group Head.

While in ABU, She served as member of parliament and member of electoral committee as well as Election hostel commissioner.

She represented the school (ABU) on National solicitation and got to interact with some political bigwigs

A portrait of Dr. Susana Adams, a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a blue and green patterned top and a pearl necklace. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

DR.

Susana Adams

Susana Adams is a Nigerian, Lifestyle Medicine Expert, Pioneer Integrative Medicine Practitioner, Wellness Consultant and Motivational Speaker. She is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD/CEO) of Dr PhysiQ Global Health and Wellness Centre – a Specialist Centre for Preventive and Lifestyle Medicine as well as Dr PhysiQ Diabetic Specialist Centre all located in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. Dr PhysiQ is recognized globally and is in collaboration with world renowned hospitals and wellness centers across the globe such as Medical Park - Antalya (Turkey), Emirates Specialist Hospital (Dubai) and many more. She also pioneered the establishment of a World Class Herbal Medicine Shop in Abuja to help drive the point home to all Nigerians that Nature Heals.

Susana Adams holds the D. Pharm, Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York, USA; D. Lifestyle Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts, USA. Other qualifications are M.Sc.(Health Management) Benue State University, Nigeria; MBA (Marketing), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria and several certificates in the field of wellness and lifestyle medicine.

Dr. Susana Adams has worked variously as Director of Wellness Services at Brooklyn Chiropractic & Wellness Centre, New York, USA; Quality Assurance Supervisor, Pfizer, Brooklyn, New York, USA; Desk Head -Regulatory Intelligence, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). She is the founder and currently the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer for the past 6 years at Dr. PhysiQ Global Health and Wellness Centre, Abuja, Nigeria, the First Registered Integrative Medicine Centre in the FCT, Nigeria, where her expertise and experience has helped millions to reach their wellness goals across the globe. She is also the founder of the First Diabetes Specialist Centre in the FCT, Nigeria.

Many Nigerians travel abroad to access above average health

services and facilities and this has been a challenge especially in recent times due to travel restrictions. In her effort to bridge the gap of people leaving the nation to go abroad for checkup, Dr. Adams has established an international standard facility in Abuja Nigeria, equipped with state of the art equipment and technologies backed by international collaborations and affiliations.

Dr Adams has taken her unique message and skills to many communities, religious groups, corporate organizations and individuals through outreach programmes, seminars, conferences and social media campaigns as well as radio and television talks. She is driven by the fervent desire to bridge the gap between orthodox and time-tested natural remedies for most health issues. Her unique message is for Nigerians and indeed all humanity to understand and appreciate the healing power of nature. She yearns for the Nation to be Monitored and Medically Guided when using Natural Food and Herbs to treat medical conditions.

Dr. Adams currently consults for several organizations and agencies within and outside Nigeria, which includes; The Presidency, Central Bank of Nigeria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Defence Head Quarters (DHQ), National Defence College (NDC), Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Ministry of Health, schools, Mosques and churches amongst others.

Dr Susana Adams is the author of the highly acclaimed book on Health Improvement titled "Everything Heals" which draws inspiration from a decade-long practical hands-on experience on lifestyle medicine and wellness with great health outcome for thousands of her clients. Dr. Susana Adams is happily married and blessed with children. She is passionate about grooming young Nigerians as well as other health care practitioners through her lectures, job creation and advocacy in the wellness sector.



ARCHITECT A/P OLUWAYEMISI DOOSHIMA SUSWAM

Architect A/P Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam was born in Ibadan on 30th April, 1967 to the family of Chief Albert and Chief (Mrs.) Hannah Balogun from Emure-Ekiti. Chief Albert, a retired civil servant and renowned business man was the Chief Akeregún of Emure-Ekiti. He was a shareholder in banks, breweries and construction companies. Chief (Mrs.) Hannah Balogun is a princess born into the royal family of the first Emir of Kaiama in Kwara State. She is a retired teacher and also a business woman.

