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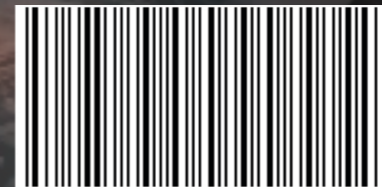
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EDITORIAL



AMBASSADOR Dr Tolu Ayodele
Editor in Chief

I want to use this medium to appreciate everyone reading this maiden Edition of Diplomatic world magazine.

diplomacy, the established method of influencing the decisions and behaviour of foreign governments and peoples through dialogue, negotiation, and other measures short of war or violence. Modern diplomatic practices are a product of the post-Renaissance European state system. Historically, diplomacy meant the conduct of official (usually bilateral) relations between sovereign states. By the 20th century, however, the diplomatic practices pioneered in Europe had been adopted throughout the world, and diplomacy had expanded to cover summit meetings and other international conferences, parliamentary diplomacy, the international activities of supranational and subnational entities, unofficial diplomacy by nongovernmental elements, and the work of international civil servants.

The term diplomacy is derived via French from the ancient Greek *diplōma*, composed of *diplo*, meaning “folded in two,” and the suffix *-ma*, meaning “an

object.” The folded document conferred a privilege—often a permit to travel—on the bearer, and the term came to denote documents through which princes granted such favours. Later it applied to all solemn documents issued by chancelleries, especially those containing agreements between sovereigns. Diplomacy later became identified with international relations, and the direct tie to documents lapsed (except in diplomatics, which is the science of authenticating old official documents). In the 18th century the French term *diplomate* (“diplomat” or “diplomatist”) came to refer to a person authorized to negotiate on behalf of a state or nation.

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Meet the new American Ambassador to Nigeria
His Excellency Ambassador

RICHARD MERRILL MILLS JR.

Richard Merrill Mills Jr. Was born February 23, 1959 in Louisiana and grew up in Michigan. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University, Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University. American diplomat who serves as the United States deputy ambassador to the United Nations. He served as the U.S. Chargé d'Affaires and Acting Permanent Representative to the United Nations between January 20, 2021, and February 24, 2021, when Linda Thomas-Greenfield became ambassador. In July 2022, he was announced as the nominee to serve as the United States ambassador to Nigeria.

Prior to his Foreign Service career, Mills was an associate attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of Duncan, Allen and Mitchell, and then at the Washington, D.C. office of Wickwire, Gavin and Gibbs.

Mills's first tour as a Foreign Service Officer was at the U.S. embassy in Paris in 1988, where he served as a consular officer and staff assistant to Ambassador Walter Curley. He has had assignments in the Executive Secretariat at the Department of State (1996 – 1998), Dublin (1999 – 2001), the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York City (2001 – 2003), Islamabad (2003 – 2004), Riyadh (2005 – 2006), London (2006 – 2009), Baghdad (2009 – 2010), and Valletta (2010 – 2012). He then served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. embassy in Beirut, from 2012 to 2014. During his career, Mills has also served in the Office of Legislative Affairs, at the U.S. Consulate in Saint Petersburg, and in the now-defunct Bureau of Soviet Union Affairs. In July 2014, Mills was nominated by

President Barack Obama to be the United States Ambassador to Armenia, a position in which he served until October 2018.

Mills holds the personal rank of Minister-Counselor in the United States Senior Foreign Service. He was a nominee for the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Year Award in 2012, and has received nine Superior Honor Awards from the Department of State. He speaks fluent French and conversational Russian.

In November 2018, Mills assumed the position of Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of the United States in Ottawa. Following the resignation of United States Ambassador to Canada Kelly Craft in August 2019 upon her nomination to be US Ambassador to the UN, he became the acting Ambassador to Canada, with the title of Chargé d'affaires.

In January 2020, Mills was nominated to be the next United States Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, again serving under now United States Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield. He was confirmed by the Senate on August 6, 2020. He arrived on November 8, 2020.

On July 11, 2022, President Joe Biden announced his intent to nominate Mills to be the next United States ambassador to Nigeria.

Richard Mills replaced Mary Beth Leonard After three years stint as the Ambassador of the United States to Nigeria.

Mills is married to Leigh Gabrielle Carter, a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer. They were married on October 18, 1991, in Arlington, Virginia.

He is the recipient of multiple State Department awards and speaks French and Russian.



AMBASSADOR

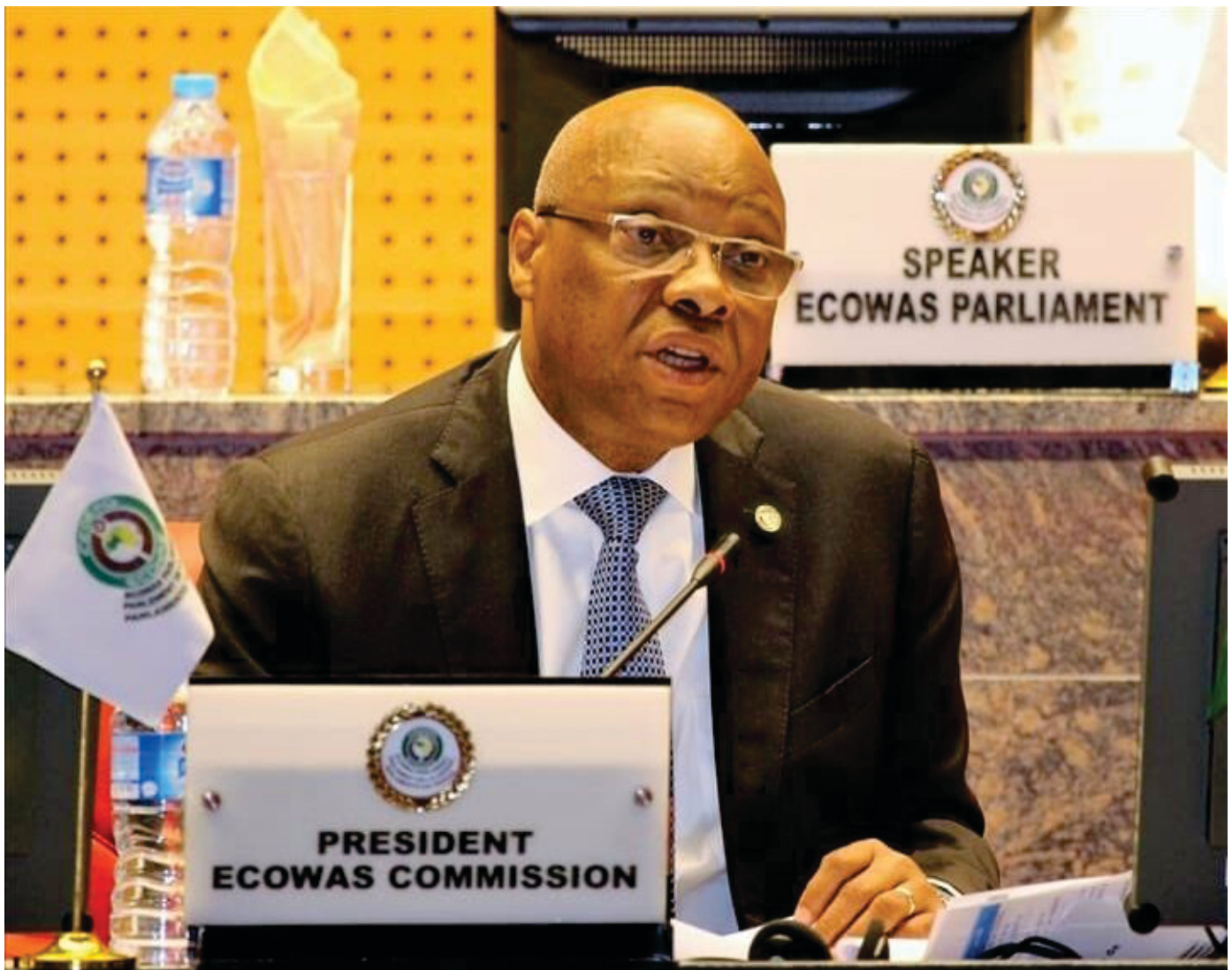
JOHN DONNELLY

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF
AUSTRALIA TO NIGERIA.

Ambassador John Donnelly is a career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, most recently serving in the Multilateral Economic Branch. He has previously served overseas as Head of Mission in Nauru, and in Amman and Jakarta.

Ambassador Donnelly holds a Master of Public Administration from the Australian National University, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Ambassador John Donnelly is presently the High Commissioner of Australia to Nigeria.



DR. OMAR ALIEU TOURAY

PRESIDENT OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, a Gambian National, has assumed office as the new President of the ECOWAS Commission for a four-year tenure. He takes over from Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, an Ivorian National, who has piloted the affairs of the Commission from 2018 till date. Other statutory management appointees inaugurated include Damtien L. Tchintchibidja, Vice-President of the ECOWAS Commission, Prof. Nazifi Abdullahi Darma, Commissioner for Internal Services, Dr. Abdel-Fatau Musah, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace, and Security, Mme Massandjé Toure-Litse, Commissioner for Economic Affairs and Agriculture, Mr. Sédikou Douka, Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalisation and João Alage Mamadu Fadiú, Auditor-General.

At an event held at the Main Auditorium of the ECOWAS Commission Headquarters, the new President H.E Dr. Omar Alieu Touray expressed his appreciation to the President and the Government of the Republic of The Gambia for proposing his candidature and the Heads of State and Government of the Community for the unanimous endorsement and confirmation of his appointment.

He also thanked the outgoing President of the Commission, H.E Dr. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou and his team for their stewardship over the past four and a half years. While enumerating the numerous security and economic challenges occasioned by the COVID-19, he promised to tackle these challenges head-on and deliver on his mandate. He enjoined Member states to ensure full payment of their community levies and the full

Paying special tribute to the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, he thanked His Excellency Ambassador Dada, Minister for State for Foreign Affairs and President Buhari for being generous host to the Commission and other institutions of ECOWAS and taking the lead in peacebuilding and integration efforts.

In his remarks earlier, the outgoing President H. E Jean-Claude Kassi Brou thanked the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H. E Muhammadu Buhari for his unflinching support to ECOWAS Institutions and welcomed warmly Dr. Omar Alieu Touray and all incoming statutory appointees for their nomination as leaders of ECOWAS Institutions for the 2022-2026 period.

He used the opportunity of the handing over ceremony to highlight the achievements of the 2018-2022 management particularly in the areas of promoting of security, peacebuilding and combating COVID-19 pandemic. He praised Member States for their resolute efforts and courageous stand to confront terrorism and banditry in the region which resulted in the development of the action plan.

He also stated that on the political front, the deepening of democratic culture was improved upon with eleven countries peacefully conducting presidential and legislative elections during his tenure. He said the free movement of persons and goods was strengthened through the adoption of ECOWAS Biometric Identity Card which is being implemented in five countries while listing progress made in agricultural production systems and regional infrastructure development.

He commended all staff of all ECOWAS Institutions for their hard work and dedication during his tenure and encouraged them to extend same to the incoming management and thanked Partners both bilateral and multilateral for their support and assistance.

In his address, H.E. Amb. Zubairu Dada, Minister for State for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria commended the outgoing management led by H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou for the wonderful achievements recorded in the Region during their tenure. He congratulated the new President H.E. Omar Alieu Touray and other statutory appointees and assured them of Nigeria's support.





HIS EXCELLENCY
GEOFFREY JIDEOFOR KWUSIKE ONYEAMA
HON. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

His Excellency Geoffrey Jideofor Kwusike Onyeama is a Nigerian lawyer, politician and minister of Foreign Affairs. Geoffrey Onyeama was born on February 2, 1956 in Enugu, Enugu State Nigeria.

In 1977, Geoffrey Onyeama obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the Columbia University, New York.

In 1980, he obtained a degree in Law from St John's College, Cambridge and a Masters degree in Law (LLM) from London School of Economics and Political Science in 1982.

In 1984, Geoffrey Onyeama obtained a Masters of Arts (M.A) in Law from St John's College, Cambridge.

In 1981, Onyeama was called to English Bar of the Grey's Inn and became a Barrister-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1983.

In 1983, Geoffrey Onyeama was employed as a Research Officer at the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Lagos till 1984.

In 1984, he moved to Mogboh and Associates in Enugu

where he worked as a lawyer.

In 1985, Onyeama was employed at World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as an Assistant Programme Officer for Development Cooperation and External Relations, Bureau for Africa and Western Asia.

By 2009, Onyeama rose to the rank of Deputy Director General.

Following the emergence of President Buhari in the 2015 general election, Geoffrey Onyeama was appointed the Minister for Foreign Affairs in November 2015.

He was reappointed into the same position in August 2019 after President Buhari won his re election bid.

Geoffrey Onyeama is married with three children



ANTONIO GUTERRES

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Antonio Guterres, the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, took office on 1st January 2017.

Having witnessed the suffering of the most vulnerable people on earth, from refugee camps to war zones, the Secretary-General has centered his efforts on ensuring human dignity for all. In a period of unprecedented global challenges, he has drawn on his commitment to the UN Charter to mobilize people and launch action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, address the climate emergency, advance gender equality, and achieve ambitious 21st century reforms to enhance the Organization's vital efforts to secure peace, sustainable development, human rights and humanitarian aid.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary-General, Mr. Guterres served as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from June 2005 to December 2015, heading one of the world's foremost humanitarian organizations during some of the most serious displacement crises in decades. The conflicts in Syria and Iraq, and the crises in South Sudan, the Central African Republic and Yemen, led to a huge rise in UNHCR's activities as the number of people displaced by conflict and persecution rose from 38 million in 2005

to over 60 million in 2015.

Before joining UNHCR, Mr. Guterres spent more than 20 years in government and public service. He served as prime minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, during which time he was heavily involved in the international effort to resolve the crisis in East Timor.

As president of the European Council in early 2000, he led the adoption of the Lisbon Agenda for growth and jobs, and co-chaired the first European Union-Africa summit. He was a member of the Portuguese Council of State from 1991 to 2002.

Mr. Guterres was elected to the Portuguese Parliament in 1976 where he served as a member for 17 years. During that time, he chaired the Parliamentary Committee for Economy, Finance and Planning, and later the Parliamentary Committee for Territorial Administration, Municipalities and Environment. He was also leader of his party's parliamentary group.

