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Mrs. Olusola Senapon Oworu



Honourable Commissioner for
Commerce & Industry, Lagos State

Mrs. Olusola Senapon Oworu is a Chartered Accountant and a fellow at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. She worked with Coopers & Lybrand as a Trainee Accountant (1981 – 1985) and qualified in 1985. She veered into Banking in 1986 starting off with NAL Merchant Bank (now Sterling Bank) and later joined Citibank Nigeria Limited in January 1992, where she excelled and rose to the position of Vice President. She was in charge of bank's Energy, Remedial Management and Correspondent Banking Portfolios.

She was appointed as a Special Adviser to the State Government on Commerce & Industry in July, 2007, with responsibility for the development of the Lekki Free Trade Zone (LFTZ), proposed Lekki-Epe International Airport and Lekki Sea Port. Her portfolio also includes the ground breaking transformer factory at Toga-Zanmu, which is a public private partnership project between Lagos State government and Elsewedy Electric of Egypt.

With the re-election of Governor Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN) in April 2011, Mrs. Olusola Senapon Oworu was re-appointed and elevated to the position of the Honourable Commissioner for Commerce & Industry on July 4th, 2011.

Mrs Yemisi Wada



President/Founder
Haven for the Nigerian Child Foundation

Yemisi Wada is a Lawyer. After several years of practice she went into private business specifically into Oil & Gas. In 2008 she set up Haven for the Nigerian Child Foundation a NGO, that addresses the issues of children living on the streets of Lagos.

Since then till date the organization has taken over 38 children back home. She is a strong advocate for Children's Rights.

She was part of the Workshop with Lagos State Government working on alternative measures for children in conflict with the Law.

She is a member of the Lagos State Child Rights Act Implementation Committee. Yemisi is the Executive Producer of 'Oluranlowo Mi', a docu/drama about the plight of some street children currently showing in Cinemas right now. She is married with five children.

Ms Toyin Olakanpo

Founder, The Children and Business Network, Nigeria



Toyin Olakanpo holds a bachelors law degree from the University of Warwick Law School, UK and a Masters degree from the Steinhardt Department of Education, New York University.

An accomplished lawyer, Toyin is qualified as a solicitor of England & Wales and is a duly admitted attorney of the state of New York.

Toyin began her professional career at the leading law firm of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer where she completed her articles of training as a solicitor, before joining the Corporate Finance Team as a Managing Solicitor. She also worked as in-house legal counsel to the fund managers at Merrill Lynch Asset Management before she was recruited to work for the prestigious Wall Street law firm Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, in New York.

While she was working in New York and carrying out pro bono legal work for the Brooklyn Heights Montessori School, Toyin discovered her passion for children and working with children. She completed her training as a Montessori teacher and embarked on a career in early childhood education, international affairs, education and government policy.

After almost ten years of working in the classroom and running a Montessori school, Toyin began sharing her knowledge and expertise in early childhood education with teachers and trainees through workshops and seminars. In 2009, she was appointed by the Executive Governor of Lagos State, Babatunde Raji Fashola as Consultant on Early Childhood Education and charged with the responsibility of training over 1,700 teachers; reviewing over 2,000 nursery classes in Lagos State public schools and improving the delivery of their educational outcomes in line with the National Early Childhood Curriculum and the Millennium Development Goals. This project lasted three years and ignited the flame of international development, education and children's rights for Toyin, inspiring her to complete relevant post graduate studies on Educational Planning, Economics and International Development at the Institute of Education, IOE, London.

Toyin is a passionate advocate for international development & CSR, children's rights, early childhood education and the Education For All initiative in the context of Africa. She is the founder of the Children and Business Network Nigeria, an advocacy platform to engage the private sector to make a serious commitment to support children's rights as part of their CSR Targets, in pursuant of the UN Children's Rights and Business Principles. She is also the Head of Training, Advocacy & Consultancy at Train 2 Gain Nigeria providing consultancy in all education matters including the establishment of new primary and nursery schools; youth development programs and corporate crèche facilities.

Toyin is a mother. She is blessed with one daughter.

Prof Bem Angwe

Executive Secretary,
National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria



Professor Bem Angwe is a professor of Law and an academic of repute who has taught law at the highest level of academic pursuit. He has taught International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law at the University of Jos for 18 years. He served in the capacity of Deputy Dean as well as Head of Department, International Law and Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, University of Jos, HOD private law department.

As a human rights activist, Prof Bem Angwe was the Secretary General/ Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Legal Rights Advancement. In that capacity, he advocated vigorously for the domestication of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Nigeria leading to the passage of the Child Rights Act at the National Assembly in 2003. In collaboration with UNICEF, he championed the adoption of the Child Rights Law in Plateau State.

He has attended many human rights courses at the American University, Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria, South Africa amongst others. He has also participated at many international and national human rights conferences, workshops and seminars both as resource person and as a discussant.

In public service, Prof Angwe has had a distinguished career and served as a Special Adviser to the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice. Presently, he is the Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria where he is wholly committed and focused on promoting the rights of all classes of Nigerians. Within one year in office, he has expanded the operational outreach of the Commission from seven to twenty. He has also increased the staff strength from 350 to about 500 most of who are working in the outreach offices and rural areas to give the citizenry access to the services of the Commission.