Architect A/P Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam started her primary school education at St Claire's Nursery and Primary School, Oshogbo, Osun State in 1970. She exhibited leadership skills from a tender age as she became a prefect in primary three; assistant head girl in primary four and became the head girl in primary five. She had her secondary education at Federal Government Girls' College, Oyo and graduated in 1985. She was the head girl and sports prefect and represented both her school and Oyo State in track and field

events, winning several trophies. She gained admission to study Architecture in the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1986 and graduated in 1992 as the only female student in the department. She got her master's degree in Architecture from the same university in 1993; she is pursuing a doctoral degree (PhD) in Architecture at the University of Jos.

While in the university, she did her Industrial Training (IT) in private architectural firms to gain experience and ground herself in her chosen field. She had her National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) at the Federal Capital Development Authority, Abuja in 1994. As a youth corp member, she was able to assume full responsibility as a young Architect and was able to supervise major projects across the FCT. On the 26th day of September, 1998, she got married to a young promising lawyer, Barr. Gabriel Torwua Suswam, blessed with awesome children, they have made notable success together.

Her background and upbringing richly grounded her in the

Christian faith, contemporary education and afforded her notable business acumen. She took a Woman in Leadership course from the prestigious Harvard University, USA in 2008. This has greatly helped her personal and professional life. Architect A/P Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam, armed with more than 24 years' experience in Architecture has subsequently moved into development consulting and private practice.

At the moment, she is pursuing a doctoral degree (PhD) in Architecture at the University of Jos, Nigeria. Over the years, Architect Deaconess Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam has accomplished several architectural and administrative works; some of which are:

The Multipurpose Conference Hall and Accommodation at the National Space Centre, Lugbe, Abuja; The Wuye Ultra-Modern (BOT) Market under Public Private Partnership (PPP) with Federal Capital Territory Abuja (FCTA); The Government House Chapel, Makurdi which she did pro bono; The Vice Chancellor's lodge, Federal University, Wukari; Three prototype units of Principal Staff Lodges in Federal University, Wukari; Architectural design for Gudu Multi-Level Car park; Skills Acquisition Centre in Oju, Benue State; Design and Building of the SEV-AV Agro-allied factory in Katsina Ala, Benue State; Design and Building of the SEV-AV Entrepreneurship Headquarters Building, Makurdi; designed and built the administrative block of the Remote Sensing Centre in Jos for Federal Ministry of Science and Technology; as part of her keen interest in health and wellness, she designed and built a gym and spa complex in Makurdi; Proposed American Hospital, Abuja and several other projects by private clients.

These are just a few of her outstanding contributions to the field of Architecture. Also worthy of mention are her contributions to other fields of human endeavor.

At the moment, Architect A/P Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of All-Purpose Shelters Limited (APSL), All-Purpose Shelters Consult Limited (APSCL) and Purpose Lights. She is the founder of Sev-Av (New Dawn) Foundation, her Non-governmental Organisation established in 2008 to corporately touch lives of young widows, youths and school drop outs through her skill acquisition centers for intensive training in beauty, fashion, catering, computer appreciation, knitting and beading departments, for beneficiaries not just for self-reliance but employers of labour after receiving starter packs from the foundation. The foundation has also established three rural clinics where HIV/AIDS patients receive free anti-retroviral drugs with the focus of preventing parent to child transmission. Over 20,000 patients have benefitted from these clinics since inception. At the foundation, rural farmers are not left out at the Agro-processing centers where farmers are trained to properly process farm produce and granted access to subsidized farm implements and fertilizers in order to curb waste. Several orphans have benefitted from her benevolence of scholarships which she started in 1999 with her husband His Excellency, Senator Gabriel Suswam CON. Today, many of the beneficiaries are graduates and professionals in their chosen field.

Architect A/P Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam has held several political and social positions which include:

First Lady of Benue State between May 2007 to May 2015; Chairperson Northern Governors' Wives Forum (2011-2015); The Grand Patron of Girls Brigade, Benue State; Initiated Breakfast Fellowship for Government Official Wives, Makurdi, 2009; Grand matron of United Nations' "Miss University Beauty Pageant", 2009; and Assistant Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

