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DR (MRS) MARGARET FAGBOYO

Southwest Nigeria Lives Development Award

Dr (Mrs.) Margaret Fagboyo is a Multi-disciplinary Development Practitioner with demonstrated experience in International Development, Gender Mainstreaming and Institutional Partnerships.

She currently serves as the Director of Development at the African Centre for Leadership, Strategy & Development (Centre LSD), a leading international NGO and think tank in Nigeria dedicated to building strategic leadership for sustainable development in Africa. Previously, She was a member of the Ekiti State Executive Council as Special Adviser to the Ekiti State Governor on Development Partnerships and SDGs, with responsibility for coordinating Bilateral and Multilateral Interventions and Partnerships and Coordination and Management of the SDGs in the State.

She has a Masters Degree in Public Administration and International Affairs from the University of Lagos and a First Degree from the University of Ado Ekiti, in Guidance & Counselling (Second Class Upper Division). She was awarded Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa) in Public Administration by Charisma University, Turks and Caicos Islands, British Overseas Territories of the United Kingdom in July 2021.

Her career trajectory spans over two decades with significant experiences in a wide range of areas including international development, career mentoring and gender advocacy and mainstreaming. Prior to her public service assignment, she garnered extensive experiences at the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) where she attained the position of Coordinator for Regional Programs and led the implementation of social inclusion and gender mainstreaming programs, among others. She was Acting



Head of Office and Regional Coordinator for the DFID South West, South-South and South East regions in 2015 and 2017 respectively.

The cumulative impact of her contributions and stride within the third sector earned her several awards and recognitions such as Special Achievement Award and a Team Award from the UKAid Department for International Development in March and December 2005 respectively. Her ethical drive and sterling performance also earned her Notable Recognition consistently for a period of 4 years spanning 2015 through 2018.

In the wake of the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic, she served as the Secretary of the Ekiti State COVID-19 Response Resource Mobilization Committee (RRMC) that mobilized resources and Implemented Initiatives for COVID 19 Response and other activities towards combating the pandemic in the State.

She is also a recipient of several other awards and recognitions, including United Nations Distinguished Leadership and Role Model Award (2019); Fellowship Award of Institute of Strategic Management (August 2021); Nigeria Bar Association's Award of Excellence (December 2021); Coalition of Civil Society Organization In Nigeria National Leadership Award (January 2022); among others.

She has served in various positions of responsibility, including: Co-Chair, Ekiti State Open Government Partnership (OGP); Vice-Chair, Ekiti State Covid-19 and Action Recovery Stimulus (CARES) Steering Committee; Member, Ekiti Economic Development and Investment Summit; and Member, Federal Government's National Technical Working Group on National Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (NPRGS), January, 2022; She has an amazing family life with three kids.



AMBASSADOR DR. ENIOLA OLAITAN AJAYI

Southwest Nigeria Social Impact Award

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Early Life & Education:

Born on 18 January 1965 in Ipoti Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria. Attended St. George's Anglican Primary School (Ijero Ekiti), Emmanuel Anglican Primary School (Ado Ekiti), Christ's School (Ado Ekiti), and Had a year of A-Level studies at Ondo State College of Arts and Science.

Earned a B.Sc. in Optometry (University of Benin, 1986), an M.Phil. in Ocular Pathology (University of London, 1994), and a Doctor of Optometry (University of Benin, 2002). She was the top graduate in her Doctor of Optometry class and received the A. H. Bygott Postgraduate Studentship Award.

Professional Career – Optometry & Public Service:

–Worked at the 445 Nigerian Air Force Hospital in Lagos as Chief Optometrist and Ocular Pathologist for over two decades.

–Founded Enny Eye Care, a successful private eye clinic in Lagos with branches in Ikeja and Ikoyi.

–Held leadership roles in the Nigerian Optometric Association (NOA), including Chairperson of the Lagos branch (2005–2012) and Secretary of Save a Sight and Vision Foundation; earned accolades like Optometrist of the Year, NOA Chairman of the Year, Eye-care Personality of the Year, member board of Trustees of NOA 2010–2023 and became NOA Fellow in 2011.

Political Career in Ekiti State:

Appointed Commissioner for Education, Science & Technology (Dec 2010 – Jan 2013) and later Commissioner for Environment (Feb 2013 – Oct 2014) in Ekiti State.

As Education Commissioner, she facilitated reforms such as the merger into Ekiti State University and re-establishment of the College of Education, Ikere Ekiti. As Environment Commissioner, she championed forest regeneration, reduced illegal logging, and improved forestry-generated revenue.

Became the first woman in her party to win through a competitive primary to contest for the House of Representatives in 2015.

Diplomatic Career:

Served as Nigeria's Ambassador to Hungary (Oct 2017 – Apr 2021), with concurrent accreditation to Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. Presented credentials in Hungary (Dec 2017), Bosnia & Herzegovina (Feb 2018), Croatia (May 2018), and Serbia (June 2019).

Became Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands (from May 2021 – December 2023), also serving as Permanent Representative to the OPCW and engaging with institutions like the ICC, ICJ, CFC, and PCA.

Multilateral Engagement & Candidacy for OPCW Leadership:

Nigeria nominated her for Director-General of the OPCW; she brings nearly four decades of experience combining scientific insight with diplomacy.

Held significant roles at the OPCW: Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Council (Africa Group), Chair of the Chemical

Industry & Article VI Cluster, and Chair of the 99th Executive Council session.

Her vision includes promoting universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention, modernizing the OPCW's operations, fostering inclusivity, concluding unresolved issues (like Syria), strengthening verification, and leading with integrity.

If elected, she would be the first African and first woman to serve as OPCW Director-General.

Philosophy, Awards & Personal Life:

Diplomacy guided by the "4 I's": Image building, Inclusion, Investment, and Innovation; she also champions a Citizens' Charter for Nigeria.

Numerous awards include Distinguished Ambassador (Afe Babalola, 2019), Best Ambassador (African Forum, 2021), UNIBEN Hero, Elegance Magazine Best Commissioner (2012), and Distinguished Alumnus of UNIBEN.

Active in youth empowerment, education, writing (author of "Mastering Diplomacy" and other publications), church ministry supporting families, and a motivational voice.

Married to Dr. Adegboyega Oke and a mother to distinguished children.



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DR IYABODE MODUPE OLUSANMI

Southwest Nigeria Agent of Change Award



Dr Iyabode Olusanmi, formerly the UNICEF Representative in Ghana (2010–2013), is a highly motivated, very disciplined, results focussed, respectable and caring career woman, with about 49 years' work experience in public life, working with community leaders and the governments at Local Government, State, and National levels as well as the United Nations at International level. Her innate desire and commitment have always been to put smiles on the face of the less privileged.

Dr Olusanmi was born at Lagos into the family of Late Reverend August and Late Mrs Janet Olulade in Ake, Abeokuta, Ogun State, more than 70 years ago. She spent most of her early life in Ibadan, but has travelled far and wide, within the South Western States, to several states in Nigeria and to several countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas during the course of her work life, working with people with different cultures, religions and beliefs.

Iyabode Olusanmi is a graduate of the University of Ibadan (MB,BS 1976), with a post-graduate in Public Health (MSc Community Medicine) at the University of Edinburgh (1982). To these, she has added many additional training and laurels, including a Certificate in Planning, Research and Statistics at the University of Ilorin (1992), Certificate on Public Health in Complex Emergencies at the School of Columbia University in New York (1999) and Certificate in Project Management (University of Philippines, 2001) among others. She is a trainer in several areas of the health sector.

Dr Olusanmi had 14 years working experience with the Governments of Oyo and Osun States (1978–1992), starting as a Medical Officer grade 11, rising to the level of Deputy Director Primary Health Care and Chief Consultant Preventive in the then Oyo state (1991), and later became the foundation Director of Planning Research and Statistics in

Osun State (1991). Her exemplary work of leading Oyo State to set up functional systems, capacity building of staff and effective oversight in mother and child health and especially the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI), which helped Oyo State to achieve universal childhood immunization, caught the attention of UNICEF, which consequently requested for the services of Dr Olusanmi on loan to assist Edo and Delta states in improving their immunization coverage.

During Dr Iyabode Olusanmi's more than 20 years' experience in UNICEF (1992– 2013), she was the first National PHC officer to be employed by UNICEF Nigeria (1992) and the first UNICEF National Zonal Programme Officer (1998), supervising the then 8 B Zone states. As the head of the UNICEF Ibadan Zonal Office, in addition to supervising professionals providing Water & Sanitation, Child Protection, Education, Nutrition support to the governments, she specifically advocated for and got the then Military Governors of the eight states to sign Memoranda of Understanding to fund mother and child health programmes in their different states. Her leadership and collaborative work with the governments in the region through the UNICEF supported Water and Sanitation and Health projects contributed significantly to the eradication of Guinea worm infections in the region.

Dr Olusanmi's duty tours outside the country, include: North Korea (1999–2002), where she was the only Nigerian working in the country apart from the Embassy staff and where she helped to revitalize their Immunization and Safe motherhood projects to contemporary standards, with the country subsequently getting grants from GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations) and from other donors. In Kenya as Chief of Health (2002–2006), she notably, among other achievements, helped to revitalize the Safe Motherhood programme in Northern Kenya to reduce maternal mortality in the region.

