



HIGH LEVEL FORUM



THEME

BEYOND THE PANDEMIC:

Mobilising International Cooperation
for Nigeria's Post-COVID Development

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NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM

In recent years, Africa has witnessed impressive economic growth. Average continental GDP has been within the 5% mark, a remarkable feat, even during the global financial and economic crisis. In 2013 and 2014, the continent maintained an average growth rate of about of 6.6% and 4% compared to 3% and 2.3% for the global economy, respectively. However, Africa's GDP growth fell to 1.9% in 2015, the lowest in the past 16 years but the Continent bounced back in 2017, posting a GDP of 3.0%. The average GDP growth is projected to rise from to 3.5% in 2018 and even strengthen to 3.7% in 2019. Real GDP has doubled in 12

the continent remain positive. Export performance is strong and inward investment is encouraging. Intra-Africa trade and investment is growing. 13 of the 20 fastest growing economies in the world today are in Africa. Africa's per capita GDP is now above the 1000 US Dollar barrier. Life expectancy is up from 40 to 60 years. Infant mortality is down by half, so also is the maternal mortality rate. Ac-

finance. It is important to note that this impressive economic performance was built on the exportation of raw commodities, most especially, crude oil.

It is against this backdrop of favourable macro-economic prospects that Nigeria moved progressively ahead, even in the face of the global financial and economic crisis of 2008- 2009. That growth is now under strain, as a result of falling commodities prices, notably crude oil, which went as high as \$160 per barrel in 2014, declined to \$28 in 2016 and

pendent African Countries is that of mobilizing resources for financing their development aspirations, in order to engender true transformative development on the continent. That will be a challenge.

This programme is designed to address critical issues of mobilizing international capital flows for financing Infrastructure, Agriculture, Health and Education and other key sectors. It will also focus on the prospect of mobilizing resources for financing the Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria

Summit Goals

The goal of the Nigeria Int'l Partnership Summit is to appraise the economic progress made so far, consider critical options in the face of a challenging export market with a view to mobilize and improve capital flows to Nigeria.

Specifically, the summit will"

- Appraise the economic development of Nigeria
- Identify and highlight the key areas of investments;
- Bring to the fore, the investment potentials in Nigeria and provide guidance for the mobilization of the needed foreign investments

Summit Format

It will comprise:

- Opening segment and multi-stakeholder interactive session;
- Plenary as well as small groups/ break out session;
- A communique will be issued at the conclusion of the high level process.

Outcomes - at the end of the event, it is expected that:

- Participants will be informed about critical investment potentials in the economy;
- Participants and stakeholders would have provided perspectives and guidance for mobilizing capital flows for the needed financing for development of Nigeria.

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09:00 - 10:00 Opening Session

National Anthem

Welcome Statement and Programme Overview:

- **H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama** Honourable Minister Of Foreign Affairs

Statement

- **H.E. Franck Riester** French Minister Of Foreign Trade And Economy

Message from the Private Sector:

- **Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabiu** Chairman, France Nigeria Investment Council

Keynote Address

- **H.E. President Muhammadu Buhari** President Of The Federal Republic Of Nigeria

Moderator:

- **Mallam Garba Shehu** Senior Special Assistant To The President (Media)

10: 00 – 11: 30 1st Plenary Session

Focus:

Combating Persistent and Emerging Threats to National Security and Regional Stability

Lead Presentation

- **General Babagana Monguno** National Security Adviser, Nigeria

Special Intervention

- **H.E. Ambassador Babagana Kingibe** Special Envoy Of LCBC To Chad
- **H.E. Dr. Amina Mohammed** Deputy Secretary General, United Nations

Panelist

- **H.E. Isa Ali Pantami** Honourable Minister Of Communications And Digital Economy
- **H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye**, African Union, Commissioner Of Peace And Security

Interactive Session

- **Moderator: Ambassador Eloho Otobo** Senior Fellow In Peacebuilding And Global Economic Policy, Global Governance Institute, Brussels

11:30 -13. 00 2nd Plenary Sessions

Theme: Nigeria's Economic Outlook: Rethinking Industrialization, Development and Financial Inclusion in Nigeria

Lead Presentation

- **Mr. Godwin Emefiele** Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria

Panelists

- **Dr. Mohammad Abubakar** Honourable Minister Of Agriculture And Rural Development, Nigeria
- **Hon. Timipre Sylva** Honourable Minister Of State For Petroleum Resources
- **Olukayode Pitan** Managing Director /CEO, Bank Of Industry

Sectorial Intervention

- **Hon. Lai Mohammed** Honourable Minister Of Information And Culture, Nigeria
- **Hon. Sadiya Umar Farouq** Honourable Minister Of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management And Social Development, Nigeria

Special Intervention

- **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Iweala** Director General, World Trade Organization
- **Dr Akinwunmi Adesina** President, African Development Bank

Interactive Session

Moderator: **Dr. Kamdeh Yumkella** Former Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00–15: 30

Conversation on Making Finance Work and Nigeria's Investment Climate & Market

Presentation

Dr. Adesola Adeduntan Managing Director /CEO First Bank of Nigeria Ltd.

Panelists

- **Mr. Mele Kyari** Group Managing Director, Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation
- **Abdul Samad Rabiu** Chairman, BUA Group & Chair, France- Nigeria Business Council
- **Tony Elumelu** Chairman, United Bank For Africa
- **Jim Ovia** Chairman, Zenith Bank
- **Wale Tinubu** CEO Oando Group

Special Intervention:

- **Dr. Benedict Oramah** President, African Export Import Bank

Moderator: Ambassador Eloho Otobo Senior Fellow in Peacebuilding and Global Economic Policy, Global Governance Institute, Brussels

15: 30 –17: 00 3rd Plenary Sessions

Bridging Nigeria's Infrastructure Gap: Reforms, Results and the Road Ahead

Presentations

- **Hon. Aliyu Abubakar** Honourable Minister Of Power, Nigeria
- **Senator Godswill Akpabio** Honourable Minister For Niger Delta Affairs, Nigeria
- **Senator Gbemi Saraki** Honourable Minister Of State For Transportation

Panelists

- **Arthur Eze** Chairman, Atlas Oranto Petroleum Ltd
- **Henri-Max Ndong Nzue** Senior Vice President, Africa Totalenergies
- **Mounir Alhoz** CEO Business France, Nigeria
- **Philippe Hoeblich** CEO/Founder Paygas

Interactive Session

Moderator: Dr. Mohammed Salisu Adaya Senior Special Assistant to the President on the Economy, Nigeria

17:00 – 17:30 Closing Session

Conclusions
Recommendations

Next Steps
Rapporteur Remarks



The African Business Roundtable (ABR) is Africa's foremost and continent-wide association of businesses and business leaders. It is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit private sector funded organization, committed to fostering African private sector-led economic growth and social development in Africa. The African Development Bank Group (ADB) set up the African Business Roundtable (ABR) in 1990 and at inception it was fully funded by the African Development Bank Group, which also provided it (ABR) an office space at its Head Office in Abidjan Cote D'Ivoire, until 1997 when the Secretariat was relocated to Sandton in Johannesburg South Africa; before being established afterward in Abuja, Nigeria.

A core element of the ABR's work is by lobbying to drive change in the legislative and regulatory framework in which our members operate. ABR strongly believed that, all governments, public and international agencies can affect business, because the potential impact of legislation and their policies are most often not understood by those who devise them. The ABR's unique relationship with business means ABR understands how businesses can be affected by government legislation. The ABR could be an additional platform for conveying the messages to governments as well as public and intentional agencies.

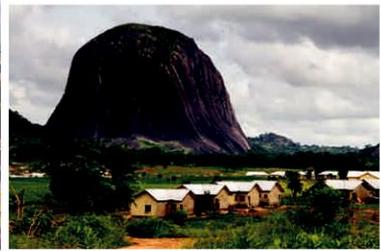
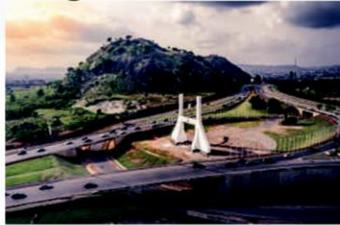
OUR VISION is to become the globally preferred partner for facilitating the sustainable development of Africa's private sector.

OUR MISSION is to promote, via various initiatives throughout the Continent and beyond, the development of Africa's private sector, particularly SME's, ensuring they become globally competitive and sustainable

The major activities of the ABR are founded on dialogue, research and communication. ABR programmes are focused on continuous and effective dialogue, which provides opportunities and fora for business leaders to meet regularly amongst themselves, and with public sector officials building partnership for investment opportunities and consensus on policy reforms.

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NIGERIA



Nigeria, an African country on the Gulf of Guinea, has many natural landmarks and wildlife reserves. Protected areas such as Cross River National Park and Yankari National Park have waterfalls, dense rainforest, savanna and rare primate habitats.

