



## **KYPN HALL OF FAME**

### **ABOUT KYPN.**

- Kogi Young Professionals Network (KYPN) presents a platform, where Kogi State Young Professionals across the globe can relate, showcase their potentials, add value and contribute their own quota towards repositioning Kogi State on the path of sustainable development.
- To achieve this, we shall leverage on the robust intellectual capacity and enormous Human Capital of vibrant Kogi State professionals globally to unlock all potentials within the confluence of opportunities through provision of leadership and professional expertise, innovation and technological development, advocacy and Socio-Economic involvement.
- The Kogi Young Professionals Network (KYPN) is a Non – Partisan group that serves as a strategic platform for Kogi State professionals to contribute constructively towards decision making.
- The KYPN is a platform where we celebrate excellence and showcase the contributions of Kogi State professionals across the globe towards humanity, education, leadership, security, innovation and technological development, e.t.c.

### **KYPN HALL OF FAME**

The **KYPN HALL OF FAME** is distinct from other recognitions. It is the highest structure within the Kogi Young Professionals Network housing the achievement (s) of revered class of individuals of Kogi extraction who have excelled in their respective careers. It was instituted to accord proper and due recognition for outstanding global attainments and contributions to the general development of Kogi State and Nigeria. The **KYPN HALL OF FAME** also serves as a central repository for preservation of

credible information about unique achievements and achievers. Friends of Kogi state who have met the criteria for selection can also be considered for Special Recognition on the KYPN Hall of Fame. Induction of members of the Hall of Fame shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The KYPN Hall of Fame is open to citizens of Kogi State, home and abroad, and can also be posthumously inducted.

## **CATEGORIES**

Induction into the KYPN Hall of Fame cuts across three (3) basic categories:

- Posthumous
- Present
- Prospects

## **SELECTION / CONSIDERATION**

1. Selection will be made across the three (3) Senatorial Districts from a wide range of contemporary pillars which are:
  - ✓ Creative, Impactful or Transformational Leadership
  - ✓ Creative Followership/Service
  - ✓ Professional Expertise
  - ✓ Innovation / Pioneer
  - ✓ Business
  - ✓ Defense of Democracy
  - ✓ Heroes & Heroines
2. Such works should emphasize the uniqueness of the achievements to humanity generally or Kogi society in particular.

## NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Nominations shall be made strictly on prescribed **Nomination Forms** or by the **Executive Search Team**. Nomination Forms may either be collected at the KYPN Secretariat or downloaded from the KYPN website ([www.kypn.ng](http://www.kypn.ng)) or the KYPN social media channels and shall be submitted to [professional@kypn.ng](mailto:professional@kypn.ng) on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September annually.
2. In order to preserve and enhance the credibility of the KYPN HALL OF FAME, the nomination of prospective inductees after due verification by the **Executive Search Team** shall be subjected to further rigorous assessment by experts known as **INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE OF ASSESSORS** who may not necessarily be from Kogi State.
  - I. **Executive Search Team:** This is a committee comprising of 3 members of the Executive team, constituted for compilation and verification of information about nominees / prospective inductees.
  - II. **INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE OF ASSESSORS:** A team of 5 experienced & accomplished experts with unquestionable character and integrity.

Members of the committee:

    - Chairman: Prof. Oladapo Afolabi (Former Head of Service, Nigeria)
    - Member: Mr. Adesola Oyinlola (Chairman Africa, Schlumberger Ltd. Rtd)
    - Mrs. Laurentia Mallam (Former Minister of Environment)
    - Dr. (Mrs.) Virginia Anohu (Vice Chairman/CEO, MGSL Mortgage Bank).
    - Engr. Debo Fagbami (Chief Operating Officer, Xenergi Oil Ltd.)
3. Kindly note that any candidate that is found lobbying shall be automatically disqualified.

## INDUCTION

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### NOMINATION FORM

<b>1. NAME (S) OF CANDIDATE (S)</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>MIDDLE NAME</b>
<b>2. CITIZENSHIP:</b>			
<b>3. CONTACTS:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>Postal Address</b></li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>Phone</b></li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>E-mail</b></li> </ul>			
<b>4. FIELD OF ENDEAVOUR:</b>			
<b>5. DETAILS OF BASIS/GROUNDS FOR NOMINATION:</b>			
<p>A statement, of about not more than 7 bullet points specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, the uniqueness of the candidate's achievements to humanity generally or Kogi society in particular.</p> <p>N/B. Use additional papers if necessary.</p>			
<b>6. CATEGORY OF NOMINATION:</b>	<b>PILLAR:</b>		
<b>7. NOMINATOR</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>Name &amp; Position/Title:</b></li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>Contact Details:</b></li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>Postal Address:</b></li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>Phone:</b></li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>E-mail:</b></li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>Signature and Date:</b></li> </ul>			

<p><b>8. HAS THE CANDIDATE BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If Yes, when?</li><li>○ Please Specify the number of times and dates of previous applications.</li></ul>	
<p><b>9. Candidates who have been previously nominated should state new grounds or additional works done since last nomination.</b></p>	
<p><b>10. Date of Submission:</b></p>	

**NOMINEES (1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION. 2020)**

<b>PILLAR: POSTHUMOUS</b>	
<b>S/N</b>	<b>SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI WEST</b>
1.	<p><b>Name: Dr. Sunday Eyitayo Adetoro (1933 – 2010)</b></p> <p><b>Commissioner for Health (Fed. Minister of Health)</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE had a Sterling impactful leadership as Federal Commissioner for Health – Federal Minister (1967-70), Federal Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resource - Federal Minister (1970-71), Federal Commissioner for Industries - Federal Minister (1971-74).</li> </ul> <p>Category: Impactful Leadership</p>
2.	<p><b>Name: Chief Sunday Bolorunduro Awoniyi. CON. (1932 – 2007)</b></p> <p><b>Senator and Secretary to the Executive Council, Northern Regional Government.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief S.B. Awoniyi was Secretary, Executive Council of Northern Nigeria, Under Secretary to the Northern Premier, Nigeria. A unifying factor of the Okun people. He also served in various capacities as Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Petroleum. He also served as Pro Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Senator representing Kogi West Senatorial District. He was renowned as the ace speech writer of the Premier who later became a Permanent Secretary in</li> </ul>

the federal service.

Category: Transformational Leadership

3. **Name: Chief S. B. Daniyan. (1930 – 2011)**

**Former Minister and 1<sup>st</sup> Nigerian Managing Director, Nigeria Industrial Development Bank.**

Key Attainment (s):

- He studied Economics and was probably the first Economist in northern Nigeria. Upon his return, he joined the northern civil service and rose to become Secretary to the northern Nigerian government. “He was the first Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Planning in Northern Nigeria and from there he rose to be the secretary to the government of northern Nigeria. “Eventually, he was seconded to Lagos by the Sardauna where he was Private Secretary to Rt Hon. Sir Nnamdi Azikiwe as president of Nigeria. “And after his stint with Nnamdi Azikiwe, he was seconded to the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank (NIDB). The then fledgling bank was just about to start and at that time, a few of them were being groomed to see who would eventually take over from the Europeans who were managing it. He was made the General Manager of NIDB and eventually rose to become the first Nigerian Managing Director of the bank from where he retired and went into private business.
- He was also a former minister of National Planning and was the gubernatorial candidate of the Social Democratic Party.

Category: Creative Leadership

Senatorial District: Kogi West.

4.

**Name: Rev. Ralph Olanrewaju Osanaiye... NPM, FWC, AIG (Rtd.) 1941 – 2020.**

**Assistant Inspector General of Police Rtd.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Nigeria's 1<sup>st</sup> police graduate from the National War College.
- As an assistant Commissioner of Police (1986 – 1987), Ralph Osanaiye took up the responsibility of totally wiping out armed robbery in Lagos state from about **200** robberies per day to **Zero** per day within weeks. He was able to achieve this through the lead of “Notorious yemo”, a dreaded armed robber which he arrested with his team based on intelligence report. Himself and other groups of Notorious armed robbers i.e. “Alabi Ijogbon”, “Bayo Success”, e.t.c. who had tormented residents of Lagos state for years at that time, including some corrupt police D.P.O's who connived with them were arrested, and others who heard about this major arrests had to flee for their lives. The President after receiving the report about his antecedents in Lagos requested that he and his team should be promoted to the next rank. This again led to his ‘record promotion’ from ACP to DCP within 10 months, which ordinarily takes between five to 10 years.
- While he was at the Special Investigation Panel (1885 – 1986), he led a team of 5 people (Members of staff of the Central Bank, Interpol, e.t.c.) to the United States of America to investigate a case of **\$44million** that was fraudulently transferred from the Nigerian Foreign Reserve. He succeeded in cracking an almost impossible case in less than 72 hours to the surprise of the California head of the United States FBI and recovered the **\$44million** dollars intact for Nigeria. During his investigation, he was offered **\$1 million** dollars cash and any percentage of the **\$44million** dollars to lure him to drop the case, but he refused the bribe and went ahead to recover all for Nigeria. After the Successful Assignment, his bravery and innocence caught the attention of the Nigeria Police Council, headed by President Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida, and he was given a special promotion to the rank of ACP as a reward for this rare feat. It is also worthy of note, that based on his



antecedents, he was promoted three times within a year between the ranks of ASP to SP to CSP. He joined the Nigeria Police as a constable in 1961 and retired voluntarily as an Assistant Inspector General of Police in 1996.

Category: Professional Expertise.

5.

**Name: Prof. Olufemi Kayode. 1939 - 2020.**

**Africa's Frontline Economist, CBN Governing Board Member. (1999 - 2007) and Special Adviser to the President on Economic Matters.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Prof. Femi Kayode was a renowned scholar and Africa's frontline Economist. He served variously as Chairman sub-committee, National Revenue Allocation, Mobilization and Fiscal Commission and Member, National Capital Issues Commission. Late Kayode was also Chairman, Think Tank Committee for Strategic Projects, National Raw Material Development Council; Member, Technical Committee, Vision 2010; Member, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Board of Directors and a number of strategic Committees and Commissions in Kwara, Kogi and Lagos States. He was the Special Adviser to the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria on Economic Matters (1988 – 1992).

Category: Professional Expertise

6.

**Name: Tolulope Oluwatoyin Sarah Arotile. 1995 - 2020**

**Flight Officer, Nigeria Air Force.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Tolulope was the first- ever female combat helicopter pilot in the Nigerian Air Force.
- Arotile was commissioned into the Nigerian Air Force as a pilot officer on 16 September 2017 and held a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the Nigerian Defense Academy. She was winged as the first ever female combat helicopter pilot in the Nigerian Air Force on 15 October 2019 after completing her flying training in South Africa. Two years into her career, Arotile had acquired 460 hours of helicopter flight, which was an outstanding performance for a combat pilot. She saw action against the Boko Haram terrorists, and President Muhammadu Buhari paid tribute to her skill and bravery. In the fight against ISIS, she was called effective, deadly and "fearless". Arotile held a commercial pilot licence and also underwent tactical flying training on the Agusta 109 Power attack helicopter in Italy.

Category: Professional Expertise

**PILLAR: PRESENT**

**S/N**      **SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI WEST**

1.      **Name: Chief Kola Jamodu.**

**Former Minister of Industry & current Chairman of PZ Cussons Big. Ltd**

Key Attainment (s):

- His work experience spans the multinational sector in Nigeria, having worked in UAC, Unilever and PZ Industries where he rose to the position of Chief Executive and later appointed as the Chairman, thereby combining the position of the Chairman/Group Chief Executive of the Group.
- Kolawole Babalola Jamodu is a businessperson who has been the head of 9 different companies and currently holds the position of Chairman for PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc, Chairman at Nutricima Ltd. and Chairman for Nigerian Breweries Plc. In his past career Mr. Jamodu held the position of Chairman for PZ Cussons Plc and Chief Executive Officer of Paterson Zochonis Plc (a subsidiary of PZ Cussons Plc), Chairman / Chief Executive Officer at Unilever Plc, President for Harvard Business School Association of Nigeria, Chairman of Universal Trust Bank Plc and President of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria.
- A Chartered Accountant (FCA), Chief Jamodu is also a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, London (FCMA), Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (FCIT), and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria (FCIS).
- He is an alumnus of the Harvard Business School and a former Minister of Industry in Nigeria. Chief Jamodu is a former President of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN). He is currently the Chairman of the Boards of Nigerian Breweries Plc and PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc. He is a recipient of National Merit Awards

including Member of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (MFR), Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (OFR) and Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFR). He is also a recipient of the National Productivity Merit Award (NPMA).

Category: Impactful Leadership

2. **Name: Gen. David Medaiyese Jemibewon.**

**Former Military Governor of old Oyo State & Former Minister of Police Affairs**

Key Attainment (s):

- David Medayese Jemibewon is a retired Nigerian Army major general who served as military governor of the now defunct Western State (August 1975 – March 1976) during the military regime of General Murtala Muhammed, governor of Oyo State after it had been created from part of the old Western State (March 1976 - July 1978) during the military regime of General Olusegun Obasanjo, and later as Minister of Police Affairs in the cabinet of President Olusegun Obasanjo after the return to democracy (1999 to 2000).
- Jemibewon was General Officer Commanding First Infantry Division. In August 1975 he was appointed governor of Western. In March 1976 Western State was divided in Ogun, Ondo and Oyo. Jemibewon continued as governor of Oyo State. Later he became Adjutant General of the Nigerian Army.
- Appointed Minister for Police Affairs in Obasanjo's first cabinet in June 1999, he introduced a five-year plan for the recovery of the police, adding 33,000 police officers, setting up the Nigeria police service commission, and better equipping the police to cope with the task of internal security.