In Sudan, as Deputy Representative and Representative a.i. (2006–2010), she led the mitigation of the crisis in the war-torn Darfur where about 4.7 million IDPs were being supported by UNICEF through technical assistance of about 100 staff and a \$280 million annual budget in both the North and Southern Sudan. In Ghana, she was commended for her exemplary leadership resulting in water availability in the most rural areas; out of school girls were encouraged and supported to go back to school and children were protected from abuse and being labelled and treated as

witches. She advocated with the government at the highest levels (President, Vice President, Ministers and Regional Governors), as well as donors and development partners to advocate for the rights of children and women. Post-retirement, she was engaged pro bono by UNICEF, to be a mentor to newly appointed UNICEF Representatives (2014).

After the mandatory retirement from UNICEF in 2013, Dr Olusanmi as Chief of Party, successfully led the implementation of USAID funded (\$11million) Local Partners for Orphans and Vulnerable children, that was awarded to the Association for Reproductive and Family Health (2015–2020) and which touched the lives of 300,000 orphans and vulnerable children in 60,000 families in Lagos, Rivers and Akwa-Ibom states. The success of this project led to follow up USAID funded project (Integrated Child Health project, 2020–2024) to ARFH.

Dr Olusanmi's dedication, hard work and resilience earned her accolades at every stage of her working career and social life, including the Distinguished Achievement Award by the Nigerian Embassy in Ghana (2011), the award for Outstanding Service for Orphans and Vulnerable Children by Inner Wheel Nigeria (2019) and Outstanding Influencer Award by the Association for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Nigeria (2019).

She is a member of several notable organizations, including the Medical and Dental Women's Association of Nigeria, Association of Public Health Physician of Nigeria, Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants of Research of Nigeria, the Ibadan Recreation Club and a dedicated member of the Inner Wheel Nigeria, where she is currently the District Secretary for District 913, one of the 6 districts in Nigeria.

Iyabode Olusanmi is staunch Catholic and a strong member of the Catholic Women's Organization of Nigeria, a Jerusalem pilgrim (2005), the immediate Past Chairman of St Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Ibadan and a Board Member of the St Mary's Catholic Hospital at Eleka, a well renowned private hospital in Ibadan.

She was married to Late Dr Michael Olatunbosun Olusanmi, of Ipetu-Ijesha, Osun State and they are blessed with wonderful children and grandchildren.

Her hobbies include reading, cooking bead stringing, walking.



YEMISI SOLANKE

Southwest Nigeria Outstanding Nutrition & Public Health Advocate Award

including companies, schools, churches, television stations, online networks, and she writes in Nigerian newspapers. Her hobbies includes singing and travelling.

Good day Sir,
Here's a brief profile of mine.

I am a trained nutritionist and mental health nurse from the University of Greenwich and London South Bank University, England, UK. I also hold Professional Certificates in Global Epidemiology, Monitoring and Evaluation for Global Health, Global Health Research, Leadership and Management in Health from University of Washington, and a Nursing and Nutrition certificate from John Hopkins University, USA.

I have twenty years of work experience in the public health care system both from the UK and in Nigeria, where I have worked with patients of different ages with various health conditions.

I have a huge interest in public well-being, which encompasses food consumption, nutrient content, avoiding illnesses, and managing illnesses.

I use the Psycho-Social model in my health education so as to help people better understand their physical health and ways to avoid acute or chronic illnesses coming their ways.

I give public health talks in various forums, including local and international companies, schools, churches, television stations, online networks, and I write in Nigerian newspapers including Punch and Nigerian Tribune.

Yemisi Solanke is a trained nutritionist and mental health nurse from University of Greenwich and London South Bank University, England, UK. She also holds Professional Certificates in Global Epidemiology, Monitoring and Evaluation for Global Health, Global Health Research, Leadership and Management in Health from University of Washington, and a Nursing and Nutrition certificate from John Hopkins University, USA.

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HIS ROYAL MAJESTY OBA ADEKUNLE ADEAGBO

Southwest Nigeria Royal Father of the Year Award



Conflict Resolution from Espam University, Cotonou, Republic of Benin

Professional Experience

- International dredging and mining practitioner with companies in Nigeria and Ottawa, Canada
- Worked in the upstream sector of the oil and gas industry for nearly 25 years in the Niger Delta
- Held leadership roles in organizations like Colkon Marine Support Services Ltd and Mettle Dredging and Marine Ltd

Royal Career

- Installed as the 22nd Oore of Otun Ekiti on May 27, 2020
- Serves as the Southwest Coordinator, National Council of Traditional Rulers of Nigeria
- Recognized as the Ekiti Peace Day Royal Personality of the Year 2023 for his commitment to fostering peace and prosperity

Leadership Style and Vision

- Focuses on unity, peace, and development in Otun Ekiti, Mobaland, and the Yoruba race
- Emphasizes the importance of tradition and cultural heritage while promoting progress and modernization

Community Involvement

- Works closely with other monarchs and stakeholders to promote peace, stability, and development in Ekiti State and beyond
- Serves as a role model and inspiration to his people, demonstrating strong leadership and vision

Oba Dr. Adekunle Adeayo Adeagbo Ilufemiloye I is a highly respected monarch, serving as the 22nd Oore of Otun Ekiti and Paramount Ruler of Mobaland. Here's an overview of his executive profile:

Background and Education

- Born into the illustrious Ile Eye Aba Ruling House of Otun Ekiti
- Earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Obafemi Awolowo University
- Holds an Honorary Doctorate degree in Peace and

PROF. BABATUNDE AJAYI OLOFINBIYI

Southwest Nigeria Gold Award on Healthcare

Prof Babatunde Ajayi Olofinbiyi is a Professor of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Adolescent Reproductive Health and a Public Health Physician at the College of Medicine, Ekiti State University and Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria, and presently the Chairman, University Ranking Committee of the Senate of Ekiti State University. He had a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree at the University of Ilorin in year 2000. He holds Fellowship of West African College of Surgeons (FWACS); and Fellowship and Diploma Certificates in Minimal Access Surgery from World Laparoscopic Hospital Training Centre, New Delhi, India; and a Master of Science degree in Public Health from the University of South Wales, United Kingdom. At present, he is pursuing a PhD program in Community Medicine at Ekiti State University College of Postgraduate studies.

He was born at Iworoko-Ekiti in Ifelodun/Irepodun Local Government of Ekiti State on the 25th of May, 1969. He was the first medical officer to be sponsored by Ekiti State Government for in-service training to pursue a 5-year specialist course in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals Complex, Ile-Ife in 2004. Prof. Olofinbiyi decided to pursue Obstetrics and Gynaecology as a line of specialty because he has always had strong passion for women-related reproductive issues and more so his fore-fathers and great fore-fathers were unmatched and distinguished traditional birth attendants of their time. He was confirmed a Fellow of West African College of Surgeons in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2009.

He was sponsored again by Ekiti State Government to pursue a course in Minimal Access Surgery at the World Laparoscopic Hospital Training Center in New Delhi, India in 2010; this earned him a Fellowship and Diploma



in Minimal Access Surgery and a life member of World Laparoscopic Surgeons. He was employed as one of the pioneer lecturers in Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department of Ekiti State University College of Medicine in 2011.

He was sponsored again by Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital for a program on Diabetes in Pregnancy in San Francisco, United State of America in 2014; which conferred on him a honour of an Active Member of International Study Groups on Diabetes in Pregnancy.

He is a Honorary Consultant at the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, Ado- Ekiti and the first Residency Training Coordinator in the department who produced the first trained nine senior registrars and the department's first three specialists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, during which the department recorded the highest pass rate in the history of postgraduate training programmes in the hospital. He was recently appointed as the Coordinator of the Nationwide World Health Organization (WHO)-Federal Ministry of Health Harmonized Maternal and Perinatal Database Project, Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital/Ekiti State Chapter, Nigeria. Dr Olofinbiyi Babatunde was the Acting Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Ekiti State University College of Medicine between year 2020 and 2022; the department experienced the highest level of development and unprecedented feats in the departmental structure, service delivery, training and research in the two years of his stewardship. Dr Babatunde Olofinbiyi is a visiting Associate Professor to Afe Babalola College of Health Sciences and a Consultant to ABUAD Multisystem Hospital.

He was also the Chairman, Capacity Building Committee, Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital for 7 years, making him the longest serving chairman of the committee. He was also a member of Hospital Management Committee, Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital for 7 years and also the longest serving member of the committee in the history of the hospital. He is an active member of Federal Road Safety Corps, Ekiti State Chapter. Prof. Olofinbiyi is the Coordinating Consultant at Ekiti State Police Command

Hospital where he upgraded the status of the health facility from cottage clinic to tertiary hospital status within 5 years; during which he established highly functioning surgical, obstetric and gynaecological units which are now appreciably complementing the specialized medical and surgical services of the existing tertiary institutions in the State. Professor Olofinbiyi is a visionary mentor, gender advocate, and selfless guide; often described as a 'blind helper' for his unique support without bias or expectation. His impact spans the medical profession, social work, administration, and most notably academia, where he has nurtured the growth of at least 15 emerging scholars across various Nigerian universities. Remarkably, four of his mentees have risen to the rank of Senior Lecturer, while another four have attained the prestigious position of Professor- testaments to his enduring legacy of academic excellence and leadership development!