From 1981 to 1983, Mr. Guterres was a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, where he chaired the Committee on Demography, Migration and Refugees.

For many years Mr. Guterres was active in the Socialist International, a worldwide organization of social democratic political parties. He was the group's vice-president from 1992 to 1999, co-chairing the African Committee and later the Development Committee. He served as President from 1999 until mid-2005. In addition, he founded the Portuguese Refugee Council as well as the Portuguese Consumers Association DECO, and served as president of the Centro de Acção Social Universitária, an association carrying out social development projects in poor neighbourhoods of Lisbon, in the early 1970s.

Mr. Guterres is a member of the Club of Madrid, a leadership alliance of democratic former presidents and prime ministers from around the world.

Mr. Guterres was born in Lisbon in 1949 and graduated from the Instituto Superior Técnico with a degree in engineering. He is fluent in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish. He is married to Catarina de Almeida Vaz Pinto and has two children, a stepson and three grandchildren.

On 13 October 2016, the UN General Assembly

General for a five-year term of office, starting on 1 January 2017.

However, another United Nations Secretary-General selection was held in June 2021 to choose the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Incumbent Antonio Guterres was the only official candidate for the position. On June 8, 2021, Guterres was unanimously recommended by the United Nations Security Council (SC) for a second term at the helm of the organisation. His re-election was ratified by the United Nations General Assembly (GA) by acclamation on June 18, 2021, without a vote. Guterres commenced his second term on 1 January 2022.

The Nigerian foreign affairs ministry is a statutory body created to re-inforce foreign decision making and implementation processes in Nigeria and handle the external promotion of Nigeria's domestic vision and ideals; it is headed by a federal executive cabinet minister. As of late its mission has geared towards increasing awareness about Nigeria's economic potential. It is part of the government's executive branch.

The ministry was created in 1961, with Prime Minister Tafawa Balewa appointing Jaja Wachuku the inaugural Minister of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations. Before Wachuku's tenure, Balewa had doubled as Foreign Affairs advocate of Nigeria, from 1960 to 1961.

Antonio Guterres the ninth Secretary General of the United Nations in his speech, he shared his top priorities for the U.N.

Find justice for the Rohingya Muslims

"Cast out of their homes and country, and subjected to brutality both by military forces and others, they are under siege as a group — for who they are. They desperately need immediate, life-saving assistance, long-term solutions and justice."

Keep U.N. peacekeepers safe

"Our missions are increasingly deployed in difficult environments where there is little peace to keep. Many times ill-equipped, our peacekeepers are now deliberately targeted. This situation is not sustainable. It is time to sound an alarm."

Address the conflict in Yemen.

"It is time for the parties to enter into meaningful peace negotiations beyond efforts to ease the dramatic

humanitarian catastrophe."

Help Africa solve its own problems

"I am a strong believer in African-led solutions to African problems. The African Union and the United Nations have a shared interest in strengthening mechanisms to defuse conflicts before they escalate and to manage them effectively where they occur."

Promote gender equality

"We can see, in the greater equality and inclusion of women, a fundamental tool to address these complex challenges. Women's meaningful participation in peace and security has been proven to make peace more sustainable. Women's equal participation in the labor force and equal pay would unlock trillions of dollars for our economies.

To achieve such gains, however, greater action is needed. My approach rests on three pillars.

First empowerment — empowering women and girls. Power is the heart of the matter. I have launched a road map for achieving gender parity at all levels of the United Nations. We have reached, far in advance, full parity in the 44-member United Nations Senior Management Group.

Second, preventing sexual exploitation and abuse against women. Our organization's first-ever victims' rights advocate is now in place, working closely with states and across the United Nations system.

Third, preventing and addressing sexual harassment. I reiterate my personal commitment to eliminating sexual harassment from our organization. I have set up a task force to review U.N. policies and capacities to investigate, to ensure accountability and to look at the support and protection offered to those affected.



GOVERNOR BABAGANA ZULUM WELCOME THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL ANTONIO GUTERRES TO BORNO STATE

United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, arrived Maiduguri, the Borno State capital as part of his two-day official visit to Nigeria. He began the visit in Borno, where the country has been struggling in its fight against Islamist militants.

Guterres had an interface with his host, Borno State governor, Babagana Zulum, and also interact with surrendered fighters and families affected by the Boko Haram conflict ravaging the region for more than 12 years.

The UN Secretary-General who rounded off his visit with a joint media briefing at Government House Maiduguri, with Governor Zulum, This is the first official visit of the ninth Secretary-General to Nigeria. Guterres had earlier visited Niger Republic and Senegal.

The United Nations information centre in Nigeria said the Secretary General will also evaluate the impact of climate change on vulnerable communities and assess progress made as well as challenges to the COVID-19 recovery.

Guterres later flew to Nigeria's capital to meet with





Her Excellency **AMBASSADOR CATRIONA WENDY CAMPBELL LAING CB** **BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIGERIA**

Her Excellency Ambassador Catriona Wendy Campbell Laing CB is a British civil servant and diplomat who is the British High Commissioner to Nigeria.

Laing studied economics at the London School of Economics, graduating with a Master of Science (MSc) degree in 1986. She later attended the Cranfield School of Management at Cranfield University, and completed a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in 1996.

Career

After graduating, she worked as an ODI Fellow for the Botswana Ministry of Works. She then joined the Overseas Development Administration, which was then an agency of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). She was seconded to be head of the development office of the UN Mission in Somalia 1993 – 94. She studied at Cranfield School of Management 1995 – 96 for a MBA degree. She continued with the Overseas Development Administration when it became part of the Department for International Development (DFID) in 1997. She was

seconded to the Cabinet Office as deputy director of the Prime Minister's strategy unit 2001 – 05, then was head of DFID's International Division Advisory Department 2005 – 06, head of DFID in Sudan 2006 – 09, and director, human rights and international, at the Ministry of Justice 2009 – 12. She then joined the FCO and was the UK's senior civilian representative to the NATO operation in southern Afghanistan 2012 – 13.

Laing was appointed to be Ambassador to Zimbabwe from 2014. After four years in that post she was appointed to be High Commissioner to Nigeria from November 2018.





MEET THE YOUNGEST AMBASSADOR OF NIGERIA
TO FOREIGN NATION

His Excellency

Ambassador Elijah Onyeagba

His Excellency Ambassador Elijah Onyeagba He was born on 2nd September 1977 into the family of late Apostle Raphael and late Mrs Mabel Onyeagba of Awoovu village, Enugwu Ukwu.

His father was a pastor and his mother a teacher who founded Holy Sabbath of Christ the King Mission.

Onyeagba is the plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of Burundi, East Africa.

He bagged his first degree in Economics with 2.1 from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Master's Business Administration in Finance from University of Calabar and Master's in Applied Economics from the American University in Washington DC, USA.

He has a PhD in Economics (Public Policy) from the Prestigious Atlantic International University, Hawaii USA.

Onyeagba is an Economist by training and has an MBA in Finance with over seventeen years' experience in commercial, corporate, retail, mortgage banking, real estate, research, marketing and leadership.

He is an expert in the structuring and advisory on construction finance deals with specialty in residential/affordable housing projects. he developed his career mainly in the banking sector including former

Equatorial Trust Bank now Sterling Bank Plc, Bond Bank now Skye Bank and Platinum Bank now Keystone Bank.

He later moved to Aso Savings & Loans Plc as Group Head of Real Estate Transaction at Aso Savings & Loans Plc.

He also worked with Nigeria Securities, Printing and Minting Plc, a subsidiary of the Central Bank of Nigeria where he was the Head of Commercial (Marketing & Sales), Northern Operations.

The embrace and acceptance of one of Nigeria's youngest ambassadors to represent the region by all across political, state and ethnic divide shows clearly the readiness of such feat at the national level..

He is married to lady Udo Onyeagba cum former banker, physiotherapist and entrepreneur; they are blessed with four children.

Onyeagba is an Alumnus of the International Housing Finance Program and Securitization of the Wharton Business School in Pennsylvania, Archbishop Desmond Tutu Fellow of the African Leadership Institute, Senior Member of the Chartered institute of Bankers of Nigeria (HCIB) and a Fellow of the Institute of Treasury and Financial Administration (FITFA), a new leader with the Crans Montana Forum and a member of the African Leadership Network-ALN.

He has received several accolades from reputable institutions including ,the Nigeria Economy's Students Association, University of Nsukka -the Award of Excellence for Outstanding Contribution to the Banking Sector, Rotaract Club -Award of Excellence in Youth Empowerment,

Aso Multi Media -Award for Excellence Nigeria Goodwill Ambassador Awards -Certificate of Honour (Goodwill Ambassador-Agent of Positive Change in Nigeria) and so many more in recognition of his positive contribution at different levels.

The choice by President Muhammadu Buhari to post Ambassador Elijah to Burundi could never be more befitting for anyone else as Elijah will not only ably represent the country but make the Igbo nation and Nigeria at large very proud.



HIS EXCELLENCY
PRESIDENT UMARO SISSOCO EMBALÓ
Chairman ECOWAS

Guinea-Bissau's President Umaro Sissoco Embaló was unanimously elected Sunday as the new chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

He was elected at the 61st ECOWAS summit in Ghana's capital Accra to succeed Ghana's President Nana Akufo-

Addo, who served two terms.

"Happy to have been elected to the presidency of ECOWAS. It is a great honor and a sign of confidence in Guinea-Bissau," Embaló tweeted. "Warm thanks to my peers. The challenges are important and we must give the best of us."

The new chairman, elected for a year, will have the challenge to restore constitutional rule in Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea, which are currently under military governments. He was elected at Sunday's Accra Summit to succeed Ghana's Nana Akufo-Addo, who held the position for almost two years.





HIS EXCELLENCY
DR. ABDULLA MURAD SULAIMAN MOHAMMED
AMBASSADOR OF UAE TO NIGERIA

Dr. Abdullah holds a PhD in Management and Innovation from the Kuala Lumpur State University of Management in Malaysia. Master in Total Quality Management and an Institutional Performance Management from Bradford University in the UK.

Bachelor of Public Administration from Ajman University of Technology+ and a Higher Diploma in Strategic Management from the State Vocational and Vocational Training College in London. in addition to the Higher Diploma and Diploma of Achievement in Applied Business Management from the Higher Colleges of Technology in Sharjah, in addition to the fact that he holds the black belt in six Sigma) Add several practical certificates and specialized courses in the field of management and project implementation. DR. Abdulla Al Mandoos started his journey in The Foreign Affairs Ministry on 24th, April 2010 as a Diplomatic Officer in Economic Management and International Cooperation. Later on, he joined the Department of Finance to further develop the sector in addition to participating in a four months program diplomatic work in Washington - America. Following his great achievements. His Excellency was appointed as Vice-Ambassador of The UAE in the Federal Republic of Germany between September 2016 and March 2019.

and as Vice-Ambassador in the Republic of Singapore between July 2011 and August 2016. During both missions, His Excellency was awarded by the Foreign Affairs Ministry with the best diplomatic Mission-Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for excellence class of Mission along with the certificates of appreciation. In addition to Silver Medal of Armed Forces.

Prior to his diplomatic career, Dr. Abdullah Al Mandoos worked as Regional Department Head in Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB) (VIP Banking), Headquarter of North Emirates from November 25, 2004, to July 2007. Furthermore, His Excellency was appointed as Overall Project Manager to help initiate the early establishment of Ajman Bank under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi. Later on, he was promoted as the General Head of Sales Division in the same Bank from September 2008 till April 2010.

He has embarked on his current mission to strengthen and further grow the relationship between The United Arab Emirates and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Consul has very strong beliefs on the benefits of this newly found relationship and was quite vocal about them when approached



HER EXCELLENCY **AMBASSADOR UZOMA EMENIKE**

NIGERIA'S FIRST FEMALE AMBASSADOR TO
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

In a history making week when Kamala Harris was sworn in as the first-ever African American and Asian American female Vice President of the United States, Nigeria was also recording a historic first for a female public servant.

Keeping to its commitment of upholding merit in the appointment of persons to key positions, the Muhammadu Buhari administration had again recorded another feat with the appointment of Dr Uzoma Emenike as Nigeria's first female Ambassador to the United States.

Until her recent appointment, Emenike, who hails from Umukabia-Ohuhu in Umuahia North Local Government Area of Abia, was Nigeria's Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland and Iceland.

Over the course of her career, Emenike's drive for excellence shines through.

During that time, she was rated among the best performing ambassadors. This was a major reason why the president submitted her name for reappointment last year, even though some others who were appointed at the same time with her were dropped.

With her recent appointment by the president as Nigeria's Ambassador to the US, she now takes over from the late 83-year-old Justice Nsofor.

Being the first female to be in that position has set a new standard, with analysts noting that her appointment has changed the landscape for Nigerian female diplomats.

She is among 52 non-career and 43 career ambassadors whose deployment was recently approved by the president.

This comes six months after the National Assembly's confirmation of the list of ambassadors-designate submitted by the President.

Having joined the Nigeria Foreign Service about 30 years ago, Emenike served in Protocol Department and Africa Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From there, she was posted to the Nigerian Embassy in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire in 1992, where she served for six years. On her return to Nigeria, she was deployed to other departments of the Ministry and served meritoriously.

During this time, she represented Nigeria in numerous bilateral and multilateral missions, locally and internationally.

A retired career diplomat, Emenike holds a PhD in International Diplomacy from the University of Reading, UK, alongside four other degrees – two masters (Diplomacy and MBA); LLB, and a Bachelor.

They include a B.Sc, Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria, and an LL.B from the University of Reading in the UK while her Master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy was from the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

She also obtained another Master's in International Management from University of Reading, UK. She has certificates in French and Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy, Nigerian Diplomatic Service Academy.

Emenike is also an author. Her published articles include: “The AFRICA We Envisage in 50 Years Time” and “Europe Needs Africa” .

She also authored a book on Nigerian diplomacy, entitled, “ Africa: The Centre-Piece of Nigeria’ s Foreign Policy (2015)” .

Interestingly, when she met the Irish President, Michael D. Higgins, a few years ago for her swearing-in ceremony in Dublin, he told her then he had read her book.

This says a lot about her expertise in the diplomatic field and the global significance of the book.

On the home front, Emenike is married to Chief Ikechi Emenike, a brilliant economist and highly successful entrepreneur, and they are blessed with four children. Those close to her say she is compassionate, but firm and dedicated to getting things done the right way.