	Category: Transformational Leadership
3.	<p><b>Name: Prof Eyitayo Lambo.</b></p> <p><b>Former Minister of Health</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof Eyitayo Lambo is a major figure in the International community of scholars.</li><li>✓ He has Bachelor’s and Masters degrees in Economics and a doctorate degree in Operational Research applied to health systems.</li><li>✓ He was awarded the Fellowship of Operational Research (FOR), England, in 1986 (one of the first Africans to be so honoured by that international professional organization) and also awarded the Fellowship of the Nigerian Economic Society (FNES) in 2013.</li><li>✓ He was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.Honoris Causa) by Bingham University in 2019.</li><li>• He started his university academic career in the University of Ibadan in 1974 and was appointed Foundation Professor of Business Administration by the University of Ilorin in 1984.</li><li>• Lambo was the Regional Adviser for health sector reforms, health care financing and health in socioeconomic development in the World Health Organization's regional office for Africa from 1990 to 1999. He was the first economist to be employed by the WHO’s Regional Office for Africa. He introduced health economics into the work of the WHO in Africa and built/strengthened capacity in health economics in the WHO Regional Office for Africa as well as in WHO country offices in Africa. At the Regional Committee of the Ministers of Health of the African Region held in Windhoek, Namibia in 1999, he received the award of the “most hardworking staff” in the WHO Regional Office for Africa</li></ul>

- He Served as Director of the Change Agent Programme (CAP) for Health Sector Reform in Nigeria 2001-2003 (a health programme funded by the Department for International Development, United Kingdom).
- Prof Eytayo Lambo served as Minister of Health of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 2003 to 2007. Some of his numerous achievements as Minister of Health includes the following:
  - ✓ Development and implementation of Nigeria's first comprehensive Health Sector Reform Programme (2004-2007).
  - ✓ Revision of Nigeria's National Health Policy (2004)
  - ✓ Development of the Nigeria's first National Health Bill in 2004 that was enacted into law (the National Health Act) in 2014 after many revisions.
  - ✓ The 1<sup>st</sup> Comprehensive Health Sector Reform Agenda was signed into the Nigerian law.
  - ✓ Launching of the Formal Sector Programme of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) after being on the drawing board for over 40 years.
  - ✓ The refurbishing and re-equipping of Federal Teaching Hospitals and the movement of 4 of them to their permanent sites that had been abandoned for over 20 years.
  - ✓ The establishment of the National Blood Transfusion Service.
  - ✓ Maintenance of industrial peace in the health sector (virtually no strike actions by health workers throughout his 4-year tenure).
- Prof Lambo has served as Member/Chairman of numerous international Boards & Committees including the following:
  - ✓ The Global Roll Back Malaria Partnership Board, WHO/Geneva.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Scientific Advisory Committee on Stewardship for Infectious Diseases of Poverty (TDR/WHO, Geneva).</li> <li>✓ Ad Hoc Committee for the Implementation of the Affordable Medicines Facility for malaria (AMFm), a global initiative (Global Fund, WHO, Geneva).</li> <li>✓ Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)</li> <li>✓ Health Worker Migration Global Policy Advisory Council.</li> <li>✓ External Reference Group for WHO Research Strategy.</li> <li>✓ Ministerial Leadership Initiative for Global Health.</li> <li>✓ Global Health Worker Alliance Financing Task Force</li> </ul> <p>Category: Creative Leadership</p>
4.	<p><b>Name: Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN, CON.</b></p> <p><b>Former President of Nigerian Bar Association, Former Attorney General of the Federation &amp; Minister of Justice.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He graduated from the University of Lagos with LL.B (Hons) in 1977 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1978. He obtained LL.M from the London School of Economics, University of London and later got admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. Since then he has been in active Commercial law, International Law, Litigation, Mediation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution practice. He has acted as sole Arbitrator, member of arbitration panels, and as Counsel in numerous domestic and international arbitrations both at the ICC, ICSID and the LCIA over the last forty two years.</li> <li>• He is a former Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, past President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria Branch.</li> </ul>

Ojo was until recently a member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) Geneva Switzerland, Council member of the Section on Energy and Natural Resources Law of the International Bar Association, a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators, Washington, DC, a member of the Panel of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Hague, Netherlands, Alternate Chairman of UNESCO Appeals Board in Paris, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London, President of the African Users' Council of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). He is currently the President of the African Arbitration Association. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC). He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Nigerian Journal of Arbitration and Mediation and African Journal of Arbitration and Mediation. He co-authored the book "Handbook of Arbitration and ADR Practice in Nigeria".

- During his tenure as Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of Nigeria, he pushed for the review of the Nigerian Arbitration and Conciliation Act. He still remains a part of the group that is pushing for the enactment of the new Act by the Nigerian National Assembly. He also embarked on the first ever comprehensive Prison Decongestion Exercise in Nigeria which met with huge success. He participated in the debt forgiveness of Nigerian Debt by the Paris and London Clubs and was instrumental to the passage of nine critical bills amongst which is the Central Bank Act 2007. He is a recipient of the National Honour of Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON). He is the Balogun of Ijumu Land and Bashorun of Okun Land.

Category: Impactful Leadership

5. **Name: Sen. (Gen.) Tunde Ogbaha**

**Former Military Administrator of Akwa Ibom & Bendel State.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Jonathan Tunde Ogbaha is a retired general from Kogi State, Nigeria, who was administrator of Akwa Ibom



State and then of Bendel State during the military rule of General Ibrahim Babangida (1985–1993). After the return to democracy in 1999, he was the elected senator for the Kogi West constituency of Kogi State from May 1999 to May 2007.

- Tunde Ogbeha was commissioned second lieutenant in 1970. In 1985, he was appointed an ambassador to Equatorial Guinea. In 1987, he was appointed military governor of the newly formed Akwa Ibom State. In 1988, he was appointed military governor of the now defunct Bendel State. Ogbeha was not in the vanguard for the 1991 creation of Kogi State, but helped in its creation because he was a trusted advisor of President Ibrahim Babangida.

Category: Impactful Leadership

6. **Name: Mr. Abdulrazak Isa Kutepa**

**Chairman, Waltersmith Petroman Oil Ltd.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Abdulrazak Isa is a seasoned entrepreneur, manager and astute international businessman with over 30 years of experience in the Financial Services and Oil & Gas industries. He has experience in strategy, enterprise transformation, asset development, business incubation and integration, start-up advisory and project management. He has participated in several international negotiations for asset acquisition and joint venture project financing in the Oil and Gas industry.
- Under the leadership of Abdulrazaq, Waltersmith Petroman Oil Limited has successfully grown production from a mere 500 bopd in 2008 to 7,000 bopd and to 30, 000 bopd in current production. In 2013, Waltersmith was also awarded the Marginal Oil Field Special Award for its outstanding contribution to the growth and

development of the Nigerian Marginal Field Programme. He is a member of several professional bodies and associations which include the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Energy Institute (IE) and the Institute of Directors (IOD). He is also an active member of the Independent Petroleum Producer Group (IPPG) and the Oil Producers Trade Section (OPTS).

Category: Transformational Leadership

7. **Name: Prof Emeritus Seth Sunday Ajayi...NNOM.**

**1st African Professor of Wildlife Conservation.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Seth Ajayi is an internationally acclaimed Professor Emeritus. He is an Alumnus of the Prestigious Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria where he got a BSc. Honours in Zoology (1968), and University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom – MSc. Wildlife and Range Management (1971). His MSc. programme was rated as one of the most successful undertakings by United Nations /Food and Agriculture Organization (UN/FAO) and a letter of commendation was written to the Federal Government of Nigeria to this effect. He is the first (1st) African Ph.D holder in Wildlife Management (1975) and subsequently became the first (1st) Professor of Wildlife Management in Africa (1980). Some of his specific areas of achievement and contributions include:
  - ✓ Development of scientific approach to Wildlife Conservation throughout Africa.
  - ✓ Development of scientific processes for the domestication of three African Wildlife Species.
  - ✓ Development of curriculum for Wildlife Conservation in Nigeria and several African countries.

- ✓ Development of the proposal upon which the National Parks Service was created in 1984.
- ✓ Creation of the First (1st) African University Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Management, University of Ibadan (1981) which has now metamorphosed into several others across Africa.
- ✓ Pioneer Head, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Management, University of Ibadan (1981- 1987)
- ✓ Pioneer Dean, College of Environmental Resources Management, University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB, 1988).
- ✓ Pioneer Director, Centre for Environmental Protection and Natural Resources (1999). e.t.c.
- Professor Ajayi served as Vice President, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN 1997 – 2000) and also served as a consultant to the United Nations /Food and Agriculture Organization (UN/FAO) for over 25 years. Furthermore, he has served as consultant to the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), World Bank, UNDP, German Foundation for International Development, e.t.c.
- A recipient of 1994 United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) “Global 500 Roll of Honour” award for outstanding Practical Achievements in Environmental Protection:
  - (a) For developing Scientific approach to wildlife Conservation throughout Africa.
  - (b) For creation of the first University Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in Africa.
  - (c) Scientific processes for the domestication of three African wildlife species: the African giant rat – *Cricetomys gambianus* Waterhouse, Grass cutter *Thryonomys swinderianus* Temminck, African Helmeted Guinea-fowl *Phasmea meleagris*.
- A recipient of the 2013 “Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM-Science)”. The award which is the highest award conferred on deserving Nigerian intellectuals for Outstanding Contributions to National development

was conferred on Professor Seth Sunday Ajayi by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the 5th of December 2013 for his Outstanding Contributions in the area of Science.

- He retired after 40 years of meritorious service in University of Ibadan (1969 – 2009) and was subsequently appointed as a Visiting Professor and Technical Adviser, Federal Ministry of Education (2010). In 2014, he was appointed by President Goodluck Jonathan as a Member, National Council on Shelterbelt and Afforestation and Ministerial Council on Great GreenWall. Seth Ajayi was appointed Professor Emeritus in 2017 among 84 nominees.

Category: Innovation / Pioneer

8. **Name: Mrs Folashade Joseph.**

**Managing Director, NAIC**

Key Attainment (s):

- Folasade M. Joseph is a graduate of the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria where she obtained her B.Sc. degree in Accounting in 1983. She was in the employment of Exxon Mobil Plc, where she served meritoriously for seventeen years from 1985 to 2001, giving remarkable accounts of herself through sterling leadership qualities imbued with dedication, discipline and charisma.
- Her unique managerial skills saw her through different positions in many departments of the Exxon Mobil Plc at different times. Due to the need to hone her experience along her dynamic schedules in Exxon Mobil and afterwards, she attended many courses both at home and abroad, as a result of which she has built a repertoire of knowledge across several segments of the national economy, including Telecommunications and Engineering.

- She has held many leadership positions and received several awards including being a fellow of the Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management.

Category: Impactful Leadership

9. **Name: Arch. Bishop Emeritus John Onaiyekan.**

Key Attainment (s):

- His Eminence John Cardinal Onaiyekan was born on January 29th, 1944, in Kabba, Kogi State of Nigeria. Intelligent right from his tender age, he began his Primary School education from 1949-56 at his home town Kabba. His academic prowess heightened at Mount St. Michael's Secondary School, Aliade, Benue State Nigeria between 1957-62 where he had distinctions in his SSCE; a record no one has yet broken in that school.
- His priestly formation commenced in Jan. 1963 – June 1965 with Studies of Philosophy at the prestigious SS. Peter and Paul Major Seminary Bodija, Ibadan Nigeria and from Sept. 1965 – June 1969 studied Theology at the Pontifical Urban College of Propaganda Fide, Rome. Cardinal Onaiyekan's early priestly life began with his ordination to the Catholic Priesthood at his home town Kabba, on 3rd August, 1969. He taught at St. Kizito's college, Isanlu before proceeding for Scripture Studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (*Biblicum*) Rome in Sept. 1971 and completed his Licentiate degree programme in Sacred Scriptures in Feb. 1973. Between Feb. 1973 – Jan. 1976 Cardinal John studied and obtained a Doctorate degree at the Pontifical Urban University, Rome in Biblical Theology with full distinction.
- In Nov. 1982 and at the age of 38, Pope Saint John Paull II appointed Cardinal John the Auxiliary Bishop of Ilorin and ordained him in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome in Jan. 6th 1983. By this appointment and episcopal ordination, he thus became the second youngest Bishop in Nigeria after Cardinal Arinze. October 1984 Cardinal John was appointed Residential Bishop of Ilorin. Six years later, Pope John Paul II appointed Cardinal Onaiyekan the Co-Adjutor Bishop of the newly created Federal Capital Territory Abuja Nigeria in July 1990. As the Coadjutor

Bishop of Abuja, Onaiyekan remained the Apostolic Administrator of Ilorin Diocese until 1992 when he became Bishop of Abuja following the retirement of his Predecessor Dominic Cardinal Ekandem. Two years later (in March 1994) when Abuja Diocese was elevated to the status of Archdiocese, Bishop Onaiyekan became the first Archbishop of Abuja Archdiocese.

- Cardinal Onaiyekan has served and continues to serve in the following Vatican appointments:
  - ✓ 1980-85: Member of the International Theological Commission.
  - ✓ 1981-91: Member of the Methodist/Roman Catholic International Dialogue Commission.
  - ✓ Many times member of Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in the Vatican.
  - ✓ March 1991- June 2006: Member Standing Committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches.
  - ✓ Created Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, November 24th, 2012
  - ✓ 2013 to date Onaiyekan took possession of his Titular Church of San Saturnino in Rome as the Cardinal Priest of the Church.
  - ✓ 2013 to date serves at the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith and the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.
- Other Posts Held by His Eminence includes:
  - ✓ President, Catholic Bishop's Conference of Nigeria, from March 1999 – March 2006.
  - ✓ President, Association of Episcopal Conferences of Anglophone West Africa (AECAWA) – August 2001 – August

2004.