Prof. Olofinbiyi is also the Provincial and Regional Director of Health and Medical services, Redeemed Christian Church of God, Nigeria, Ekiti Province 5 and Region 25 respectively; and also a parish Pastor in the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Ekiti Province 5, Ado-Ekiti. Recently, he was appointed as the Director of Medical Services and Health, RCCG Region 25 Directorate of Youths and Young Adults Affairs. Dr Olofinbiyi is a visiting consultant and surgeon to the Redeemed Christian Church of God Hospital, Redemption City of God, Lagos; where he has been consistently coordinating the free health mission of the organization. He is also a member of Institute of Strategic Management, Nigeria. He is also the present Chairman, Parent-Teacher-Association of Fountain International High School, Ado-Ekiti, where he is currently coordinating the building and establishment of the first secondary school adolescent friendly clinic in Ekiti State. He is a consistent reviewer for many learned local and international journals. He has 130 publications in both local and international journals. Prof. Olofinbiyi was the first lecturer from Ekiti State University to be a member of Global Burden of Disease Research Hub based in Washington, USA.

He has had many awards of excellence for outstanding contributions to humanity and health. In the beginning of the year 2019, precisely March, a chapter, tagged "Tamed Champion" was written about Prof. Olofinbiyi Babatunde's personality in a book titled 'The Entrepreneur'; authored by the then Ekiti State Commissioner for Agriculture and Food

Security, a renowned business man and agriculturist of international repute – Prince Olabode Adetoyi. Prof. Olofinbiyi was the overall best resident of the year, awarded by Medical and Dental graduating students of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in 2010/2011. He was also the best graduating student, school of disciple, Ekiti State Province 1, Redeemed Christian Church of God, Ado-Ekiti in 2016. In 2016, Dr Olofinbiyi was given an award of the Friend of Association of Resident Doctors of Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, Ado-Ekiti; and he happened to be the first consultant to get this type of award in the history of the teaching hospital. He would also be the first medical doctor to be a Patron to Students' Union Government of Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital School of Nursing, Ado-Ekiti. This year 2023, Dr Babatunde Ajayi Olofinbiyi was also given an Award of Meritorious Service to Humanity and Special Love for the Association of Nigeria Nurse Educators (ANNE) during their National Conference; he would be the first medical doctor and medical educator to get this type of special award in the history of organization.

He was awarded a honour of Southwestern Nigeria Outstanding Gynaecologist of the year by the highly reputable Southwest Nigeria Excellence Awards Organization at Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Ile-Ife, on the 3rd of October, 2019. At the State Level, in 2022, Dr Olofinbiyi was the only medical lecturer given a privilege of contributing a chapter to a State book (first of its kind in the history of Ekiti State) published in honour of the first female head of service of Ekiti State, Mrs Peju Babafemi, titled, 'Adolescent reproductive health challenges: a striking area affecting the core values of future leaders', in Leadership, policy process, and governance in the Nigerian public service. Recently (2023), he was celebrated by the Management of Obafemi Awolowo University for winning the university's Best Manuscript Award of the Nigerian of Journal Health Sciences; for which the Ekiti State House of Assembly gave him acknowledgement and commendation. Recently, the Radio Nigeria honored Prof. Olofinbiyi with an award of outstanding gender advocate and philanthropist. More recently (2024), the founder of Afe Babalola University, a fore front Nigeria statesman, Aare Afe Babalola (SAN), celebrated and honored Dr Olofinbiyi on his well deserved monumental awards in various spheres of life; covering academics,

profession, religion, social work and other humanitarian services.

His main fields of interest are Adolescent Reproductive Health, Gynae oncology and Gynae endoscopy. Olofinbiyi Babatunde is one of the few Nigerians that are so passionate about adolescent sexual and reproductive health needs. He is doing a lot of work on adolescent reproductive health; especially in the areas of teenage pregnancy and girl-child education support. This has informed his founding a non-governmental organization tagged "Adolescent Friendly Research Initiative and Care". The NGO was rated as the best in Ekiti State by the Union Bank of Nigeria in 2019; other success stories recorded by the organization can be appreciated on the website of the organization.

Dr Olofinbiyi loves helping the needy and his ultimate goal is to make life better and more meaningful to the adolescents and every young person who are the bedrock of any nation. His hobbies are reading, brainstorming and singing. He is happily married with children. His motivational statement has always been, "He who aspires to acquire what he desires in life must never retire but refire".



PROF. ABUBAKAR LARO IBRAHIM PH D

Distinguished Academic Leadership Award

Nigeria through participation in international conferences and collaborations across Africa, Europe, and the United States.

Prof. Abubakar is widely published, with over 60 scholarly articles and books covering sports psychology, physical education, health promotion, and educational policy. He has co-authored notable textbooks such as *Comparative Study of Nigerian Education* and *Principles of Curriculum Development and Instruction*. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *KWASU Journal of Sport and Exercise Science* and Associate Editor of the *KWASU International Journal of Education*.

A respected voice in professional circles, he is the National Secretary of the Sports Psychology Association of Nigeria (SPAN) and a member of several academic and professional bodies including the International Society for Sports Psychology and the Council of Nigerian Registered Teachers.

Beyond academia, Prof. Abubakar is deeply involved in community service, youth mentorship, and faith-based leadership. He serves as President of the GAMJI Kwara State Chapter, Patron of the Red Cross Society (Kwara State), President of Special Olympics Kwara State, and Imam of the Babamaigida Mosque in Ilorin.

Prof. Abubakar Laro Ibrahim is recognized for his dedication to educational leadership, research excellence, sports development, and community empowerment, leaving a profound impact on students, colleagues, and society at large.

Prof. Abubakar Laro Ibrahim is a distinguished scholar, administrator, and sports psychologist with over three decades of academic and professional experience in human kinetics, health education, and curriculum development. He currently serves as the Dean, Faculty of Education, Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, where he has played a pivotal role in advancing research, teaching, and student development.

Born in Ilorin, Kwara State, on 21st October 1964, Prof. Abubakar holds a Ph.D. in Exercise Science and Sports Psychology from the University of Ibadan, along with degrees and certifications from the University of Maiduguri, Kwara State College of Education, and Kwara Polytechnic. His academic journey reflects a lifelong commitment to education, research, and community service.

Throughout his career, he has served in diverse leadership roles including Director, Institute of Education (KWASU), Dean of Student Affairs, Head of Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education, and Acting Provost of the College of Education. He has also contributed to educational advancement beyond

DR. HAKEEM BABATUNDE SHITTU

B.Sc., M.Sc, Ph.D, MBA, FCA, FCTI, FNIM, FCFIP.

Southwest Nigeria Inclusive Education Champion Award



Dr. Hakeem Babatunde Shittu was born into the family of Alhaji and Alhaja Rafith Shoye Shittu on 26th January, 1965. His father hailed from Ojikutu Compound at Oke Balogun in Epe and Ogunbanjo family in Ejirinrin while his mother was from the family of Olowu in Ita – Oshugbo also in Epe, Lagos State.

Dr. Shittu's educational sojourn and qualifications spanned through the following institutions: Ibadan Municipal Government Primary School, Seventh Day Adventist, Oke – Bola, Ibadan in Oyo State, Nazareth Grammar/Commercial College, Ibowon, Epe, Lagos State College of Science & Technology, Isolo (Now Lagos State University of Science and Technology), where he obtained a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Business Administration in 1987.

In his quest for more knowledge, he proceeded to the Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State for his Post Graduate Studies (PGD) in Marketing (1999), Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago – Iwoye, Ogun State – B.Sc Accounting, Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State where he obtained his Masters Hons in Business Administration (M.BA Finance) in 2001. Also, he attended St. Monica University, Buea, Cameroon where he obtained Masters of Science degrees (M.Sc) in Forensic Accounting & Criminal Investigation and Accounting in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

As an unrelenting knowledge seeker, Dr. Hakeem Babatunde Shittu proceeded to the Charisma University, Turks & Caicos Island, British West Indies where he obtained his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Forensic Accounting & Audit in 2019 and a second Ph.D in Security and Strategic Studies from the Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State in 2023.

Dr. Hakeem Babatunde Shittu has vast work experiences across both private and public sectors of the economy. He is a dedicated and experienced educational leader with proven track records of developing innovative strategies that have helped to achieve improved learning outcomes across public primary schools in Lagos State vis-à-vis improved learners attendance/participation, stakeholders' engagement, infrastructural renewals, teachers/staff welfare, capacity building, enhanced career etc.

This is evident in the numerous awards (locally and internationally) earned by public primary schools pupils and teachers in Lagos State.

His taste for excellence has continued to endear him to all whether as an Accountant in the Private Sector or as a Special Assistant to the Governor of Lagos State on Science & Technology or Special Assistant to the Honourable Commissioner for Works & Infrastructure or as Board Member, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board and as the Executive Chairman, State Universal Basic Education Board.