One of the most recognizable sites is Zuma Rock, a 725m-tall monolith outside the capital of Abuja that's pictured on the national currency.

Capital: Abuja

Dialing code: +234

President: Muhammadu Buhari

Population: 206.1 million (2020) World Bank



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The Club Millenium, founded in 2005 to promote African interests especially abroad, has been organizing high-level events in France and Africa, where the focus has been the rapprochement between African "Anglophones" and "Francophones".

The Club Millenium's founder and chair Marie-Roger Biloa is an award-winning journalist and long-time publisher of « Africa International » a respected monthly magazine on major African issues, including political life, business and culture, which has turned into a TV program broadcast in a dozen of African countries. As a TV producer, she has covered geopolitical and social issues in an effort to raise awareness on self-empowerment and knowledge-based development



Marie-Roger Biloa

Marie-Roger Biloa is a Cameroonian magazine Editor, television show host, journalist, filmmaker and president of various community-oriented initiatives. She lives in France, from where she hosts a television talk show. In France, she was named a Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters. For her work as a journalist, she has also received the Percy Qoboza Award. Ms. Biloa owns a website named Africa-international.info.

Biloa is the daughter of Germain Tsala Mekongo, who in 1957 became Cameroon's first Secretary of State for Civil Service. She went to the Paris-IV University, where she graduated in Germanic studies.

In 1991, Biloa became the editor of the Africa International, a magazine which was established in 1958 and which focused on politics, economic news and culture when Biloa joined it. Later on, Marie-Roger Biloa joined the controversial pan-African themed magazine Jeune Afrique, which had previously been banned in several Northern African (Arab) countries. In 1997, Biloa was honored as the Journalist of the Year by the American organization, the National Association of Black Journalists, receiving the award from then United States President Bill Clinton himself. In 2001, Biloa was named woman of excellence by Unesco.

Launching a television channel
Ms. Biloa announced on October 15, 2018, that she would be launching a new television channel named MRB TV (not to be confused with MRB Productions, an American film producing company), which is a cable and satellite television channel.[2]

She is fluent in various languages, including Spanish, English, French and German. Biloa lives between Paris, Berlin and Yaounde, Cameroon.



OPENING SESSION



H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama

Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs

Geoffrey Onyeama (born February 2, 1956) is Nigeria's Minister for Foreign Affairs. Onyeama was appointed Foreign Affairs Minister of Nigeria in November 2015 by President Muhammadu Buhari. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) degree in Political Science from Columbia University, New York in 1977 and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) degree in Law from St John's College, Cambridge in 1980. He also holds a Masters of Law (LL.M) from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1982 and a Masters of Arts (M.A) in Law from St

John's College, Cambridge in 1984. Onyeama was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1983 and was also called to the English Bar of the Grey's Inn in 1981.

Onyeama began his career as a Research Officer in the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Lagos from 1983 to 1984. He then worked as a lawyer with Mogboh and Associates in Enugu, Nigeria from 1984 to 1985. In 1985, he joined the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as an Assistant Programme Officer for Development Cooperation and External Relations, Bureau for Africa and Western Asia. He rose through the ranks at the WIPO to become Deputy Director General for the Development Sector in 2009



Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabiu

Chairman, France Nigeria Investment Council

Abdul Samad Isyaku Rabiu CON (was born 4 August 1960 in Kano, Nigeria) is a Nigerian billionaire businessman and philanthropist. His late father, Khalifah Isyaku Rabiu, was one of Nigeria's foremost industrialists in the 1970s and 1980s. Abdul Samad is the founder and chairman of BUA Group, a Nigerian conglomerate concentrating on manufacturing, infrastructure and agriculture and producing a revenue in excess of \$2.5 billion. He is also the

chairman of the Nigerian Bank of Industry (BOI). On July 7, 2020, Forbes estimated Abdul Samad's wealth at \$3.2 billion, putting him 716th in the global billionaire's club.

Abdul Samad Rabiu was born in Kano in the north-western part of Nigeria, where he obtained his early education. He attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio and returned to Nigeria at the age of 24 to oversee the family business. This was when his father Isyaku Rabiu, was being detained by the administration of General Muhammadu Buhari for allegedly not paying rice import duties.

Abdul Samad Rabiu established BUA International Limited in 1988 for the sole purpose of commodity trading. In 1990, the government, which owned Delta Steel Company, contracted with BUA to supply its raw materials in exchange for finished products. This provided a much-needed windfall for the young company. BUA expanded further into steel, producing billets, importing iron ore, and constructing multiple rolling mills in Nigeria. BUA acquired Nigerian Oil Mills Limited, the largest edible oil processing company in Nigeria. In 2005 BUA started two flour-milling plants, in Lagos and in Kano. By 2008, BUA had broken an eight-year monopoly in the Nigerian sugar industry by commissioning the second-largest sugar refinery in sub-Saharan Africa and went on to acquire a controlling stake in a publicly-listed Cement Company in Northern Nigeria and began to construct a \$900 million cement plant in Edo State, completing it in early 2015.

Abdul Samad Rabiu uses the BUA Foundation for his philanthropic activities. These include the construction of a 7,000-square-meter paediatric ward at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and the construction of the Centre for Islamic Studies at Bayero University Kano amongst several others

SPEAKERS & MODERATORS



PRESS CONFERENCE



H.E. Lai Mohammed

Honourable Minister of Information and Culture

Alhaji Lai Mohammed is a Nigerian politician. He earned a bachelor's degree in French from Obafemi Awolowo University, in the year 1975 and proceeded to obtain a law degree from the University of Lagos, and then Nigerian Law School in 1986. As a practising Lawyer, Alhaji Lai Mohammed co-founded the legal firm of Edu & Mohammed as a Senior Partner in 1989. Lai is a businessman who served as the Chairman of Optmedia Limited, a subsidiary of Afromedia Plc since 18 December 2006. He is also a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Public

Relations (NIPR) having worked as Public Relations Officer for almost 10 years with the Nigerian Airport Authority, now Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN).

In October 2002, Alhaji Lai Mohammed was a governorship candidate for the April 2003 Kwara State elections on the Alliance for Democracy platform and would later serve as Governor Tinubu's Chief of Staff during latter's first term on office.

Lai Mohammed has remained active in politics and was the National Publicity Secretary of All Progressive Congress (APC) in Nigeria. He was on 11 November 2015 sworn in by President Muhammadu Buhari as Minister of Information and Culture and was re-appointed with the return of President Buhari for a second term.



Mallam Garba Shehu

Senior Special Assistant to the President on Media

Born on November 27th, in Dutse, Jigawa State, Nigeria, Mallam Garba Shehu is currently one of the most famous faces in Nigerian politics. He is a Nigerian journalist and politician who serves as the official spokesperson to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu. Shehu is a role model to many Nigerians, mainly because of his career accomplishments and political appointments.

He attended Dutse primary school in 1970 and then joined Barewa College, from where he obtained his West African Secondary school certificate. He later on proceeded to Bayero University, Kano, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree. After his graduation, he proceeded for his compulsory National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) at the Nigeria Army School of Education, Ilorin, in 1981. Shehu Garba started his career as a correspondent at the Nigerian Television Authority, Sokoto, in the year 1982. He then joined Network News Lagos as an Energy Correspondent in 1984. Between 1986 and 1997, he worked as Senior Writer, Assistant Editor, Sunday, Editor, Daily Triumph, Editor-in-Chief, Triumph Publishing Company Limited, Kano And General Manager, Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria He still writes as a columnist in the Nigerian Premium Times.

The journalist also served as the President of the Nigerian Guild of Editors for eight years. Shehu also served as the Director of Media and Publicity for the All Progressive Congress (APC) Presidential Campaign Council. He was later appointed as Senior Special Assistant, Media and Publicity, by the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. In 2019, he was reappointed into the same position after President Buhari won his re-election bid.



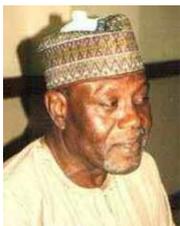
1ST PLENARY SESSION



General Babagana Monguno National Security Adviser, Nigeria

Born in 1957, Mohammed Babagana Monguno is a retired Nigerian military general and current National Security Adviser.

He was the Chief of Defence Intelligence from July 2009 to September 2011; and the Commander of the Brigade of Guards from 2007 to 2009. He attended the Nigerian Defence Academy and King's College, Lagos.



Amb. Baba Gana Kingibe Special Envoy of LCBC Chad

Baba Gana Kingibe OV GCON (born 25 June 1945) is a Nigerian diplomat, politician and civil servant who has held several high ranking government offices, culminating in his appointment as the Secretary to the Government of the Federation from 2007 to 2008. He spent over a decade in the Foreign Service and has been in politics since the 1970s serving six heads of state; most recently as a member of the inner circle of President Muhammed Buhari.

In 1993, he was the vice-presidential running mate to Chief Moshood Abiola in the annulled 1993 presidential election, before later joining the government of military Head of State, General Sani Abacha and a member of his politico-military caucus as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1993 to 1995, Minister of Internal Affairs from 1995 to 1997; and later Minister of Power and Steel from 1997 to 1998.