- ✓ President, Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar, (SECAM) – from October 2004 – January 2007.
- ✓ Member of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) since 1999 to date
- ✓ Vice-President of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) from 1996-2003
- ✓ June 2007 till June 2010: Elected President of the Christian Association of Nigeria
- ✓ Became the Co-Chair of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) from 2007 to 2010.
- ✓ Elected as the Co-Chair, African Council of Religious Leaders, (ACRL) from June 2003 – Aug. 2019
- ✓ Elected Moderator of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (RfP) from 2012 to Aug. 2019
- ✓ Elected Honorary President World Council of Religions for Peace (RfP) from Aug. 2019 to date
- Awards and Recognitions:
  - ✓ In December 18th, 2001, His Eminence was conferred with the National Honour of the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) by then Nigerian President – Olusegun Obasanjo.
  - ✓ He also received Grande Ufficiale (1 Classe): Ordinedella Stella della Solidarieta Italiana by President Carlo A. Ciampi of Italy. In Oct., 2012 PAX CHRISTI International gave him a Peace Award in Brussels and in that same year was nominated for the Noble Peace Prize in recognition of his work in promoting religious harmony, peace and justice in Africa.

Category: Transformational Leadership

10.

**Name: Chief Grace Atinuke Oyelude,**

**First Miss Nigeria 1957**

Key Attainment (s):

- **Grace Atinuke Oyelude** was the first winner of the Miss Nigeria beauty contest in 1957
- Miss Nigeria commenced in 1957 as a photo contest. Contestants posted photographs of themselves to the Daily Times headquarters in Lagos where finalists were shortlisted. Successful finalists were afterwards invited to compete in the live final at the Lagos Island Club. At that time, the Miss Nigeria contest did not include a swimsuit competition. Oyelude was working at UAC when she represented the then Northern region. After winning the contest, she travelled to England where she studied Nursing. Within months of gaining admission to the School of Nursing in Ashford, she was crowned First Miss Nigeria.
- Oyelude became a State Registered Nurse in 1961 and became qualified as a state registered midwife SCM (NRM) in 1962 after training at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.[5] She moved on to the Royal College of Nursing, England in 1971[6] and obtained a diploma in Nursing and Hospital administration (DNHA). At the Ghana Institute of Management and Personnel Administration, she completed studies for another diploma. In the United Kingdom, Oyelude worked in several hospitals including Paddington General Hospital, one of the former local hospitals of St Mary's Hospital, London. After returning to Nigeria, she worked in Kaduna General Hospital between 1964 and 1965. She worked as a senior nursing sister-in-charge of the former Kaduna Nursing home (now Barau Dike specialist hospital, Kaduna) from 1965-1977. When the Nigerian Civil War started in 1967, she moved to Markurdi General Hospital. Oyelude led a team from the Northern region; the group that



helped hospitals get ready to treat casualties of war. In the early 1970s she worked as a senior matron and director of nursing services at the Ahmadu Bello University's teaching hospital, after joining the Institute of Health, Ahmadu Bello University. She voluntarily retired from that post in 1985. She was also an external examiner of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria. She chaired the Kwara State Health Management Board from 1980 to 1983.

Category: Pioneer / Innovation

11.

**Name: Prof. Michael B. Ajakaiye**

**Former MD, Nigeria Agric Cooperative Bank**

Key Attainment (s):

- Prof. Ajakaiye is a renowned Professor with a sterling career spanning both public and private sectors. He holds a B.Sc General Agriculture from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1965). M.Sc. Horticulture with courses in Agricultural Extension Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. U.S.A. (1969), and a Ph.D in Agricultural Extension Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. U.S.A. (1975).
- ✓ He has over 15years directorial experience in agricultural loan administration (both as Executive Director and Chief Executive).
- ✓ He also has over 14 years practical experience in extension service involving liaison between agricultural research and extension ensuring field applicability of research recommendations. 5 years as Director.
- He developed linkages based on his robust experience in international loan negotiations for Nigeria e.g. with European Investments Bank, African Development Bank, World Bank, e.t.c.

- He served as Field Agricultural Officer and as a lecturer at University level in Nigeria and abroad with enormous contributions to teaching and research.
- He has successfully mentored several agricultural field extension staff in teaching/in-service training.
- Prof. Michael Ajakaiye has developed several publications for use of extension staff to update farmers in crop and livestock production techniques.
- For 5years, he served as Chairman, Board of Directors of a (blue chip) public liability company.

Category: Impactful Leadership

12.

**Name: Austen Olorunsola... Former Director/CEO, DPR.**

Key Attainment (s):

- **Mr. Osten Olorunsola** is a professional Petroleum Geologist, Technologist, Development Planner & Economist, Commercial Gas and Power expert with over 35 years of practice and experience, which includes a decade with Agip-ENI (Nigeria, San Donato-Italy, Sophia Antipolis in France) and over two decades in Shell International (Nigeria and The Netherlands) where he retired as Vice President for Sub Sahara Africa.
- Osten has credibly served Nigeria twice as Public Servant, first as Adviser to the Minister of State for Energy in Abuja Nigeria, and later as Director of Petroleum Resources from 2011-2013. Indeed, Osten has been uniquely blessed having operated at the highest levels of the three core areas of the Petroleum Resource Management (Technical & Commercial Operations, Policy Formulation, and Regulatory Authority).
- Since 2010 Osten has been Technical Chairperson for drafting the Nigeria Petroleum Industry Bill including the

2016 Governance Bill, the most advanced towards legislative passage. Mr. Osten is currently Chairman and Chief Executive of both Capital One Energy Ltd and Energetikos Ltd.

Category: Professional Expertise

13.

**Name: Barr. Tunde Irukera. Director General, FCCPC**

Key Attainment (s):

- Babatunde Irukera is the Director General/CEO of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, FCCPC (formerly Consumer Protection Council). He started overseeing the transition and operationalisation of the Commission since January 30, 2019, when the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act was enacted. He is responsible for the daily management and leadership of the Commission in fulfilling its mandate to promote market competition, protect consumers and secure remedies when consumer rights are violated. His record of advocacy and representation in competition and consumers' issues is exceptional and provides the clarity that both the Commission and industry need in addressing issues of customer service/protection, promoting a level playing field in the Nigerian marketplace, and ensuring regulatory stability. He has been in active legal practice for almost three decades. His varied experience ranges from being In-house Counsel to General Counsel, Managing Partner in a law firm, and advising senior government officials as well as key government institutions.
- Key areas of significant litigation and resolution experience for Babatunde include medical malpractice. He was key counsel in prosecution, negotiation and settlement of a large multi-jurisdictional case involving a major pharmaceutical company and the conduct of a clinical trial that resulted in injuries.
- He led the initiative in developing current aviation consumer protection regulations as well as the Passenger Bill of Rights. He also led the team that revised existing aviation economic regulations and superintended a comprehensive regulatory and parliamentary investigation into anti-competitive behaviour by foreign airlines.

	<p>He has also provided capacity-building and advisory services to government institutions and other clients with respect to competition/antitrust issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His unique combination of advocacy, commercial practice and reputation provides the required mutual industry/regulatory assurance and balance for a vibrant and robust consumer protection regime that promotes business stability and investment, as well consumer satisfaction and confidence. Babatunde Irukera was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1990, and before the Washington State Supreme Court in 1996.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Impactful Leadership</p>
14.	<p><b>Name: Dr. (Mrs) Folashade Yemi Esan. Head of Service</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan graduated as best Bachelor of Dental Surgery student in 1987 at the University of Ibadan. She started her career at the Federal Ministry of Health and rose to become a director.</li> <li>• She attained the position of Federal Permanent Secretary in 2012, serving first as Permanent Secretary, Service Policy and Strategy, Office in the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation.</li> <li>• She has served as Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Information, Federal Ministry of Education and Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources.</li> <li>• She was the Information Attach'e in the Nigeria Information Service Centre, Embassy of Nigeria, Abijdan, Cote d' Ivoire from 1992 to 1995. She was Director Information in the State House Abuja from 2012 to 2014.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is the current Head of Service, Federal Republic of Nigeria, where she has introduced several professional reforms within the Civil Service and has effectively managed / curtailed the spread of the Covid19 pandemic amongst Civil Servants.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Impactful Leadership</p>
15.	<p><b>Name: Mr. Thomas Olorundare Sunday.</b></p> <p><b>Commissioner for Insurance/CEO, NAICOM</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Thomas is a thorough-bred insurance professional with vast knowledge and experience in underwriting, regulation and hands-on management of human and material resources spanning over four decades uninterrupted.</li> <li>• During these years, Mr. Thomas had traversed the entire insurance sector in Nigeria leaving indelible marks along the way. It is instructive to note that Mr. O. S. Thomas (as widely known) as Director – General of the Nigerian Insurers Association (NIA) between May 2010 and April 2017, brought his experience to bear on the job. It is to his credit that the Association successfully developed and deployed the Nigeria Insurance Industry Database (NIID) platform.</li> <li>• He holds a BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Science and an MBA Finance both from the University of Lagos. He is also an Associate member of the Chartered Insurance Institute, London and Nigeria, Member Society of Fellows of the CII London, Member Nigeria Institute of Management among others.</li> <li>• Olorundare Sunday Thomas is the substantive Commissioner for Insurance and Chief Executive Officer of the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM)</li> </ul>

	Category: Impactful Leadership
16.	<p><b>Name: Mrs. Abimbola Olufore</b></p> <p><b>Country Director, Wycliffe Advisory &amp; SSA to Minister of Trade &amp; Investment.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abimbola Olufore is a quintessential and dynamic professional. She has over 20 years' experience in the oil and gas sector, most recently in Gas Commercialization and New Business Development, she has worked in Europe, Canada, USA and Africa. She started her career with Baker Hughes Inteq as a Well Planner and then moved on to Schlumberger as a Field Engineer. She became the Head, Geophysics Information Management (GSR) at Total E &amp; P in 2005 where she served for over 2 years before leaving for Shell where she served as Surface Data Manager &amp; Surface IM for about 3 years. Bibi is highly skilled in Petroleum Products Contracts/Negotiations, Crude and Gas Lifting/Sales/Handling Agreements and Opportunity Identification/Maturation. She has a B.Sc. (Second Class Upper) in Physics from the Premier University of Ibadan, Nigeria, an MBA from the Warwick Business School, UK and an alumnus of the Lagos Business School, Pan Atlantic University, Nigeria. She is a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), USA and founder of The African Women of Influence Initiative. Abimbola is currently the Director of Commercial Services at Tranergy Inc. and Country Director, Wycliffe Advisory and Consulting. She also serves as Senior Special Assistant to the Minister of Trade and Investment.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>

17.

**Name: Barr. Mabel Demokun.**

**SSA to Deputy Senate President.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Mabel Demokun is a distinctive Barrister of Law who bagged her first degree in Common Law from University of Ilorin where she had served as Vice-President, Law Student's Society. She also holds a Masters degree in Legislative Studies from the National Institute of Legislative Studies.
- She has distinguished herself over the years as a Parliamentary Counsel where she has served in several capacities at the National Assembly, Federal Republic of Nigeria for over a decade. She currently serves as Senior Special Assistant to the Deputy Senate President.
- Her passion for raising young leaders and her antecedents on women empowerment has pitched her at the pinnacle of her current role as the Executive Director, International Society for Young Leaders and Women Empowerment.
- Mabel Demokun is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors (CIFIA) and a Fellow, Institute of Corporate Administration, Nigeria.

Category: Professional Expertise

**PILLAR: PROSPECT**

**S/N**

**SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI WEST**

1.

**Name: Segun Ologe**

**President, Okun Professionals Network.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Segun Ologe is an innovative, creative, and self-motivated Marketing communications consultant, Designer, Copywriter, and Brand strategist.
- As a Lead Consultant at Kenneth Price Nigeria, Segun served as a Business Development Service Provider to the World Bank-Assisted GEM Project from 2016-2019. Kenneth Price Nigeria is a leading Digital Marketing, Branding and Brand Management agency in Abuja, Nigeria. Segun also leads a team under JK Chris Mathews to provide branding, public relations, and marketing communications services to various government agencies in Nigeria.
- Segun Ologe is the President, Okun Professionals Network where he has successfully marshalled the activities of professionals across Okun-land towards enhancing significant contributions to the development of Kogi State.

Category: Prospect



**PILLAR: POSTHUMOUS**

S/N	SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI CENTRAL
1.	<p><b>Name: Hon George Uru Ohikere. 1923 - 1965</b></p> <p><b>Former Minister of Works, First Republic.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• George Uru Ohikere was the first indigenous Chairman of the Nigerian Ports Authority.</li><li>• In September 1953, he went to London as an adviser to the Northern People's Congress at the London Constitutional Talks. His grand political reward came in March 1955 when he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health. He won another election in 1956 and was made Minister of Health. During the cabinet reshuffle in 1957, he was made the Minister of Works. George Uru Ohikere also served Nigeria as the first indigenous chairman of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) in Lagos in 1965 and died in July 1965.</li></ul> <p>Category: Pioneer</p>
2.	<p><b>Name: Alh. Adamu Attah. 1927 - 2014</b></p> <p><b>First Civilian Governor, Old Kwara State.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alhaji Adamu Atta (October 18, 1927 – May 1, 2014) was the first civilian governor of the Nigerian Kwara State during the Second Republic, representing the National Party of Nigeria (NPN).</li><li>• During his administration as the then Kwara State governor, Secondary schools in Ebira land rose from six (6)</li></ul>

to thirty eight (38).