Having worked in several missions abroad before retiring from the public service, Emenike brings a wealth of experience to the office.

Her appointment is seen as one that would further deepen bilateral relations and trade between the US and Nigeria.





His Excellency
AMBASSADOR ADEMOLA RASAQ SERIKI
NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN

His Excellency Ambassador Ademola Rasaq Seriki, commonly known as Demola Seriki, was born on the 30th of November 1959 is a Nigerian politician, teacher, businessman and public administrator. He is currently the Nigerian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain since January 2021, with concurrent accreditation as a Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations World Tourism Organization-UNWTO [He previously served as Minister of State for Defence.

As a junior public servant Demola Seriki was not satisfied with his clerical job at the Lagos City Council because his secondary school qualification would not guarantee him possible promotion to the senior ranks of public service, so he proceeded to New York where he studied for and earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees in the field of Accounting, Finance & Management from the City University of New York. He also attended Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge Massachusetts where he completed a Senior Executive Education and earned a Certificate in National and International Security.

Seriki is a qualified teacher in Business, Accounting and Mathematics.

Upon completion of his studies, Demola Seriki became a licensed teacher with the New York City Board of Education under their employment at the JFK Memorial High School, Walton High School, and the Springfield High School. He served them as a teacher and counsellor by helping to teach Accounting and Business Mathematics from 1984 to 1986 as well as counselling young students from time to time. He then

joined the Rochester New York firm of Koskolowsky and Co. (Certified Public Accountants) from 1986 to 1987 as Assistant Manager (Auditing). He was also Customer Representative/Assistant Manager at Dollar Dry Dock Bank, New York City. On return to Nigeria, Demola Seriki joined Equity and Trust Finance Company Limited from 1987 as Business Manager until he was appointed Chairman of the Lagos State Sports Council in 1992; a position he held until 1994. More than anywhere else in Nigeria at the time, Demola Seriki's tenure as chairman of the Lagos State Sports Council was marked by political instability in Nigeria during the struggle for democratic rule by the National Democratic Coalition, Nigeria (NADECO) and civil society organisations following the then military junta's annulment of Nigeria's freest and fairest general elections won by M.K.O. Abiola. This period witnessed very regular youth demonstrations and riots on the streets of Lagos. However, Demola Seriki was instrumental to the successful Sports Development programmes by the Lagos State government to engage young talents in sporting activities at State and National levels. He applied his experiences as a grassroots organiser to positively mobilise the local youths towards sporting activities in the State with educational institutions as platforms for youth participation in grassroots sports development programmes, hence Demola Seriki was named - Best State Chairman of Sports Council [for the year] 1993 by the Nigerian Basketball Federation (NBBF). He was granted Honorary Life Membership of Table Tennis Association in 1993 in recognition of his public administration expertise and passion for sports development in Lagos State. With the Nigerian military due to hand over power (which they unfortunately failed to do) in 1993 to elected civilians, Demola Seriki soon left public service to start his company - Perpetual Investment and Finance Company Limited (PIFCO) as well as launch a grassroots career in politics. The annulment of 12 June 1993, general elections led him into private business. From 1994 to 1999 Demola Seriki was Vice President of Rosedale New York based Perpetual Associates International (USA) Inc. (an International Consulting Firm to multinational Oil and Aviation companies). He returned to PIFCO Nigeria Limited from 1999 to 2007 as Executive Director - Business Development and Marketing.

Ademola Seriki was the Lagos Central District Senatorial candidate on the platform of the defunct

National Republican Convention (NRC) in 1992. In 1998 he was elected a member of the Federal House of Representatives from the Lagos Island Federal Constituency on the ticket of the defunct United Nigeria Congress Party (UNCP). This victory was short-lived with the abrupt end of the General Abacha regime and the inception of General Abdulsalam Abubakar's transition regime. But with the emergence of the 4th Republic, he was appointed a National Fund Raising Committee member in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for the 1999 National elections. The PDP also appointed him as a member of the Candidate and Party Relations Committee for Obasanjo/Atiku Presidential Election. From 2000 to 2002 Demola Seriki emerged as the PDP Party Chairman of Lagos Island Local Government Area in Lagos State and later in 2003 as the party's flag bearer to the House of Assembly representing Lagos Island Federal Constituency. In 2005 he cut his political tooth further by serving as Secretary of the Lagos State PDP Disciplinary Committees. In 2005 up until 2006, he was appointed as the Lagos State vice-chairman of the PDP after which in 2007, he campaigned to become Senator for the Lagos Central Senatorial district. Demola Seriki's campaign sought to ensure the gainful and qualitative employment of youths in his district. His political vision aimed to ensure quality education for youths in the rundown areas of his senatorial district by galvanising the support of the Federal Government through special federal government support schemes to rejuvenate literacy in such highly populated parts of Lagos State described by him as the most cosmopolitan and populated in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Although education for the youth was high on his political agenda, Demola Seriki also sought to advance gender sensitivity in politics and public service opportunities.[5] These key issues including housing, infrastructure development and security have remained cornerstones of his approach to politics.

In 2011 Seriki defected from the PDP to the Action Congress of Nigeria.

National Political Appointments and Responsibilities
Currently Nigerian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain: January 2021 till date

In early 2021 he was appointed by The President of Nigeria Muhammadu Buhari as Nigeria's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain.

Hon. Minister of State for Interior of the Federal Republic of Nigeria: 2009 to March 2010
Demola Seriki worked in tandem with the Minister of

Interior in the formulation and implementation of policies towards the realization of the ministry's mandate. He chaired the Nigerian Civil Defence, Immigration and Prisons Services Board and assisted to provide oversight for the Board in areas such as coordinating and ensuring harmony towards the Ministry's mandate. He is responsible for providing oversight for Nigeria Prison Service, Federal Fire Service, Seaman Identity Certificate and Registration of Marriages according to governing laws of Nigeria.

Hon. Minister of State for Defence of the Federal Republic of Nigeria: 2008 to 2009

Seriki serves as Minister of State for Defence between 2008 and 2009. Demola Seriki's responsibilities in this position included provision of oversight to the Military Pensions Board in order to attain the goals and objectives as envisaged by the Federal Government of Nigeria. He in tandem with the Honourable Minister of Defence worked in vigorous ways to formulate and implement policies within the purview of his mandated Defence schedule. Under Seriki, there was effective oversight on the operations of the Armed Forces Resettlement Scheme, the welfare of ex-service personnel including the Nigerian legion. He also oversees matters relating to honourable interment of deceased Nigerian Armed Forces personnel in war graves as well as the documentation and preservation of Nigerian Military history in Military Museums including maintenance of the National Cenotaph. He coordinated the annual commemorative activities of the Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebrations. During his tenure as Minister of State Demola Seriki was appointed Chairman of the Defence Health Maintenance Limited a holding company for Military Health Maintenance initiatives. During this time, Demola Seriki was also the Chairman of the Ministry of Defence HIV/USDoD joint initiative to help ameliorate the lives of HIV/AIDS-infected servicemen and their families/dependents. He was a Member of the Joint Development Authority of Nigeria-São Tomé and Príncipe. Finally and quite significantly, he was responsible for the supervision of the Joint Services Organisations and Parastatals such as the Nigerian Defence Academy, Armed Forces Command and Staff College, National War College, Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria (DICON), Nigerian Armed Forces Resettlement centre (NAFRC) and the Tafawa Balewa Square Investment Limited.

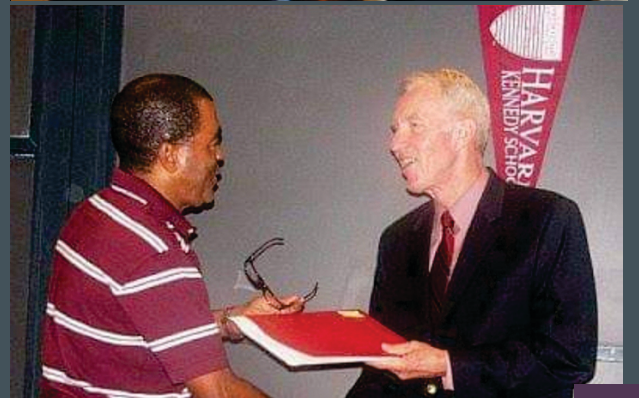
Hon. Supervising Minister for Mines and Steel Development: October 2008 to December 2008
Although Demola Seriki had a short but remarkable

stint in this portfolio, he undertook various nationalist initiatives through his supervision of the Privatization of Federal Government Enterprises in the Solid Minerals, Steel and Aluminium Industry. He advised the Federal Government on key matters relating policy formulation and implementation for the realization of set growth indices in the solid minerals and metals industries. Demola Seriki oversaw activities of Nigerian Parastatals like the Geological Surveys Agency of Nigeria, the Nigerian Coal corporation Joint Ventures - Enugu, National Steel Raw Materials Agency - Kaduna, national Metallurgical Development Centre - Jos, Metallurgical Training Institute - Onitsha, Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited and the National Iron Ore Mining Company Limited. He was also key to the ratification of decisions of the Ministerial Tenders Board and the Procurement Planning Committee.

As Demola Seriki's first appointment to National service, he worked alongside the Minister in the setting out of policies on Agriculture and Water resources needed to galvanise the employment, industrial and social development of this sector of the Nigerian economy. He helped steer focus towards the development and review of the National Water Resources Master Plan and also helped in overseeing the ministerial activities in the Cash and Food Crop production, Livestock, Fishery, Agricultural Research, Agricultural Disease control, Agricultural Statistics, Strategic Food Reserve, and distribution of Essential Inputs schedules within the Ministry. Under his watch he ensured the aggressive implementation of the national policies and water resources development and distribution through Irrigation/Dam, Underground Water Supply, and Water Resources Research and Statistics programmes. He coordinated bilateral relations with governments on matters Water Resources and supervised activities of the River Basin Development Authorities and the National Water Resources Institute. He was also elected as the chairman of Niger Basin Authority (NBA) Council of Ministers in Niamey, Niger Republic in 2008. He was quite prominent as the country's spokesperson on agricultural sector engagements at international and regional levels.

In May 2009 the Oba of Lagos HRH Oba Rilwan Akiolu conferred on Demola Seriki the chieftaincy title - the Ottun Aare of Lagos.

Ambassador Ademola Rasaq Serki is Married to an Elegant, georgous Woman Mrs Wosilat Okoya-Seriki .





**HIS EXCELLENCY
AMBASSADOR TUKUR YUSUF BURATAI
AMBASSADOR OF NIGERIA TO
THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN**

His Excellency Ambassador Tukur Yusuf Buratai was born on the 24 November 1960 he is a retired Nigerian Army Lieutenant general, former Chief of Army Staff appointed by President Muhammadu Buhari in July 2015. He was commissioned into the Nigerian Army in 1983 and has had multiple command, administrative, and instructional appointments.

General Buratai is from Buratai town, Biu Local Government Area of Borno State. His father, Yusuf Buratai, was a non commissioned officer in the Royal West African Frontier Force and World War II veteran who fought in Burma. General Buratai had his primary education at Buratai town and thereafter gained admission to Government Teachers College Potiskum, Yobe State, where he graduated with distinction.

In January 1981, Buratai attended the Nigerian Defence Academy Kaduna as a member of the 29 Regular Combatant Course (29 RC) where he was given the prestigious appointment of Cadet Sergeant Major (CSM). On successful completion of his Officer Cadet training, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 17 December 1983 into the Infantry Corps of the Nigerian Army. Buratai has a degree in History from University of Maiduguri and a degree in Philosophy

from Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka.[7] He is also a graduate of National Defence College, Mirpur, Bangladesh.

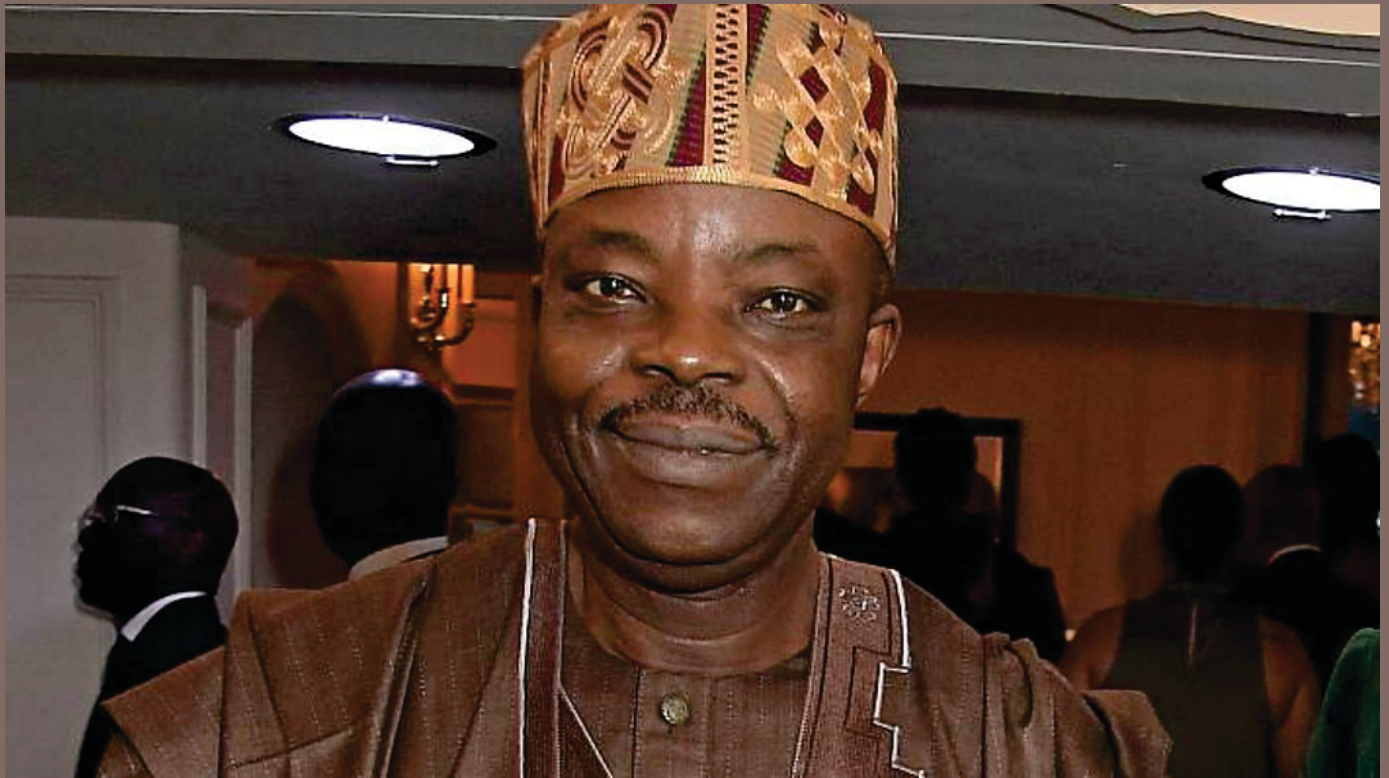
He served in 26 Amphibious Battalion Elele, Port Harcourt, Military Observer at the United Nations Verification Mission II in Angola; later 26 Guards Battalion, Lagos; Lagos Garrison Command Camp. Lt Gen Buratai also served as administrative officer at the State House, Abuja; 82 Motorized Battalion; 81 Battalion, Bakassi Peninsular; Army Headquarters Garrison, Abuja before he became a Directing Staff at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji, earning the prestigious "Pass Staff College Dagger" (psc(+)) appellation.