Kingibe grew up in Maiduguri and attended primary schools there. In 1958, he was admitted into the Borno Provincial Secondary School. In 1960, he left for the United Kingdom on a government scholarship to complete his O'Level and A-level at Bishop's Stortford College. In 1968, he received a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Sussex, before proceeding to the BBC Television Training School. Kingibe also underwent postgraduate studies at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. In 1969, he returned to Nigeria where he taught political science at the Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria. Kingibe left the university towards the end of the Nigerian Civil War, being employed by the Broadcasting Corporation of Northern Nigeria (now Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria) as head of current affairs and features department.

In 1972, he joined the Nigerian Foreign Service as an external affairs officer. His first posting was the Nigerian High Commission in London as a senior political counsellor and later became the head of the political desk. Following the 1976 Nigerian coup d'état attempt, Kingibe was seconded to the Supreme Military Headquarters (SMHQ) as the Principal Political Secretary serving under military triumvir General Shehu Yar'Adua from 1976 to 1979, where he was involved in the planning of the military's transfer of power programme: states creation and national delimitation, local government reforms and the constitutional drafting committee of the Second Nigerian Republic.

He simultaneously served as the Principal Political Secretary in the Office of the President from 1976 to 1981, serving both General Olusegun Obasanjo and President Shehu Shagari. In 1981, at the age of 36, he was appointed the Nigerian Ambassador to Greece and Cyprus serving from 1981 to 1984; and later served as Nigerian Ambassador to Pakistan. In 1986, military president General Ibrahim Babangida appointed Kingibe

as Permanent Secretary of Special Services, overseeing the activities of security and intelligence services. He later served as the Secretary of the Constituent Assembly from 1988 to 1989.

Kingibe joined party politics in the build-up to the transition of the Third Nigerian Republic. In 1988, he was made director of organization of the People's Front of Nigeria (PFN). He served from October 2002 to September 2006 as the Special Envoy of the African Union to Sudan and subsequently Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and head of the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS). In September 2006, Kingibe returned to Nigeria and joined the Peoples Democratic Party ahead of the 2007 presidential election

In June 2007, he was appointed Secretary to the Government of the Federation.



H.E. Isa Ali Pantami

Honourable Minister of Communications and Digital Economy

Isa Ali Ibrahim Fantami (born 20 October 1972), also known as Sheikh Pantami, is an Islamic cleric who is currently serving as Minister of Communications and Digital Economy in Nigeria.

He was the Director General of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) of Nigeria from 26 September 2016 to 20 August 2019 when he was nominated as minister and sworn into office on 21 August 2019. On August 20, 2021, Pantami was, among seven other readers (Associate Professors) promoted to Professor by the Governing Council of Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) at its 186th.

Pantami lectured at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University in Information Technology before joining the Islamic University of Madinah as Head of Technical Writing in 2014.

With the re-election of President Muhammadu Buhari, Pantami was appointed the first Minister of Communications and Digital Economy after the renaming of the title to include "Digital Economy." Pantami is a fellow of the British Computer Society (FBCS) and the Nigeria Computer Society (FNCS)



Amb. Bankole Adeoye

African Union, Commissioner of Peace and Security

When the elections of the African Union Commissioners took place last week many held their breath but not this son of the "Giant of Africa", Nigeria. In the preselection stage that was organised under the new rules he had a clear passage with the highest marks by any candidate. Then, when it came to voting he received the full 55 votes, i.e., he was unanimously elected. As the saying goes "It is more honourable to be raised to a throne than

to be born to one. Fortune bestows the one, merit obtains the other". The election of Ambassador Bankole A. Adeoye as the very first Africa Union Commissioner for newly created department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security for the term 2021-2025, is undoubtedly a case one raised to the throne by merit. Ambassador Adeoye is my profile of the week.

When the Nigerian Government nominated Ambassador Bankole A. Adeoye as its candidate for the position of Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security for the term 2021-2025 at the elections schedule to hold in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2021. it was clear that the giant of Africa had pulled out an "ace card", a refined and knowledgeable diplomat with long experience and sound knowledge of the African Union. Amb.

Bankole Adeoye is Nigeria's former Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the African Union and United Nations Commission for Africa.

Nigerian Ambassador Bankole A. Adeoye, the very first Africa Union Commissioner
Ambassador Adeoye is a distinguished career diplomat with over 35 years' experience in the field of foreign policy and diplomatic practice. He is a Pan-African Career Diplomat; Peace, Security and Sustainable Development Practitioner and Advocate for Africa's Regional Integration and Partnership. He has served in various strategic national and continental capacities, including as Nigeria's representative and representative of the AU-PSC.

He served thrice as Chairperson of the African Union Peace & Security Council in 2017, 2018 and 2019. His able leadership and guidance contributed to strengthening the partnership between AU-PSC and UN Security Council and EU Political and Human Security. He was instrumental to the operational take-off of the AU Humanitarian Agency and facilitated durable coalitions with AU Member States with the formation of Group of Friends on Children Affected by Armed Conflict (CAAC) and AU/UN Partnerships. Amb. Adeoye led the PSC field missions to Lake Chad Basin (2017) and South Sudan (2018).

Bankole Adeoye also served in Brazil, from 2003-2007 as a Minister Counsellor in the Nigerian Embassy in Brasilia. While serving at the Mission in Brasilia, he coordinated Nigeria's economic and cultural relations with Brazil and concurrently with Paraguay and Bolivia. He also actively engaged in the negotiations with the Brazilian Government on Nigeria's debt restructuring and towards a closer cooperation between Brazil and Nigeria on alternative energy (ethanol).

Amb. Bankole Adeoye is conversant with the inner workings of regional and international systems, particularly the UN and AU. His working experience with the AU has garnered him proficiency in Continental and Multilateral Partnerships. He is highly committed to Pan-African values and the guiding principles of the Africa Union. He understands the nexus between peace, security and sustainable development, which will be needed to steer the formulation and implementation of Political Affairs, Peace and Security policies, programs and strategies in line with the aspirations of Agenda 2063 and other key continental legal and policy frameworks.

Ambassador Bankole Adeoye has served in various capacities in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. His love for knowledge is betrayed by the fact he became a Commonwealth / British Council and Chevening Scholar who received the post-graduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies from the University of Oxford, England in 1991.

In Addis Ababa served the Addis Ababa Diplomatic Community in the capacity of Co-Convener of the Group of Friends on Children affected by Armed Conflict (GoF-CAAC) which was launched in April 2018 in Ethiopia, in partnership with Save the Children Pan African Office.

Proposed by the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Common African Position on Asset Recovery (CAPAR) was unanimously adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union at their 33rd Assembly in Addis Ababa. This pioneer instrument was chaperoned and navigated through the complex maze of the African Union by none other than Ambassador Adeoye. The CAPAR now stands as the bedrock for our continent's legal instrument and technical framework for negotiating the return of our stolen assets and illicit capital flights, taken illegally out of our shores and hosted in foreign jurisdictions. Ambassador Adeoye is discrete and none assuming and amazingly hardworking as if to confirm what the first Earl of Halifax E. F. L. Wood once said, "Merit is like a river the deeper it is the less noise it makes".



H.E. Dr. Amina Mohammed

Deputy Secretary General, United Nations

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and efforts to protect the natural environment.

Ms. Mohammed first joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with the responsibility for post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ms. Mohammed began her career working on the design of schools and clinics in Nigeria. She served as an advocate focused on increasing access to education and other social services, before moving into the public sector, where she rose to the position of adviser to four successive Presidents on poverty, public sector reform, and sustainable development.

Ms. Mohammed has been conferred several honorary doctorates and has served as an adjunct professor, lecturing on international development. The recipient of various global awards, Ms. Mohammed has served on numerous international advisory boards and panels.



H.E. Dr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio

president institut panafricain de strategies

Cheikh Tidiane Gadio is a Pan African political figure and diplomat who has held prominent positions on the African continent over the last two decades. He served as a special envoy on matters of conflict prevention and resolution in Africa, including Special Envoy of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) to Mali (September 2020 – present), Special Envoy for the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for the Central African Republic (February 2014 – March 2017), and Special Representative for Africa for the Secretary General of OIC (January 2016 – March 2017).

Dr. Gadio is an elected Congressman (2017) and a Vice President of the Senegalese Parliament (2019). He also serves as President of the Institute for Pan-African Strategies, Peace-Security-Governance (IPS), a Dakar-based think-tank engaged in research, convenings, strategic communications, and advocacy on issues of African peace, security, development, governance and unity. Gadio stood as a candidate for the Senegalese presidency in the February 2012 election, prior to which he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs (April 2000 – October 2009) and appointed State Minister from 2002 to 2009.