She is well decorated with numerous awards and laurels like the Women of Merit Gold Award by the National Council of Women Society (NCWS) FCT, 2006; Zonal Matron Merit Award by the Boys Scout of Nigeria, Benue Zone-One Council; Merit Award by the Women Consultative Caucus; Best Pet Project Award by Northern Nigeria Queen of the Heart; Award to SEV-AV Foundation by African Independent Television (AIT) in conjunction with Project for Excellence; Leadership Award by European Marketing Research Centre (EMRC) Paris, France 2008; Special Award of Honour by Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) 2008; African Leader Par Excellence Award by International Institute of Comparative Leadership for African and Blacks in Diaspora in conjunction with Accolade Communications Ltd 2009; Best Dressed Certificate of Achievement by the Women & Power Class of Harvard Kennedy School, USA, 2009; Global Peace and Empowerment Award by Global Business Women and Leaders, 12th Summit in Dubai, UAE 2010; Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) by Rotary International (RI) 2010; Honorary Fellow by Counselling Association of Nigeria, 2010; Woman ICON Award by Iconic International Magazine 2012; African Achievers for Youths & Women Development Award by Institute of Leadership and Management, Nairobi, Kenya 2013; Ambassador of Family Planning by the United Nations Population Fund (UNPF), 2013; Peace Ambassador by UNICEF; Most Valuable Governors' Wife North Central Zone Of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2014; Governors Wife of the Year by The Sun Newspaper, 2014; Award for Outstanding Performance in Women Advocacy and Development in Nigeria by Arise O' Nigeria (Endorsed by UN Women), 2016; Outstanding Contribution to Community Development & Poverty Alleviation Award by Mike Omotosho Foundation 2018; and most recently, Strong Pillar Award by NKST Orphanage, Mkar, 2019, National Outstanding Leadership Award by Congress of Nigerian Youth (CONYO), 2021; Certificate of Listing by Nigeria Women Annual 100 Leading Women, 2021; Excellent Women Award by Women's Fesration for World Peace, 2021; Outstanding Youth Enabler in Business Award by Abuja Chamber of Commerce, 2022; One of Nigeria's Most Influential Women Leaders Recognition by Leadership Newspaper, 2022; Distinguished Award of Recognition by University of Lagos, 2022, among others.

In her leisure time, she enjoys music, reading, driving, cooking and sports. She enjoys discovering and exploring new destinations and cultures. Architect A/P Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam has a passion for rural evangelism and runs a Tracts Ministry, which is meant to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world in ten languages including four Nigerian languages - Igbo, Hausa, Yoruba and TIV, as well as French, Chinese, Arabic, Swahili, Spanish, and English languages. She also visits orphanages and IDP camps bearing gifts and the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Architect A/P Oluwayemisi Dooshima Suswam is highly disciplined and a disciplinarian to the core. She is dedicated, tenacious, principled, people-oriented, very humble and charismatic.



DR.(MRS.) STACY ANN C. NWODO

FCIP, PhD(UK), PhD(Nig.),
Msc., Bsc.

A scholar Practitioner with Doctorate degree in Security and Strategic Studies from Nasarawa State University Nigeria and another PhD in the field of Forensic Accounting and Audit from the prestigious Charisma University, Turks and Caicos Islands UK.

She also holds various educational qualifications, such as Master of Science in Accounting and Finance, Master of Science in Forensic Accounting and Criminal investigations, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Finance, Higher National Diploma in Accounting and Diploma in Banking and Finance.

Besides her academic qualifications, she has achieved first hand work experience in various fields both in private and public sector.

Dr Stacy Nwodo works in the Directorate of Finance

and Accounts at the National Assembly and is the current Country Director of the international Institute of Certified Forensic Investigation Professionals, USA, Inc. and appointed as Director Operations and Strategy for the International Academy of Forensics (IAF) and the lead consultant for JJTC Consulting Ltd/ International College of Disaster Management and Forensic Studies (ICDMFS).



She is committed to good governance and the promotion of transparency and accountability for the good of the society and believes in the application of Forensics in the Criminal Justice Administration as " Justice through the use of Science".

She is a Forensic expert and highly experienced in Due Diligence, Document Examination, and Academic Research. She is a Certified Facilitator with Niger Delta University, FAFI Continuing Education Programme, and also an Independent Consultant to

the AfroRed flag White-Collar Protective Shield Limited, the pioneers of the robust anti-fraud and anti-corruption initiative and Youth Employment Programme for Africa.

Furthermore, Dr Stacy is a fellow of International

Institute of Certified Forensic Investigation professionals (IICFIP) USA, and a fellow of Association of Forensic Researchers (AFAR) Nigeria. She is a Certified Forensic Accountant (CFA) and a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Investigator (CFAMI).