Subsequently, he served at AHQ Dept of Army Policy and Plans, Abuja; Assistant Chief of Staff Administrative Matters, HQ Infantry Centre Jaji. Additionally, he was again at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College as Director Dept of Land Warfare from where he was appointed Commander 2 Brigade, Port Harcourt, doubling as Commander, Sector 2 JTF Operation PULO SHIELD. Upon promotion to the rank of Major General, he was appointed Commandant, Nigerian Army School of Infantry, Jaji; thereafter he was appointed Director of Procurement DHQ before being appointed Force Commander of the newly reconstituted Multinational Joint Task Force (MJTNF) under the auspices of the Lake Chad Basin Commission and the Benin Republic, an appointment he held till he became Chief of Army Staff.

His operational deployments include Military Observer at the United Nations Verification Mission II in Angola, Op HARMONY IV in the Bakassi Peninsular, OP MESA, Op PULO SHIELD, Op SAFE CONDUCT, MNJTF, Op ZAMAN LAFIYA, and Op LAFIYA DOLE. He was appointed Chief of Army Staff on 13 July 2015.

President, Muhammadu Buhari (retd.) In the year 2021, appointed and deployed the ex-service chief as non-career Ambassador to the republic of benin a position which hold up till date.





HIS EXCELLENCY
AMBASSADOR SARAFADEEN TUNJI ISOLA
AMBASSADOR OF NIGERIA TO UNITED KINGDOM

Ambassador Sarafadeen Tunji Isola fondly called "STI" was born in Abeokuta, Ogun State on November 25th, 1960 to the family of Egba High Chieftain, Alhaji Ibrahim Isola Tairu and Alhaja Amudalat Ajiun Isola (nee Ejalonibu). He was a pupil at the Oke-Ona United Primary School, Ilugun, Abeokuta where he recorded academic excellence and was a member of the Drama Society. His secondary education was conducted at Nawair-ud-Deen Grammar School, Obantoko, Abeokuta. Upon completion of his secondary school education, young Isola began work as a sales clerk at Wellcome Nigeria Limited (a pharmaceutical company). In his quest to develop himself further, Isola decided to travel to the United Kingdom for studies in 1978. He commenced training programmes at the Chartered Institute of Marketing, United Kingdom where he obtained a Diploma in Marketing from the institution. He partook in the Principles of Investment Course at the South West London College, Tooting Broadway, London, United Kingdom in 1981. Chief Isola "...decided to return to Nigeria out of sheer patriotism" in 1982.

And in 1983, he proceeded for his compulsory national youth service (NYSC) in Kaduna state (current day Katsina state). During this period, he lectured at the

Federal Advanced Teachers' College (FATC) - now Federal College of Education (FCE) Katsina - in various disciplines namely: Economics, Marketing, and Business Statistics.

In 1986, Mr. Isola joined the Ogun State Broadcasting Corporation (OGBC), Abeokuta as a Sales Executive. Chief Isola resigned his appointment from OGBC in 1990, because he sought to grow his business and entrepreneurial acumen. After which, he established Taist Nigeria Limited and Taist Merchants as Chairman/Chief Executive.

Chief Isola was elected Chairman, Abeokuta North Local Government in 1997. During his tenure, Isola was elected Chairman, Conference of Local Government Council Chairmen, Ogun State. His managerial exploits during his tenure won plaudits from the then Military Administrator (MILAD) of Ogun State, Group Captain Sam Ewang. It was also during Chief Isola's chairmanship that Chief Moshood Kashimawo Olawale (MKO) Abiola died on 7 July, 1998. Of great consequence was Chief Isola's decision as chairman to house and spare the lives of 29 Northerners in the local government secretariat during the rancour, acrimony, and thirst for revenge that followed the announcement

of Chief Abiola's death. Isola was a victim of verbal abuse and physical intimidation from among his constituents for his show of mercy. His brief tenure as chairman ended in 1998.

Following Nigeria's adoption of the Fourth Republic's constitution, and introduction to a fully democratic dispensation in 1999, Alhaji Ambassador Isola was appointed the Special Assistant (SPA) to the Honourable Minister of State, Finance - the late Alhaji Jubril Martins Kuye (JMK) - under the reign of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo as president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It was during this period that he attended well over a score of international seminars and conferences across the globe. He gained thorough and formal tutelage on the financial system of the United States of America in 2002 organized by the Department of State, Washington, DC, U.S.A. Isola concluded his stint as special assistant with commendation in 2003.

Following the successful election of Chief Otunba Gbenga Daniel (OGD) as governor of Ogun State in 2003 under the banner of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Sarafa Tunji Isola was appointed the Secretary to the State Government by the incumbent governor. For Hajj 2004, Alhaji Sarafa Isola led the delegation of Ogun State, Nigeria to Saudi Arabia as Amir-Hajj of Ogun State Pilgrims and recorded success and received an award for the exercise. He completed his term as the State Government's Secretary with commendation from the state governor in 2007.

Chief Isola was appointed the Honourable Minister for Mines and Steel Development on 26 July, 2007 by the then president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the late Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua. As of August 2007, Isola asserted that Nigeria would soon become a leader in the production of coal and bitumen. In October of the same year, during a visit to the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the then Indian Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Mr. Isola met his counterpart T. Subbarami Reddy where they agreed to encourage Indian entrepreneurs in mining coal, gold, iron-ore, chrome-ore, lead, and other minerals. In June 2008, Mr. Isola received a delegation from the Chinese Mining Investment Company looking to partner in the development of seven (7) coal fields for electric power generation in Nigeria. After which, he said that a transparent and competitive process would be followed in the selection of companies for the project. On October 29, 2008, following a cabinet review by President Yar'Adua, Chief Isola was relieved of his

duties as the Minister for Mines and Steel Development due to local politics. The president released Isola from his role as Minister, albeit with commendation. Alhaji Sarafadeen Isola did not deter in terms of his personal development following his exit from political office, he instead enrolled in a 'Leaders in Development' course in 2009 at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. He enrolled for a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree at the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State and was accorded the certificate in 2011.

President Muhammadu Buhari nominated 41 non-career ambassadors-designate nominees for confirmation of appointment to the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on July 1, 2020. Chief Sarafa Tunji Isola was recommended for confirmation and hearing was conducted on July 22, 2020. After a delay of six months - owing to the shock and effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on global politics and dwindling revenues to the federal government - Ambassador Isola was announced as the High Commissioner to the United Kingdom on January 13, 2021.





MR. CUI Jianchun

AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

MR. CUI Jianchun, born in July 1964, with a Master's Degree of Business Administration

1988-1999 Served consecutively as Assistant Accountant, Deputy Director, Assistant Director General, Assistant Director General & Director of the Department of Finance of the Nuclear Industry Corporation of the People's Republic of China

1999-2001 Deputy Director General of the Capital Operation Department of China National Nuclear Corporation(CNNC)

2001-2002 Deputy Director General of the Finance and Auditing Department of CNNC

2002-2006 Deputy Director General of the Finance and Accounting Department of CNNC

2006-2008 General Manager of CNNC Finance Company LTD

2008-2010 Director General of the Finance and Accounting Department of CNNC & General Manager of CNNC Finance Company LTD

2010-2011 Director General of the International Cooperation and Development Department of CNNC

2011-2012 Minister of the Embassy of the People's

Republic of China in the French Republic

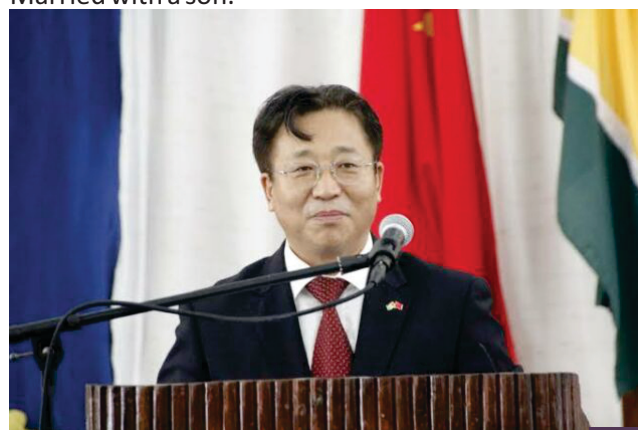
2012-2015 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the state of Kuwait

2015-2016 Deputy Director General of the Department of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

2016-2021 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

2021- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Married with a son.





**AMBASSADOR MRS. IJEOMA
CHINONYEREM ARIMANWA OBIEZU**

AMBASSADOR OF NIGERIA TO IRELAND AND ICELAND

Ambassador Mrs. Ijeoma Chinonyerem Arimanwa Obiezu arrived in Dublin in the year 2021 to assume duty at the Nigerian Embassy as the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of Ireland. She also holds concurrent accreditation to Iceland.

Ambassador Mrs. Ijeoma Chinonyerem Arimanwa Obiezu was born four decades ago, a devoted Christian, a mother, an astute politician, lover of humanity, and above all, a Product of Grace. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in French language and is pursuing her post-graduate studies in International relations.

Out of her burning desire to put smiles on the faces of the downtrodden in the society, especially the youths and women, she ventured into politics, as that is a viable platform to reach out to a greater number of the neglected, dejected, and forgotten in the society. She is a grass-root politician, a woman whose political ingenuity endeared her to all and sundry, her ascension into Leadership is a veritable mirror for prospective female Leaders.

She has held several political leadership positions; She was a one-time Transition Committee member of Ideato North LGA, A Transition Committee Chairman of Ideato North LGA, Deputy Chairman Imo State Board of Internal Revenue, Special Assitant to the Governor on General Duties, State women leader of APGA, member of several Federal Boards and currently the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Ireland and Iceland.

Her dignified Demeanor and Sagaciousness is what led to her being called (IGOLO NWANYI) by her admirers. She has bagged several awards, ” Golden Mother” “Ugomba” amongst others.





INSPIRING STORY OF GOVERNOR BABAGANA ZULUM THE DIPLOMATIC GOVERNOR

Governor Babagana Umara Zulum was born on August 26, 1969 in Mafa local Government area of Borno State.

Babagana Zulum attended Ramat Polytechnic, Maiduguri, where he obtained a National Diploma in Irrigation Engineering in 1988 after his elementary education at Mafa Primary School (1975 to 1980) and his SSCE at Government Secondary School, Monguno from 1980 to 1985.

From there, he proceeded to the University of Maiduguri to study Agricultural Engineering between 1990 and 1994.

Afterward, he had his mandatory service year in Katsina State at the Katsina State Polytechnic.

His extreme thirst for knowledge made to proceed to the University of Maiduguri he still went ahead to obtain a master's degree in Soil and Water Engineering from the University of Ibadan from 1997 to 1998.

He came back to the University of Maiduguri for his Doctoral degree which he completed in 2009 in Agric and Environmental Engineering.

Zulum's first appointment was in 1989 with Borno State Civil Service as an Assistant Technical Officer in the State's Ministry of Agriculture.

In 1990, Babagana Zulum moved into Borno State Unified Local Government Service as Senior Field Overseer and later Principal Water Engineer.

In 2000, he took up an appointment with the University of Maiduguri as an assistant Lecturer where he rose to the rank of Professor.

Babagana Zulum was Deputy Dean and Acting Dean, Faculty of Engineering in 2010 and 2011 respectively.

In 2011, Babagana Umara was appointed the Rector of Ramat Polytechnic. Meanwhile, he retained his teaching position at the University of Maiduguri.



Political appointment

In 2015, he was made Commissioner of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement by Governor Kashim Shettima of Borno State, a position he held till 2018.

Achievement as a commissioner:

As a commissioner, Babagana Umara Zulum's coordinated the reconstruction of hundreds of private houses destroyed by the Boko Haram insurgents in Bama Local Government Area.

So far so good, we have about 60 percent of the private homes reconstructed. " In addition, hospitals, especially the maternity hospital in Bama, have been completely reconstructed.

Even public schools have been reconstructed through an intervention by the Victims Support Fund, and all the reconstruction has been completed," he said.

No long convoy, no family and friends! Zulum means work and bet me it will read nation wide that professor babagana umara zulum of Borno state is the best Governor ever in the history of Nigeria!!!

There were other reconstructions works at Konduga

LGA, Chibok and Askira -Uba and other areas in the state.

Political endorsement by Shettima

On September 29, 2018 governor of the state at the time, Kashim Shettima, endorsed him as his successor.

First-class traditional rulers and Borno Elders settled for Zulum based on his integrity and track records of achievements as commissioner.

Emergence as Borno state governor

On October 1, 2018, he won the gubernatorial primaries of the All Progressive Congress (APC) for Borno State and went ahead to win March 9, 2019 governorship election.

Babagana Umara Zulum understands the terrain of Borno State perfectly well, we hope that he consolidates on his achievements as the executive governor of Borno state in his second term in office come 2023 general election.

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THE PROFILE OF

HIS EXCELLENCY
AMB. DR. JONATHAN OJADAH

Profile of a young dynamic Leader with true passion for Peace building , Good Governance advocacy while strengthening democratic processes in Africa.