After completing his secondary studies in Senegal, Gadio moved to Paris, France to continue his studies. During his stay in Paris, he received a bachelor's degree in the Sociology of Development and International Relations from the University of Paris 8 – Vincennes (1981), a Certificate of Professional Training in Journalism with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism from Centre de formation des Journalistes de Paris (1982), a master's in Sociology with a concentration in Information and Communication Sciences from the University of Paris 7 – Jussieu (1983), and an Advanced Graduate Studies Diploma (D.E.A.) in Sociology of Mass Communication with a concentration in Mass Communication and Development and Education and information Technology from the University Paris IV-Sorbonne (René Descartes) (1984). After completing his studies in France, Gadio obtained a diploma of practical training in communication technologies and

program development for audio-visual education in Montreal 1986). He later moved to the United States, where he attended the Ohio State University and earned a (Ph.D.) doctorate in Communication (1994). in Zaria She got her first degree in Accounting from Ahmadu Bello University in 1981, In 1996, Dr. Gadio took on the role of coordinator of the US-Africa Institute, a Private Voluntary Organization with the aim of building stronger ties between the US and Africa in the areas of trade, investment, new communication technologies, education and democratization (1996 – 1999), then of as the regional director for Africa at the School for international Training (SIT) in Vermont, the accredited college of World Learning, an international organization committed to promoting international understanding and cross-cultural education (1998-1999). During his tenure at SIT, his portfolio included programs in Southern Africa (South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe) and Francophone Africa (Morocco, Cameroon, Mali and Madagascar). During the same period, he was also a registered consultant for the United Nations (UNOPS) and the European Commission's Technical Assistance to the third World Countries Programme. He was coordinator for West and Francophone Africa (West and Francophone), World Links for Development Program, WBI, The World Bank in Washington, DC, when he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal in April 2000.

As Foreign Minister, Dr. Gadio played a prominent role in African diplomacy, and President Wade praised him as "the best foreign minister in Africa." He was appointed Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Council of Ministers and Chairman of the ECOWAS Peace and Mediation Council, roles in which he served from January 2002 – January 2003. During his tenure as Chairman, he led negotiations that led to the 17 October 2002 signing of the cease-fire agreement that ended the first phase of the Civil War in Côte d'Ivoire. During his tenure as Foreign Minister of Republic of Senegal, Dr. Gadio led several successful mediation missions in Madagascar, Guinea Bissau, Sudan, Libya, and Mauritania, to end conflicts and establish peace (e.g., the Dakar Agreement of May 2003 between Madagascar political leaders; the Dakar Peace Agreement of March 2008 between Chad and Sudan; the African Union International Mediation in Mauritania of June 2009; and the resumption of diplomatic ties between Senegal and China, signed 25 October 2005 in Beijing).

After leaving Wade's government, in November 2009 Gadio co-founded a consulting and advisory firm (Sarata Holding LLC) for "Business and Development Partnerships with Africa," with three locations: Dakar, Washington, DC, Casablanca. He was the Chairman and CEO of that firm until March 2016.

In November 2012, he founded the Pan-African Strategies Institute, and he has subsequently served as its President.[7] Speaking at the Bamako Forum in February 2015, he argued in favor of integration between regions as a step towards African unity. He said that some national borders, such as those separating Senegal from Gambia and Guinea-Bissau, lacked justification and should be eliminated.

Dr. Gadio was appointed Special Envoy for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for the Central African Republic in February of 2014 and served as such for three years. He was given an additional appointment in 2016 with OIC as the Secretary General Special Representative for Africa in charge of the Mali and Sahel crisis, Boko Haram and The Lake Chad Basin countries. After legislative elections in 2017, in which Dr. Gadio's political party participated, he was elected to the Senegalese Parliament as a Congressman for 5 years.



Godwin Emefiele

Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria

Godwin Emefiele is a Nigerian economist who has been serving as the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria since June 4, 2014.[2] Born on August 4, 1961 in Lagos State, Nigeria, Emefiele is originally from Ika South, Agbor region of Delta State.

Emefiele attended primary education in Government Primary School, Victoria Island (formerly Ansar-U-Den Primary School, Igbosere), Lagos. He completed his primary education in 1973, and thereafter proceeded to Maryland Comprehensive Secondary School, Ikeja, Lagos, graduating in June 1978

with a West African School Certificate (WASC). Furthermore, Emefiele holds a B.Sc. degree in Finance (1984)[3] and an MBA in Finance (1986), both from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He is also an alumnus of Executive Education at Stanford University, Harvard University (2004) and Wharton School of Business (2005). The Central Bank Governor, Mr Godwin Emefiele was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Business Administration by the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN).

Early in his career, Emefiele lectured finance and insurance at the University of Nigeria Nsukka, and University of Port Harcourt, respectively. Before moving to the Central Bank, Emefiele gained over eighteen years of banking experience. He served as chief executive officer and group managing director of Zenith Bank Plc. Emefiele served as deputy managing director of Zenith Bank Plc. from 2001. He served as executive director in charge of corporate banking, treasury, financial control and strategic planning of Zenith Bank Plc and served on the management team from its inception. Emefiele served as director at Zenith Bank Plc and Zenith Bank (Gambia) Limited. Emefiele serves as director of ACCION Microfinance Bank Limited.

Emefiele has been governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria since 2014. During his first term, he supervised an interventionist currency policy at the behest of the presidency, propping up the Nigerian Naira by pumping billions of dollars into the foreign exchange market. He also introduced a multiple exchange rate regime to try to mask pressure on the Naira and avoid a series of devaluations. In 2019, Nigeria's Senate approved a second five-year term for Emefiele. This is the first time that anyone will serve for a second term since Nigeria's return to democracy in 1999. He is Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Governors (since 2018)International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Member of the Governing Board (since 2018International Islamic Liquidity Management Corporation (IILM).



2ND PLENARY SESSION



Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed

Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning

Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed (born 16 June 1960) is a Nigerian accountant who has been serving as Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning since 2019. An accountant by profession with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from ABU Zaria and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA). She had her secondary school education at Queen Amina College, Kaduna, and later proceeded to have her A'Level in Zaria She got her first degree in Accounting from Ahmadu Bello University in 1981, after-which she proceeded to Olabisi Onabanjo University for her MBA.

Ahmed was executive secretary and national coordinator of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI). She was also a member of the last two NEITI boards, having worked in the NEITI and global EITI. Ahmed has served the Nigerian public in various high ranking positions, including as managing director of the Kaduna State of Nigeria's investment company, and also the Chief Finance Officer of the Nigeria mobile telecommunications company.

OTUNBA ADENIYI ADEBAYO

Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment

Born on 4 February 1958, Adebayo had built a Business and Legal Career spanning about forty years. His experience is extensive in areas such as: Project Finance, Oil and Gas, Commercial Law and Business Facilitation. He was educated at the Corona School, Yaba, Lagos, (1962–1968), University of Lagos Staff School (1968–1969), C.M.S Grammar School, Bariga, Lagos (1969–1974), Davies Tutors, Hove, Sussex, England (1975–1977) and University of Lagos (1977–1981) where he studied Law.

Following his inauguration by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, on 21 August 2019, Otunba Richard Adeniyi Adebayo, CON, became Nigeria's 40th Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment to oversee government's goal of economic diversification to non-oil revenue earnings.

As the number one investment driver of Nigeria, Adebayo is leading the promotion of government's policies of Ease of Doing Business, job creation, poverty eradication and industrialization.

The Minister has been implementing certain policies and programmes including: standardization of bilateral trade agreements, stimulating growth of domestic Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSMEs and renewed roadmap to increase Nigeria's Foreign Direct Investment, FDIs.

A core chieftain of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), the Minister held office of the Interim National Vice Chairman South West and Deputy National Chairman (South) of the party. He became the First Executive Governor of his home State, Ekiti on 29 May 1999 where he laid the remarkable foundation for development strides. He was also the Pioneer Secretary of the Nigeria Governors' Forum, NGF.

He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, the International Bar Association, the Nigerian Institute of Management, a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria and a Director of the Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria. He is also a member of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Nigeria and a receiver of the Nigeria National Honour Award, Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON).



Mr. Olukayode A. Pitan

Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Industry

Olukayode Pitan obtained a 2nd class upper B.Sc. Honors degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Ibadan in 1982. He also obtained M.Sc. Degree in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management (USA) in 1986. Mr. Pitan has corporate and commercial banking experiences spanning over 30 years. He started his career at Citibank Nigeria in 1986. He subsequently served at various executive levels at FSB International Bank, where he rose to become Executive Director. He later joined First Interstate Bank Plc as MD/CEO. He led First Interstate Bank through a successful merger with eight other Banks to form Unity Bank Plc from where he voluntarily retired as Executive Director in charge of Corporate Banking and Treasury Management. Mr. Pitan has also served on the board of various Nigerian companies.



Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Director-General of the WTO.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala; born 13 June 1954 is a Nigerian-American economist, fair trade leader, environmental sustainability advocate, human welfare champion, sustainable finance maven and global development expert. Since March 2021, Okonjo-Iweala has been serving as Director-General of the WTO: World Trade Organization. Notably, she is the first woman and first African to lead The World Trade Organization as Director-General. She sits on boards of: Danone, Standard Chartered Bank, Twitter, MINDS: Mandela Institute for Development Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, One Campaign, GAVI: Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, Rockefeller Foundation, R4D: Results for Development, ARC: African Risk Capacity and Earthshot Prize plus others.

Also, Okonjo-Iweala serves Brookings Institution as a non-resident distinguished fellow with the Africa Growth Initiative in their Global Economy and Development Program. She is a Commissioner Emeritus and Co-Chair of Global Commission on the Economy and Climate. At The World Bank, she had a 25-year career as a development economist; rising to become Managing Director for Operations from 2007 to 2011. Commendably, Okonjo-Iweala was the first Nigerian woman to serve two terms as Finance Minister of Nigeria; initially, under President Olusegun Obasanjo from 2003 to 2006; and secondly, under President Goodluck Jonathan from 2011 to 2015. Subsequently, from June to August 2006, she served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria. In 2005, Euromoney named her Global Finance Minister of the Year.

Okonjo-Iweala was educated at Queen's School, Enugu; St. Anne's School, Molete, Ibadan; and the International School Ibadan. She arrived in the US in 1973 as a teenager to study at Harvard University and graduated magna cum laude with an AB in Economics in 1976. In 1981, she earned her PhD in regional economics and development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the thesis Credit policy, rural financial markets, and Nigeria's agricultural development. She received an international fellowship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW), which supported her doctoral studies.

Okonjo-Iweala had a 25-year career at the World Bank in Washington DC as a development economist and rose to the second position, managing director. As managing director, she had oversight responsibility for the World Bank's \$81 billion operational portfolio in Africa, South Asia, Europe, and Central Asia. Okonjo-Iweala spearheaded several World Bank initiatives to assist low-income countries during the 2008–2009 food crises and later during the financial crisis. In 2010, she was the chair of the IDA replenishment, the World Bank's successful drive to raise \$49.3 billion in grants and low-interest credit for the poorest countries in the world.

Okonjo-Iweala served twice as Nigeria's Finance Minister and also as Minister of Foreign Affairs. She was the first woman to hold both positions. During her first term as Finance Minister in the administration of President Olusegun Obasanjo, she spearheaded negotiations with the Paris Club that led to the wiping out of US\$30 billion of Nigeria's debt, including the outright cancellation of US\$18 billion. In 2003, she led efforts to improve Nigeria's macroeconomic management including the implementation of an oil-price based fiscal rule. Revenues accruing above a reference benchmark oil price were saved in a special account, the "Excess Crude Account," which helped to reduce macroeconomic volatility.



Dr. Akinwunmi Adesina

President, African Development Bank.

Dr. Akinwunmi A. Adesina is the 8th elected President of the African Development Bank Group. He was first elected to the position on May 28, 2015 by the Bank's Board of Governors at its Annual Meetings held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Dr Adesina is a globally renowned development economist and agricultural development expert, with more than 30 years of international experience. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics (First Class Honours) from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Nigeria, in 1981. He was the first student to obtain a First Class Honours in Agricultural Economics in the history of the university. He holds a master's degree (1985) and a PhD in Agricultural Economics (1988) from Purdue University, USA, where he won the Outstanding PhD thesis award for that year.

Dr Adesina won the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation Social Science Fellowship in 1988, which launched him into his international career. A bold reformer, as Minister of Agriculture in Nigeria from 2011-2015, Dr Adesina turned the agriculture sector of Nigeria around within four years. Under his tenure, Nigeria ended 40 years of corruption in the fertiliser sector by developing and implementing an innovative electronic wallet system, which directly provides farmers with subsidised farm inputs at scale using their mobile phones. Within the first four years of its launch, this electronic wallet system reached 15 million farmers, dramatically transforming their lives. The electronic wallet system has now gone global and is currently being implemented in Afghanistan and several African countries. A firm believer in private sector-led growth, Dr Adesina radically changed the perception of agriculture in Nigeria from that of subsistence to a viable business that successfully attracted \$5.6 billion in private sector investments.

He also led financing initiatives to support youth engagement in agriculture and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Ultimately, under his leadership, Nigeria's food production expanded by an additional 21 million metric tonnes. Prior to his appointment as Minister of Agriculture, Dr Adesina was the Vice President (Policy and Partnerships) of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), where he led several bold and innovative policy and finance initiatives that leveraged over \$4 billion in Bank finance commitments to Africa's agriculture sector. Working with African Heads of State and Ministers of Finance, leaders in the commercial banking industry and Central Bank Governors across several African countries, Dr Adesina successfully led one of the largest global efforts to leverage domestic bank finance for the agricultural sector.

Prior to joining AGRA in 2008, he had served as Associate Director and Regional Director for the Southern Africa Office of the Rockefeller Foundation for over a decade.

Dr Adesina was Principal Economist for the West Africa Rice Development Association (1990-1995), Senior Economist and Social Science Coordinator for the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (1995-1998) and Assistant Principal Economist of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (1988-1990).

A prolific writer, Dr Adesina has authored over 70 scholarly publications on policy, agricultural development and African development issues. He is a globally respected economist and has served as the President of the African Association of Agricultural Economists, as well as on the Editorial Board of several academic journals, including the International Journal of Agricultural Economists. He was awarded the Outstanding Black Agricultural Economist Award by the American Association of Agricultural Economists. He was a Distinguished Africanist Scholar at Cornell University, USA.

Dr. Adesina has received several distinctions and global awards.

He serves globally as one of the Commissioners for the Global Climate Commission, co-Chaired by Bill Gates and former United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, to tackle global climate change. Dr Adesina also serves on the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition. In 2013, Dr Adesina won the Forbes Africa Person of the Year award for his bold reforms in Nigeria's agriculture sector.

On August 27, 2020, Dr. Adesina was re-elected as the President of the African Development Bank, with 100% of the votes of its shareholders, regionals and non regionals — the first such in the history of the Bank since 1964.



Dr. Mohamed Abubakar

Minister of Agriculture

Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar is Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. Born on 30th December, 1958 in Tudun Wada, Kaduna South of Kaduna State. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in (Biology Major, Chemistry Minor) specializing in Microbiology and Master's Degree in Resources Management with specialization in Natural Resources Management from Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wa., and a Ph.D in Watersheds Management from the University of Arizona, Tucson all in USA. He was during his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) days a Microbiologist at NNPC Kaduna Refinery, Kaduna. He has worked for over 10 years in various organization starting from Kittitas County (Health Dept.) as Environmental Health Inspector, University of Arizona as Research and Teaching Assistance, E&A Environmental Services Los Angeles, California as Environmental professional (Industrial Hygienist), Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle as Industrial Waste Investigator. He also worked in Nigeria as a Director Planning, Research and Evaluation with the Kaduna State Environmental Protection Agency and have lectured at Water Resources Research Institute, Kaduna as well as a volunteer Environmental consultant for the United Nations Association, Seattle Washington DC. He was at different times Member, Kaduna State House of Assembly, Member Buhari Support Group, Kano State CPC Caretaker Committee Chairman, Deputy Director Field operations of the APC Presidential Campaign Council, Director Buhari Support Groups in the Presidential Campaign Council (PCC), National Chairman Buhari Support Organisation and lately as Board Chairman Universal Basic Education Board (UBEC).

He was awarded in the University of Arizona 1989 Departmental Scholarship of academic excellence- Doctoral Research Scholarship, his area of expertise includes among others: Natural Resource Management (Land, soil, forest and water posture), Biological and chemical water quality assessment, Watershed/River Basin Management, Environmental protection programme design and implementation as well as Air quality, Domestic Solid waste, Rural water supply management design and implementation. He belongs to various professional bodies among them National Environmental Health Association, USA, National Association of Environmental Profession. United Nations Association, Industrial Pollution Abatement committee Kaduna and National Environmental Society, Nigeria (NES). He served as Minister of Environment until his redeployment to the Agriculture and Rural Dev. Ministry.



Tinipre Sylvar

Minister of State for Petroleum

Timipre Marlin Sylva (born July 7, 1964)[1] is a former Governor of Bayelsa State, Nigeria, and the current Nigeria Minister of State for Petroleum Resources.

Sylva graduated from the University of Port Harcourt with distinction in English (Linguistics) in 1986. At the time, he was the best graduating student from his department and departmental valedictorian. He was subsequently awarded a Doctor in International Relations (Honoris causa) by the UBIS University in 2011.[3] Sylva was awarded his second Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Public Administration on the 2nd of December 2020 by AiPA (African Institute of Public Administration, Leading Edge Foundation and LBBS).