- His regime brought about the School of Nursing (now College of Nursing, Obangede), the Specialist hospital, Obangede; The Osara Campus of the present Kogi Polytechnic; the construction of the Okene-Kuroko-Itakpe road, electrification of several communities, numerous empowerment programmes benefited by many Ebira people among others.

Category: Creative Leadership

3

**Name: Mal. Abdulazeez Attah, 1920 - 1972**

**Former Secretary to the Government of the Federation.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Abdulazeez Attah was the Private Secretary of Dr. Nnamdi Azikwe, Premier of the Eastern Region. Thereafter, he was Secretary to the Agent-General for the Region in Britain; Training Officer in the Regional Ministry of Finance, Enugu; and Secretary for Anang Province. He moved to the Federal Public Service as Administrative Officer, Class II, in 1958 and was promoted to Permanent Secretary in 1960, and headed in turn the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Industries and Ministry of Finance. He occupied the important post of Permanent Secretary, Finance, from 1966 through the years of civil war with all its effect on the country's economy. In December 1970, he was appointed Administrative Officer (Principal Grade) and became Secretary to the Federal Military Government and Head of the Federal Civil Service.

Category: Professional Expertise.

4	<p><b>Name: Gen. Emmanuel Abisoye. 1936 - 2017</b></p> <p><b>Former Member of Supreme Military Council.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a military leader, he secured Nigeria’s borders and territorial integrity during the Civil War.</li> <li>• Abisoye headed 3 Division of the Nigerian Army, located in Jos, Plateau State, from July 1975 to August 1978. He was commissioned into the Queen’s own Nigerian regiment in March 1961, and voluntarily retired from the Nigerian Army in October 1979. Abisoye was conferred with the Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic in 2011. He was at one time, the General Officer Commanding the 3rd Infantry Division and also the 2nd Infantry Division. He was Federal Commissioner for Health (Minister of Health) under the military government of Olusegun Obasanjo between 1976 and 1979.</li> <li>• Pioneer President, Retired Army, Navy and Air Force Officers Association of Nigeria; Pioneer Chairman, Kogi State Foundation; Pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, University of Abuja.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
5.	<p><b>Name: Professor Patrick Olu Obasi. 1933 – 2007</b></p> <p><b>Secretary General, World Meteorological Organisation. WMO (United Nations).</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor G.O.P. Obasi was the first member of the Secretariat to be so appointed as Secretary-General and the first African to be appointed head of a UN body.</li> <li>• After a B.Sc. in Mathematics and Physics (1959) from McGill University, Canada, and an MSc and PhD in</li> </ul>

meteorology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, he joined the National Meteorological Service of Nigeria. Four years later, he left to join the University of East Africa (which became the University of Nairobi), where he became Chairman of the Department of Meteorology and Dean of the Faculty of Science. In 1978, he joined the WMO Secretariat as Director of Education and Training.

- Under his leadership: WMO convened the Second World Climate Conference (WCC) in Geneva in 1990, following which the UN General Assembly created the Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Also, UNEP and WMO initiated the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the secretariat of which is hosted by WMO.

Category: Creative Leadership

6. **Name: Senator Engr. Ahmed Tijani Ahmed. 1941 - 2006**

**Former Senator, Nigeria Senate.**

Key Attainment (s):

- First Civilian Managing Director of the Nigeria Airports Authority (Now called Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, FAAN). 1979 - 1985

Category: Professional Expertise.

7.	<p><b>Name: Professor Joseph Sunday Aliyu. (1944 – 2015)</b></p> <p><b>Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Federal University Lokoja.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph Sunday Aliyu was the pioneer Head of Department of English and Literary Studies, and the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Federal University, Lokoja.</li> <li>• The highly revered scholar developed the Syntactic Complexity and Sentence Decoding, University of Wisconsin--Madison, 1981</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
8.	<p><b>Name: Senator Pius Lasisi Jimoh. 1950 - 2014</b></p> <p><b>Former Senator, Nigeria Senate.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was the deputy minority leader and the youngest lawmaker ever elected to the senate at the age of 33 (1983).</li> <li>• While Pius Jimoh was in the senate, he advocated for the creation of Kogi State so as to save the people he represented from their bondage in Kwara State because they have got nothing to gain from remaining there. He was also a proponent of poll-tax abolition throughout the country saying the piece-meal abolition of the</li> </ul>

	<p>tax by some state governments was not yielding results because people from where it was abolished were forced to pay same in other states while travelling.</p> <p>Category: Impactful Leadership</p>
9.	<p><b>Name: Lt. General Saliu Ibrahim. FSS, FHWC. 1943 – 2018.</b></p> <p><b>Former Chief of Army Staff.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nigerian army general who was Chief of Army Staff from August 1990 until September 1993 during the military regime of General Ibrahim Babangida.</li> <li>• He was appointed Commandant of the Nigeria Defence Academy (1988 - 1990).</li> <li>• After retirement he was appointed a Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of council of the University of Ilorin.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
10.	<p><b>Name: Lt. Col Muhammad Abu Ali. 1980 - 2016.</b></p> <p><b>Nigerian Army</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He put his life on the line by frontally taking on scores of the terrorists so that wounded soldiers could be successfully evacuated from the battle front to receive medical attention.</li> <li>• During the operation, Lt. Col Ali (whose 272 Task Force Battalion was mobile and rotational) was said to have driven his then armoured 105 Howitzer battle tank against the terrorists and fired until he ran out of</li> </ul>

ammunition.

The terrorists later surrounded the armoured tank, thinking the operator had run away, bombed it with IEDS, pumped several rounds of AK 47 rifles into the armoured tank and all visible opening of the tank. Having concluded that whatever was left of the Howitzer was carcass, the terrorists were said to have left, happy that they had demobilized and destroyed an armoured tank of the Nigerian Army. Troops of 272 Task Force battalion who escaped the attack, were said to have gone back to base to report that Lt. Col Ali had been killed.

But almost 48 hours later when everybody concluded the worst had happened, they saw the 105 Howitzer of Col Abu Ali making its way back to base even in its state of near destruction. When the battle tank stopped, behold, it was Lt. Col Abu Ali who disembarked. The soldiers and officers who could not believe their eyes went into jubilation, chanting his praise and quickly rushed him to receive first aid attention because he was bleeding from his nose, ears and other parts of the body. The officer was later said to have been rushed out for treatment to stop the bleeding from different parts of his body.

- Having been treated and certified okay, Lt. Col. Abu Ali who said he had an unfinished business of annihilating Boko Haram terrorists, and liberating hostages and remaining villages, returned to battle but this time with the brand new T-72 long range battle tank. on Friday November 4, 2016, by over 60 Boko Haram terrorists, who were heavily armed with various sophisticated weapons including Anti-tank weapons, Anti-Aircraft guns, GPMGs and several AK 47 rifles, Lt. Col. Muhammad Abu Ali who led the onslaught against the terrorists moved several hundreds of meters ahead to ascertain the casualty figures of the terrorists who were killed and his own troops who were either killed or injured. On Friday November 4, 2016, by over 60 Boko Haram terrorists, who were heavily armed with various sophisticated weapons including Anti-tank weapons, Anti-Aircraft guns, GPMGs and several AK 47 rifles, Lt. Col. Muhammad Abu Ali who led the onslaught against the terrorists moved several hundreds of meters ahead to ascertain the casualty figures of the terrorists who were killed and his own troops who were either killed or injured. However, unknown to him, a new group of Boko Haram terrorists, emerged from nowhere as the soldiers were heading back to position and opened fire on the

soldiers leading to Abu Ali's death and six of his colleagues. That was how Lt. Col. Muhammad Abu Ali, a recipient of the Chief of Army Staff award for exceptional bravery and excellence who led the army units that recovered Gamboru-Ngala, Baga and several communities from the terrorists, lost his life.

Category: Defense of Democracy

**PILLAR: PRESENT**

**S/N**      **SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI CENTRAL**

1.      **Name: Engr. Joseph Makoju**

**Key Attainment (s):**

- Joseph Makoju has served in several capacities and world class corporations including Shell BP, Blue Circle (UK) and WAPCO (now Lafarge Africa) at that time Nigeria's largest cement manufacturing company, which he led as Managing Director/CEO for a decade before taking up the appointment as Managing Director/CEO of National Electric Power Authority. He also served as Special Adviser (Electric Power) to the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, under two separate administrations.
- Joseph was appointed to the Board of Dangote Cement in 2010, as a Non-Executive Director. He became Acting Group Chief Executive Officer in January 2018, having substantial experience of the cement industry in Nigeria and subsequently became the Group Managing Director/CEO, Dangote Cement PLC.

Category: Professional Expertise.



2.	<p><b>Name: Aisha Mata Abdulrahman</b></p> <p><b>Former Group Executive Director, NNPC.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Aisha Mata Abdulrahman was the first female Group Executive Director in NNPC.</b></li> <li>• Before her appointment as GED, she had been the Managing Director of Nikorma, NNPC’s shipping subsidiary, since March 2011. Ms. Abdulrahman has also served as Managing Director of Hyson, an NNPC trading subsidiary, and as Executive Director (Services) of the Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC).</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
3.	<p><b>Name: Amb. Bello Usman Eneyamire</b></p> <p><b>Former Ambassador.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <p>Usman Bello is a unique banker and diplomat. Before now, he had served in several capacities as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Accounts Officer, American Peace Corps, 1965-67</li> <li>✓ Bank officer, Bank of the North, 1970-85;</li> <li>✓ Commissioner, Kwara State, 1975-79</li> <li>✓ mm: Revenue Allocation Commission, 1980-81</li> </ul>

- ✓ Federal Task Force, Ajaokuta Steel Company Ltd, 1989-90;
- ✓ Ambassador, 1999 (Embassy of Nigeria, Khartoum, Sudan)
- ✓ Main/Assara of Ebiraland November 1999

He has activity participated in several associations to enhance development of the people of ebiraland.

- ✓ Front for Ebira Solidalitary
- ✓ Ebira People Association, Okene Development Association, e.t.c.

Category: Professional Expertise

4.

**Name: Engr. Austin Onwion**

**Former Group Managing Director, NNPC.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Austin Oniwon is a seasoned professional and former Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Group Managing Director. He is an alumnus of the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, with a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Chemistry 1967 - 1971. Austin Oniwon is fellow of the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers, FNSChE, and a low-key Harvard and Oxford-educated engineer, who joined NNPC in 1977 and became Warri Refining and Petrochemicals Company's head of planning in 1987. Austin Oniwon then served as technical assistant to the downstream department's Group Executive Director (1988-91), before serving as head of

Kaduna Refining and Petrochemicals Company's Engineering and Technical Services Department (ETSD) in 1991-92. Following this, Oniwon was appointed head of NNPC's New Business Development, Corporate Planning and Development Division, until moving to become head of ETSD at Port Harcourt Refinery (1993-99). Austin Oniwon rose through the ranks having served in several other capacities within to corporation and subsequently became the Group Managing Director in May 2010 - June 2012.

Category: Professional Expertise

5.

**Name: Amb. Judith Sefi Attah OFR**

**Former Nigerian Ambassador to Italy and First Minister of Women Affairs & Social Welfare.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Amb. Judith Attah was born on 14 July 1933. She attended Achimota School, Accra Ghana; Aburi Girls School, Ghana; St. Theresa's College, Ibadan; University College, Dublin England and the University of Pittsburg, U.S.A. Amb. Attah holds a B.A in Geography/History.
- She was permanent Nigerian delegate, to UNESCO, 1982
- Parmanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, 1986
- She was onetime an ambassador to Italy with concurrent accreditation to Greece and Cyrus. 1991-1995
- Attah was the First minister of women affairs for Nigeria. She is retired and engaged in many philanthropic activities in the areas of women and children. 1995

	Category: Pioneer
6.	<p><b>Name: Dr. Tom Adaba...OON</b></p> <p><b>Former DG, Nigerian Broadcasting Commission.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His over 40 years of service to the Education and Mass Communications sectors was duly recognized by his country when he was bestowed with the award of Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) by the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 2008. As chief of his homeland, Ebiraland, he aptly bears the title “Beacon of Light” which is indicative of his guiding presence in Nigeria’s private and public sectors.</li> <li>• His dedication to continuous learning and the value of higher education is evidenced by his Bachelor of Science Degree, two Masters Degrees (one in Science and the other in Educational Technology) and his doctorate. An able teacher, Dr Adaba has taught at all levels of the education sector, primary to tertiary and served in the policy making role of President, African Council for Communication Education (ACCE).</li> <li>• He has employed his skills as an educator to his various appointments. Among these is role he played as Associate Professor in Madonna University, Okija Anambra State; Director General of the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC); Lecturer, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria; Principal of the NTA Television College Jos; Station General Manager, Makurdi; and Deputy Director at NTA Headquarters.</li> </ul>

	<p>Category: Impactful Leadership</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Name: Dr. Badanga Ahmed Lamidi</b></p> <p><b>President, Fire Disaster Prevention and Safety Awareness of Nigeria (FDPSAAN)</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President and Founder of the 1st Fire disaster Management NGO in Nigeria and West Africa sub-region. The NGO has initiated several fire awareness campaign programmes touching the life of many Nigerians with over 55 Members of Staff and Volunteers delivering fire awareness education.</li> <li>• He also serves as Managing Director, IOSafe Nigeria.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Name: Mrs. Lami Onayi Angela Ahmed.</b></p> <p><b>Member, Governing Board, NNPC.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lami Angela Ahmed is a social service enthusiast, a hardworking achiever and a fulfilled family woman. She is a</li> </ul>

philanthropist who always desires to lessen the burden of the sufferings of poor people around her.