His Excellency, Amb. Dr. Jonathan Ojadah hails from Aviarha, Isoko North LGA, Delta State, Nigeria. He is an International Trade & Investment Diplomat with vast knowledge in Bilateral & Multilateral commerce experience. He possesses a high level of Integrated Marketing Communication with over 20 years of professional experience which spans across Project Management, Corporate Communications and Multimedia Authoring.

His Tertiary Education spanned from The Polytechnic, Ibadan where he obtained Ordinary National diploma (OND) in Business Administration, Bsc in Tourism & Hospitality Management from International British Institute (IBI) Cairo, Egypt, Post Graduate Diploma (PgD) in Education Management from American Institute Of Education & Training, USA.

Masters (MBA) in Leadership & Business Management.. CIML Business School, Delaware, USA

His quest for vast experience in various field of endeavors led him to acquire more knowledge with a Diploma in Diplomacy & International Relations, ESTAM University, Benin Republic

Advanced Diploma in Health, Safety Environmental (HSE) Management , CIML Business School, USA.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

FELLOW of Chartered Institute of Management & Leadership (CIML), Delaware, USA.

FELLOW of American Institute Of Education & Training (AEIT), USA.

Chartered Professional Health, Safety & Environmental (HSE) Manager from Chartered Institute Of Management and Leadership, USA.

Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Economist of Nigeria (ICEN),

Associate Member of The Society of Educational Administrators in Nigeria (SEAN),.

WORK EXPERIENCE & ENGAGEMENTS.

Special Envoy On Investment Promotion & Economic Cooperation, Nigerian Youth Congress (NYC), Office of the Special Asst. To Nigerian President on Youth Affairs.

Director, Centre for Leadership and Enterprise studies, Abuja

Vice Chairman, Academic Governing Council of Crownpoint College of Health Science & Technology, Ogun State

Business Development Consultant, African School of Diplomacy & International Relations, affiliated with the African Union (AU ECOSSOC Nigeria).

Executive Board Member, US Africa Trade Council Atlanta, Georgia, USA,

He is a Philanthropist and his passion for humanity led to the establishment of Arise O Nigeria Empowerment Initiative, An NGO endorsed and inaugurated in 2016

by The UN Women for empowerment and advocacy of vulnerable youths & women, promoting peace & good Governance toward achieving sustainable development goals in Nigeria.

Amb. Jonathan is a certified Event Ambassador of the Nigerian Olympic Committee (NOC) as a result of his incredible participation with the organizing committee staging the 2017 Olympic day Celebration. He has worked with notable Nigerian Personalities like Former British footballer, Amb. John Fashanu (UNICEF Ambassador),

Dr Akin Olowookere (2 times Ondo State Governorship Candidate & Chairman, Nigerian Unity Museum & Tourism Village – Numatville).

He is the Publisher & Editor in Chief, SDG Humanitarian Magazine.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Head Of Mission (Africa) International Peace and Governance Council Inc., Atlanta USA

Regional Director Of Studies (Africa), Highstone International University, California, USA

IPGC ~ USA. Appoints Amb. Jonathan Ojadah as Head Of Mission, Africa

The Supreme Council of the International Peace and Governance Council (IPGC), Maryland USA appointed Amb. Jonathan Ojadah, a United Nations Diplomat as its Head Of Mission for the African region and later promoted as the global vice president.

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globalization, human rights abuses, and the problems experienced by transitional and democratizing societies which portrays a challenging list of problems that confront us today.

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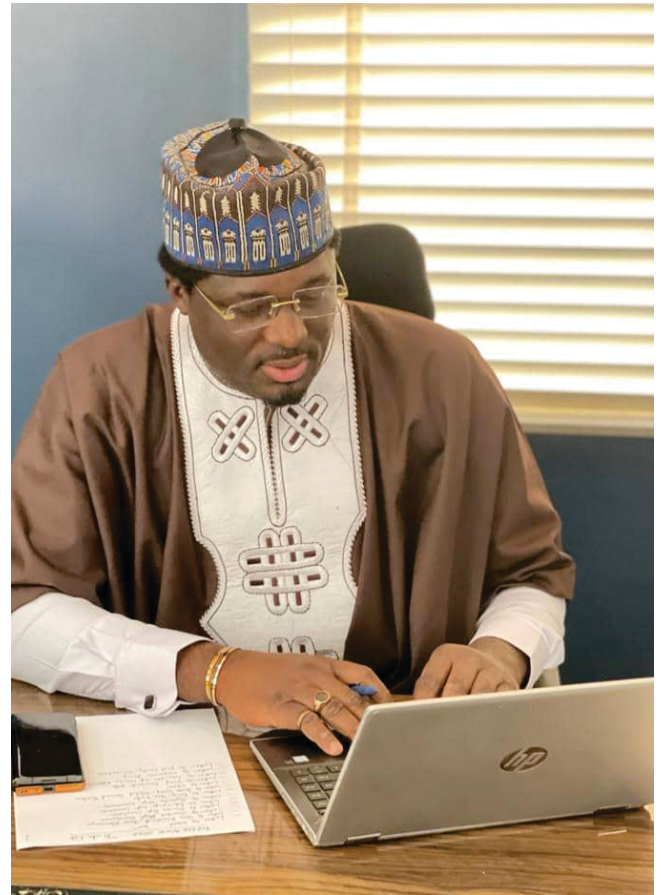
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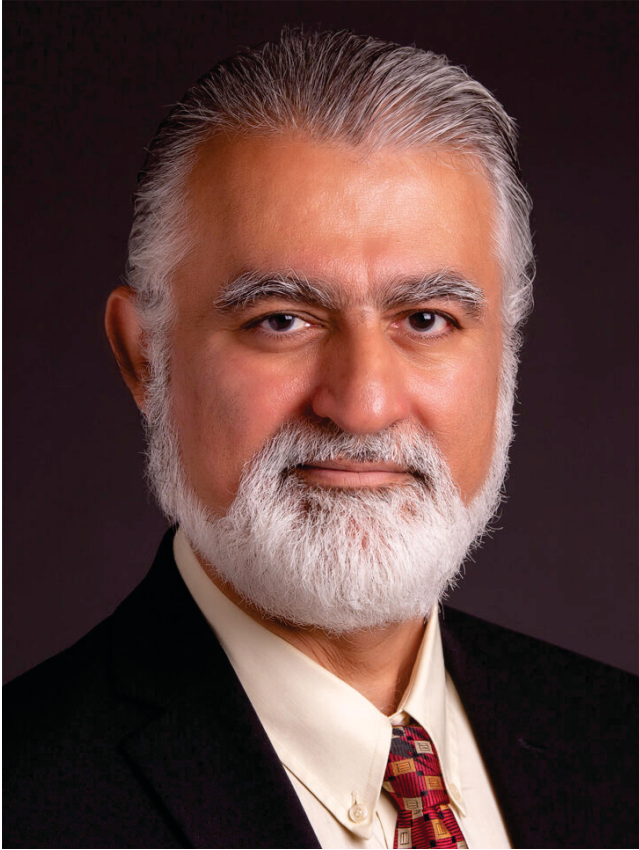


We want to specially congratulate our own AMB. Dr Jonathan ojadah the international peace and governance council Head of mission IPGC Africa on his New appointment as the Global Vice President of the commission. this is a position well deserved.

AMB. Dr Jonathan is a young, vibrant and dynamic young man who has demonstrated his diplomatic dexterity by portraying the good image of IPGC in Africa and the world at large.

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DR. FARZAM KAMALABADI

Farzam Kamalabadi's zealous self-driven mission and drive to change has transformed the fate of nations, starting with China, and moving across the world

Farzam Kamalabadi is one of the most powerful man you don't know around the world. His zealous self-driven mission and drive to change have transformed the fate of nations, starting with China, and moving across the world.

There are many who can say 'No Dream Too Big', fewer who begin to execute their dreams, and the rarest of them all, those few who dare to see them through to the end. Farzam Kamalabadi falls in the third category. With his vast network of resources and know-how in over 120 countries, the founder and president of Future Trends Group has led it to complete over 100 projects or transactions and generate a staggering turnover of some USD 30B in the past 25 years.

The captain of the ship, Farzam Kamalabadi, is a force of pure human grit, having built Future Trends simultaneously as he forged and chiseled the fate of nations, particularly China towns, the Middle East, Africa, and the West. Over the years, he has risen to

hold key positions, including Senior Economic Advisor to over 20 municipal and regional governments in China; advising and overseeing projects of the national oil systems of several countries, including Oman, Kuwait, and China; proved instrumental in the China-Oman trade volume hyper-jump by 18 times multiplication from \$600mm to \$11Bn between 2001 to 2007; masterfully guided the first-ever zero-bullet peaceful transition of power in Africa, Zimbabwe in November 2017; and successfully changed several rounds of key national policies of China. It is no surprise that he has been stated as "The Most Influential Foreign Figure in Modern China History" by Chinese state media and several international forums.

TEACHINGS FROM THE SEA

Growing up in the northern territory of Iran, between the mountain and the Caspian Sea, Farzam's earliest teachers were the trials of nature and the way the seasons changed.

Born in the middle of 5 children, one brother and one sister on either side of him as siblings, Farzam was a precocious and observant kid. All of three years old and barely speaking, a child in his own world, uninterested in the trinkets and flashy luxuries, he remembers a time loitering the beach with family, where they collected pretty, shiny shells and little conches, like gifts from the sea.

Farzam came upon a shore-cast dead little fish and was aware that it should be in the water. As his older relative backslapped his hand, thinking he had mistaken the dead fish for a shell telling him that he should drop and toss the carcass away; instead, the little boy wordlessly lifted it with a look full of meaning, placing it gently in the water. As they watched, awestruck, the fish returned to life, swimming back into the sea with a second life, leaving Farzam with a meaningful look of satisfaction and moral victory.

"I learned a lesson. If I had been one minute earlier, it wouldn't be there. One minute later, it would have been really dead. So, you have to be in the right place at the right time, then do the right thing, without heeding to other people's opinions who do not understand you." This, among many other factors, created in him the urge to change the destinies of nations and humanity at large.

As he grew, the lessons from his surroundings kept shaping the man he was destined to be. Bored with regular slow fishing experiences, when he first witnessed the fisherman employ dynamite fishing, throwing an explosive bomb in the water to kill and capture hundreds of fishes at once, the empath in him was appalled, and the strategic mind in him was greatly intrigued.

“There was a business strategy here – Don’t go for projects or clients one by one – don’t be linear. Instead, place a powerful impression bomb, capture attention, harvest group by group on the aggregate, and produce prolific results.”

Farzam Kamalabadi, is a force of pure human grit, having built Future Trends simultaneously as he forged and chiseled the fate of nations, particularly China, the Middle East, Africa, and the West

THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

In 1978, Farzam moved to Boston. 1979 saw the first ‘boat people’ arrive in America – Southeast Asian refugees, Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians. An immigrant himself, he forewent the crisis that comes with that enforced identity and instead found the courage to become a support for the refugee community and a leader indeed.

At just 19, he was rallying the groups to come together and stay strong. “Even though I was at school, I missed most classes. I was up every day from early morning 4 AM till late night 2 AM, running around to the airport, picking up the refugees, housing them, getting them clothing, then barely going to my classes, taking them to obtain welfare, getting the driver’s licenses, so on and so forth.”

Those years opened Farzam’s eyes to the breadth of human suffering and the combative power of human resilience. He saw people who met on the boat in the worst of conditions, yet fall in love, marry, and dream of a better life for themselves and their families. Most refugees were robbed of all their money and gold when on the boat, sometimes chucked out in the vast sea to drown, but against impossible odds, they got to the fabled land of opportunity.

To help the refugees, he decided to learn Chinese. “I wanted to change ideologies, create a new civilization,

Investing in languages allowed him to make friends out of weary strangers, widened his network, and thus made him a vital cog for the businesses around the place.

“My first formal job was in the Baybank Harvard Trust, for I had such a strong community system and network that the banks said, oh my god, we need these clients. I had a strong network comprising 2000-3000 people from the Chinese community in Boston. So, I became the Iranian in America in Baybank Harvard Trust at Harvard Square in charge of the Chinese students and scholars.”

The Chinese academia were the first group of mainland Chinese arrivals in the USA, and they all became Farzam’s community as they arrived in Boston – to study at Harvard, MIT, or Boston University. “Just like with the refugees, I used to take them from the airport, go with them to their classes, translate for them and learn Chinese that way.”

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Just like that, Farzam was bestowed a second childhood – growing up with their memories of the Chinese cultural revolutionaries. Within two years, Farzam had all the knowledge of how these thousands of students and scholars grew up in China. Their movies, the anecdotes, stories, and cliches swirled in his subconscious, as if he were born and raised in China. What started as merely learning the words became an adoption of their culture and mindset as his own.

Farzam made some very astute predictions about China during this time, as consistently in various stages later, all of which have proved true in the decades that ensued. “I would give lectures about how China will move from being introvert to extrovert, from a follower to a leadership position. At the time, the scholars themselves were very pessimistic about the future of China. I became involved in giving lectures in universities and printed about 30,000 of my own articles or white paper of my analysis. It went to every top student and scholar from China, whom I didn’t know but were the children of generals and prime ministers, people of top consequence. They took my thoughts and white paper and circulated them to the top national leaders of China as well. Unknowingly, I was able to influence a whole generation of China and

their thinking.”

A CONFLUENCE OF IDEOLOGIES

Farzam’s work takes him places, but given that all his goals are humongous and long-term, it can be confounding for the layman to understand how Farzam profits out of his calling. He explains, “I have two initiatives – one is corporate, one is government.

On the corporate front companies join me because my ecosystem and influence help their growth. I don’t work as a third-party consultant; instead, companies invest in me and offer shares, as I take on a chairman role and help grow the companies. I bring all the vectors of growth, global sales and distribution system, global partnerships, reps, resellers, agents and JVs, investors in each region, bringing in government support in the form of permits, branding, capital raising, increasing financial growth, an entire system of acceleration within each corporation. As they grow, the payment increases, the revenue increases, and so do the shares. I am working with 50 such companies at the moment – a Belgian Renewable Energy Group, a US company HNO in the domain of hydrogen generation, fund operations in the Cayman, and a few blockchain companies, and at the moment finalizing several new partners and member companies.”