In the area of structural reforms, he has restructured the Commission to efficiently meet the challenges in achieving the mandate of the Commission following the amendment of the Enabling Act of the Commission in 2010.

Prof Angwe is married with Children.

Sir Keith Richards OBE



Chief (Sir) Keith Richards OBE is the Managing Director of Promasidor Nigeria Limited, Lagos – a company he joined in November 2007.

He has over 22 years experience of African and Nigerian businesses.

He was Managing Director of Bartley Services Nigeria Limited Lagos, Nigeria and Director, Richardson & Briggs Limited a PR/Communications firm between November 2005 and November 2007 and later Managing Director of Guinness Nigeria Plc. Lagos, Nigeria from March 2002 to November 2005.

Managing Director, International Equitable Association Limited, Aba, Abia State, Nigeria from November 2000 to February 2002. Divisional Chief Executive of John Holt Plc, Lagos, Nigeria from July 1998 to October 2000.

He served in different managerial / executive capacities in DIAGEO Plc/Guinness Plc, London from October 1988 to April 1998. Between October 1978 and October 1988, he was with Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations, London.

He graduated with B. Ed (Hons) in June 1976 from Sussex University and Brighton College of Education, Falmer, Sussex. He is a multi-title holder in Nigeria including; Ike Oha I of Okpu Omoubu Community, Abia State; Eze Di Oroma I of Enugu State and Aare Baaladun of Isolo Kingdom, Lagos State.

He is a Fellow of Lagos State Polytechnic; Board member of Nigerian Economic Summit Group- 'NESG'; Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of BusinessDay (pre-eminent Business and Financial newspaper in Nigeria); Vice Chairman, West Africa Business Association (Chairman, Chief Kola Jamodu); Member, Development Board of the Pan-African University / Lagos Business School; Vice President, Alcohol, Food, Beverages & Tobacco Employers Association (AFBTE) and Council Member, Nigerian Employers Consultative Association (NECA).

He was awarded Member Order of the British Empire (OBE) in HM Queens Elizabeth's Birthday Honours List in June 2010 and was a Columnist for Business Day Newspaper (2005-2007); He is also the author of the book "Outsider Inside" published as a collection by Bookcraft, Ibadan. 2009 (ISBN; 978 978 8135 26 5)

He has two sons; Thomas and George.

Mr Thabo Mabe



Managing Director, Unilever Nigeria PLC

Thabo Mabe holds a B.Sc degree in Chemistry and Mathematics. He has over 22 years of international business experience in Unilever, with different experiences in Supply Chain (manufacturing; planning and distribution); marketing (brand building) and general management.

He has had worked in South Africa, Germany and Nigeria. Previous position held includes factory manager; work director, VP supply chain; VP marketing, spreads and ice cream; VP marketing, homecare. He was appointed to the Board of Unilever Nigeria Plc in May 2010.

Mr Uzoma Dozie



Executive Director, Lagos Businesses
Diamond Bank PLC

Mr. Dozie has about 20 years of banking experience in three different financial institutions in Nigeria.

He joined the Bank in 1998 as an Assistant Manager and Head of Diamond Bank's Oil and Gas Unit. In 2000, Mr. Dozie became the Bank's Financial Controller, a position he held until April 2004 when he was appointed as the Head of Personal Banking. In July 2004, Mr. Dozie briefly left the Bank and returned to take up position as the Executive Director, Retail Banking.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Reading, Berkshire, a Master's of Science degree in Chemical Research from the University College, London and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Imperial College Management School of London 1998.

Mr. Dozie serves as an advisory board member of EDC of the Pan-African University.

Mrs Grace Amadi

General Manager, HSSE & Community Relations
Addax Petroleum Development (Nigeria) Limited



Mrs Grace Amadi joined Addax Petroleum as the General Manager HSSE & Community Relations in April, 2012 with vast experience in Health, Safety, Security & Environment (HSSE) and Community Relations aimed at championing corporate HSSE and social responsibility culture at senior management levels. Her work experience spans over 19 years in both private and public sector.

Mrs Amadi has a Master's degree in Occupational Health, Safety & Environmental Management from the Columbia Southern University, Alabama, USA and a wide Membership of professional institutions such as, Institute of Occupational Safety (IOSH), UK; American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) USA; Institute of Marine Engineers, Science and Technology (IMAREST), UK, Nigerian Environmental Society, Nigeria Institute of Safety Professionals; Nigeria Institute of Management (Chartered) amongst others. She has garnered multiple awards in her chosen field amongst which was the First Female Chartered Marine Technologist from IMAREST in 2006 after over 38 years of the institute's existence.

She has substantial knowledge of the onshore and offshore facilities (such as rigs, FPSOs, and gas plants) and has worked assiduously to ensure the development & implementation of fit for purpose policies and procedures that improve reductions in industrial incidents and secure necessary social licence to operate (LTOs) within host communities.

Mrs Adedoja Ekeruche

Category Beverages Manager,
Nestlé Foods Nigeria, PLC



Doja Ekeruche has over 12 years experience spanning the advertising and marketing in both service and FMCG industry. With a degree in mass communication, she joined Nestlé Nigeria in 2004 and has functioned in various roles in marketing, sales and channel management.

She has worked for Nestlé in Ghana and in the Philippines. She is currently the Category Business Manager for Beverages at Nestlé in Nigeria and is responsible for the MILO brand.