- She is a well-educated personality graduating in marketing as her 1st degree and having 3 masters' degree in Managerial Psychology, Business Administration and Social Works. She is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management, African Business School, Institute for Social Work and Geriatric studies and Certified Institute of Development studies.
- Lami Ahmed is a social worker, well-travelled and a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs where she rose through the ranks of leadership to become the Multiple Council Chairperson MD 404 Nigeria (Number One Lion) 2018/2019. She is an advocate of human right, justice, equity and peace. Mrs. Lami Angela Ahmed is a business guru and an administrator who has excelled in many offices of high responsibility.
- Her passion and commitment to helping the less privileged has motivated her into forming a Non-Governmental charity organization called Lift Up Care Foundation (LUCAF) to cater for the needs of the less privileged focusing on women, girl child, youth and the aged groups. She is a lover of sport and great golfer who also rose to the position of Lady Captain of the prestigious IBB International Golf and Country Club.
- Mrs. Lami Onayi Ahmed has over 30 years working experience covering the entire value chain of the oil & gas industry.
- Her quest for educational pursuit and continuous personal development has seen her bag three master's degrees in Physiology, Business administration and Social work. Mrs. Ahmed is a successful businesswoman and philanthropist who is involved in several charity endeavors and humanitarian services across the country. She is an avid golfer with extensive interests across business, social work and politics.
- She was appointed to the Board of the NNPC in June, 2020.

Category: Professional Expertise

9.

**Name: Mr. Abdulmumin Ali**

**MD /CEO, QL Resources**

Key Attainment (s):

- Abdulmumin is a Chartered Accountant and an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria. He has had a stellar working career spanning audit, banking operations, bank supervision, compliance and governance, treasury services and relationship management. He commenced his working career at Aminu Ibrahim and Co (Chartered Accountants) where he trained as an auditor in 1991. In 1993, he left Aminu Ibrahim and Co for Nigeria International Bank (Citibank Nigeria) where he worked as an Officer in Banking Operations and General Internal Services (GIS).
- Abdulmumin left to join the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) where he worked as a Bank Examiner and was involved in the examination of the books and records of Deposit Money Banks in Nigeria with a view to reporting on safeness and soundness of their banking practices. He was also involved in the acquisition and liquidation of failed banks and the paying off of their insured depositors.
- He moved to Standard Trust Bank in 2000 as the Head of Regulatory Compliance, a position he headed up till 2002 when he became the Head, Assets and Liabilities Management. At the merger with UBA Plc in 2005, he became the Group Head, Compliance; a position he held until 2007 with oversight over Regulatory Compliance in over 500 branches of the bank and a host of subsidiaries. He relinquished this desk for marketing in 2007 when he became the Regional Head, Mainland Bank. He moved on to First City Monument Bank Plc in 2009 as

the Zonal Head for the North West region before resigning at the end of 2010 to start up QL Resources Limited, a finance and management consulting firm.

Category: Professional Expertise

10.

**Name: Barr. Natasha H. Akpoti**

**CEO/LegendArk Energy International.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Natasha Akpoti attended Christ the King Nursery and Primary School Okene where she was made the Social Prefect and acknowledged in her testimonial to be very quiet, hardworking and responsible. Thereafter, she proceeded to Government Girls Unity Secondary School Oboroke, Kogi State and Federal Government College Idoani, Ondo state for her junior secondary and senior Secondary education respectively. Yet again, her exceptional academic and personal performances earned her the leadership position of being the Head Girl at F.G.C. Idoani. Graduating in 1997, Natasha's Secondary School leaving Certificate and Testimonial acknowledged her of being responsible, hardworking and a diligent prefect.
- She holds an LLB in Law from the University of Abuja, and was called to bar in 2005. She also obtained her Masters in Business Administration and doubled up with a PGD Petroleum Law and Policies from the foremost University of Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom.
- Through sheer determination and doggedness she excelled in vital modules such as Strategic Management and Organizational Analysis; Leadership and Decision Making; International Arbitration; Management in Energy and Natural Resources Industries; International Petroleum Law and ultimately Business Strategy in the Extractive Industries amongst others. Admittedly, knowledge acquired greatly influenced the success of Natasha's advocacy for the revival of the moribund Ajaokuta in an attempt to position Nigeria as an



industrialized nation.

- Natasha also participated in a high-level workshop organized by the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom which centered on the Bargaining Zone, Anchor Points and Negotiation Tactics) Preparation, First Moves and Concessions) where Natasha scored the most accurate bargain during a delegate-simulation.
- While employed as a legal counsel at Brass LNG, an international gas liquefaction company, Natasha participated in and completed many resource development courses some of which are – International Gas Business Management Certificate program offered by the prestigious International Human Resources Development Corporation (IHRDC) in Boston, Massachusetts USA. Others are, Contracts Used in International Petroleum Development, and Monitoring and Regulation of the Upstream Petroleum Sector (Exploration and Production) both programs were offered by the Center for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), Scotland, UK.
- Interesting enough, Natasha’s becoming an expert in the energy sector didn’t quench her innermost desire to work with marginalized communities to help connect people to self-developing opportunities and create a meaningful legacy. This drove her to become a Social Entrepreneur and in leaving no knowledge stone unturned, she enrolled at INSEAD’s Social Entrepreneurship Program in Singapore.
- At INSEAD, Natasha understood that innovating indigenous technologies and building inclusive resilient economies is the only sure way Nigeria can sustainably develop. Reflecting such knowing to Nigeria, she identified the need to create a responsive Ecosystem plunging People, Processes and Products in one responsive space to support Start-Ups and smart ideas.
- This interest birthed a partnership between the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Small, Medium Enterprise Development Agency (SMEDAN) of Nigeria and Natasha’s Builders Hub Impact Investment Program (BHIIP) to establish Nigeria’s first integrated Technology Development and Business Growth Hub situated in

the city of Uyo, in the coastal, oil producing part of Nigeria.

Category: Professional Expertise

11.

**Name: Dr. Salamat Ahuoiza Aliyu.**

**First female neurosurgeon in West Africa.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Dr. Salamat Ahuoiza Aliu (b. 1980) is the first indigenously trained female neurosurgeon in Nigeria and also the first female to be certified a neurosurgeon in West Africa. Born in Ilorin, Kwara State, where she had most of her education up to the university level, she found the area of neurosurgery interesting and intriguing, and then decided to specialize in the discipline. Neurosurgeons are not just brain surgeons, they are medically trained neurosurgical specialists who can also help patients suffering from back and neck pain as well as a host of other illnesses ranging from trigeminal neuralgia to head injury and Parkinson's disease. An Ebira woman from Okene Local Government in Kogi State, Salamat is happily married with two children.

Category: Pioneer

**PILLAR: PROSPECT**

**S/N**

**SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI CENTRAL**

**Name: Stephen Ogirima Ohize**

**Medical Doctor.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Stephen Ohize has over three years of experience in the public health sector, specifically focusing on breast and cervical cancer screening and prevention therapy. Currently, Stephen is the Project Coordinator for Raise Foundation, where he heads the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program. He also serves as a member of the Niger State steering committee for the Saving One Million Lives Program. Stephen is focused on initiating, designing and implementing cancer control programs in Niger State.
- Stephen holds a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from the University of Jos, Nigeria. He is driven by the desire to see a structured healthcare system with a long-term, self-sustainable cancer prevention program aimed at raising awareness, providing screening services with referral system in place, recalling clients at appropriate intervals, and having a good data management system. Upon completion of Mandela Washington Fellowship, Stephen plans to continue his work on creating a viable cancer control program for the region and the entire country.

Category: Prospect

**PILLAR: POSTHUMOUS**

S/N	SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI EAST
1.	<p><b>Name: Professor Francis S. Idachaba. NNOM 1943 - 2014</b></p> <p><b>Pioneer VC of University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Former Vice Chancellor, Kogi State University, Anyigba.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Former Chairman, Nigeria National Merit Award.</li><li>• His output as an intellectual included six published books and over 72 academic papers on diverse issues of agricultural development. He was the Pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, from 1988 to 1995 and also served as vice-chancellor of Kogi State University between 2005 and 2008. He advocated that government should declare agriculture an infant industry and that triangular alliances be formed between government, industry and universities to solve national problems. He was the founder of the Igala Education Foundation in 2001 and F. S. Idachaba Foundation for Research and Scholarship in 2003</li></ul> <p>Category: Pioneer</p>
2.	<p><b>Name: Chief Peter S. Achimugu (1902 – 1968).</b></p> <p><b>1st Minister of Local Industries.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>FIRST MINISTER FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIES:</b></li></ul>

- Honourable Peter Achimugu was educated at the Government School, Idah and CMS School Onitsha in the old Eastern Region. Most of his working life was in the Igala NA. He was at various times a fudge of the Customary Court and President of the Upper Area Court. He became a very strong member of the NPC in the belief that a strong membership of the party from the Middle Belt Region was central to the overall cohesion of the Northern Regional 'political' power. The strength of Mr. Peter Achimugu was such that by 1954, he had become a key figure in the politics of the North. The Premier of the North recognized the political importance of this illustrious son of the Igala hence his appointment as the Northern Minister for Local Industries in 1952. He also served as the Minister for Natural Resources. Though, he retired from that office in 1957 he continued to be relevant to the administrative machinery of the Middle Belt Zone as he became the Chairman of Igala NA Local Government. Having been a fudge and a Christian, he was appointed a member of the Northern Nigeria Penal Code Reform Commission in 1959 touring such countries as Libya and Pakistan thus becoming one of the architects of the Northern Legal System as it is applicable today. In 1960 together with others he obtained Certificate in the New Penal System of Judicial Administration from the Institute of Administration, Zaria. In October 1960, just after Nigeria's independence, Hon. Peter Achimugu was one of the Northern Nigerians appointed to administer justice in various courts across the North. He became President of the Provincial Courts for Kabba province. It was in the same year that the Federal Government recognized his worth and eminence with the award of the OFR Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic.

Category: Professional Expertise

3. **Name: Brig. General Umaru Anaja. (1943 – 1986)**

**Former Military Governor of Plateau State.**

Key Attainment (s):

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colonel Joshua Umaru Anaja was the military governor of Plateau State, Nigeria from July 1978 to October 1979 during the military regime of General Olusegun Obasanjo. On 1 October 1979 he handed over to the elected civilian governor Solomon Lar, who assured him that his government would inherit any realistic obligations made by the out-going military government.</li> <li>• Joshua Anaja was an Engineer and one of the core professionals in the Nigerian army who participated actively in construction of bridges and several significant National structures built during the early military era.</li> <li>• Promoted to Brigadier, Anaja was Director of the Department of Joint Studies at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji from 1 February 1984 to 25 May 1985.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
4.	<p><b>Name: Barr. James E. Ocholi, SAN (1960 – 2016),</b></p> <p><b>Former Minister of State, Labour</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocholi began his educational life at the Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) Primary School, Oguma in Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State from 1966-1972, and proceeded to the Ochaja Boys Secondary School, Ochaja in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State from 1973-1978 where he obtained the WASC in flying colours. He proceeded to the School of Basic Studies (SBS) Ugbokolo in Benue State from 1980-1982 where he obtained the Interim Joint Matriculation Board Certificate. Late Ocholi proceeded to the prestigious University of Jos from 1982-1985 where he obtained the LL.B degree in Law and Qualified as a lawyer after the Nigerian Law School in Lagos, 1985-1986.</li> <li>• The young Counsel took a bold step of setting out to establish and head Ocholi James Associates at Ankpa,</li> </ul>

Kogi State in 1988, a firm that has continued till today with office at Gidado Street, Wuye District of Abuja, Nigeria. Interestingly, Barr Ocholi James lost all of his first ten cases at the early state of his practice but rather than despair, he went on appeal on all the ten cases pro bono as his clients were no forthcoming with legal fees. Ocholi won all the ten cases at the Appeal Court and his practice took a great leap.

- Ocholi moved to Lagos in 1998 where he practiced and then moved back to Abuja in 2003. He was a Notary Public and was elevated to the distinguished legal rank of a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) on 12th December, 2007. Ocholi was a Litigator, specialised in Corporate Practice, Constitutional and Commercial Law, Election Law, Conveyance and Public International Law. He held several positions of trust in the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) such as General Secretary of NBA old Lokoja Branch and the disciplinary committee of the NBA, Abuja Branch. He represented NBA in several fora at the national level.
- In November 2015, Ocholi James was appointed a minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and deployed as Minister of State for Labour and Employment after a sterling performance during his ministerial screening on the floor of the Nigerian Senate. In his brief but impactful service as Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Ocholi discharged himself creditably as a perfect negotiator, mediator and a team player. He was the chairman of two major negotiation committees for the resolution of industrial disputes in the Health Sector and the Oil and Gas Sector. The committees were making tremendous progress until his sudden transition to glory in 2016.