Dr. Hakeem Babatunde Shittu has participated in various local and international conferences/workshops/Visits/Tours which include: Year 2024 Education World Forum, A Study Visit to Rwanda, All National Conferences of the Early Childhood Association of Nigeria, Workshop on Improving

21st Century Teaching skills: Implication for Effective 21st Century Learning, Financial Management Training organized by the Universal Basic Education Commission in Abuja (2023), Workshop by the Chartered Institute of Public Administrators of Nigeria(2022), 21st World Congress of Accountants (2022), Conference on School of the Future by APCI – Reimagining Education 4.0 in the Era of Disruption with Design Thinking and Effective Learning (2022), Forensics Conference – Re-thinking Quality Assurance Practices in the Forensics Profession (2022), Universal Basic Education Commission Workshop – Leadership and Strategic Management in Covid '19 Pandemic Era (2021), Human Development Initiatives Support Workshop – Implementing Quality Basic Education In a Post Covid '19 Nigeria (2020), Institute of Taxation of Nigeria Conference – Taxation and Governance: The Social Contract Imperatives (2017), Qista Technologies Workshop: Personnel Record Management System and Internet Solution System, Annual National Management Conference of the Nigeria Institute of Management – Building New Nigeria: Strategic Strategic Options and Policy Imperatives (2016) and host of others too numerous to mention.

Dr. Shittu's hobbies include reading, traveling, meeting people, playing and watching football.

Dr. Hakeem Babatunde Shittu is married and blessed with wonderful children.



MR LAMIDI HAKEEM ABIODUN – BOARD SECRETARY LAGOS SUBEB

Southwest Nigeria Community Impact Award



Mr. LAMIDI, Hakeem Abiodun was born on 2nd March 1968 in Ebute Meta, Lagos State. By all standards Mr Lamidi is a renowned Nigerian education administrator, policy strategist, and Director (Education), under the Lagos State Government, and currently serving as Board Secretary, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB).

A career spanning over three decades in teaching, curriculum implementation, personnel administration, examination management, and safety policy has established him as a leading figure in public education governance in Lagos State.

Educated at Lagos State University (M.Ed, Curriculum Studies – Social Studies, 2001), Ogun State University (B.Sc Ed, Social Studies, 1998), and Federal College of Education, Abeokuta (NCE, Social Studies/Islamic Studies, 1990), Mr. Lamidi began his public service in 1991 as a Social Studies/History teacher under the defunct Post Primary Teaching Service Commission. His subsequent appointments reflect a steady progression through the ranks of the Lagos State education system.

He served in key administrative capacities including Personnel Officer, Master Trainer for Family Life and HIV Education (FLHE), Policy and Programmes Director, Deputy Director (Public Service Examinations), and Director (Policy, Standards, Research & Development) at the Lagos State Safety Commission.

Since November 2020, as SUBEB Board Secretary, he has overseen the Board's administration, convened and documented policy decisions, and coordinated strategic initiatives to advance basic education delivery.

Lamidi has contributed extensively to national and state-level capacity-building programmes, facilitating over 60 major training workshops for teachers, education officers, and stakeholders across Nigeria – with particular distinction in Family Life and HIV Education curriculum integration and implementation. His facilitation work has extended to UNFPA, UNICEF, Federal Ministry of Education, World Bank, Global Fund projects, and multiple State Ministries of Education. He has trained over 2,000 teachers nationwide in FLHE pedagogy.

In policy and governance, Lamidi pioneered the establishment of the Policy, Programmes Support & Monitoring Department ((PPSM) at the Lagos State Civil Service Commission, participated in International Study Tours embarked upon by the Commission Members to USA, Canada & Dubai, coordinated the first Strategic Plan of the Teachers Establishment and Pensions Office, and has been instrumental in drafting education and safety laws. He has represented Lagos State at the National Council on Education and at international education summits, including the 2022 Dubai Africa Top Schools Conference and the 2024 Executive Study Tour to Rwanda on leadership and data-driven education systems.

His committee work includes membership or leadership in state-level initiatives on illegal school closures, drug-free school campaigns, Spelling Bee competitions, safety law reviews, education summits, and national policy meetings. He was a Council Member (SUBEB representative) at the defunct Michael Otedola College of Primary Education (since 2020), and retains the position after the legacy college transmuted to Lagos State University of Education in 2022.

Mr. Lamidi's career is decorated with recognitions such as the prestigious Lagos State Government Long Service Award, the Ministry of Education Best Staff Award (May 2010), the Early Childhood Association of Nigeria Distinguished Administrator Award, and multiple commendation letters for meritorious service. His competencies include strategic planning, education policy formulation, public speaking, stakeholder engagement, and ICT proficiency (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Select Achievements:

–Mt. Lamidi Spearheaded Lagos State's representation in the UNFPA 6th Country Programme as the Ministry of Education's focal officer.

–Coordinated teacher training under Global Fund projects, enhancing HIV/AIDS education in public schools.

–Directed multiple state-wide placement tests, Basic Education Certificate Examinations, and public service examinations.

–Led development of safety standards, guidelines, and regulations for the Lagos State Safety Commission.

–Facilitated international knowledge exchange on education leadership and innovation.

Lamidi remains committed to strengthening Nigeria's basic education framework through administrative excellence, teacher capacity development, and policy innovation – sustaining a career defined by service, strategy, and measurable educational impact, hence his membership of many professional bodies such as Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Nigeria Institute of Management (NIM), Nigeria Institute of Training and Development (NITAD), Social Studies Teachers Association of Nigeria (SOSTAN), Muslim Teachers Association of Nigeria (MUTAN) and Fellow of Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria (ICAD), He is happily married with Children.



HON. ABIMBOLA CHRISTIANA SOLANKE

FCIM, FSM

Southwest Nigeria Outstanding Leadership Award

Member, Ekiti State House of Assembly representing Moba Constituency 1

Abimbola Solanke is a member of the Ekiti State House of Assembly representing Moba Constituency 1. She is the Chairman of the House Committee on Health and Human Resources.

She has over two-decade professional experience in Community Health Management as a Sustainable Community Health promoter. Trained in the United Kingdom as a Public Health and Life Style Consultant, She has worked with various government agencies, groups and communities in the UK and Nigeria in areas of planning and developing ways to manage and improve health and healthy living.

She holds a Masters of Art in Management Studies (Healthcare Management) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Health & Social Care Management, both at the University of Westminster, London. She has a Diploma in Life Coaching at Workplace from Institute of Leadership Management, London. She is an alumna of Royal Society of Public Health, UK and Thames Valley University. She also holds Professional Diploma in Sustainable Management, Professional Certificates in Global Epidemiology, Monitoring and Evaluation for Global Health, Global Health Research, and Leadership and Management in Health from University of

Washington.

Her work experience include engagement with Community Health organizations in the UK on life-saving projects in the following capacities: Operations Manager, (Advanced Practitioner Women & Family Service) at Lifeline Project Hackney; Project Team Leader, Addiction Maya Project London; Healthy Heart Tutor and Heart Start practitioner, British Heart Foundation (BHF); Head of Community Health Promoters, Mending Wind (UK); Community Champion & Risk Assessor, Diabetes UK, among others.

With the benefit of her experience and impact in community health programs in the UK, she was appointed by the former Ekiti State Governor, Dr John Kayode Fayemi as the pioneer Project Manager/Mobilization Officer of the Funmi Adunni Olayinka Diagnostic & Wellness Centre, Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital upon its establishment in February 2014. She led the team in providing specialized cancer-related services to patients and clients in Ekiti State, thereby increasing cancer awareness, diagnosis and treatment in the state and its environs.

She later served as Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Ekiti State, where she coordinated the implementation of SDGs programs in the State.

Some of the SDGs achievements under her leadership include: free breast & cervical cancer screening for over 200 Ekiti women; Renovation of over 15 Primary Health Care centres; Domestication of SDGs in 47 schools in Ekiti State; Construction of classrooms, and Provision of educational materials and equipment in 10 LGAs in the State; Drilling of motorized bore holes in 13 schools and PHCs in the State, among others.

She is a member of various professional bodies and associations both within and outside the country. These include – Institute of Strategic Management Nigeria; Certified Institute of Management; Institute of Health Care Management, UK; British Heart Foundation; American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE); and Nutrition Society of Nigeria. Others include International Inner Wheel Club, Ado-Ekiti (IIWC); Federation of Drug and Alcohol Professionals, UK; Association of Advanced Meridian Energy Therapy (AAMET), among others.

She is a recipient of the Honorary Doctorate Degree of Arts in leadership and corporate governance from the Yahweh Hills University, South Africa.

She enjoys learning and taking up new challenges. Her hobbies include reading, photography and music.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

Hon. Abimbola Solanke as a representative of Moba Constituency 1 in the Ekiti State House of Assembly, was on 4th July 2023, appointed as the Chairman of the House Committee on Health and Human Resources.

Within the last few months of her inauguration, she has empowered over 2000 persons in her Constituency. The empowerment programs has so far covered the farmers, market men and women, small-scale business owners amongst others.

On 11th of August 2023, she flagged off Hon. Bola Solanke Food Bank Initiative for the Elderly across the Moba Constituency 1.

She also commenced the distribution of chemicals and sprayers to farmers in the areas to improve their farm yields and output.

She hosts regular constituency meetings with the members of her constituency and other stakeholders, where the growth and development of the constituency are usually discussed and plans articulated. She also holds regular meetings with the Women wing of Solanke Movement.

She recently launched the Bola Solanke Foundation. The Foundation has the objective to assist and empower the

less privileged, women, youths, widows, vulnerable children and orphan across the constituency. During the launch ceremony of the Foundation, empowerment equipment including grinding machines were distributed to women and sensitization and enlightenment program was organized for them on financial awareness and planning, to support them on how to be financially free and stable.