Sylva's political career started in 1992 when he won a seat in the House of Assembly election representing Brass constituency in old Rivers State. At the time, he was the youngest of all the members in the house of Assembly. His political career continued when he was appointed as the Special Assistant to the Minister of State for Petroleum in 2004 under the auspices of Dr. Edmund Dakouru. He continued in that position until he resigned to join the PDP gubernatorial primaries in 2006 in Bayelsa State, in which he placed, second behind Dr. Goodluck Jonathan. After the PDP presidential primaries election and Dr. Jonathan was appointed as a running mate to HE Umaru Musa Yar'adua of blessed memory, the gubernatorial candidacy for PDP became vacant, and conventional wisdom took the better of the political actors and Sylva was elevated to occupy the position of PDP gubernatorial candidate.

As a candidate of the People's Democratic Party Sylva won the 2007 Bayelsa State gubernatorial election and succeeded Goodluck Jonathan who went on to the position of Vice President. During his inauguration he said that Bayelsa was "the least developed industrially and commercially" of all 36 states.

Sylva's opponent in the 2007 election, Ebitimi Amgbare of the Action Congress, legally challenged his victory. Although the Bayelsa State Election Petitions Tribunal upheld Sylva's election, Amgbare took the matter to the Appeal Court in Port Harcourt which overturned the Tribunal's decision and nullified Sylva's election on April 15, 2008. The Appeal Court's five justices were unanimous in their decision and ordered that Speaker Werinipre Seibarugo be sworn in to replace Sylva as acting Governor, with a new election to be held within three months.

A new election was held on May 24, 2008, and Sylva, again running as the PDP candidate, was overwhelmingly elected with 588,204 out of about 598,000 votes. He was sworn in again on May 27, saying on this occasion that he would form a broadly inclusive unity government. On January 27, 2012, his tenure was terminated by the Supreme Court with an acting governor appointed to oversee the state until the election of February 2012.[8] Sylva was appointed by President Buhari on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, as the Nigerian Cabinet Minister of State for Petroleum Resources.



Dr. Kamdeh Yumkella

Former Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Alhaji Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella (born July 5, 1959) is a Sierra Leonean Agricultural economist, politician, and the former United Nations Under-Secretary-General and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All. He was also the chief executive officer of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative. Yumkella is a former Chairman of UN-Energy and a two-term former Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Born in Kambia District of Northern Sierra Leone, Yumkella has a B.Sc. from Njala University; a M.Sc. from the Cornell University; and a Ph.D. in Agricultural economics from the University of Illinois.

In December 2005, Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella was appointed Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), having previously worked in various high-level policy positions in UNIDO. He was re-appointed for a second four-year term in office in December 2009.

Prior to working for UNIDO, Yumkella was the Minister for Trade and Industry of Sierra Leone from 1994-

1995. From 1987-1996, he held various academic positions at Michigan State University and the University of Illinois in the United States. In recognition of his leadership and his passion for energy and environment-related causes, Yumkella was appointed as Chair of UN-Energy in 2008 by the UN Secretary-General.

Yumkella is a prominent public speaker, who addresses global issues, including poverty reduction, climate change,[3] the Millennium Development Goals,[4] and[5] green industry and renewable energy.[6] Dr. Yumkella's opinion pieces have appeared in major international newspapers, including The New York Times, the International Herald Tribune,[7] and The Guardian. He has also appeared on several international broadcast networks, including CNN's Amanpour programme, BBC, Sky News, Aljazeera and CNBC.

Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella was born on July 5, 1959 in the rural village of Kychom, Samu Chiefdom, Kambia District in the Northern Province of Sierra Leone. His father, the late paramount chief Alhaji Bai Shebora Yumkella II, was an ethnic Susu and a founding member of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP). His mother Haja Binta Yumkella is an ethnic Fula from Tambakha Chiefdom, Bombali District in Northern Province, Sierra Leone. Kandeh Yumkella's mother Haja Binta Yumkella is the daughter of paramount chief Kandeh Kolleh, the first paramount chief of Tambakha Chiefdom in Bombali District. Kandeh Yumkella was born to very religious Muslim parents in Kambia District, and a devout Muslim himself. Yumkella attended the Christ The King College (CKC) secondary school in Bo.

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In September 2011, Yumkella was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as Co-Chair of the High-level Group on Sustainable Energy for All. This followed a decision by the UN General Assembly to designate 2012 as the International Year for Sustainable Energy for All. As Co-Chair of this High-level Group, Yumkella helps to guide the initiative aimed at highlighting the need for universal access to energy, as well as increased energy efficiency and enhanced deployment of renewable sources of energy.

Yumkella was a Member of the Rio+20 Principals Group, which played a crucial role in the preparations for the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. Since 2008, he has also been an active member of the UN Development Group, which helps to set and coordinate the global development priorities of the United Nations. Under his leadership as Director-General, UNIDO has maintained a role as the largest provider of trade-related technical assistance to developing countries in the UN system.

In September 2012, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Yumkella as Special Representative for the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative.



Dr. Adesola Kazeem Adeduntan

Chief Executive Officer of FirstBank Group

Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed (born 16 June 1960) is a Nigerian accountant who has been serving as Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning since 2019. An accountant by profession with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from ABU Zaria and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA). She had her secondary school education at Queen Amina College, Dr. Adesola Adeduntan is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in commercial and investment banking,

development finance, audit, and consulting; a philanthropist and leader with keen interest in providing platforms for the development of other young leaders.

He is the Chief Executive Officer of FirstBank Group, the commercial banking arm of FBN Holdings Plc in Nigeria and subsidiaries comprising FBNBank UK, FBNBank DRC, FBNBank Ghana, FBNBank Senegal, FBNBank Guinea, FBNBank Gambia, FBNBank Sierra Leone and First Pension Custodian as well as Representative Offices in France and China. He is overseeing one of the most extensive transformation programmes in sub-Saharan African financial services industry, with the goal to reposition FirstBank Group to market pre-eminence. He is leading FirstBank on the journey to win the most significant emerging business opportunities in the financial services industry through the development and execution of a digital-led strategy that has established FirstBank as the clear leader in digital banking propositions. The FirstBank Group's transformation programme, under the leadership of Adesola, has enabled FirstBank to: grow customer accounts from about 10 million in 2015 to over 30 million, become the second largest issuer of cards in Africa with over 11.3 million issued cards, onboard about 12 million active customers on FirstBank's USSD platform and over 4.4 million users on FirstBank's Mobile Banking App, and initiate and grow the most expansive bank-led Agent Banking Network in Africa with over 115,000 agents.

Adesola is currently on the Boards of the Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), FBN Holdings Plc, FBN Bank UK Ltd, Shared Agent Network Expansion Facilities Ltd (SANEF), and Nigeria Interbank Settlement System (NIBSS). He is a past Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer of FirstBank. Prior to FirstBank, he was a Director and pioneer CFO/Business Manager of Africa Finance Corporation (AFC). At AFC, he led the team that designed and executed the Corporation's "International Credit Rating Strategy", which culminated in the Corporation being assigned an A3 international credit rating by Moody's, making it the second highest rated lending entity in Africa. Adesola also served as a Senior Vice-President & CFO at Citibank Nigeria Limited, a Senior Manager in the Financial Services Group of KPMG Professional Services and a Manager at Arthur Andersen.

His career in banking and finance spans almost three decades and has earned him various recognitions and awards including Forbes Best of Africa – Outstanding Leader in Africa; Distinguished Alumnus Award by both the School of Management, Cranfield University, UK and the University of Ibadan; African Banking Personality of the Year; African Banker of the Year Award and induction into the African Leadership Magazine (ALM) Hall of Fame; Honorary Citizenship of the State of Georgia and Congressional Commendation Award from the Georgia Senate – USA; Bank CEO of the Year by the AES Excellence Club and several other awards.

He holds an MBA from Cranfield University Business School, United Kingdom which he attended as a Chevening Scholar and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) awarded by University of Ibadan. He has attended various executive and leadership programmes at Harvard Business School (USA), Wharton School (USA), London Business School (UK), IESE (Spain), University of Oxford (UK), University of Cambridge (UK), CEIBS (China) and INSEAD (France). He is a fellow of both the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN).

A philanthropist per excellence, Adesola is a member of the Bretton Woods Committee - the nonpartisan network of prominent global citizens that works to demonstrate the value of international economic cooperation and foster strong, effective Bretton Woods institutions as forces for global well-being. He is also a member of Sigma Educational Foundation - focused on enhancing the quality of tertiary education system in Nigeria, a member of the Steering Committee of the Private Sector Coalition Against COVID-19 (CACOVID) in Nigeria, a member of the Governing Council of CIBN, the Chairman of CIBN's Committee on Establishment of The Banking Museum, the Vice Chairman of CIBN's Body of Banks' Chief Executive Officers, a member of the Board of Lagos State Security Trust Fund and holds the traditional title of Apesinola of Ibadanland.

Adesola is happily married with children and loves music, especially African folk music. Kaduna, and later proceeded to have her A'Level in Zaria She got her first degree in Accounting from Ahmadu Bello University in 1981, after-which she proceeded to Olabisi Onabanjo University for her MBA.