Category: Professional Expertise

5.	<p><b>Name: Suleiman Achimugu. (1953 – 2020)</b></p> <p><b>Former Managing Director, PPMC.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engr. Suleiman Akowe Achimugu is a patriot, quintessential engineer and bridge builder who was a passionate believer in the ‘Kogi dream’.</li> <li>• At age 25, Achimugu joined the NNPC in 1978 as chemical engineer II. Twenty years later, after serving in a couple of departments in the corporation, he was named general manager, Turn Around Maintenance and Projects in the refining and petrochemicals directorate at the NNPC’s corporate headquarters.</li> <li>• In November 2003, he was appointed managing director of Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC) and in 2007, he was appointed the group general manager of Renewable Energy Division of the NNPC.</li> <li>• Achimugu was known for his professionalism due to his antecedents and contributions especially at national level to Nigeria’s Oil and Gas sector.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
6.	<p><b>Name: Dr. Stephen Achema. (1947- 1999)</b></p>



## **Industrialist**

### Key Attainment (s):

- Once upon a time some hawks held the newly established Federal Polytechnic to ransom. Equipment that were meant for students practical were carted away with reckless abandon. When it was time for Idah community to rise up to the challenge it was Dr.Achema and other notable community leaders like Mr. James Abalaka (FEDECO), Dr. P.H.O Ahmodu with young generations such as Hon. Bea Agbas that led the struggle. This struggle lasted for years until the Justice Christopher Segun panel of inquiry came to the rescue.
- Dr. Achema fought so many battles for the emancipation of his people. In the early seventies he stood for the abolition of female taxation in Igala land while serving as National President of the Igala students Association (ISA). He fought for the creation of Kogi state alongside elder statesmen like Senator Dr. Ahmodu Ali, Chief D.U Enefolo and a host of others. His agitation for the creation of Kogi state was majorly informed by the level of marginalization of Igala people in the then Benue state. The effort of Senator[ Dr.] Ahmadu Ali, Dr. Achema and others from the other flanks of the state yielded result on 27th August, 1991 with the creation of Kogi State by the Babangida regime.
- Dr. Achema subsequently contested the election to be the Governor of Kogi State and lost, all pressure from his party to challenge the outcome of the election at the tribunal was vehemently rejected by him.
- Dr Achema was appointed as Senior Special Assistant to President Obasanjo on professional bodies and labour matters as a reward for his significant role in the forming of the party. Achema occupied this position until his death in November 1999.

Category: Defense of Democracy.

7.	<p><b>Name: Salome Acheju Abuh.</b></p> <p><b>Notable Politician</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salome Acheju was said to have paid a supreme price for Igala land through politics and has been described as a “martyr whose political sagacity will remain fresh in the mind of her political associates and Kogites generally.</li> <li>• Acheju Salome Abuh was a Political Party Women Leader who was burnt alive in her home by suspected political thugs in the November 16 Kogi governorship election bloody fallout.</li> </ul> <p>Category: Heroine</p>
<b>PILLAR: PRESENT</b>	
<b>S/N</b>	<b>SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI EAST</b>
1.	<p><b>Name: Col (Dr) Ahmadu Ali, Former Commissioner for Education (Minister)</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ahmadu Ali enjoyed the trust and confidence of his superiors. He was appointed the pioneer Director of the NYSC. In the course of his duty he visited some foreign countries, especially Britain and the US, to learn how they operated similar organizations like the American Peace Corps. And back at home here in Nigeria, he went on lecture tours of the Universities to talk to our students on the gain of the NYSC. This helped to quell the</li> </ul>

initial student protest against service in the NYSC.

- Ahmadu Ali also had the singular honour of being appointed commissioner of Education by three succeeding Heads of State; General Gowon, General Murtala Mohammed, and General Olusegun Obasanjo. There could be no singular demonstration of trust and confidence in one's superiors than this. It is also on record that the educational ministry witnessed its greatest national expansion under the Ahmadu Ali tenure. This was the case across the board in expanding the Universities, the Colleges of technology and Education, the Teacher training Colleges and the Federal Government College System. Incidentally, under Obasanjo's military tenure, Ali's ministry of Education had more budgetary allocation than any other ministry including even the ministry of defence.
- As an Administrator, Ahmadu Ali did not sit in the office and give instructions of what is to be done. He went out to the field himself to supervise the execution of every project his ministry has approval for. This enabled him to neutralize any obstacle that stands in the way of successful execution of any of his projects. This was how he ensured the establishment of the Federal Government Colleges at Ido Ani in Ondo State and Ugwualawo in the then Benue State against the attempt of their State Governors to undermine their construction. It was the same dynamism that enabled him ensure the establishment of the National Universities Commission and the first major National Policy on Education.
- Ahmadu Ali was an excellent medical doctor based both on his training at the University College Hospital Ibadan and his post graduate medical studies at Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland. He was enthusiastic to lend the benefit of his experience to the training of the newer and younger doctors.
- His second major preoccupation after leaving the Army was Politics. He started with Igala divisional politics and climbed on to national Politics. He was elected Senator of the Federal Republic three times (1979, 1982, and 1991). He was noted for fiery campaign speeches. He also led a movement for the creation of Kogi State

which finally materialized on the 27th of August 1991 under General Babangida's regime.

Category: Impactful Leadership

2.

**Name: Prof Gabriel Audu Oyibo.**

**Developer of the GAGUT Theory.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Professor Gabriel A. Oyibo obtained his Ph. D. in Aeronautics and Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Troy, New York where he worked for four (4) years on NASA/AFOSR sponsored research and made several contributions in aircraft design, aerodynamics, aeroelasticity, mathematics and taught several courses.
- Dr. Oyibo discovered a new hodograph technique for determining exact nonlinear two-dimensional unsteady and three dimensional flow. This discovery has already begun to change a century old scientific and mathematical perception that the hodograph tool was only useful for two-dimensional fluid flow problems. In evolving the Hodograph transformation concept into a practical design tool, Dr. Oyibo has been involved in extensive application of numerical methods and large computer programs utilizing the Cray supercomputer. This Cray experience has convinced Dr. Oyibo that the resulting design tool would potentially be a significant discovery. In fact, some 3-D aerodynamic shapes are now being evolved from this discovery which theoretically promises to make shock free flight at the speed of sound possible. This research is suggesting that the solutions of most mathematical physics equations can be found from group transformation theory, the core of his research. This theory hopefully can be used to solve the full Navier Stokes and Reynolds Averaged equations for turbulence in closed form.
- He is widely known as the developer of the GAGUT Theory.

Category: Professional Expertise

3.

**Name: Mr. Tony Okpanachi**

**Managing Director, Development Bank of Nigeria.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Tony Okpanachi is a Nigerian based banker, he is is the Managing Director/CEO of the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN), a bank based that is based on rendering loans to Financial Institutions like Access Bank plc, Diamond Bank, GTBank, and top Financial Banks, he is popularly known for his for his contribution to Development Bank of Nigeria. Prior to his appointment at DBN, Tony was the Deputy Managing Director at Ecobank
- He attended Ochaja Secondary School, Ochaja in Kogi State from 1976 to 1981 and proceeded to the Federal School of Arts and Science in Ondo for his A' Levels from 1981 to 1983. He graduated with a Second Class Upper division and won the Abubakar Usman Memorial Prize for the Best Graduating Student of Economics from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1987. He also possesses Masters degrees in Economics with Distinction from the University of Lagos (1989) and an MBA from the Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, UK (2010).
- Tony started his career working for the All States Trust Bank and the Intercontinental Bank Plc in 1990, then left to join Ecobank Plc in 2006 as the Division Head. He rose through the ranks to become the Managing Director, and CEO in several African countries including Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan between 2013 and 2016. During his tenure as the CEO of Ecobank Malawi in 2009, Okpanachi led the acquisition of Loita Investment

Bank, which he helped transform into a full-fledged commercial bank with 4 branches. Similarly, in East Africa, he commenced greenfield operations for Ecobank in Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Ethiopia in addition to acquired assets in Burundi, Rwanda, and Kenya.

- Since his appointment as Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) since May 2017, by President Muhammadu Buhari Tony has set up structures and policies necessary for building a winning team, ensuring compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements, handling franchise-related issues, forging positive working relationships with local regulators, other stakeholders, and Development Partners to deliver business and developmental objectives of the institution.
- Tony believes in striving for global best practice in all its ramifications. He is convinced that the Wholesale lending model through financial intermediaries offers a more suitable path to MSME financing as they have established channels and provide competitive pricing for loan products. He strongly believes that the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN), as a wholesale development finance institution is positioned to meet its three specific mandate, which is to:
  - ✓ Increase access to finance for MSME by lending to participating financial institutions;
  - ✓ Provide partial credit guarantees for participating financial institution to encourage them to track the risk of lending to MSMEs

He is a Fellow of several Institutes & Societies including:

- ✓ Fellow Chartered Institute of Bankers (FCIB)
- ✓ Fellow Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (FCIS)
- ✓ Fellow Institute of Credit Administration (FICA)

✓ Member Nigeria Economic Society

Category: Impactful Leadership

4.

**Name: Dr. Ibrahim Wada OON.**

**Founder/CEO, NISA Medical Group.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Dr. Wada had his earlier education at Roman Catholic School, Dekina, St. Charles College, Ankpa and Government Secondary School, Dekina where he finished as the best graduating student in 1974.
- Dr Wada attended the School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (ABU) from 1974 -1975 and had his medical education in the same university, graduating with an MBBS degree in 1980. He did his Housemanship at Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), 1980/81. Dr. Wada began his specialist training in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at JUTH, Jos in 1982, after the NYSC and made a mark in 1984 as the first doctor from the region to pass the specialist examinations of both the Nigerian and West African Postgraduate Medical Colleges.
- He left for the UK in May 1986 to continue his specialist training at Addenbrooke's Teaching Hospital, Cambridge and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital UK, King's Lynn Norfolk. In February 1988, he bagged the specialist postgraduate degree in O & G, and became a member of the prestigious Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, London at his first attempt.
- The success of his effort at Nisa became public when 'Baby Hannatu' was born on 12th February 1998. The breakthrough was thoroughly investigated and confirmed by a committee of the Federal Ministry of Science & Technology who ascertained that all necessary scientific processes were duly followed. It should be noted that this was the first time a government committee would authenticate the birth of a 'test tube baby' in Nigeria.

- Dr. Wada and his Nisa team have since then achieved a number of other feats in infertility procedures including:  
Nigeria's first set of 'test tube twins' (May 1999), followed by the country's first 'test tube triplets' in February 2000 and 'quintuplets' in June 2000. The first scientific team to successfully freeze and thaw human embryos. Nigeria's first IVF team to produce a living test tube baby from an embryo that had been kept frozen for more than 4 months on 12th October, 2001. In August 2006, Dr. Wada led the IVF team of the National Hospital Abuja, to a highly successful pilot test tube programme- the first of such a feat in the history of public hospitals in Nigeria!
- Dr. Wada has published 16 scientific papers in international journals in Europe and America. He has held several positions at National Hospital, Abuja, ranging from Chief Consultant O & G to Director of Clinical Services & Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee (C-MAC). At Garki Hospital Abuja, he was the pioneer Medical Director/Chief Executive officer when Nisa Premier Hospital entered into the first ever Public Private Partnership agreement with the FCTA in 2007.
- Dr. Wada has been honoured in and outside Nigeria by several professional bodies some of which are:
  - ✓ Member of the Faculty of Family planning & Reproductive Health, London
  - ✓ Fellow of Royal College of Obstetrics & Gynaecologists, London
  - ✓ Fellow of West African College of Surgeons
  - ✓ Fellow of International College of Surgeons
  - ✓ Fellow Institute for Health Insurance & managed Care in Nigeria



- In December 2006, the Federal Government of Nigeria bestowed on Dr. Wada the Officer of the Order of Niger (OON) National Award.

Category: Professional Expertise.

5.

**Name: Arch. Gabriel Aduku.**

**Former Minister of State, Health.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Arch. Gabriel Aduku's has had a successful professional career for over 5 decades in several capacities such as:
  - ✓ 1964 Assistant Tech. Officer, Institute of Agricultural Research, Samaru, Zaria.
  - ✓ 1967-68 Architectural Assistant, Staff Architects Dept. ABU Zaria
  - ✓ 1970-74 Architect, Archcon Nigeria
  - ✓ 1974-84 Senior Partner, Archcon Nigeria
  - ✓ 1984-2007 Executive Chairman, Archcon Nigeria Limited
  - ✓ 2007-2008 Minister of State, Health, Federal Republic of Nigeria
  - ✓ 2008- July 2013 Principal Consultant, Archcon Nigeria Ltd
  - ✓ 2013 August – Date Principal Consultant & Director, Archcon Nigeria Ltd

**Professional Appointments**

- ✓ 1984-87 Chairman, Kaduna State Chapter of Nigerian Institute of Architects
- ✓ 1984-90 Member, Disciplinary Committee of Nigerian Institute of Architects
- ✓ 1985-87 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, Nigerian Institute of Architects, NIA
- ✓ 1987-89 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Nigerian Institute of Architects, NIA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1989-91 1st Vice-President, Nigerian Institute of Architects, NIA</li> <li>✓ 1991-94 President, Nigerian Institute of Architects, NIA</li> <li>✓ 1992-97 President, Architects Registration Council of Nigeria, ARCON</li> <li>✓ 1993-99 Council Member, International Union of Architects, IUA</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Other Appointment (selected) with Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1980-2007 Director, GlaxoSmithKline Nigeria Limited</li> <li>✓ 1992-2007 Chairman, Anyigba Community Bank Limited, Anyigba, Kogi State</li> <li>✓ 1994-95 Elected Member of the National Constitutional Conference (Chairman of Revenue Allocation Committee of the Conference)</li> <li>✓ 1993-94 Chairman, Lower Benue River Basin Development Authority</li> <li>✓ 2000-date Member, Institute of Directors (IOD) Nigeria</li> <li>✓ 1996 Partner, representing Archcon Nigeria in Zone Five Consortium (ZFC) Zonal Project</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was the former Minister of State for Health in Nigeria. A great opinion leader of repute in Nigeria in general, Kogi State and Igala land in particular. He's also a world-class architect and holds the prestigious traditional title "Amana Ogohi 1 Ata'gala".</li> </ul> <p>Category: Professional Expertise</p>
6.	<p><b>Name: Rear Admiral Usman Oyibe Jibrin.</b></p> <p><b>Former Chief of Naval Staff.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of Nigeria's finest Naval Officer's, Usman Oyibe Jibrin began his naval career as a watch keeping officer on board NNS Damisa and NNS Aradu immediately after he was commissioned as second lieutenant. He served in</li> </ul>

this capacity for 2 years (January 1982 – January 1984). He later served as base intelligence officer, NNS UMALOKUN for approximately 3 years (July 1984 – 1987) He also served as a flag lieutenant to the Chief of Defence Intelligence Agency and to the commandant officer of the Nigerian Navy Intelligence School, Apapa, Lagos State, Nigeria, before he became an instructor at Navigation and Direction School, Nigerian Navy Ship Quorra. He served in that capacity for 2 years (1989–1991). In 1994, he was appointed as a directing staff at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College Jaji, a tenure that elapsed in 1996 and after his tenure in 1996, he was appointed as the executive officer, NNS Enyimiri