Farzam is aware that his achievements are extraordinary; there are hundreds who perhaps envision creating an impact of this kind, but few can reach the heights that he has. On being quizzed if there is a scientific method or a process to his humongous growth, he answers, “Diversify – do not stay restricted to one region or industry. I have a plug-in system that leverages the seven vectors or verticals of growth in a global ecosystem. It’s like an implosion. I bring all my resources to be owned by the companies that join me. I download relevant resources in key areas of the growth – market, partners, government, capital, and then implement strategies through them so that the company starts growing, and often by mega multiplication.”

FARZAM’S OPERATIONAL STYLE

One can guess that ambitions of this scale are neither for the lonely nor the fainthearted. Of his system, Farzam says, “My global network, system, and process has a very wide coverage, with multi-layer value and having multiple strata, going from high to low. So, it’s like a high-resolution megapixel three-

dimensional hologram, where you see all the different networks of all the different categories.”

While most people simply consider good human resources and top connections as a huge win, to Farzam it is only the minimum. Whenever he is entrusted with a new client or a new project, he hires a trusted team of 3 to 5 people, sometimes more, who can work deeply with the client for particular functions to bring the goal into reality. But even that is the basic mechanics and tools of processing the resources.

As he says, “I become like a rainmaker. My teams provide the key resources, and between their team and my team, we run the processes on our invented strategies. From time to time, my core team and I fine-tune the larger teams that belong inside these companies, which interface with my global resources; but ultimately, the main gain comes from our proprietary know-how and superior modeling developed by me within Future Trends.”

IN DUE TIME

To some, Farzam’s life may seem unimaginably arduous, akin to an obstacle course; to him, it is just proof that everything worth achieving takes its time to arrive.

As he puts it, “The process of crystallization of results is at times slow, like how milk slowly turns into curd. You cannot rush the process, but there is always a tilting point of fast and sudden fermentation.”

For the first 25 years, Farzam hustled and broke sweat, consulting, brokering, and taking on ad-hoc transactions to prove his mettle. Now, as the pace slows but the dreams burgeon bigger than ever before, he is focused on building institutions. “Somewhere in the last five years, I have upgraded to a series of part-ownership model level. And now, we are on the verge of upgrading one more layer so that I can monetize the ‘Future Trends’ ecosystem itself, on digital economy, and blockchain exchanges.

Our ecosystem will most likely have a native coin, and I don’t want it to become only commercial. So, we will not float it too aggressively into the market. But it becomes an umbrella or infrastructure within which my projects, programs, subsidiary companies, or assets are floated one by one in a digital world and will produce huge upside. That’s my next phase of mega monetization.”

Given that Farzam has created an infallible business model, he is keen on evangelizing it. “ From the beginning, my objective was to create a hybrid business model that is both for-profit and nonprofit in the same entity, non-governmental and yet related to governance, finance-oriented and humanitarian all in one to help people, while you create wealth. I’ m still in the process of perfecting it. I want it to be a model that future companies can emulate.”

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THE VIEW FROM THE SUMMIT

Farzam does admit the twinge of loneliness that comes with being centuries ahead of his time in his vision, but he is quick to dismiss it. “ God surrounded me with a lot of good-hearted and strong-minded people, especially from the young generation,” he says.

Having never sought outside funding for his audacious vision but relying on his own money-generating machine that he terms has produced “ mid-level miracles” , Farzam is proud of what he has achieved yet is aware of how much further he could grow with monies behind his vast global system. “ What I can do with pools of super large capital behind me is unbelievable. I know it myself, and yet, I did not develop it until recently till my system is fully mature and powerful. So, I’ m working on that element.”

When a man doesn’ t compare himself with others, his biggest enemies are only his flaws, the unquantifiable challenges of life.

“ My first enemy is mediocracy – being passive or being less than your full potential. The second enemy is time. The third enemy, actually, is a rather popular concept – which is called ‘ beauty in the eye of the beholder’ . I don’ t believe in that. I believe that no matter what you are seeing, there is always a higher standard and new realities that one must strive for to discover and achieve.”

He counts out a few – finding crystal clear the calling, the mission, keeping the vision, creating superior methodologies and modeling, observing and adopting a systems-oriented mind and process-oriented system, consistency and perseverance. One could say that parsing through his life so far and the experiences he

has snatched away, even from the most unforgiving of situations, layout the blueprint to greatness. But he leaves the most surreal one for the end – a sense of destiny.

Farzam’ s destined focus during this decade is to affect the collective rise of Africa, a hyper jump in wealth generation and wealth distribution of its state nations and peoples, as stated and described in his open letter, the ‘ Future Trends Manifesto for Africa’ , a process which has gathered momentum and received huge reverberations in Africa and globally within a very short time.

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DR DAVID JOHN FRANCIS

SIERRALEON POLITICIAN, AUTHOR AND CHIEF MINISTER

Dr David John Francis was born on the 5th of October 1965 in Kenema in Eastern Sierra Leone, and he is a member of the Mende ethnic group. He is a Sierra Leonean politician, academic and author, who served as Chief Minister of Sierra Leone from April 2018 to April 2021. He is the first person to hold the office of Chief Minister since it was abolished in 1978. He is widely seen as the most highly influential government official in Sierra Leone, after the president and the vice president.

Francis studied at Fourah Bay College, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and International Institute of Social Studies. From 1994 to 1998 he was a postdoctoral research associate at University of Southampton. Prior to his current position in the government of Sierra Leone, he was a professor at the University of Bradford there he was the coordinator of the UNESCO Chair in African Peace and Conflict Studies.

In 1993, he earned a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone. In 1994, he earned a master's degree in Human Rights at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and a second degree in 1995, Diploma in Law, Development and Social Justice at the International Institute of Social Studies,

In 1998, he received his doctorate in International Relations at the University of Southampton, in the United Kingdom.

Hon. Professor David J. Francis was appointed on 30th April 2021 by H. E. the President, Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Dr. Julius Maada Bio, as the Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Co-operation.

Before he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor Francis served as the first Chief Minister of the Republic of Sierra Leone since May 2018. As Chief Minister, he served as one of the Principal Advisers to the President. He was responsible for the supervision, monitoring, coordination and performance management of 28 Ministries of the Government of Sierra Leone. As a Senior Cabinet Minister, the Chief Minister served as a member of the National Security Council; National Defence Council; member of the Economic Management Team; the National Investment Board, member of Cabinet Sub-Committees and member of the Presidential Task Force of COVID 19 National Preparedness and Response.

As Chief Minister, Professor Francis provided strategic policy leadership for the following Parliamentary legislative bills for key government agencies such as the Independent Commission for Peace & National Cohesion and the National Disaster Management Agency. As Chief Minister, Professor Francis set up and chaired several cross-cutting Inter-Ministerial Governance-related Committees and chaired many Governance/Security-related Presidential Task Force Committees. In this capacity as Chief Minister, Professor Francis chaired and led several high-level Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) negotiation processes with international, multilateral and private sector agencies and institutions. As part of supervising GoSL Ministries, Professor Francis organized high-level GoSL Cabinet Retreats, including the first-ever political and administrative interface retreat. This retreat brought together Cabinet Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and government Heads of Agencies, Parastatals, Commissions and State-owned Enterprises. As Chief Minister, Professor Francis worked closely with the House of Parliament and the Government-SLPP Parliamentary Leadership and opposition parties to facilitate government legislative bills and programmes.

Professor Francis was also appointed in April 2018 by President Bio as chairman of the Governance Transition Team of the New Direction SLPP Government. In this capacity, Professor Francis attained national and international prominence for effectively leading the

Governance Transition Team. Moreover, the submission of the Governance Transition Team Report recommended, amongst other things, the establishment of a Judge-led Commission of Inquiry to investigate the state of governance of the previous APC administration.

In April 2018, H. E. President Julius Maada Bio designated Professor Francis as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation to represent the country in the Commonwealth Heads of State and Government Meeting (CHOGM) / Commonwealth Summit in London, 18 – 20 April 2018 and the state visit to the State of Qatar from the 21- 23 April of 2018.

Before joining Government, Professor Francis was the Head of the world-renowned Department of Peace Studies & Director of the John & Elnora Ferguson Centre for African Studies (JEFICAS) at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom. He served as Commissioner for the UK Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. Also, he held the UNESCO Chair of African Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Bradford. Professor Francis held a Research Professorial Chair in African Peace and Conflict Studies, the first-ever to be established at a leading UK University. He has a PhD degree from the University of Southampton, United Kingdom; Diploma in Law, Development and Social Justice from the Institute of Social Studies, from the Hague, The Netherlands; Diploma in Human Rights from the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden, and BA (Hons) from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone.

Professor Francis has published ten books and more than fifty journal articles, book chapters and commissioned-policy papers. Some of his published works include *Peace, Democracy & Development in Africa* Adonis & Abbey Publishers: London, July 2020 (Ed); *African Peace Militaries: War, Peace & Democratic Governance*, Routledge, 2016 (Ed.); *When War Ends in Africa: building peace in divided communities*. Ashgate: May 2012 (Ed); *Policing in Africa*. Palgrave/Macmillan, April 2012 (Ed); *US Strategy in Africa: AFRICOM, Terrorism and Security Challenges*. Routledge, Feb. 2010 (Ed); *Peace and Conflict in Africa* (Ed.) London: Zed Books, September 2008 (Translated into Arabic in May 2010 by the Egypt-based Arabic Translation Institute); *Uniting Africa: Building Regional Security Systems*, Aldershot: Ashgate January 2006; *Dangers of Co-deployment: UN Cooperative Peacekeeping in Africa* (Ed.) Ashgate, 2005; *The Politics*

of Economic Regionalism: Sierra Leone in ECOWAS

Ashgate, 2001.

As a distinguished international academic, senior policy adviser, and consultant for more than 25 years, Professor Francis successfully supervised six doctoral completions, 14 Ph.D./Doctoral External Examinations in the UK, Europe, North America, and Africa, as well as more than 50 Master's dissertation supervision. Professor Francis has served as a consultant consulted for numerous Governments, intergovernmental agencies (EU & Commonwealth), and vital UN agencies (UNAMSIL Sierra Leone, UNMIL Liberia, UNESCO on Peace Education, UNDP on Infrastructure for Peace, UNHCR on Internally Displaced Persons in Liberia); ECOWAS (ECOWAS Early Warning Mechanism & National Early Warning System); African Union (African Peer Review Mechanism & the AU Post-Conflict Reconstruction & Development).





MR CHIPOKA MULENGA

Mr Chipoka Mulenga was born in 1981, the minister is rated as one of the best ministers in Zambia owing to his developmental policies and initiatives which have contributed massively to the growth of the country's trade and commerce.

The minister who has a Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurship and

Diploma in surveying has been able to formulate policies that have created multiple jobs.

He recently represented his country's Vice President to launch the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Zambia (CCCZ), to enhance interaction between the Zambian and Chinese business communities.

His Ministry also launched the first-ever EU – Zambia Economic Forum 2022 in Lusaka under the theme 'Economic Transformation through Green Growth to promote economic activities.

The minister's policies have brought together a wide range of entrepreneurs, experts, financial institutions, innovators and policy decision-makers from Zambia and other top countries from across the world.

His goal is to generate private sector investments and business opportunities that foster economic growth and create jobs through exploring sustainable products and services within the green economy.





ALAN JOHN KWADWO KYEREMATEN
MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, GHANA

Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen was born on the 3rd of October 1955, he is the current Minister for Trade and Industry in Ghana, and has held the position from 2017 until present. He is a Ghanaian politician, corporate executive, diplomat and an international public servant specialising in global trade issues. Kyerematen was ambassador to the United States and later Minister of Trade, Industry, Private Sector Development (PSD) and the Presidential Special Initiatives (PSI), under the President Kufuor-led NPP government. Kyerematen served as a trade advisor at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he coordinated the African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC). He is popularly called Alan Cash during political rally.

Kyerematen was appointed Ghana's ambassador to the U.S. when the NPP came into office in 2001. As head of Ghana's Diplomatic Mission to the United States of America, he was considered the NPP government's top foreign envoy and performed with distinction over the 18-month duty tour, and his significant achievements include: Establishment of the US-Ghana Economic Council, a high-level advocacy and advisory group established to deepen economic relations and bilateral trade between Ghana and the United States; Coordinating Government's re-negotiation of the Westel agreement with Western Wireless and Valco Agreement with Kaiser Aluminium Company coordinating the implementation of the first Investment Forum in the United States to showcase the economic potential of each of the 10 regions of Ghana Establishment of the first web-based Ghana Skills Bank, a database designed to facilitate access to Ghanaian professionals and experts worldwide. Initiated plans for the establishment of a Ghana Cultural Centre in the United of States. Developed an "Operation Save Your Schools Programme" for Ghana residents in the United States to assist their alma mater primary/middle schools.

Kyerematen served as a trade advisor at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He heads the African Trade Policy Centre

(ATPC); a centre created by the ECA with the main objective of strengthening the human and institutional capacities of African governments to formulate and implement sound trade policies and participates more effectively in trade negotiations at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels. He is leading efforts in enhancing advocacy for trade in Africa, building the capacity of trade negotiators, as well as developing capability at the country level in trade policy formulation. In addition, he is coordinating the implementation of technical assistance programmes to enhance the productive capacity and competitiveness of African countries, and also providing support for analytical as well as evidence-based research on trade related issues.

Kyerematen is one of the leading members of the technical team that provided strategic guidance and support to the African Union Commission in developing and elaborating an Action Plan for Boosting intra-African Trade and preparing a framework for the establishment of a Continental Free Trade Area. As part of this effort, he was designated as a Special Envoy of the African Union to hold consultations with selected African Heads of State prior to the 18th African Union Summit of Heads of State and Government in January 2012.

Ghana, on 17 December 2012, nominated Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen for the post of WTO Director-General to succeed Pascal Lamy, whose term of office expired on 31 August 2013. His candidature received the backing of the Africa Union (AU) but he did not make the final shortlist for the position. During his interaction with the media to state his case to head the WTO, Kyerematen noted that the WTO provides "a firewall against protectionism". He was asked whether the director-general should take a stand in the battle over whether increasingly wealthy countries such as Brazil should continue to be able to self-identify as developing, a status that allows them to be freed from some of the subsidy restrictions placed on developed countries. Kyerematen said that the director-general should undertake "an open, coherent" dialogue on the topic. There needs to be debate, he said, over whether "there is a need to subdivide the existing divisions". On whether technical acumen is the sole requisite for the job, Kyerematen opined that "political insights are vital" for the job because "in the end you have an organization to run.