In recognition of her contributions, she was honoured with an Award of Merit by Egbe Omo Otun, Ado branch on 10th of September 2023 for her service to humanity and commitment to the growth of Moba Constituency 1.

AWARDS:

– Honorary Doctorate Degree of Arts in leadership and corporate governance from the Yahweh Hills University, South Africa.

– Southwest Nigeria Outstanding Leadership Awards by the southwest Nigeria Excellent Awards (SNEA) – 2020

– Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Role Towards Development of Youth Participation in The SDGs presented by National Association of Political Science Student (FUOYE CHAPTER) – 2019

– Distinguished Merit Award Presented by Egbe Omo Otun Ado Ekiti Branch – 2023

WURAOLUWA AYODELE

Southwest Nigeria Advocate for Humanity Award



Wuraoluwa Ayodele is a feminist lawyer and women's rights activist. She has actively been involved in women rights advocacy, gender-based violence litigation, research and nonprofit organizational management for the last 10 years while working to provide interventions for women survivors of violence.

Wuraoluwa is the Executive Director of Women Safe House Sustenance Initiative, a vibrant non-profit in Nigeria, where she runs a women's shelter, a legal clinic, policy advocacy programs, a 24-hour helpline, feminist research activities and provides other psychosocial services to women and girls experiencing violence across Nigeria (<https://www.womensafehouse.org>).

She is currently the Deputy Chairperson of the Association of Child, Sexual and Gender-based Violence, Oyo State Chapter. She has led many trainings for women rights activists and spoken at numerous events including featuring on media platforms (television, radio, newspapers and social media) on women's rights advancement. She is married and leads a quiet family life.

Previously, Wuraoluwa was the welfare secretary for the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Oyo

State where she was actively involved in providing pro bono legal services for women and children facing human rights violations. She has worked in other organizations, providing legal and psychosocial services to women and girls experiencing violence around Nigeria and beyond. She is a grantee of several awards for women's rights advancement within and outside Nigeria. In recognition of her outstanding work around women's rights, Wuraoluwa became a Mandela Washington Fellow (U.S Government Fellowship) in 2019, a Margaret Ekpo Feminist Fellow in 2020, a fellow of Cherie Blair Foundation Program for Women and a Fellow of the Ireland Fellow's Program (Irish Government Fellowship) in 2023. She holds her law degree from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, a master's degree in African and Diaspora Studies specializing in Gender and Women's rights from the University of Lagos and another master's degree in Women and Gender Studies from the University College Cork, Ireland.

Wuraoluwa challenges structural and systemic oppression against women and fearlessly opposes all forms of abuse and human rights violations against women. She offers mentorship to women activists and carries out her work through an intersectional lens, ensuring inclusion and respect for diversity in her commitment to using her bold voice to create social change for women.

IBIYEMI IBILOLA OLATUNJI BELLO

mni, NPOM, FNLI, FPHYSIOL (UK), FPSN, FENV, FSPSP

PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY SINCE 2007
VICE CHANCELLOR, LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY

Southwest Nigeria Woman of the Year Award

Professor Ibiyemi Ibilola Olatunji-Bello currently serves as the 9th substantive and second female Vice Chancellor of Lagos State University (LASU), a role she assumed in 2021. Under her leadership, LASU has achieved remarkable milestones, including being ranked the second most subscribed university in 2024 and currently the most subscribed University in Nigeria according to the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board, the Best University in West Africa by UI Greenmetrics, and the Best State University in Nigeria by the AD Scientific Index. Her administration has overseen the establishment of new faculties, enhanced digital infrastructure, and co-hosted the All Africa University Games, where LASU emerged as Nigeria's top-performing university. She also became Chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of State Universities in 2024 and joined the Board of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB).

Before her current role, Professor Olatunji-Bello held several key positions at LASU, including Acting Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, and Head of the Department of Physiology. She was also the Pioneer Director of the Directorate of Advancement and served on the university's governing council. Her influence extended beyond LASU, as she contributed to national policy through her membership in the National Technical/Mirror Committee on African Traditional Medicine and her participation in the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, where she became a Member of the National Institute (mni).

Her academic journey is distinguished by her appointment in 2007 as the first Professor of Physiology at the Lagos State University College of Medicine. She has published over 63 scholarly articles and supervised numerous postgraduate students, including 4 PhD and 53 MSc candidates. Her contributions to science and education have earned her



fellowships from prestigious bodies such as the Physiological Society UK, Physiological Society of Nigeria, and the Society for Peace Studies and Practice. She has also received several honors, including the National Productivity Order of Merit Award and the Nelson Mandela Leadership Prize.

Beyond academia, Professor Olatunji-Bello is a passionate advocate for good governance and the empowerment of the girl-child. She is a philanthropist and serves as a Zonal Pastor in the Redeemed Christian Church of God. She is married to Tunji Bello, former Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, former Secretary to Lagos State Government and currently the Director-General of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC). They have three children and two grandchildren.

ALH. AMB. RAJI OLADIMEJI ISMAIL

An Abridged Citation of the NUT, Oyo State Wing's Chairman, Com.

Southwest Nigeria Educational Leadership Award

Comrade Raji Oladimeji Ismail was born precisely on May 9, 1963, in Ibadan South west LGA of Oyo State, Nigeria.

He is the current State Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT), Oyo State Wing.

He attended Islamic Mission School, Afolabi Aperin (Ona Ara LGA); Prospect High School, Abanla (Oluyole LGA); Local Authority Teachers' Training College, Iyana-Offa (Lagelu LGA); and the Federal College of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta, Ogun State, before proceeding for Sports Administration Course.

Throughout his academic career, he held leadership positions including Library Prefect at LATTTC (1984–1985) and President of the National Association of Physical Education, Health and Recreation (NAPHER), FCE Abeokuta (1988–1989). His professional leadership roles include Branch Chairman, Oyo State Games and Sports Teachers Association (1992–1996); State Chairman, National Association of Primary Schools Games and Sports Teachers (1996–2000); He is the Pioneer President/Founder of National Association of Primary School Games and Sports Teachers "NAPSGAST". Within the NUT, he served as Branch Chairman Ibadan South West, (2012–2016), Ibadan Central Chairman of NUT (2014–2016), State Treasurer (2018–2022), and Regional Treasurer of NUT EDOLOOKOE Group of State Wings and later rose to become the State Chairman of NUT in Oyo State.

Additionally, he is the Chief Executive Officer of the Organization for Grassroots Sports Development (OGSD) operating under the National Sports Commission, South West Zonal Headquarters, Obafemi Awolowo Stadium



Ibadan, Oyo State and served as Principal Consultant on Sports Development. He designed and partnered with UNICEF, a gender-equity programme of female football competition in the B-field office (South-West Geo-Political Zone) at the Primary School level for four consecutive years (2006–2010) and also organized the same programme with the UNILEVER Nigeria Plc for five consecutive years (2007–2012) aimed at developing girl's football competition at the Primary School level in Nigeria. A devoted sports enthusiast, Comrade Ismail is happily married and blessed with children.

COMRADE KAYODE OLUSEGUN MARTINS

Southwest Nigeria Outstanding Leadership Award

Kayode Olusegun Martins, born on 22nd August 1976, is a native of Idi-Arere, Ibadan, Oyo State.

He attended St. Luke's Demonstration School 2, Molete (1982–1988), Ibadan Grammar School (1989–1994), The Polytechnic, Ibadan (1999–2001), and later obtained a B.Sc. in Industrial and Labour Relations from Olabisi Onabanjo University (2002–2006). He holds a Master's degree in Industrial Education (2020–2022) and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Industrial Education at the University of Ibadan.

Martins is the Assistant Chief Registrar, Oyo State Judiciary, Chairman, NLC Oyo State Council, and Vice President, Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria, JUSUN. He served as two terms state secretary and chairman of JUSUN, Oyo state chapter. He is a Zonal Pastor in RCCG and has contributed to community service through the YMCA and the Boys' Brigade, Cathedral of St. David, Kudeti, Ibadan.

He is married to Mrs. Oluwaseni Omolara Martins (née Osungbaro) and their union is blessed with godly sons. His hobbies include reading, rearing animals, and making friends.



MR OLAYINKA SAID BABATUNDE

Southwest Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award.



Mr. Olayinka Said Babatunde, Exemplary Financial Leadership and Dedicated Stewardship at Lagos State University

Mr Olayinka Said Babatunde, FCA, is a paragon of financial excellence and unwavering commitment to public service. Born on June 26, 1968, in Surulere, Lagos. He holds the esteemed position of Bursar (Chief Financial Officer) at Lagos State University (LASU), a role he has diligently served since June 2018.

Entrusted with the critical responsibility of overseeing the University's financial administration and strategic resource management, he has since been reappointed for a second term in June 2022, a testament to his outstanding leadership and impactful stewardship.

His career trajectory at LASU is a remarkable journey of professional growth, marked by steady progress through a variety of pivotal financial and administrative roles.

Mr Olayinka has created unprecedented records in the University's administrative and technical positions. He is the first junior staff member of the University to reach the pinnacle of level 15 in the University salary structure. Additionally, he is the first professional accountant from the Bursary to be appointed as the University Director of Audit and, notably, the first substantive Director of Audit of the University. He is also the first junior staff member who rose through the ranks to be appointed as a principal officer of the university, that is, the Bursar. These milestones underscore his trailblazing influence and exceptional dedication within the institution.