- In 1997, he became the commanding officer of the Nigerian Navy Ship Ofiom, and in 1998 he commanded the ship NNS Ambe in operation Liberty (ECOMOG), where he obtained the Command at Sea Badge. In 2001, he became the Deputy Director Attaché Management, Defence Intelligence Agency and the Naval Provost Marshal, Naval Headquarters. In 2002, he was appointed as the defence adviser to the Nigerian Embassy Cameroun. He served in this capacity for 4 years until the end of his tenure in 2006. In December 2006, he was appointed as chief staff officer at the Sea Training Command, and later became the commandant officer of the Defence Intelligence School (DIS) Abuja on June 2007. Thereafter, he was appointed as Nigerian Navy secretary and while serving in this capacity, he was promoted to rear admiral. In 2010 he became the flag officer commanding, Eastern Naval Command, coordinating a joint operation involving the 3 services around the Gulf of Guinea, NEMO. He also, he coordinated a combined Exercise, called OBANGAME EXPRESS 2012, involving 11 countries including Germany and United Kingdom.[15][16] In January 2014, he took over from Vice Admiral Dele Joseph Ezeoba as the Chief of Naval Staff, and on 5 February 2014, he was promoted to the rank of vice admiral by Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- He is a recipient of several awards and decorations. Among them are:
  - ✓ Best Naval Cadet (1982), awarded by the Nigerian Navy

- ✓ Passed Staff College Dagger (psc+), awarded by the Nigerian Navy
- ✓ Forces Service Star (FSS), awarded by the Nigerian Navy
- ✓ Distinguish Service Star (DSS), awarded by the Nigerian Navy
- ✓ Meritorious Service Star (MSS), awarded by the Nigerian Navy
- ✓ General Service Star (GSS) awarded by the Nigerian Navy
- ✓ Command at Sea Badge awarded by the Nigerian Navy.
- ✓ Admiralty Medal, awarded by the Nigerian Navy.

Category: Professional Expertise

7.

**Name: Admiral Ibrahim Ogohi... CFR**

**Former Chief of Naval Staff.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Admiral Ibrahim Ogohi CFR FSS , (14 November 1948) was Nigerian Admiral. He was the first naval officer to become Chief of Defense Staff from 1999-2003 and first Naval Officer to reach four star general In Nigeria military during the civilian administration of Nigeria.
- He had his early education in St John's College Kaduna from 1962 to 1966. He enrolled in Nigeria Defence Academy in 1967 of regular course 4 passing out in 1970 and then Midshipman course in United Kingdom in 1971 and technical course India in 1972, under water Warfare Course India in 1976 then the United States Naval War College Course in 1980 and in 1992.
- He was Commanding officer Eken NNS France in 1982, commander NNS Anansa in 1985 and director Administrator in Nigeria Defence Academy in 1986 to 1987. In 1992 he was commanding directing staff in

National War College and deputy commandant Armed forces command staff College, Jaji in 1995. In May 1999 he was Chief of Defence Staff till 2003.

Category: Professional Expertise

8.

**Name: Air Marshal Isaac Alfa.**

**Former Chief of Air Staff & Senator.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Isaac Mohammed Alfa (born 15 September 1950 in Inye, Kogi State, Nigeria) is a retired Nigerian Air Force Air Marshal, former Chief of Air Staff, and Senator from Kogi State.
- ✓ He was Commissioned into the Nigerian Air Force, 1970
- ✓ Officer Commanding, Fighter Squadron, 1975
- ✓ Commanding Officer, Air Defence Wing, Enugu, 1978
- ✓ Commander, Strike Group, Makurdi, 1984
- ✓ Commander, Strike Force Group, Makurdi, 1984
- ✓ Commander, NAF Station Makurdi and later Kainji, 1989-90
- ✓ Snr. Air Staff Officer, Tactical Air Command, Makurdi, 1990-93
- ✓ Dir. of Operations, Nigerian Air Force, 1993-97
- ✓ Air Force Commanding, Training Command, Kaduna, 1997-99,

- ✓ Chief of Air Staff, 1999;
- ✓ Armed Forces Ruling Council, 1997;
- Best Allround Cadet Nigerian Defence Academy, 1970.

Category: Professional Expertise.

9.

**Name: Dr. Victor Alewo Adoji**

**Group Head, Corporate Communications, Zenith Bank (Rtd) & Senior Partner, Fuerte Consulting.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Dr. Alewo Victor Adoji is an astute banker, articulate leader and media professional who would never compromise his lofty values. He is an illustrious son of Igala Kingdom, Kogi State. Born in 1971, Dr. Victor began his elementary education at St. Paul’s primary school Sokoto and later proceeded to the prestigious Federal Government College, Sokoto State for his secondary education where he distinguished himself both in character and learning.
- ✓ He has a Diploma in Project Management from the International Business Management Institute, Germany. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Jos, two MBAs; with specializations in Corporate Strategy, Leadership and Sustainability, as well as five graduate (Masters) degrees in Economics, Public Administration and International Affairs, Entrepreneurship, Managerial Psychology and Social Welfare.
- ✓ As a student in 1992 precisely, he served as Leader of the Students Union Government (SUG) at University of Jos.
- ✓ His first Doctoral degree, received from the University of Panama (PhD), focused on credit management. The second, a doctoral degree in business administration (DBA), focused on leadership, corporate governance and

people management, from the Leedsbeckett University, UK.

- Dr. Adoji holds several professional certifications, memberships and fellowships. He is a Fellow, Institute of Credit Administration (FICA) and a British International Certified Credit Fellowship (ICCF). His fellowships also include, Fellow, Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria, Fellow, Institute of Credit Administration (FICA) and Fellow, America Academy of Project Management (FAAPM). Aside being a Certified Procurement & Project Management Specialist (CPPMS), and a Master Project Manager (MPM), he is also a Member of several Professional and academic bodies in Nigeria and beyond including, but not limited to, Nigeria Economic Society (NES), Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria (ICEN) and Institute of Transformational Entrepreneurs and Leaders (ITEL).
- Dr. Victor Adoji is a faculty member of the Institute of Credit Administration of Nigeria (ICA) and a board member of the Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria (ICEN).
- In addition to his two academic doctoral degrees, Victor Alewo Adoji also has two honorary doctorate (Honoris Causa) degrees: One, DBA specializing in Project Management from the Commonwealth University in conjunction with the London Graduate School and another (Doctor of Public Administration - DPA) from the African Institute of Public Administration in conjunction with the London Bridge Business School.
- Adoji's working career started with Paterson Zochonis (Nig) Plc as a superintendent from where he moved to as deputy editor, the business section of the Northern based Concern Magazine. He joined Zenith Bank in year 2000 where he served meritoriously before his resignation as the head of cooperate communication.
- He has won several awards over the years in recognition of his meritorious and excellent performance in his services to the public and private sectors of the Nigerian Economy and in his wonderful philanthropic gestures.
- He had a meteoric rise to become the Group Head of Corporate Communications at Zenith Bank. Zenith Bank

is currently rated the biggest Bank in Nigeria and West Africa and is the seventh largest in Africa.

- ✓ The Zenith Bank branches in Anyigba, cash office in Idah and the recently opened branch in Ankpa are all to his credit.
- He is currently the Senior Partner at Fuerte Consulting Nigeria Limited.

Category: Professional Expertise

10.

**Name: Dr. Mrs Rosemary Abdullahi**

**First Female Medical Doctor in Igalaland.**

Key Attainment (s):

- First Female Medical Doctor in Igalaland. She qualified as a Medical Doctor from Ahmadu Bello University in 1975. She got a diploma in Public Health from the prestigious Makerere University, Uganda in 1979. She has attended several professional courses in Philippines, USA, Britain, Thailand, Italy e.t.c.
- Dr Abdullahi has served the Government of Nigeria in various capacities.
- ✓ In 1983, Dr. Rosemary Abdullahi led the team that handled the notorious Oju Yello Fever epidemic as the State Chief Health Officer in Benue State.
- ✓ As the Principal of School of Health Technology in Idah, she worked tirelessly to bring up the standard of paramedical staff trained in the school. During her tenure, the Local Government became a model of models.
- ✓ As a result of her exemplary service, she was appointed the Caretaker Committee Chairman, Olamaboro L.G.A, by the then Military Administrator of Benue State, Col. Fidelis Makka. Her achievement in the area of Water, Education, Health and other social amenities earned her the best performing Local Government Chairman out



of the 19 Chairmen at the time. In 1992, she was appointed as the Special Adviser on Water Resources and Rural Development by the Kogi State Governor, Chief Abubakar Audu.

- ✓ Apart from her services to Benue and Kogi States, she was engaged in extra-Ministerial Consultancy Services with several organizations (e.g. WHO, UNICEF, INTRAH and American Association of Nurse/Midwives).
- ✓ Dr. R.A. Abdullahi transferred her services from the State to Federal Service in 1995 and she continued to perform creditably well. As Director, Child Development, she facilitated the passage of the Child Right Act (CRA) which has been domesticated in many states, worked with stakeholders in the development sector to develop the National Plan of Action for Orphans and vulnerable Children in Nigeria among others. Until her retirement in March 2009, she was Director, Child Development at the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs. She got actively involved in Total Child Care Initiative (TCCI), a Non Governmental Organization which she set up to reach out to vulnerable groups within Kogi State and Federal Capital. Between 2009 to date, she leads the organization to provide care and support to over 4000 children infected or affected with HIV / AIDS with the funding support of Institute of Human Virology Nigeria, provision of Vitamin A and albendazole to over 2500 children between the ages of 0 – 5 years, empowered over 300 vulnerable households and advocacy for people living with HIV/Aids among other services.

Category: Impactful Leadership

11.

**Name: Dr. Safiya Stephanie Musa.**

**Vice President, Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Safiya Stephanie Musa is an esteemed banking professional, a Social Entrepreneur and a Humanitarian with excellent track record in various spheres of endeavour. She's a graduate of Economics from the prestigious

Bayero University Kano, and has also received further education at several world class institutions, including Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Business School, and INSEAD Business School.

- Safiya is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria, Member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Member of the Project Management Institute, Fellow of the Nigerian Leadership Initiative, a Member of the Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI), and a Mentor, Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP)
- She has held various positions at First Bank of Nigeria Ltd, and her philosophy of an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence ensured that she consistently surpassed expectations. Safiya also has International banking experience in her former role as Chief Representative Officer for First Bank in Abu Dhabi. She was responsible for formulating the strategic leadership direction of First Bank's growth in the UAE as a preferred trade financing vehicle between the UAE and Nigeria. In this role, Safiya managed the bank's relationships with a broad range of stakeholders and financial regulators in the UAE.
- She Co-founded EduShine Foundation to assist students of public schools to maximize their educational potentials by providing extramural classes, free Jamb registration, payment of school fees, mentoring program and online-based educational resources. Through this effort, she helps promote inclusive and quality education and lifelong learning for all. The foundation also provides funding to small-scale business owners. This initiative is called the 'Power of N50k'.
- She's an advocate of Pro-poor policies, and partners with many NGOs focusing on Education, Empowerment and Health Care for the less privileged. She's a BOT member of the Phenomenal African Women (PAW), Women Empowered in Leadership Advancement and Development (WELEAD) and Emerge Women organizations, and the Dep. Coordinator of the Abuja Chapter of the African Women Leadership Organization (AWLO). She also works in advisory capacity with Smile Missions Health Care (SMHC) in providing medical service support to areas ravaged by Boko Haram terrorism. Internationally, Safiya has participated in fund-

raising initiatives for the Institute of Cancer Research, UK and other charitable activities in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. She was recently invited by the Parliamentarians For Global Action (PGA) to join a Regional Working Group in Gambia on the fight against impunity in Africa.

- She has received many awards for her Humanitarian works, and was recently confirmed a Global Goodwill Ambassador (GGA). Safiyah Musa is the current Vice President, Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria.

Category: Professional Expertise

12.