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DR. (SUPT.) LAWRENCE KOFI ACHEMPONG - CFIP, MB, ChB, Mphil, MBA, PhD(ong.),
Bsc. - Ghana

Dr. (Mrs.) Stacy Ann C. Nwodo, notwithstanding as a mother and also a wife, she is one of the finest species on the land of Africa. she has vast knowledge in Forensic Accounting, Ethics, Psychology, and practical application of Forensics in Criminal investigation, intelligence and Disaster Management.

This amiable expert is the lead consultant of JJTC/ICDMFS with its Headquarters in Nigeria and bring practical training in all field of Forensics. She is a strong pillar in championing forensics in the Criminal Justice Administration in our Continent.

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Congratulations Dr. Stacy Ann Nwodo (Mrs).



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DR. JOHN YUSUF (PhD) Training Director JJTC/ICDMFS, Nigeria

Dr. (Mrs.) Stacy Ann. C. Nwodo, is a great mentor in the field of Forensics and Organizational Management.

I have served as an executive under her leadership and can say she is a golden coin. We congratulate you for your achievements, resilience and mobilization dexterity.



Prof Rosemary Nkemdilim Ogu

MBBS, MScRH, FWACS,
FMCOG, FICS



Prof Rosemary Ogu, Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Port Harcourt, Nigeria, is a Maternal Health Advocate with interest in Sexual/Reproductive Health & Gestational Diabetes Mellitus.

In 1990, she won the National Association of Women in Science & Technology Prize for Best Science Girls in Nigeria. This spurred her to study Medicine and Surgery. She graduated (MB.BS) with distinction from the University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria, in 1999. Her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology was from 2003 to 2008 at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital. She qualified with the fellowship of both the West African College of Surgeons and the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (FWACS, FMCOG).

Rosemary Ogu has special research interest in the areas of Sexual/Reproductive Health & Non-Communicable Diseases. She is the Secretary of the World Health Organisation/Federal Ministry of Health Maternal-Newborn-Child-Health Implementation Research Team for the reduction of Maternal & Perinatal Mortality in Nigeria. She is the principal investigator of the UPTH World Health Organisation Safe Childbirth Checklist Collaboration. As a dedicated Medical Woman, National President Elect and Past President of the Medical Women's Association of Nigeria, Rivers-State 2 Branch, she collaborates with relevant Government Agencies and Non-Government Organisations to advocate and offer sensitisation, awareness, screening, preventive and care services for Women's Health.

Born March 25, 1973 in Delta State, Nigeria, Rosemary Ogu became a Lecturer 1 in October 2009 and Professor in October, 2018. Between 2015 and 2018, she obtained a Master of Science (MSc) in Reproductive Health from the

World Bank supported Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation, (CERHI), University of Benin, Nigeria. She has received numerous scholarships and honorary awards including the 2009 Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Commendation for Service to Rivers State; the 2014 Port Harcourt University Medical Students' Association (PUMSA) Merit Award as Clinical lecturer of the year, the 2015 Nigeria Medical Students Association award for Active Involvement & Promotion of Reproductive Health in Women & Youths; and the 2017 Medical Women's Association of Nigeria (MWAN) National Award as MWAN Jewel for Outstanding Contribution to MWAN achieving the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Status.

Prof Ogu has attended numerous writing and communications workshops including Strategic Communications Workshop; Documenting Your Work – Telling Your Story by Ford Foundation, Lagos (2015), Big Data for Better Science: Technologies for measuring Behavior workshop (2019) by the Royal Society.

She has contributed to two WHO publications titled: Care of women and girls living with female genital mutilation: a clinical handbook. Geneva: World Health Organization; (2018). WHO Safe Childbirth Checklist Implementation Guide Improving the quality of facility-based delivery for mothers and newborns. (2015). She has numerous book chapters and over 60 published articles in peer reviewed journals.

Prof Rosemary Ogu is married to Hillary Ogu and they currently reside in Port Harcourt.

She continues to advocate for more women and girls in science and serves as a role model for upcoming scientists. She loves giving health talks, reading and traveling

MRS. LOVE OLADELE

Love Oladele is the CEO of Today's Leaders International LTD. She is a seasoned trainer, business coach, and entrepreneur.