Mr. Mele Kyari

Group Managing Director, Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation

Mele Kolo Kyari (born 8 January, 1965) is a Nigerian geologist, crude oil marketer and the 19th Group Managing Director (GMD) of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). Before this appointment, Kyari was the Group General Manager, Crude Oil Marketing Division of the NNPC and the Nigerian National Representative at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) since 2018.

Kyari was born on 8 January 1965 in Maiduguri, Borno State. He attended Government Community Secondary School Biu in Borno State between 1977 and 1982. In 1987, he obtained his bachelor of science (BSc) in geology and earth science from the University of Maiduguri.

After the retirement of Maikanti Baru from the corporation on 7 July 2019, Kyari was appointed by the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari as the 19th GMD of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation. In 1991, he joined NNPC Processing Geophysicist with Integrated Data Services Limited. In 1991, he started his career with the Department of Geological Survey of Nigeria as Field Geologist. He worked as an Exploration Geophysicist with the National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS) in 1998. In 2007, Kyari headed the Production Sharing Contracts Management in Crude Oil Marketing Division (COMD). In 2014, he became the General Manager, Crude Oil Stock Management while in 2015 he was promoted to the post of Group General Manager, COMD. He's the focal person for the Open Government Initiative, the initiative helps the government to track the buyer and seller of crude oil. On 13 May 2018, he became the Nigerian National Representative at OPEC.



Alhai Aliko Dangote

Chairman, Dangote Group

Aliko Dangote GCON (born 10 April 1957) is a Nigerian business magnate & a monopolist. He is the chairman and CEO of Dangote Group, an industrial conglomerate and the wealthiest person in Africa, with an estimated net worth of US\$12.4 billion as of September 2021.

Aliko Dangote, an ethnic Hausa Muslim from Kano, Kano State, was born on 10 April 1957 into a wealthy Muslim family,] the son of Mohammed Dangote and Mariya Sanusi Dantata, the

daughter of Sanusi Dantata. He is the great-grandson of Alhassan Dantata, the richest West African at the time of his death in 1955.

Dangote was educated at the Sheikh Ali Kumasi Madrasa, followed by Capital High School, Kano. In 1978, he graduated from the Government College, Birnin Kudu. He received a bachelor's degree in business studies and administration from Al-Azhar University, Cairo.[9][6]

The Dangote Group was established as a small trading firm in 1977, the same year Dangote relocated to Lagos to expand the company. Today, it is a multi trillion-naira conglomerate with many of its operations in Benin, Ghana, Nigeria, Zambia and Togo. Dangote has expanded to cover food processing, cement manufacturing, and freight. The Dangote Group also dominates the sugar market in Nigeria and is a major supplier to the country's soft drink companies, breweries, and confectioners. The Dangote Group has moved from being a trading company to be the largest industrial group in Nigeria including Dangote Sugar Refinery, Dangote Cement, and Dangote Flour.

In July 2012, Dangote approached the Nigerian Ports Authority to lease an abandoned piece of land at the Apapa Port, which was approved. He later built facilities for his flour company there. In the 1990s, he approached the Central Bank of Nigeria with the idea that it would be cheaper for the bank to allow his transport company to manage their fleet of staff buses, a proposal that was also approved.

Dangote has diversified into telecommunications and has started building 14,000 kilometres of fibre optic cables to supply the whole of Nigeria. As a result, Dangote was honoured in January 2009 as the leading provider of employment in the Nigerian construction industry.

Dangote reportedly added \$9.2 billion to his personal wealth in 2013, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, making him the thirtieth-richest person in the world at the time, and the richest person in Africa. In 2014, the Nigerian government said Dangote had donated 150 million naira (US\$750,000) to halt the spread of Ebola. In March 2020, he donated 200 million naira (US\$500,000) towards the fight against the spread of COVID-19 in Nigeria.

Dangote was awarded Nigeria's second-highest honour, the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) by the former president, Goodluck Jonathan. Dangote was named as the Forbes Africa Person of the Year 2014. For six consecutive years, 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Forbes listed him as the "Most Powerful Man in Africa". In 2014, he was listed CNBC's "Top 25 Businessmen in the World" who changed and shaped the century. In April 2014, Time magazine listed him among its 100 most influential people in the world. In October 2015, Dangote was listed among "50 Most Influential Individuals in the World" by Bloomberg Markets. He won "The Guardian Man of the Year 2015". He won the "2016 African Business Leader Award", organized by the Africa-America Institute (AAI). Dangote was cited as one of the top 100 most influential Africans by New African magazine in 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Dangote sits on the board of the Corporate Council on Africa, and is a member of the steering committee of the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative, the Clinton Global Initiative and the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum. He was named co-chair of the US-Africa Business Center, in September 2016, by the US Chamber of Commerce.[46][47][48][49] In April 2017, he joined the board of directors of the Clinton Health Access Initiative.[50] He is also on the board of One Campaign.



Patrick Pouyanne

Chairman And Chief Executive Officer, Total Energies

Patrick Jean Pouyanné (born 24 June 1963) is a French engineer who has been serving as chairman and CEO of Total since 2014. Pouyanné was born in Petit-Quevilly in the region of Seine-Maritime in France. He spent some of his youth in Bayonne, where his father was the director of regional customs. At 20, he entered the École Polytechnique where he graduated with an engineering degree, holding the 11th spot in the degree ranking. He then became an engineer of the Corps des mines.

Pouyanné started his career in 1989 at the Ministry of Industry. In 1993, he became the technical advisor of Édouard Balladur, the French first minister at the time. In 1995, he became technical advisor for environment and industry, and chief of staff of François Fillon right after at the Information Technology and Space Minister from 1995 to 1996.

In January 1997, Pouyanné joined the petroleum company Elf as general secretary for the Angolan subsidiary. Two years later, he was named at the management of the Qatari's exploration-production department. In 2000 Total absorbed Elf and Pouyanné kept his position in this new French conglomerate that joined the ten most important petroleum groups in the world. In 2002 he became Total's senior vice president of the exploration production department in charge of the finance, economics and information systems and then in charge of strategy business development and R&D in 2006.

In May 2006 Pouyanné joined Total's management committee, and was named deputy general manager of the refining and chemistry department in 2011. He joined Total's executive committee and was named president of the refining chemicals department in 2012. In October 2014, following the death of Christophe de Margerie, CEO of the group, it was decided to separate the functions of "president of the board of directors" and "executive director". Pouyanné was appointed CEO and president of the executive committee, while Thierry Desmarest, then honorary president, was recalled for the position of temporary president.

In May 2015, Pouyanné was elected as a member of the board of directors of Total. In December he was appointed chairman and CEO of Total, combining both roles.

Pouyanné was decorated as Knight of the Legion of Honour in September 2015.



Mr. Tony Elumelu

Chairman, United Bank of Africa

Tony Onyemaechi Elumelu (born 22 March 1963) is a Nigerian economist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. He is the chairman of Heirs Holdings, the United Bank for Africa, Transcorp and founder of The Tony Elumelu Foundation. Elumelu holds the Nigerian national honours, Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR) and Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON).

He is best known in Africa for his entrepreneurial support through his \$100 million commitment of personal funds to the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Programme. Elumelu was named one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2020.

Elumelu was born in Jos, Plateau, Nigeria, on 22 March 1963, to Suzanne and Dominic Elumelu from Onicha-Ukwu in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State. He studied Economics at the Bendel State University (now Ambrose Alli University) obtaining a BSc and a Master of Science degree in Economics from the University of Lagos.

Elumelu worked in the Nigerian Bank Union Bank as a Youth Corp member of the National Youth Service Corps in 1985 before starting his career as a salesman. Elumelu subsequently joined Allstates Trust Bank in 2005 and United Bank for Africa (UBA) was acquired afterwards.

In 1997, Elumelu led a small group of investors to take over a struggling Crystal Bank (later renamed Standard Trust Bank). He turned it profitable within a few years and in 2005 he led one of the largest mergers in the banking sector in Sub-Saharan Africa by acquiring United Bank for Africa (UBA). Following the merger of Standard Trust Bank and United Bank for Africa in 2005, Elumelu led the company as Group Managing Director from a single-country banking group to a pan-African bank with subsidiaries in 20 African countries, France, the U.S and the U.K, eventually stepping down in 2010. Elumelu currently chairs the board of the United Bank for Africa

Elumelu runs his family-owned investment holding company – Heirs Holdings and his philanthropic works through the Tony Elumelu Foundation. In 2010, he founded Heirs Holdings, his family-owned investment holding company. Elumelu also established in the same year the Tony Elumelu Foundation, an Africa-based foundation championing entrepreneurship in Africa.[20] Heirs Holdings maintains a portfolio of investments across several sectors including Diversified investments, Banking, Financial Services, Real Estate Energy, Oil and Gas, Healthcare, Hospitality, Insurance. Through Heirs Holdings, Elumelu holds a controlling interest in Transnational Corporation, a diversified conglomerate with business interests in Power, Hospitality and Energy. In January 2021, Heirs Holdings through its affiliates – Heirs Oil & Gas and Transnational Corporation announced its acquisition of a 45% operating stake in a permit known as Oil Mining Lease 17 from Shell, Total and ENI in a deal worth more than \$1 billion.