From his beginning as a Clerical Assistant to his leadership posts, including Director of Internal Audit and multiple senior accounting positions. Mr Olayinka has demonstrated an exceptional mastery of financial operations and governance. His comprehensive expertise spans key functions such as budgeting, revenue management, audit, reconciliation, and payroll administration—ensuring the financial integrity and sustainability of one of Nigeria's prestigious academic institutions. He is also deeply committed to mentorship, dedicating significant time and effort to guiding and nurturing staff and upcoming professional accountants. Through his mentorship, he fosters professional growth, ethical standards, and technical competence among the next generation of financial leaders, contributing to the long-term strength and sustainability of both Lagos State University and the wider accounting profession.

Mr Olayinka's academic credentials underscore his dedication to continuous learning and professional

development. He boasts a formidable educational background with qualifications that uniquely blend accounting, business administration, and planning studies:

- O'Levels Certificate from Ansar-ud-deen Grammar School (1985)
- Ordinary National Diploma (OND) in Accounting from Yaba College of Technology (1992)
- Higher National Diploma (HND) in Accounting from Yaba College of Technology (1996)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Planning Studies from Lagos State University (2001)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Lagos State University (2005)
- Bachelor of Science Degree (Upper Division) in Accounting Education from Lagos State University.

His professional affiliations further enhance his profile, including Fellowships with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and the Institute of Corporate & Public Professionals, Membership in the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (MCIPM), Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, and Associate Membership of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered).

These honours not only reflect his technical competence but also his leadership within Nigeria's professional accounting and taxation communities.

Over the years, Mr Olayinka's exemplary performance has earned him 28 prestigious awards from a wide array of organisations, celebrating his integrity, innovation, and transformative leadership.

Beyond his financial stewardship, he is deeply involved in numerous University committees, holding positions as a member, secretary, and chairman. He frequently contributes to seminars, workshops, and international conferences, demonstrating his proactive role in shaping institutional policies and fostering academic excellence.

A well-rounded individual, Mr Olayinka balances his professional commitments with vibrant personal interests. He enjoys reading, dancing, and socialising, with a keen passion for table tennis.

His extroverted nature complements his leadership style, inspiring collaboration and engagement. A proud supporter of Manchester United Football Club, he embodies a spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm in all pursuits.

He is also a devoted family man, blessed with children who add to the richness of his life beyond the office.

Mr. Olayinka Said Babatunde's profile reflects not only a distinguished career marked by remarkable achievements but also a profound dedication to advancing educational finance, institutional governance, mentorship, and community development. His visionary leadership continues to enhance Lagos State University's reputation as a beacon of academic and administrative excellence.

Congratulations



**DR IYABODE MODUPE
OLUSANMI**

Dearest Mummy

Today, as you are honored at the Southwest Nigeria Awards, our hearts are overflowing with joy and pride. We celebrate you not just because of this remarkable recognition, but because of the journey that brought you here—the years of dedication, the consistency, the discipline, and above all, the love and impact you have poured into so many lives.

This award is more than a trophy or a title; it is a reflection of the values you hold dear, the standard of excellence you never compromise, and the unwavering commitment you bring to everything you do. It is proof to the world of what we, your family, have always known—that you are a woman of strength, purpose, and integrity.

For us, this moment is no surprise. We have seen the countless sacrifices you've made, the long hours of hard work, the patience in difficult times, and the courage to keep going when the journey was tough. We have also seen the gentleness with which you nurture, the wisdom with which you guide, and the inspiration you give to everyone around you. Your life has been a living example of resilience, discipline, and grace, and seeing these qualities celebrated publicly fills our hearts with gratitude.

Mummy, you inspire us every single day. You remind us what it means to stay true to one's values, to work diligently without seeking applause, and to trust that in time, excellence will always speak for itself. You are more than our mother—you are our role model, our anchor, and our biggest inspiration.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. We are so proud of you, and we thank God for blessing us with you. As a family, we look forward to celebrating many more milestones with you, and to continuing to learn from the incredible example you set.

With all our love, admiration, and gratitude,
Your children and grandchildren.

Congratulations

Congratulations



Dr Iyabode OLUSANMI, we your friends heartily congratulate you on the conferment of South West Nigeria Agent of Change Award by the renowned Global Skills Hub, United Kingdom in partnership with South West Nigeria Excellence Awards.

Dear Iyabode, as an outstanding intellectual and a force to be reckoned with in the Health Sector, rising to the exalted position of UNICEF Representative in Ghana, Africa this award is another testament to your proven track record and outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Health in South West Nigeria.

Your innovations, commitment and purposeful leadership have earned you another feather to your already star-studded cap. Indeed, hardwork and commitment truly pay.

Congratulations on this well deserved recognition Dr Iyabo Olusanmi.

Your impact remains indelible.

DR IYABODE OLUSANMI'S FRIENDS.

With all our love, admiration, and gratitude,
Your friends.

Congratulations

Congratulations



Congratulations

The OLULADE CLAN rejoice with our dearest Sister – DR MRS IYABODE OLUSANMI on the conferment of SouthWest Nigeria Awards on her today 18th September 2025.

You have done us proud.
More Wins Ma!!!

DR IYABODE MODUPE
OLUSANMI

CONGRATULATIONS



On behalf of the royal families, Olori Abidemi Adediwura Adeagbo, wife to the Paramount Ruler of Moba Kingdom, together with the children, it is with love and joy that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our beloved Kabiyesi on this momentous achievement.

We are deeply honored to celebrate this prestigious award with you. This recognition is a well-deserved testament to your unwavering commitment, dedication, and distinguished leadership.

We wish you continued success, boundless happiness, and countless opportunities in all your endeavors. Our love and pride for you know no bounds.

Once again, hearty congratulations. May this remarkable achievement stand as a milestone and an inspiration for greater heights to come.

Yours sincerely,

Olori Abidemi Adediwura Adeagbo & Children



Congratulations



**SA'ID BABATUNDE
OLAYINKA**

On behalf of the entire members of staff of the Bursary department, Lagos State University, we are thrilled to extend our warmest felicitations to you on this auspicious occasion of the conferment of the South West Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award.

Your outstanding accomplishments serves as an inspiration to us. Your unique perspective and mindset are truly an asset. This is a further proof of your astuteness. You have led us with integrity and the rewards show that it pays!

Congratulations sir.

We are Bursary! We are formidable!!!

We are LASU...We are the greatest!!!



Courtesy:
BURSARY DEPARTMENT,
LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY,
OJO, LAGOS.
(THE FORMIDABLE TEAM)



Our Pride, Our Joy!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 2025 SOUTHWEST NIGERIA SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD

With hearts full of pride and joy, we congratulate you our dear mother and wife, **Dr. Eniola Ajayi-Oke**, on your well-deserved nomination for the Southwest Nigeria Social Impact Award 2025, presented by Global Skills Hub, United Kingdom.

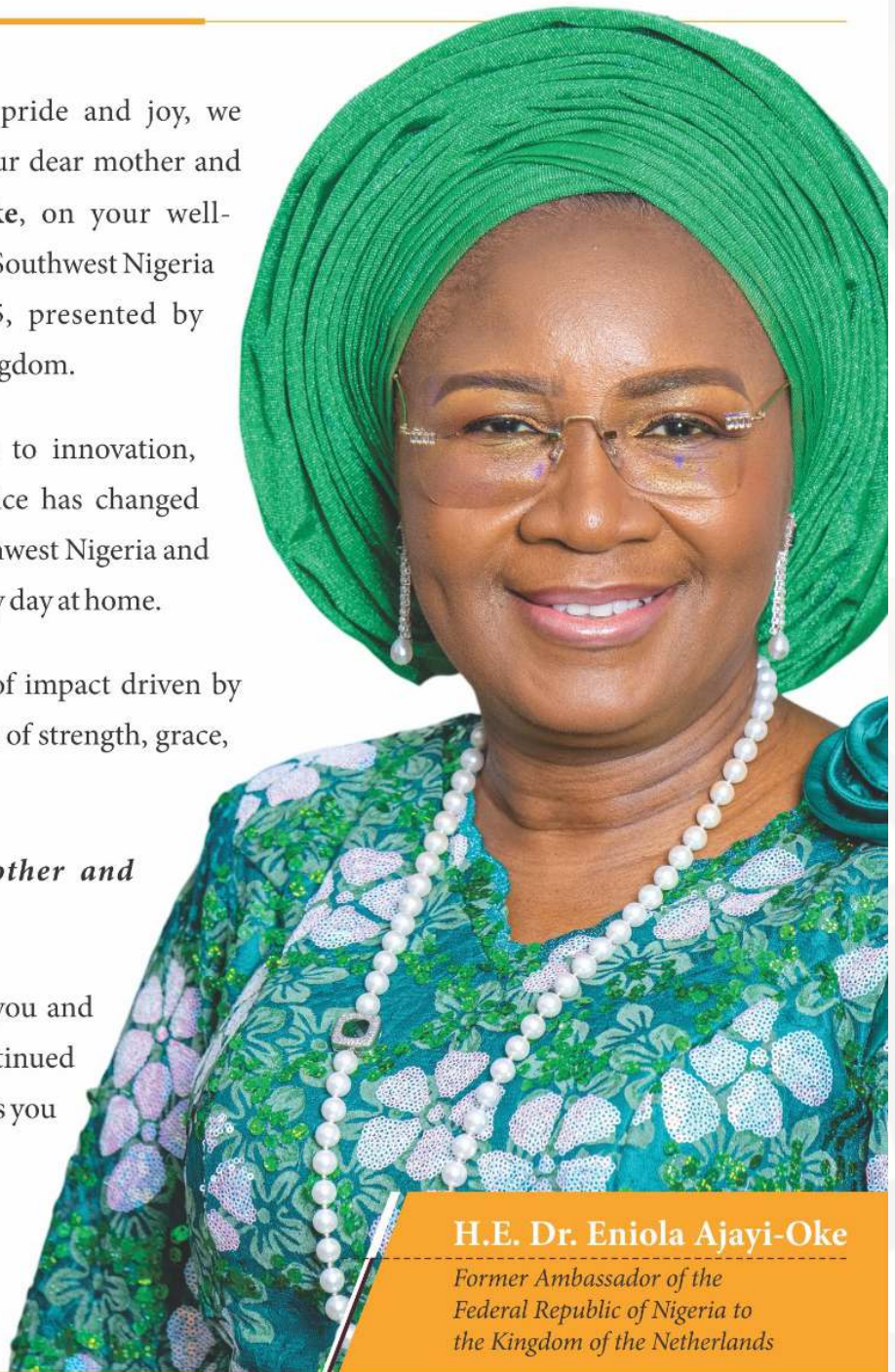
Your steadfast commitment to innovation, leadership, and selfless service has changed lives across and beyond Southwest Nigeria and continues to motivate us every day at home.