Love Oladele has inspired and guided thousands of people to successfully start and grow their online businesses across the world.

A passionate advocate of financial education and wealth creation, Love Oladele has a master's degree in Educational management and administration and has authored 3 books.

She is popularly known as the Queen of Internet Business and the Honourable Minister of Wealth Creation.





Mrs. Florence O. Abia

Mrs. Florence O. Abia is a woman of many parts. She is a thought leader and influencer who seeks to make women pillars in their families and societies at large.

She has inspired countless women to pursue their dreams whilst remaining uncompromising in their principles. She is a woman who has an undying zeal for women empowerment.

She is also a sought after speaker in conferences especially on issues bordering on relationships, family, marriage, understanding juvenile delinquencies and lots more.

She has a master's degree in Home economics.

She was a Manager Alstom/ABB, Director Yitschak Investment Ltd. Lecturer at the Faculty of Education UniJos with a number of local and International Journals. She is currently Head of NIMG MINNING CONSULT JOS.



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The CEO of **JACMARVIS NIG LTD** will like to congratulate **Dr. Udodirim Isirimah** on her recognition as Face of Focus Africa 2022 and for her Award. This is Truly a well deserved award for a woman constantly encouraging other women to become all the best they can be. Cheers to more wins.

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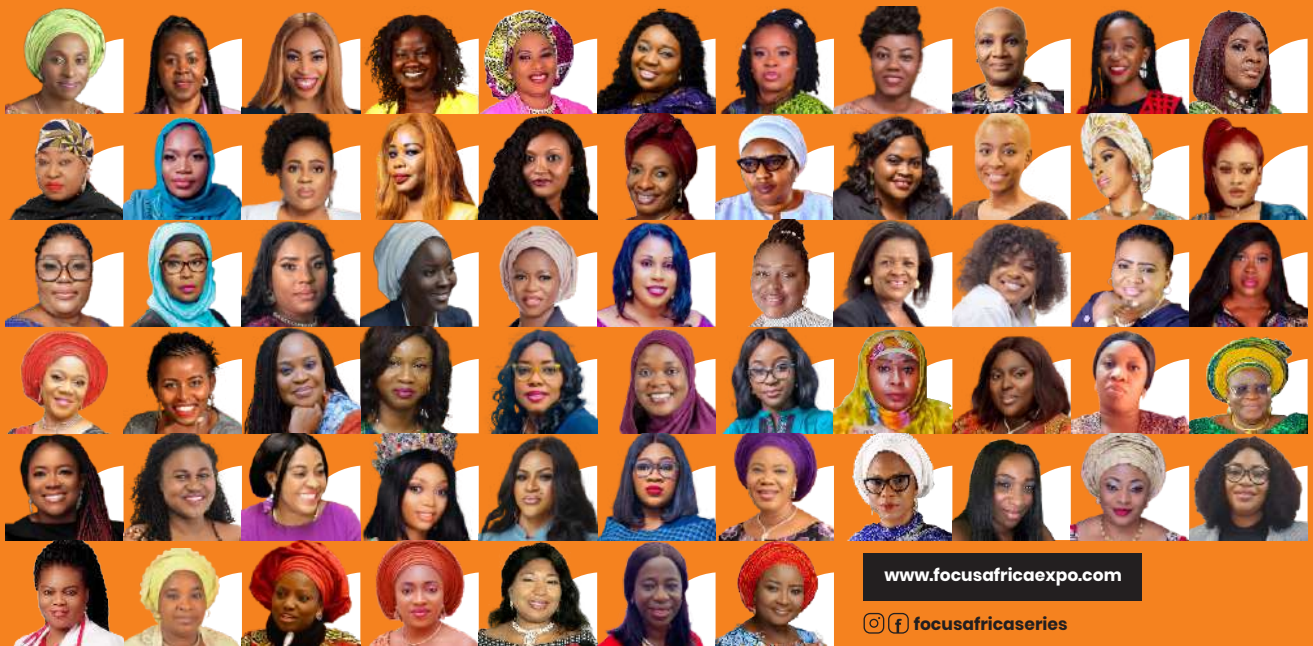
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