Over the years, Kyerematen has been invited to speak at various fora, sharing his expertise on international topics on the dynamics of global trade and sustainable development.



MR KALILOU TRAORE **AMB. OF COTE D'IVOIRE TO NIGERIA**

Mr Kalilou Traore has said that his country is interested in strengthening trade and investment with Nigeria due to the peculiarity in both country's economy.

The Ambassador stated this in Abuja, at the official launch of the 2022 made in Nigeria exhibition that would be holding in Abidjan.

Kalilou explained that the initiative of made in Nigeria exhibition has grown into a strong platform for the development of both country's economy through the creation of lots of business opportunities

He said:” As a reminder trade between Cote d'ivoire and Nigeria represents approximately \$ 1.4 billion, mainly in petroleum products. The significant potential of trade in industrial products and services between the two countries remains to be filled with regard to the production and consumption capacities of the countries within the framework of the regional common market but also of the continental market which is being set up.

“ The initiative of Made in Nigeria exhibition has, over the years, grown into a strong platform to create business between Nigeria and Cote d'ivoire.

” My country, Cote d'ivoire, increasingly interested in strengthening trade and investment with Nigeria, in particular because of the dynamism our economies but also of the regional and continental market zone., We believe that the

platform Made in Nigeria could become one of the important instruments for strengthening economic exchanges between the two countries.”

He, therefore appreciated the understanding that have existed between both countries' I am very happy to recognize the excellent cooperation between Cote d'ivoire and Nigeria. The two countries have cooperation agreements in several areas,

“ On November 2021, Abidjan hosted the intergovernmental meeting with Nigeria within the framework of the bi national commission agreement.

“ During this meeting, the authorities of the two countries took stock of their cooperation and signed many cooperation agreements. Now, we have to transform all these agreements into concrete business actions and partnerships such as the platform of Made in Nigeria Exhibition in Abidjan As you may renoun, Cote d'ivoire have experienced strong economic grow since 10 years.”

Executive Director/ CEO Nigerian Export Promotion Council, Dr. Ezra Yakusak, who was represented by Director of International Export Office, Babatunde Falake said that Cote d'ivoire market has huge potentials for made in Nigeria products, adding that it is a hub to link other Francophone markets.

” The Cote d'ivoire market has huge potentials for Made - in Nigerian products in addition to being the hub to penetrate other Francophone market. With the signing of the AfCFTA, Nigeria cannot but optimise the opportunities in the West Africa market and Africa at large.

” Incidentally the next edition of Intra- African Trade Fair (IATF), 2023 will be taking place in Cote D'ivoire. The IATF 2023 Cote d'ivoire will be an avenue to prepare Nigerian manufacturers of exportable goods to have in-depth knowledge of the market environment for easy market, he said.





His Excellency
MACKY SALL
CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION (AU)

Macky Sall (French pronunciation: [maki sal]; born 11 December 1961) is a Senegalese politician who has been President of Senegal since April 2012. He was re-elected President in the first round voting in February 2019. Under President Abdoulaye Wade, Sall was Prime Minister of Senegal from July 2004 to June 2007 and President of the National Assembly from June 2007 to November 2008. He was the Mayor of Fatick from 2002 to 2008 and held that post again from 2009 to 2012. Sall was a long-time member of the Senegalese Democratic Party (PDS). After coming into conflict with Wade, he was removed from his post as President of the National Assembly in November 2008; he consequently founded his own party named the Alliance for the Republic (APR) and joined the opposition. Placing second in the first round of the 2012 presidential election, he won the backing of other opposition candidates and prevailed over Wade in the second round of voting, held on 25 March 2012. He is the first president born after Senegalese independence from France.

He became Secretary-General of the PDS Regional Convention in Fatick in 1998 and served as the PDS National Secretary in charge of Mines and Industry. He was actively involved in the "Sopi" campaign which brought Wade to power in the 2000 Senegalese presidential election.

He was Special Advisor for Energy and Mines to President Abdoulaye Wade from 6 April 2000 to 12 May 2003, as well as Director-General of the Petroleum Company of Senegal (Société des Pétroles du Sénégal, PETROSEN) from 13 December 2000 to 5 July 2001.^[4] He became Minister of Mines, Energy and Hydraulics on 12 May 2001, replacing Abdoulaye Bathily who had been appointed Vice-President of the National Assembly. Sall was promoted to the rank of Minister of State, while retaining his portfolio, on 6 November 2002. He additionally became the Mayor of Fatick on 1 June 2002.

On 27 August 2003, Sall was moved from his position as Minister of State for Mines, Energy and Hydraulics to that of Minister of State for the Interior and Local Communities, while also becoming Government Spokesman.

On 21 July 2004, Macky Sall was appointed Prime Minister by President Wade, after Wade dismissed his predecessor, Idrissa Seck. On 25 July 2004, Sall became Vice-President of the PDS Steering Committee. Although Sall was little known at the time of his appointment, he made a strong impression in his maiden address on general policy.

Sall served as the director of Wade's re-election campaign for the February 2007 presidential election, in which Wade was victorious, obtaining a majority in the first round. After Wade was sworn in, Sall submitted his resignation on 10 April and was immediately reappointed, with the government unchanged. Sall remained Prime Minister until 19 June 2007, making him the longest-serving of Wade's prime ministers. During his tenure he set in motion several presidential policies which had been neglected by his predecessor, including the Corniche de Dakar motorway and the construction of the Blaise Diagne International Airport.

President of the National Assembly

In the June 2007 parliamentary election, Sall was elected to the National Assembly as a candidate on the national list of the Coalition.^[10] After the election, Wade appointed Minister Delegate for the Budget Cheikh Hadjibou Soumaré as Prime Minister on 19 June, replacing Sall, who had resigned along with his government shortly beforehand then fall out of elections. Sall said that he was proud of what he had

accomplished as Prime Minister.

Sall was not elected as President of the National Assembly one day later, on 20 June 2007; he was the only candidate and received 143 votes from the 146 deputies present. Sall and Wade came into conflict later in 2007 when Sall called Wade's son Karim, the President of the National Agency of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), for a hearing in the National Assembly regarding construction sites in Dakar for the OIC Summit planned to take place there in March 2008. This was perceived as an attempt by Sall to weaken Karim's position and possibly influence the eventual presidential succession in favor of himself, provoking the enmity of Wade and his loyalists within the PDS. In November 2007, the PDS Steering Committee abolished Sall's position of Deputy Secretary-General, which had been the second most powerful position in the party, and it decided to submit a bill to the National Assembly that would reduce the term of the President of the National Assembly from five years to one year. Following the death of Mourides religious leader Serigne Saliou Mbacké in late December 2007, his successor, Serigne Mouhamadou Lamine Bara Mbacké, asked Wade to forgive Sall; Wade then met with Sall and the two were said to have made peace in early January 2008.

Sall nevertheless remained at odds with the PDS leadership in 2008. In September 2008, a PDS deputy presented the bill to reduce the term of the President of the National Assembly to one year, and later in the month, Sall was called before the PDS Disciplinary Committee, although he did not appear. On this occasion, Sall was accused of divisive personal initiatives within the party; he also allegedly committed "acts aimed at undermining the image of the party and country", referring in particular to Sall's visits to the Senate of France and the United States Democratic Party's 2008 Convention. A statement released by Sall's political adviser condemned the move to discipline Sall as an "attempt at political liquidation".

On 13 October 2008, the National Assembly voted to reduce the term of the President of the National Assembly to one year; this was approved by President Wade on 21 October. Despite Sall's determined efforts to maintain his position, the National Assembly voted to dismiss him as President of the National Assembly on 9 November 2008. There were 111 votes in favor of his removal and 22 against it. Sall promptly announced

that he was resigning from the PDS; this decision meant that he would lose his seat in the National Assembly, as well as his seat on Fatick's municipal council and his post as Mayor of Fatick. He also said that he would create a new party. Mamadou Seck was elected to replace Sall as President of the National Assembly on 16 November 2008.[18][19]

Sall founded his own party, the Alliance for the Republic – Yaakaar (APR), on 1 December 2008. The Interior Ministry accused Sall of money laundering on 26 January 2009; Sall denied this and said that the accusation was politically motivated. In late February 2009 it was decided not to prosecute Sall due to lack of evidence.

Following the March 2009 local election in Fatick, Sall was re-elected to his former post as Mayor in April 2009. He received 44 votes from the 45 municipal councillors present; the Sopi Coalition's five councillors were not present for the vote. In the same local elections, the APR was also successful in the city of Gossas, twelve districts in the north of the country and three in the south.

Intending to stand in the 2012 Presidential elections, Sall travelled through Senegal and met with members of the Senegalese overseas community. He employed Jean-Pierre Pierre-Bloch [fr], a former member of the French National Assembly who had previously been a close associate of Wade, as an advisor. In 2010, a poll indicated that he was the frontrunner for the presidency in Dakar and its environs.

Macky Sall during a U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit dinner at the White House, 2014

Main article: 2012 Senegalese presidential election

In the 2012 Presidential elections, Sall ran as the candidate of the "Macky 2012" coalition, with the slogan, "The Path of Real Development" ("Yoonu Yookuté" in Wolof). He campaigned across the country, without cutting off ties with the "23 Juin" (M23) opposition movement, which protested against Wade in Dakar calling for him to be barred from running for a third term.

The initial result of 26 February 2012 election saw Sall obtain 26.5% of the vote against Wade's 34.8%, forcing a runoff. In the runoff, Sall convinced all the eliminated candidates and disqualified candidate Youssou N'Dour to support him, forming a coalition named "Benno Bokk Yakkar" (Wolof for "United in the Same Hope").

He achieved this by promising to return to five-year presidential terms from the previous seven-year term that Wade controversially restored; he also said he would ensure that no leader could serve for more than two terms. The runoff took place on 25 March 2012, and Wade phoned Sall at 21:30 GMT to concede the race with congratulations, before the Constitutional Council [fr] made the official proclamation that Sall had won with 65.8% of the vote.

Sall was inaugurated as the fourth President of Senegal on 2 April at the King Fahd Palace hotel. The next day he appointed technocrat and banker Abdoul Mbaye as his prime minister, who became the head of a government limited to 25 ministers and announced his intention to dissolve the National Assembly in order to hold legislative elections on 1 July.

Two controversies marked Sall's first days in office: his visit to his French counterpart, Nicolas Sarkozy, days before the latter's defeat in the 2012 French presidential elections and the publication of his net worth, an astonishing 1.3 billion CFA Francs, largely acquired during his tenure as Wade's prime minister.

In the lead-up to the legislative elections in July, for which he managed to preserve the Benno Bokk Yakaar coalition intact, Sall carried out many symbolic gestures. In accordance with his promise to reduce state spending, he curtailed some ministerial perks, announced an audit of his predecessor's administration and cancelled 59 projects and agencies which were judged unnecessary. He ended several contracts within the Presidential Palace and limited the salaries of the directors of agencies, but also increased the number of minister-counsellors. He re-established the Court for the Repression of Illegal Enrichment and announced the creation of a National Anti-corruption Office (Ofnac) and a National Commission for the restitution of property and recovery of wrongly acquired possessions, as well as annulling some of the final decrees and contracts signed by Wade. To reduce the cost of living, the government of Abdoul Mbaye lowered the price of oil, rice and sugar. Retirement pensions were revalued, farmers received emergency subsidies, and the 29 permits issued to foreign deep sea trawlers by the preceding government were annulled. In advance of the new school year, national conferences on education were scheduled.

Sall with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in 2020

In the foreign policy sphere, Sall charged foreign minister Alioune Badara Cissé with renewing Senegal's traditional links with Morocco, Mauritania and the Gambia and restoring Senegal's diplomatic role in Africa. Two difficult legal cases challenged his commitment to avoid interfering with the judiciary: the socialist Barthélemy Dias was charged with the murder of a PDS member and the marabout Béthio Thioune [fr], an old supporter of Wade was accused of being involved in the deaths of two of his followers.

In February 2013, Sall secured \$7.5 billion for his economic development plan, dubbed "Emergent Senegal", designed to transform Senegal into an emergent economy by 2035 through investments in agriculture, infrastructure and tourism. Sall's government also moved toward the establishment of a new universal healthcare system. While the World Trade Organisation called Sall's plans "ambitious," popular dissatisfaction with the slow pace of progress was reported.

In September 2013, Sall dismissed Mbaye and named the Minister of Justice, Aminata Touré to the position of Prime Minister. On 4 July 2014, she was dismissed as prime minister by parliament after she failed to win a council seat in Dakar in the local elections and Macky Sall appointed one of his advisors, Mohammed Dionne as Prime Minister.

Since his election in 2012, peace in the Casamance region has been a top priority for Sall. The Movement of Democratic Forces of Casamance (MFDC) have been pursuing the cause of separatism for Casamance, a small region in the south of the country dominated by Christians from the minority Jola ethnic group, since the 1970s. On 1 May 2014, one of the leaders of the MFDC, Salif Sadio, sued for peace and declared a unilateral cease-fire after secret talks held at the Vatican between his forces and Sall.

Sall and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Sochi, Russia, 3 June 2022

In January 2016, Sall supported proposed constitutional reforms that would limit any president to two consecutive terms in office, and reduce the term of office from seven years to five, in accordance with his promise at the 2012 election. The Constitutional Council refused to allow Sall to shorten his own term of office, but allowed the other changes to be put to a referendum, to the dismay of some of

Sall's former supporters. Protests and violent clashes preceded the referendum, which passed on 20 March 2016 with 63% in favour and turnout slightly in excess of 40%.

In the 2019 Senegalese presidential election Sall won re-election with 58% of the vote.

In June 2020 Sall said he was self-isolating after he was exposed to someone with COVID-19. On 1 November 2020, he formed the fourth Sall government.

Sall was elected as chairperson of the African Union for the year 2022, with his term beginning on 5 February 2022.

On 3 June 2022, Sall met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Sochi, Russia to discuss grain deliveries from Russia and Ukraine to Africa. Sall told Putin he should be "aware that our countries, even if they are far from the theatre of action, are victims of this economic crisis" caused by the war in Ukraine. Prior to the war, Russia and Ukraine supplied more than 40% of wheat needs in Africa. Sall also complained that the side effects of the EU's decision to expel many Russian banks from SWIFT will hurt the ability of African countries to pay for imported food and fertilizers from Russia.