You are a brilliant example of impact driven by purpose; you are the epitome of strength, grace, and excellence.

Congratulations, our mother and dearest wife!

We are incredibly proud of you and pray for greater heights, continued impact, and overflowing joy as you keep forging new paths.

With love,
Your Husband & Children



H.E. Dr. Eniola Ajayi-Oke

*Former Ambassador of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria to
the Kingdom of the Netherlands*



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HEARTFELT FELICITATIONS and best wishes on this remarkable achievement. Our dear leader; **Mr. Said Babatunde Olayinka, FCA.**

It would be an understatement to say that you deserve the prestigious South West Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award. Your outstanding achievement is a testament to your exceptional talent, relentless effort, and unwavering commitment to excellence in your career. True greatness is synonymous with your name, and this award is a shining reflection of your dedication to the accounting profession.

Throughout your illustrious career, you have consistently demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism, showcasing your hard work, dedication, and passion for sound financial management practices. Your boundless energy and enthusiasm are truly inspiring, propelling you to excel as an exemplary leader, par excellence.

As a born leader, you lead with zeal, innovation, accountability, transparency, technical proficiency, and impeccable credibility. Your steadfast commitment to upholding financial regulations and policies is remarkable, ensuring that ethical standards and compliance frameworks are rigorously adhered to. Your dynamic leadership style sets a benchmark for others to emulate, and your demonstrated competence, integrity, and visionary approach are worthy of admiration.

We are truly fortunate to have had you as our team lead. Your outstanding performance, perseverance, and steady rise to prominence inspire us continually.

This award is a richly deserved testament to your relentless pursuit of excellence and invaluable contributions to the profession.

We pray for your continued success and progress in all facets of your career and life. May this recognition bring you joy, satisfaction, and new opportunities to make a lasting impact.

With deep appreciation and warmest congratulations,
Your dedicated members of staff from the Bursary
Department, Lagos State University.

**Odunlami Adekunle
Adebeso Adekunle
Elkanah Adenike
Beyioku Mariam**



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Congratulatory MESSAGE

Dear Mr. Said Babatunde Olayinka, FCA,

It is with great pleasure and profound admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on being conferred with the prestigious South West Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award.

This well-deserved recognition is a testament to your unwavering dedication, exceptional leadership, and exemplary commitment to the highest standards of financial integrity and transparency. Your outstanding contributions to advancing financial compliance and accountability have not only set a remarkable benchmark in South West Nigeria but have also inspired many professionals within and beyond the financial sector.

Your disciplined approach, ethical stewardship, and innovative mindset continue to foster trust and confidence in financial practices, reinforcing the critical importance of accountability in driving sustainable growth and development. This accolade highlights your role as a leading figure and role model for current and future generations of financial professionals.

Once again, congratulations on this distinguished honor.
May you continue to excel and lead with the same passion and excellence in all your future endeavors.

Warmest regards,

Alhaji Omolabi Ambali
Managing Director,
Molab and Sons Enterprise.

Congratulatory Message



on behalf of the Government and the good people of
EREDO LOCAL COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AREA,

I Heartily Congratulate

**MR SAID BABATUNDE
OLAYINKA, FCA,**

on being conferred with the prestigious South West Nigeria
Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award
by the Global Skills Hub, United Kingdom in Partnership with
South West Nigeria Excellence Award

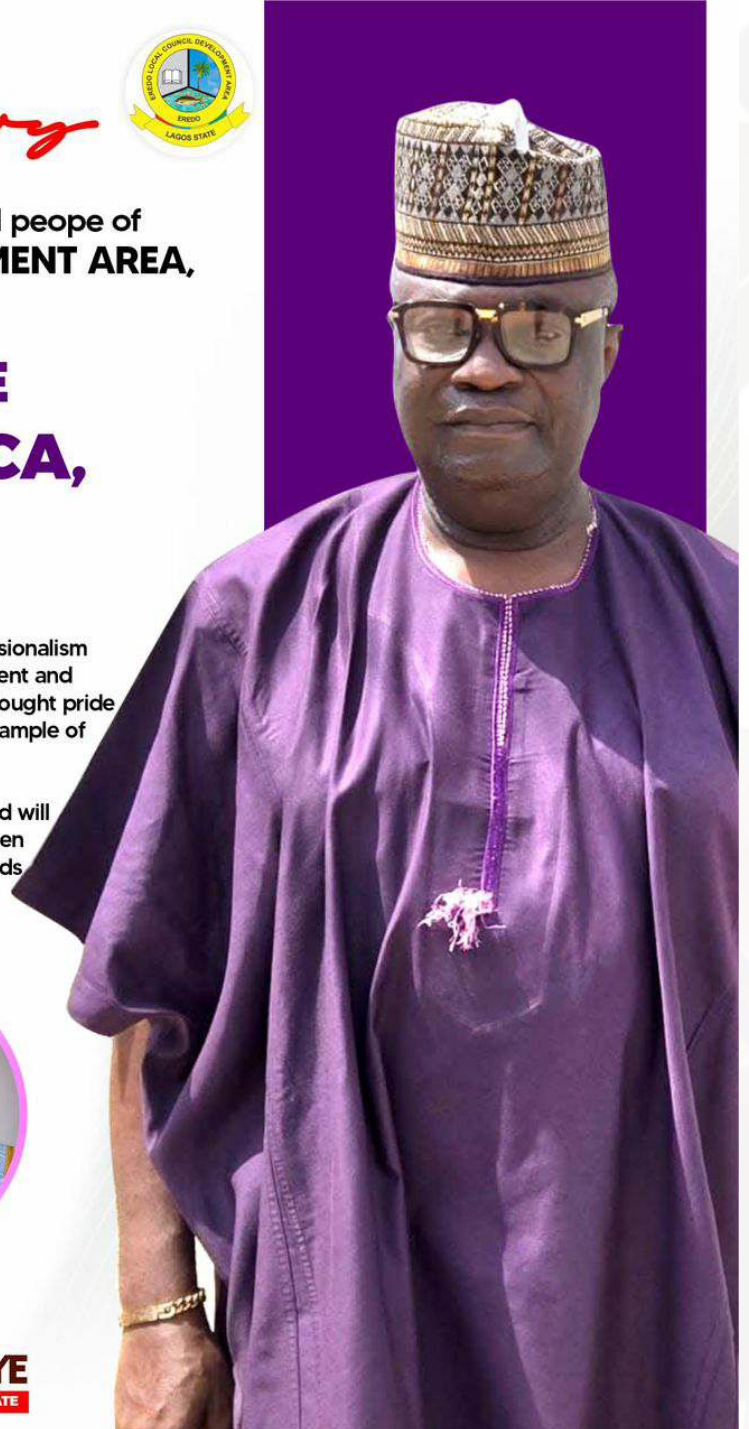
This recognition is a true testament to your unwavering professionalism
Integrity, and commitment to excellence in financial management and
accountability. your outstanding achievement have not only brought pride
to our community but have also positioned you as a shining example of
leadership and dedication worthy of emulation.

We are proud of this feat, and it is my prayer that Almighty God will
continue to strengthen you, grant you greater wisdom, and open
more doors of honors as you keep setting remarkable standards
in your chosen field.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved honor.



Signed:
**HON. ISMAIL
MONSURU AKINLOYE**
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN EREDO LCDA, LAGOS STATE





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Congratulations

**Your hard work
has paid off!**

Dear S.B., On behalf of S.B. Companions; a group of friends, family, and colleagues who care deeply about you, we're thrilled to extend our warmest congratulations on being conferred with the prestigious South West Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award!