**Name: Prof. Yusuf Obaje**

**Pioneer Chaplain, Aso Rock Villa and Pro Chancellor, Bowen University**

Key Attainment (s):

- Yusufu Ameh Obaje is a Nigerian theology scholar who was the chaplain of the Aso Rock Chapel and former President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.
- ✓ He attended Qua-Iboe Mission Primary School, Inye and Ankpa (1956 — 1963); Government College, now Barewa College, Zaria (1964 — 1968); The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso (1971 – 1975), Bachelor of Theology (B. Th.); University of Edinburgh (1976 — 1982); Master of Theology (M.Th.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D); Ecumenical Institute, Bossey (Switzerland) for the summer seminars of 1977, '78 and '90; School of Oriental And Africa Studies, University of London, (Library Research work — Nov. 1978); Hebrew University, Mount Scopus Campus, Jerusalem (July —August 1977). The Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Research, Tantur, Jerusalem, (1979 — 1980). The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, January – December 1989.
- He served as the President of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary after joining the institution in 1993 as a

professor of systematic theology and philosophy. In 1999, he followed the administration of President Obasanjo to Abuja as the formal chaplain of the Aso Rock chapel. While in Abuja, he acted as an unofficial spiritual adviser to the president and led the Nigerian Inter-Religious Council, a body initiated to foster a better relationship between the various religious groups in the country.

- His professional vocation includes:
- ✓ Pioneer Chaplain to The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (May 1999 to June 2005);
- ✓ Chancellor, Bowen University, Iwo – 2003 to 2005;
- ✓ President, Nigerian Baptist Convention (2003 – 2005);
- ✓ President, Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso (1993 – 2003);
- ✓ Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy (1993 to Date);
- ✓ President, Nigeria Theological Education Council;
- ✓ Chairman, Nigerian Baptist Convention Theological Education Council (1993 – 2003);
- ✓ Member, Kogi State Technical Committee on State University Establishment;
- ✓ Member, Implementation Committee for the Establishment of Kogi State University; Prince Abubakar Audu University (now Kogi State University) Governing Council (1999 – 2004);
- ✓ Chairman University Law Drafting Committee, Bowen University;
- ✓ Director of Academic Affairs, The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso (1989 — 1992);
- ✓ Registrar, The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso (1983 — 1989);

	<p>Adjunct Tutor, the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso (1975 – 1976);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Interim Pastor, Ikoyl Baptist Church, Lagos (April 1991- April 1992);</li> <li>✓ Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Ogbomoso (1975 — 1976);</li> <li>✓ Acting Pastor United English Baptist Church, Kaduna (August 1970 — July 1971).</li> </ul> <p>Category: Impactful Leadership</p>
13.	<p><b>Name: Alhaji Abdullahim SAN, CON.</b></p> <p><b>First Senior Advocate of Nigeria of Northern Extraction.</b></p> <p>Key Attainment (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdullahi Ibrahim was called to the English Bar in 1963 where he practised in chambers for a while before returning to Nigeria. He was later called to the Nigerian Bar in 1964. He was at different times legal adviser at the then Ministry of Finance, Northern Nigeria and New Nigeria Development Company; a one-time Senior State Counsel and head of prosecutions at the Ministry of Justice, Kano State; Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim has</li> </ul>

since 1973 remained in active private legal practice.

- He was admitted into the Inner Bar as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) (equivalent of a QC in England) in 1982. He is a Notary Public, a Life member of the Body of Benchers and was the Body's Vice Chairman and Chairman between 1999 and 2001. He was a member of the National Judicial Council (NJC) between 2004 and 2008; Chairman, Legal Practitioners' Disciplinary Committee between 2001 and 2006 and also Chairman, Legal Aid Council from 1990 to 1994.
- He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria (FCI Arb) and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) (MCI Arb), he is also a Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Nigeria (FINALS).
- Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim served the nation at various times in several capacities as Commissioner for Education in the old Kwara State, Nigeria, Federal Minister of Education, Science and Technology; Minister of Transport and Aviation and as the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice.
- He was a Commissioner, International Boundary, National Boundary Commission from 2000 to 2006. He was a member of the Nigerian team that successfully negotiated the Maritime Boundary Treaty between Nigeria and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and also the Unitization Agreement of the Zafiro/Ekanga oil fields. He was Nigeria's Agent and later Co-Agent in the dispute between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Cameroon at the International Court of Justice, the Hague Netherlands. Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim also led the Nigerian delegation to the United Nations conference on the establishment of the International Criminal Court.
- In acknowledgement of his contribution to the Nation he was conferred with the National honour/Award of Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) and later Commander of the Order of Niger (CON). He was also conferred with the honours/Award of Gran Cruz de la Orden de la independencia de Guinea Ecuatorial by the Government of Equatorial Guinea for his service to the country and Nigeria.

- Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim was Chairman Nigerian Stock Exchange, Kaduna Branch and as a member of the National Stock Exchange he was the first Vice President of the Nigerian Stock Exchange in 1989. He was Chairman, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs from 1988 to 1994 and also Chairman of New Nigeria Development Company between 1992 and 1998.
- Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim has acted as Amicus Curiae in several contentious matters before the Supreme Court of Nigeria. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of the Nigerian Law and legal System, he was conferred with an honorary Doctorate Degree in Law (LLD, Honoris Causa) by the University of Kogi, Nigeria in 2008.
- Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim is a seasoned Arbitrator; he once sat and he is currently a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, Netherlands. He has chaired and sat as a member of several Arbitration panels.

Category: Transformational Leadership

14.

**Name: Hajiya Zainab Mohammed.**

**National Coordinator/ Founder, Partnership for Rural Development Programme**

Key Attainment (s):

- Zainab Mohammed is a consummate professional who served as Senior Special Adviser (SSA) to the Kogi State Government on Rural Women Affairs. She is the National Coordinator/Founder, Partnership for Rural Women Development (P4RWD), National coordinator for Nigerian Young Women Political Forum (NYWPF), and the National Women Leader for Good Governance Ambassadors of Nigeria.

- She is one of the Exceptional Nigerian/African Women who lives a life of essence and value, a voice to the voiceless and the less privileged in our society. Her experience, fueled by passion and vision of advocacy for women and girls, gender inclusiveness and participation at all levels of governance has led to her founding and coordinating institutions that supports women and girls across the globe. Through her work, she has inspired women and young people to get involved in various communities and contribute their quota towards achieving organizational goals and building leadership skills. Her passion has grown over the years as she continues to volunteer and work for the best interest of women and young people.
- Under Her leadership as the SSA, she carried out a community needs assessment of rural women which was the first of its kind and submitted a recommendation for the office of the rural women to be created in Kogi state. She was the first SSA to the Governor on Rural Women Affairs. Her leadership as the National Woman Leader for Good Governance Ambassadors of Nigeria featured the zenith of excellent administrative skills and competence.
- Under her leadership, Partnership for Rural Women Development (P4RWD) has hosted Side events at the United Nations New York Commission for the status of Women CSW breaking Barriers and creating Partnership for development among other member states. Her influence and impact cuts across all the 36 states of Nigeria and across the globe. From Year 2000 to date, she remains on Board of Director of various organisations especially in the United Kingdom, both private organization (Charities, Community Groups, and NGOs), Government bodies (Essex Police, Essex PCT) and school (Gateway Community College Tilbury). Zainab Mohammed was nominated as Youth Ambassador for Peace in December 2010 by the Universal Peace Federation and Youth Federation for world Peace.

Category: Professional Expertise



15.

**Name: Eugenia Abu.**

**Ace Broadcaster.**

Key Attainment (s):

- **Eugenia Abu** is one of Nigeria's frontline broadcast journalists winning several awards over the years for her work in the field including the Nigeria merit media award for best newscaster of the year. One of the nation's most recognisable faces, Eugenia is also a prize winning writer. Author of two published books, *In the Blink of an Eye*, a collection of essays which won her the ANA/NDDC Flora Nwapa prize in 2008 for best women's writing and the critically acclaimed *Don't look at me like that*, a collection of poems. Eugenia maintains weekly columns in two national dailies, **Tales from the main road**, in Business day on Fridays and **Five favourite books with Eugenia Abu** in The Sunday Trust.
- A motivational speaker, Life coach and media strategist, Eugenia is a member of several National and International organisations giving her time and platform to various societal issues including gender disaggregation, women and communication, girl child education, rape, human trafficking, violence against women and Prison decongestion. She is a member of council of the National human rights commission, a member of the Editorial board of Thisday newspapers and a faculty member of the Africa centre for leadership and strategy. Eugenia is also a council member of the Lagos state Research and development council. She is Lead Life coach to an annual weekend retreat programme for women, W-TAB and was a member of the Vision 2020 National technical working group on media.
- On the invitation of the association of Nigerians in Western Australia, Eugenia delivered the 2008 independence anniversary lecture in Perth, Western Australia. As a trainer she is constantly involved in media training for corporate organisations and International organisations and only recently concluded her term as National media consultant for the International Labour organisation, ILO. She has consulted for the United

Nations fund for women, the United Nations information centre and the British council.

- Eugenia believes that mentoring is the unexplored key to fast tracking Africa's human development and this has given her the drive to mentor over 40 young men and women in the last three years, impacting in them the importance of a good work ethic, communication skills, moral values, etiquette and capacity building. A guest lecturer at NTA TV College Jos for seven years, she taught broadcasting, elocution, presentation, scriptwriting and news reporting as well as voice cadence to over 200 broadcasters across channels, across Nigeria. She is currently the Executive Director Programmes of the Nigerian Television Authority, NTA.
- Eugenia Abu's interest in Nigeria's future generation also led her to found and lead facilitate one of Abuja's leading annual weeklong creative and literary boot camps, The Treasured Writers, TTW, for children between the ages of 7-15 years.
- A 1981 graduate of English from the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Eugenia obtained a Masters in communication policy studies from the City University London in 1992, graduating with a distinction.
- She also possesses a Graduate certificate in Education from A.B.U Zaria (1981) and has attended several top management courses across the world. Eugenia was a delegate to the fourth world women's conference in Beijing, China in 1985 and has attended several conferences across the world. She is a two time delegate to the Going global conference on Education. (Hong Kong and the United Kingdom)

A chevening scholar, USIS fellow and world traveller, Eugenia is writing her first novel and an M.A in Creative writing from Keele University Staffordshire, is in view. In her long and rewarding career she has interviewed notable world leaders including President Obasanjo, President Sir Leaf Johnson, General Abdulsalami and President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda. Her portfolio includes literary giants like the Nobel laureate for literature, Nadine Gordimer and the United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki Moon among many others. Mrs

Abu is considered one of Nigeria's finest comperes lending her voice, skills and experience to many national and International events in the last twenty years including the inauguration ball of the late President Yaradua and the oath taking ceremony of President Jonathan on the 29th of may last year.

- Eugenia is blessed with the ability to write in most literary genres; fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and screenplay. She has recently completed a poetry pamphlet. Her third book is a novel in progress. She lives in Abuja with her husband and children.

Category: Professional Expertise

16.

**Name: Charity Anaja**

**Coordinator, International Republican Institute.**

Key Attainment (s):

- Charity Anaja is an exemplary professional and consultant on women and child's rights with over 2 decades of NGO experience in areas relating to child's rights and protection, women in politics, women, peace and security, and other areas of good governance and service delivery as it directly relates to the welfare of women and children.
- She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from University of Jos and has attended several trainings on peace and conflict management, human capacity development, good governance and leadership e.t.c. She is an alumna of the International Institute for Leadership and Governance, Jamkovee Training Institute, e.t.c.
- Driven by her passion for development, she has engaged in several areas of advocacy, community development, media engagements, leadership coaching and election observation. She became the National Coordinator, Women for Peace Initiative (2014 – 15).
- Before her current role, she served as Head, Human Capital Development at Home Makers Womens Initiative

and currently serves as the State coordinator of the International Republican Institute (IRI) Adamawa Field Office. Charity Anaja is a Fellow of IRI Political Leadership Academy and Member, Women in Politics Forum.

Category: Professional Expertise

**PILLAR: PROSPECT**

**S/N SENATORIAL DISTRICT: KOGI EAST**

**Name: Ajanigo Inikpi Simeon.**

**Actress.**

Key Attainment (s):

Ajanigo Inkpi Simeon was born to the family of a retired police officer and his wife (Mr/Mrs Simeon) on the 31st of January 1987 in Kabba, in the current day Kogi state but then in Kwara state. She is the 3rd in the family of 7 children.

She had her early life at the police barracks in Warri, delta state, where she had her primary and secondary school respectively, she obtained a bachelor's degrees in international relations from the prestigious les, cos sonu university in Cotonou, Benin republic.

The young Ajanigo driven by her blind passion and motivation from her screen idols/goddess , Genevieve Nnaji, followed through the path of pain to realize her childhood dream and came in to the 3rd largest film industry in the world Nollywood and broke to national and international prominence with the movie 'the blind orphan '.

Ajanigo Inikpi Simeon is a typical example of the proverbial saying 'child of grace', she was not born with silver spoon, the daughter of an unjustly retired police officer and a road side akara seller.

She grew up selling akara and hawking all sorts of goods from morning till night, in rain and shine in all the towns, villages and cities that service transfer took the father. She attended an afternoon government primary school, sitting on the bare floor for lessons, but determined for greatness she held unto her dreams not knowing how and when there will be light.

For what only god can do, life took a new turn for this young, determined, diligent, passionate, focused woman, she contested the maiden edition of miss confluence in kogi state and emerged winner.

She has couple of top Nollywood movies to her credit as an actor, producer, writer and executive producer.

She in gratitude to God Almighty established Ajanigo bliss foundation in 2015, with special attention to people living with physical disability, she gave out items worth millions of naira during the official launch on the 3rd of October, 2015 at Reverton Hotel, Lokoja with beneficiaries coming from the 21 LGA's in kogi state.

Ajanigo Inikpi Simeon is today the proprietress of Ajanigo Royal Bliss Academy, the CEO of Ajanigo Bliss Foundation, da bliss fabrics and bliss boutique, an interior decorator, a writer, an actor, producer and philanthropist.

Category: Prospect