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THE PROFILE OF
OGBENI RAUF AREGBESOLA
 THE HON. MINISTER FOR INTERIOR FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
 AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF OSUN STATE

Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola born 25 May 1957 is a Nigerian politician who is presently the hon. Minister for interior, the ministry that oversees the home affairs and the paramilitaries like the immigration that issues international passport and the Diplomatic passport. He ran for the post of thr governor of The State of Osun The government of Mr. Rauf Aregbesola changed the name from OSUN STATE to THE STATE OF OSUN) in the 2007 elections. Although the People's Democratic Party (PDP) candidate Olagunsoye Oyinlola was declared the winner, Aregbesola appealed the decision and on 26 November 2010 was declared the winner.

Aregbesola was was Lagos Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure during the tenure of Asiwaju bola Ahmed tinibu as the governor of Lagos state before he ran for election in April 2007 on the Action Congress platform.

Justices of the Federal Appeal Court ibadan declared Aregbesola the winner of the 2007 election, ordering that he be sworn in as governor by noon on 27 November 2010. The Governor of Edo State, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, offered his congratulations for the belated recognition of his election victory. Mr. Rauf Aregbesola, was on

or the 9th of August 2014 for a second term as the governor of the state of osun. The emergence of Aregbesola was preceded by congresses held before the governor who had no contestants was endorsed as the flag bearer in the governorship election. The Nasir el-Rufai-led committee supervised the primary election in which Aregbesola was endorsed. While giving the governor the certificate of return, he said 269,631 members of the party voted Aregbesola for a second term out 355,390 members who registered in 332 wards across the state.

Having satisfied the requirement of the Law and scored the highest number of votes. He was declared the winner of the August 9th, 2014 election and returned elected for another term of 4 years. Ogene rauf Aregbesola is a comrade and Leader per Excellence a Diplomat by the virtue of the fact that he is in charge of what it takes to travel to any part of the world which is The Nigeria international





MR GREG OGBEIFUN

CELEBRATING THE MARITIME GIANT

Mr Greg Ogbeifun was born in 1951 in present-day Edo State. He obtained a Combined First-Class Certificate of Competency in Marine Engineering (STEAM and MOTOR) from the UK.

He is the Chairman/CEO of Starzs Investments Company Limited. Managing Director/CEO of Starzs Marine and Engineering Limited. Chairman Eaglewatch Security Limited, and Chairman, Diverse Engineering and Supply Limited. Starzs Marine (Starzs Shipyard) is the oldest privately owned indigenous ship repair yard in Nigeria. Mr Ogbeifun commissioned the first Cabotage compliant vessel MV OSAYAME, for offshore services by an indigenous company in Nigeria in 2010. In 2019 he also commissioned a purpose-built Damen ASD Tug the MV OSANYAMO, the first of its kind and largest in the Damen ASD tug range to service a long-term contract for an international oil company.

He is the pioneer president of the Ship Owners Association of Nigeria (SOAN). As a contributor to the national development of the maritime sector, he has served in various governmental committees. He was a Member, Presidential Committee for the

Review and Verification of all contracts awarded by NPA; Member, Implementation Committee for the Repositioning and Restructuring of the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron; Member, Steering Council for the Business Support Group (Vision 2020); Member, Ministerial Committee on Guideline Drafting for The Disbursement of Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund (CVFF); Member of the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council, UK.

As a business leader, he received the Gold Merit Award as the Maritime Entrepreneur of The Year in the Maritime and Oil Industry. He received an award for Immense Contribution to Manpower Development in the Maritime Industry by the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Oron; an award as the Marine Logistics Services Provider of the Year, 2013, in Cape Town, South Africa and was also awarded The Most Outstanding Marine Engineer by Maritime Media Limited, to mention a few.

Mr Ogbeifun is a seasoned conference speaker and author of two books “NOT ALWAYS EASY” and “POTENTIALS OF NIGERIA’S MARITIME ECONOMY”.

Mr. Ogbeifun’s counsel is most sought after by leaders in the Maritime Industry on both Federal and State levels due to his clarity of vision and in-depth professional experience.

His companies have built a strong reputation in the Nigerian Maritime Industry by guaranteeing excellent service delivery, zero unscheduled down time and zero lost time injury. With a competent workforce, these enterprises continue to exceed clients’ expectations while contributing significantly to the growth of the Nigerian Maritime Industry. He has presented many papers within and outside Nigeria on crucial maritime issues.

Mr Ogbeifun is a man that is very committed to helping the less privileged. Worried about the high unemployment rate among the Nigerian youth, he incorporated Eaglewatch Security Limited which today has over 800 Nigerians on its payroll.

Despite the demands of his professional life, Mr. Ogbeifun is a family-oriented man and always finds time to bond with his wife Victoria and eight children, out of which two are already mariners.

On his birthday Around February the who is who in Nigeria thronged the city of Benin City to celebrate

this great man. it was a homecoming for a man often described as an iconic fellow of maritime industry. He is truly a beloved son of the soil, a philanthropist per excellence, a shipping magnate with remarkable business exploits, who has worked tirelessly over the last 50 years. Mr Greg Utomwen Ogbeifun is a man of vision who is constantly on a mission, a super-focused and agile 71-year-old man, who has refused to be slowed down by age. He is always ready to explore by breaking new boundaries in his business endeavours and he is a man that loves God has the fear of God and loves to dance to praise God.





**HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY
OBA ADEYEYE OGUNWUSI ENITAN
THE OONI OF IFE**

THE DIPLOMATIC KING

His imperial majesty oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi Enitan the Ooni of ife was Born at exactly 13.00GMT on the 17th of October 1974, Oba Adeyeye was born to the family of Prince John Oluropo Ogunwusi and Princess Margaret Wuraola Sidikatu Abegbe Ogunwusi into the Royal House of Giesi, Agbedegbede Compound in the ancestral home of Ile-Ife.

According to history, his birth was predicted before he was conceived. This was why his mother named him ‘Enitan’ while his grandfather named him Adeyeye, which means ‘the crown befits the throne. He is the fifth of his father’ s seven children and the third son. Aderope Ogunwusi was a veteran radio and TV broadcaster that spanned the entire mid-1980s to early 21st century in the South-Western part of Nigeria.

Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi Enitan the ojaja II began his early education in Ibadan at Subuola Memorial Nursery and Primary School. He then proceeded to Loyola College Ibadan between 1985 and 1991 for his secondary school education. Afterwards, he attended The Polytechnic Ibadan to study Accounting.

The Ooni of Ife is passionate about learning. He holds a number of honorary doctorate degrees: one in Public Administration from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka

and another in Law from Igbinedion University.

He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. He is also an Associate Accounting Technician. Oba Ogunwusi is a certified member of the Institute of Directors. He is also a member of the Global Real Estate Institute.

He set up and fostered strong trade relationships through the Association for International Business (AIB) with a presence in over 200 member countries across the globe. With his vision and creativity, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi transformed a remote jungle called Inagbe Island in Amuwo Odofin LGA, Lagos into one of the best resort places in Nigeria. Launched on 13th December 2013; the multi-billion naira Inagbe Grand Resorts and Leisure, Lagos Nigeria is the first of its kind in the whole of West Africa bounded by the Lagos Lagoon and the Atlantic Ocean.

Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi Enitan is also an astute business marketer. He has traded for multinational groups like Dohagro Allied, Global Apex, Olam, Clemco, Stallion Group and Milan Group.

He is also a real estate mogul. Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi (Ooni of Ife) launched Essential Homes in January 2014 with the aim to provide affordable luxurious homes to middle and low-income earners. He has also been involved in multi-billion naira projects in areas such as Jacob Mews Estate Yaba, Lakeview Park I and II Estates Lekki, the ongoing Golden Leaf Estate Lafiaji Lekki and Grand Lake Estate Ajah, Lagos. He was MD/CEO of Gran Imperio Group (GIG), a formidable real estate consortium in Nigeria.

Following the death of Oba Okunade Sijuwade, who died on July 28, 2015, in a London hospital, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi was selected as the king-elect out of 21 contenders to the Ooni stool. He was crowned as the 51st Ooni of Ife on Monday, December 7th, 2015 at Enuwa Square, Ile-Ife. The Coronation was graced with the presence of several dignitaries from all walks of life, including the Vice President of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo.

On the day of his coronation, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi promised to cause peace and prosperity to abound during his reign. On January 17th, 2016, the Ooni broke a 79-year-old antagonism between the thrones of Ife and Oyo by visiting the Alaafin, the first of such visits in eight decades by an Ife monarch. Various notable and outstanding progress has been recorded in Ife since he began to reign. He established a large Coco farm with the intent of feeding thousands of widows in the state. Oba Adeyeye is a true Ambassador of peace within and outside Nigeria.

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On his
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Message from:
Akindele Tajudeen Olanrewaju





FRANÇOIS RUBOTA MASUMBUKO

The Honourable Minister For Rural Development Drc Congo
Honoured in Nigeria By the International Peace and Governance Council IPGC

François Rubota Masumbuko is the honourable minister for rural development DRC Congo. He came to Nigeria with his entourage to Nigeria for Pan African Leadership Symposium and honours PALESH ABUJA 2022. A special event in Nigeria organized by the International peace and governance council IPGC Under the leadership of his Excellency Amb. Dr Jonathan ojadah the Vice president of IPGC the event which took place at the APIS center from the 16th of August to 18th for the workshops and training theme THE ROLE OF INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

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His Excellency Rubuta masumbuko commended and appreciated the organizers of the programme, he said he was so happy to be in Nigeria and happy to be part of the success of the 3 days workshop which major on leadership, Reconciliation and alternative dispute resolution ADR.

The event which Ended with a special Award night and all night dinner party

BIOGRAPHY OF FRANÇOIS RUBOTA MASUMBUKO

François Rubota Masumbuko, Minister of State in charge of the Rural Development is a holder of several academic titles: Medical Techniques(option : Health Institutions Management at Institut Supérieur Technique Médical (ISTM) in Kinshasa)

-Legal diploma at the official University of Bukavu

-in 1981, diploma in Economy at the University of Bujumbura in Burundi

Besides, He occupied several positions

1984-1986: He was in charge of professional practices at Institut supérieur Technique Médical (ISTM)

-1988-1994: He was the Director of Administration and Finances at the Hospital of Lemera

-In 2006: Elected Provincial Deputy

-In 2011: Elected National Deputy

-In 2015: Permanent Secretary of Mouvement Social pour le Progrès (MSR)

- in 2021: Minister of State, Minister of Rural Development.

The event which Ended with a special Award night and all night dinner party



CITATION OF PRINCE EMEKA EGWUEKWE.

President of United Furniture Association and chairman
Kugbo International Market Traders Association (KIMTA)

Prince Emeka Ekwuekwe is the President of United Furniture Association and chairman Kugbo International Market Traders Association (KIMTA). Born in Mubi Adamawa State. He is an indigene of Enugu Agidi in Njikoka Local Govt. Area of Anambra State, and also the Managing Director of Prince Interior Furnishing & Furniture Co Ltd: An astute business man, philanthropist and an Evangelist for Christ.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree of Science, Entrepreneurial development & corporate leadership of the European American University (EAU) for his contribution to business & economic development in Nigeria.

Prince Emeka Ekwuekwe is a mover and shaker of the people. He has contributed tremendously in bringing steady growth and development to the people in his environment as well as in the furniture industry especially in Kugbo Abuja. He has also used his versatility and business acumen to create wealth for members of his association. He attracted government to the Abuja Furniture business in Nigeria which led to the opening of an international Furniture Market in Asokoro, commissioned by the Hon. Minister of F.C.T in 2017.

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- Contributed to the reduction of unemployment in the country by employing Nigerians to work in Prince Interior F & F Co. Ltd
- Elected twice as President, United Furniture Association (UFA) 2016-2021.
- Present chairman, Kugbo International Market Traders Association (KIMTA), an Umbrella Union controlling 17 Traders Associations in Kugbo Market.
- Concluded the biometric capturing and verification of members of United Furniture Association.
- Completed the Biometric capturing and revalidation of land allocation to traders in Kugbo.
- Promoted inter government relationship which has attracted government attention to Kugbo Market.
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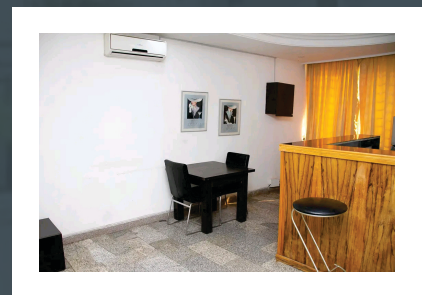
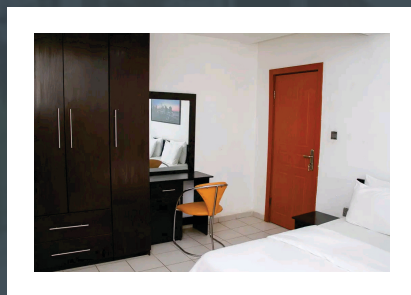
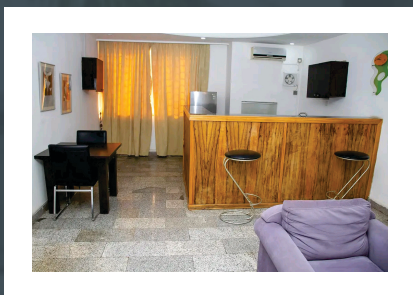
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BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP

We don't only offer services to our clients; we create and foster beneficial business relationship with them

SUPPORT

We offer knowledgeable support, value-added products and services.

SATISFACTION

We strive to satisfy our clients by delivering on our commitments.

SOLUTIONS

We are committed to finding solutions to business problems.

EXPERIENCE & EFFICIENCY

We have carefully selected and invested in a team of expert operators and experienced staff that enables the company to deliver high-level services efficiently.

WE ARE CERTIFIED

We have cordial working relationship with statutory government and industry authorities.

WE LISTEN

We provide a total solution to our clients by assessing client's needs.

TECHNOLOGY AND TOOLS:

Technology and tools are our most important partners in our efforts to maintain efficiency and deliver quality and timely outputs. So we have invested substantially in vehicles, tools, and ICT equipment's.



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS:

Aligned with our vision to become the most reliable and cost-efficient and for purposes of adapting to the changing trends of business, we highly embrace the concept of continuous improvement. As evidence, our staffs go through regular training designed to improve their industry, soft and ICT skills.

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