This outstanding achievement is a testament to your exceptional leadership, expertise, and passion for excellence in finance. Your tireless efforts to promote transparency, accountability, and best practices have earned you this well-deserved recognition.

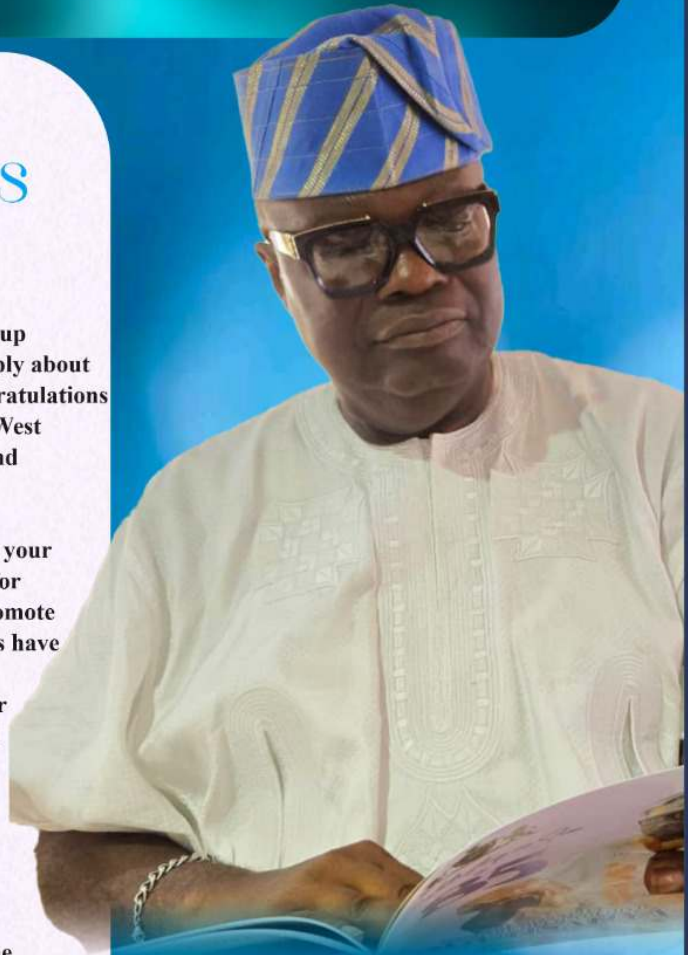
We're incredibly proud of you, not just for your professional accomplishments, but for the kind of person you are – humble, generous, and always willing to lend a helping hand. Your dedication to your craft and your commitment to making a positive impact have inspired us all.

As friends, family, and colleagues, we've had the privilege of knowing you in different capacities, and we're honored to see your hard work and perseverance pay off. This award is a shining reflection of your character and your abilities.

Here's to many more successes, milestones, and achievements! May this award bring you joy, satisfaction, and new opportunities to continue making a difference.

Once again, congratulations, Babs! We're honoured to celebrate this achievement with you.

With love and admiration,
S.B. Companions.



Congratulatory

MESSAGE

Heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Said Babatunde Olayinka, FCA, on being honored with the South West Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award! This prestigious recognition is a testament to your exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment to excellence, and tireless efforts in promoting transparency and accountability in financial practices.

Your outstanding contributions to the field of finance have not only earned you this esteemed award but have also set a shining example for others to follow. Your dedication to upholding the highest standards of financial compliance and accountability has undoubtedly had a profound impact on your organization; the Lagos State University, the financial community, and beyond.

May this achievement serve as a milestone in your illustrious career, inspiring continued innovation, leadership, and service to the financial sector. May your work continue to inspire and empower others to strive for excellence.

Congratulations once again, Mr. Said Babatunde Olayinka, FCA, on this well-deserved recognition!
Yours sincerely,



Oladimeji Akinjobi James(LADO),
Managing Director,
Horlag Global Nig.Lt



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Congratulations

My dear brother, Said Babatunde Olayinka, FCA,
 It is with great joy and profound admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on being honored with the prestigious South West Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award. This remarkable recognition is a testament to your unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and transparency in financial management.

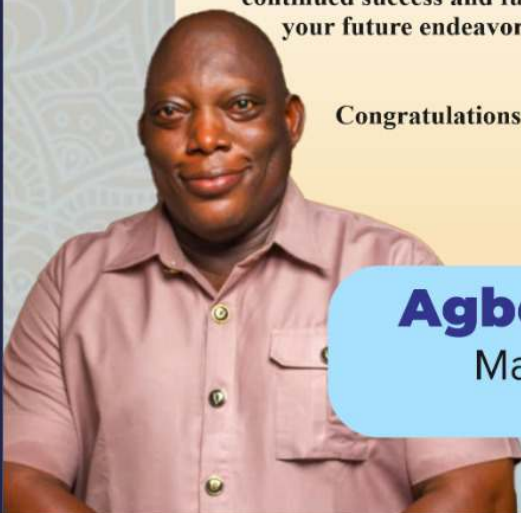
Your distinguished career as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants has consistently exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and ethical conduct. This award underscores not only your outstanding leadership but also your significant contributions to fostering financial discipline and accountability in the South West region. In today's complex financial landscape, your dedication to compliance serves as an inspiring beacon for professionals and organizations alike.

Your efforts have undoubtedly elevated the standards of governance and have played a pivotal role in shaping a culture of trust and responsibility within the financial sector.

As you receive this well-deserved accolade, may it encourage you to continue your exemplary work and inspire others to follow your path of diligence and ethical stewardship.

Congratulations once again on this well-earned recognition, and I wish you continued success and fulfillment in all your future endeavors.

Congratulations sir!



Agbomeji Muiyiwa

Managing Director,
 Kasros Nig.Ltd.





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Congratulations **SBO**

It gives me great joy and heartfelt pride to congratulate you, Mr. Said Babatunde Olayinka, the esteemed Bursar of Lagos State University, on being conferred with the prestigious South West Nigeria Leadership in Financial Compliance and Accountability Award.

This recognition is not only a well-deserved honor but also a resounding testament to your unwavering commitment to transparency, integrity, and excellence in financial management. Your dedication has consistently raised the bar in accountability and has served as a shining example for many across the academic and professional space.

Beyond the professional accolades, this award reflects the values you embody—discipline, diligence, and an uncommon passion for service. You have proven that true leadership is not only about results but also about character, fairness, and an unflinching dedication to doing what is right.

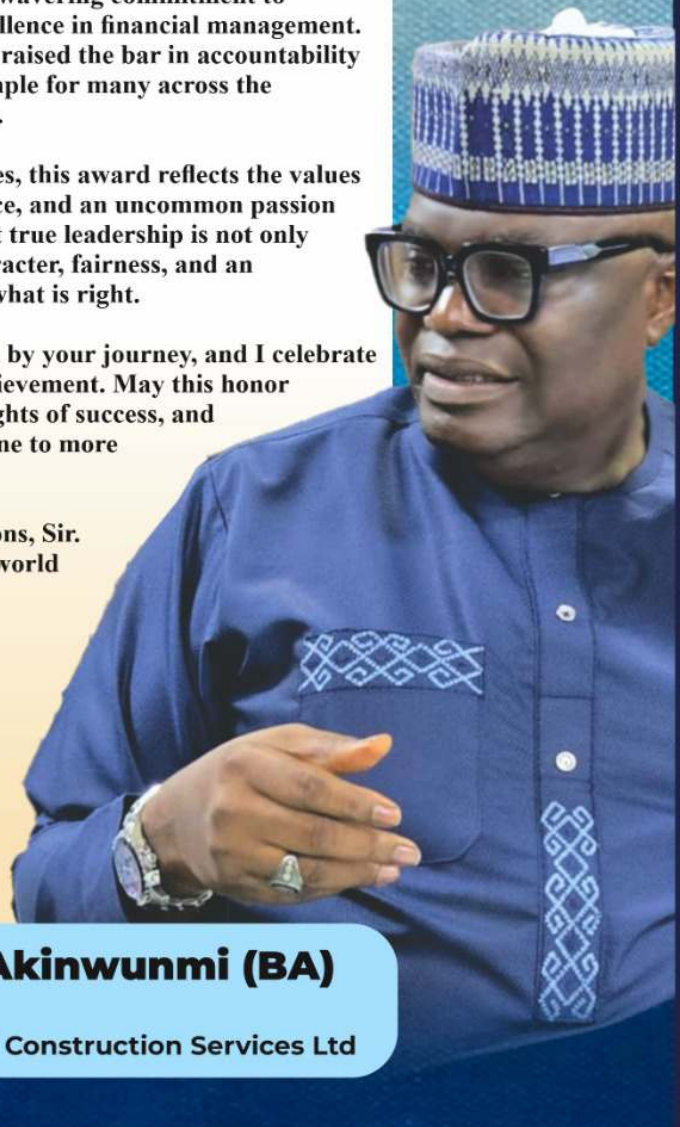
As a friend, I am deeply inspired by your journey, and I celebrate with you on this remarkable achievement. May this honor open greater doors, fuel new heights of success, and serve as yet another stepping stone to more outstanding accomplishments.

Once again, hearty congratulations, Sir. Your excellence speaks, and the world is listening.

Warm regards,



Engr. Bayo Akinwunmi (BA)
 MD/CEO
 Sedav Projects and Construction Services Ltd



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