Following his retirement from United Bank for Africa in 2010, Elumelu founded The Tony Elumelu Foundation. The Tony Elumelu Foundation promotes entrepreneurship in Africa. The Foundation's belief that the private sector's role is critical for Africa's development is hinged on the economic philosophy of Africapitalism, which was introduced by Elumelu; "that the African private sector has the power to transform the continent through long-term investments, creating both economic prosperity and social wealth.

In 2015, Elumelu committed \$100 million to create 10,000 entrepreneurs across Africa over the next 10 years through the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Programme - a Pan-African entrepreneurship initiative designed to empower African entrepreneurs through a multi-year programme of training, funding, and mentoring. Elumelu has received recognition and praise for his contributions to business and entrepreneurship. In 2003, the Federal Government of Nigeria granted Elumelu the title of Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR), a national honour. In 2012, he was awarded the National Honour of Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) for his service in promoting private enterprise. He was awarded the 'Daily Times, Nigerian man of the year in 2016. The Business Council for International Understanding Global Entrepreneurship award in 2017. In 2018 and 2019 he was awarded the All-Africa Business Leaders' Awards (AABLA) Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Bayero University Kano (BUK) - Honorary Doctor of Business degree in 2019

He was honored with the National Productivity Order of Merit Award in 2019.



Prof. Benedict Oramah

President, African Export Import Bank

Prof. Benedict O. Oramah is the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the African Export – Import Bank (“Afreximbank” or the “Bank”). As the President of Afreximbank, Prof Oramah has significantly grown the Bank and increased its global appeal. The Bank is playing a leading role in the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

Prof Oramah has led the creation of digital platforms that are expected to boost intra-regional trade and revolutionize cross border payments in Africa. Under his leadership, Afreximbank is supporting the harmonization of standards and the development of quality infrastructure across Africa. It has also started implementing the Collaborative Transit Guarantee Scheme for Africa to make it easier and more efficient to move goods across the Continent. Prof. Oramah is currently actively supporting the continental response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through direct financing to African public and private sector, the Bank is helping to mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic. As the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the African Union COVID-19 Response Fund, President Oramah is helping to coordinate grant mobilization and efficient utilization across Africa as well as coordinating the efficient procurement and distribution of medical materials among African countries. He is also leading other continental and private sector initiatives to scale up Africa’s health and economic response to the pandemic.

Prof. Oramah was recently decorated by H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russia Federation, with the Russian State award of the Order of Friendship and by the Cameroonian Government with the “Knight of the National Order”. He was also voted African Banker of the year by the African Banker Magazine in 2017. And in December 2019, he received an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.



HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR BENEDICT BENGIOUSHUYE AYADE, who is in his second term as Governor of Cross River State, is a Professor of Environmental Microbiology. He is also a lawyer and a holder of Masters in Business Administration (MBA). He won the Best Doctoral Dissertation in University of Ibadan (1990–1994) in Environmental Microbiology.

From his work in groundwater remediation in Nigeria, Ayade invented a sewage treatment plant powered by solar energy.

Ayade ventured into politics when he ran and won a seat in the Nigerian Senate in the 2011 elections. During his term in the Senate, Ayade held the position of vice-chairman, Senate Committee on Environment and Ecology. He was also a member of other committees such as Petroleum Downstream, Education, Drugs/Narcotics/Crime etc. He distinguished himself when he emerged as the senator with the highest number of sponsored bills. Since becoming governor in 2015, His Excellency has established several industries and built key infrastructure all in a bid to industrialize the state and make it financially independent.

AYADE: A profile of service

SOME OF THESE PROJECTS ARE:

1. The ultra-modern rice mill in Ogoja.
 2. Cocoa processing plant in Ikom.
 3. Cross River Toothpick Factory is sited in Ekor, Yakurr.
 4. Vegetable oil processing factory, Bekwara.
 5. The Cassava processing plant in Obubra
 6. Cross River Garment Factory which presently has on its employ, over 3,000 people, mostly women and widows.
 7. There is also the 24 thousand birds per day chicken processing plant called Calachika.
 8. Cross River Noodles Factory, makers of Kisimi
 9. There's Africa's first ever automated rice seeds and seedling factory which is currently producing at a maximum capacity.
 10. Calabar Pharmaceutical Factory, Calapharm.
 11. Ayade has also completed a state-of-the-art Teachers Continuous Training College in Biase. This institution is ready for commissioning.
 12. There's the equally one of its kind British-Canadian university of Law and Medicine in Obuduz
 13. Cally Air, Cross River's wholly owned Airline has been floated by Governor Ayade with two Boeing 737 series 300 aircrafts in the first instance.
 14. Without resorting to media show, Ayade is quietly undertaking the construction of the longest kilometre of road ever done by any state government, the 147km Obudu-Mfom- Okuku- Yala- Bekwara highway linking the five local government areas in Northern Cross River. Over 100km of that road is already asphalted and put into use.
 15. Another road which is nearing completion is the 29km Boki East-West road.
 16. There is the ongoing dualisation of the Calabar-Odukpani Junction dual carriage road with an interchange bridge at Odukpani junction.
 17. The Ayade administration's promise of raising medium level manpower for the state has now berthed on the shores of reality with the establishment of the West African Fabrication and Construction Academy, Calabar. Young, enthusiastic Cross Riverians are currently receiving training there on various areas of craftsmanship.
 18. On governor Ayade's two legacy projects- the Bakassi Deep Seaport and the SuperHigway-, government is committed to their completion. In fact, the Bakassi Deep seaport is rapidly inching towards realisation faster than similar port projects in some states.
- The Bakassi Deep Seaport project has since secured critical approvals from the federal government via the issuance of the Final Business Case (FBC) certificate, with the actual construction work now going to commence.
19. The Ayade-led administration built, completed and allocated an ultra-modern housing estate to the displaced people of Bakassi 18 years after being displaced following the ceding of the Bakassi Peninsular to Cameroon.
 20. Realising that access has been the biggest challenge to the Obudu Ranch Resort, Ayade is building a passenger and cargo international airport in Obudu with a 5.7km runway.
 21. In Akamkpa Local Government, there is the pile and pylon factory in Awi. It has commenced the production of electric poles.
 22. There is also the feed mill in Calabar. The project has since been completed.
 23. To ensure the adequate supply of stocks to Calachika, Ayade has built the most modern poultry in Nigeria. It is about two kilometers in size.
 24. Along Parliamentary Extension in Calabar, Ayade has built a 23 megawatts power plant which currently supplies power to the street lights in the city.
 25. Another 26 megawatts gas-powered power plant located in Adiabo is nearing completion.

SENATOR DOUYE DIRI

A SOLID TRACK RECORD AND UNBLEMISHED EXPERIENCE

H. E Senator Douye Diri is the governor of Bayelsa State, with a solid track record of unblemished experience in both the public and private sector. It is rare to find a man with such a tall resume of experience and quality for the position of governor. He has distinguished himself in every assignment that has been entrusted to him. He was elected the First National Organizing Secretary of the foremost pan- Ijaw organization, the Ijaw National Congress (INC) in 1992, a clear testament to his passionate love for his people and desire to fight for the unfreedom.



“There is a tide in the affairs of man...” This is a quote which suggests that, there is an occasion in each man's life when he must commit himself to a course of action

He was also appointed Executive Secretary, Centre for Youth Development in Bayelsa State between 2000 and 2002 during the tenure of the First Executive Governor of Bayelsa state, Chief D.S.P. Alamiyeseigha. He served the state as Commissioner for Youth and Sports during Dr. Goodluck Jonathan's administration as Governor, between 2006 and 2007 and was key to the state concurrently clinching the male and female Nigerian premier league titles, a feat both remarkable and unprecedented in the annals of Nigeria football. He became governing Council Board member, University of Maiduguri, from 2008-2012. In his service to the party, the Senator was appointed Chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) Disciplinary Council, Bayelsa State in 2012.

Senator Diri was in August 2012, appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, Government House and a year later was appointed Principal Executive Secretary to the Governor, a position he held until 2014 when he contested and won election into the Federal House of Representatives to represent Yenagoa/Kolokuma/ Opokuma Federal Constituency. He was in fact again elevated and elected as the Senator representing Bayelsa Central Senatorial District in the National Assembly.

Douye Diri is an independent-minded leader with a calm temperament, charismatic speaking skills and a flair for consensus-building. He also possesses a deeply dynamic and introspective mind, capable of seeing all sides of an issue, without compromising the fundamentals.

His values are strongly shaped by his years of teaching and mentoring of the underdog in rural communities, love of sports and by his Christian faith. Whether addressing large crowds or speaking to individuals, he relates easily with others and ensures that everyone feels a part of the family. He is thus, both respected and admired for being courageous to speak and hear hard truths when necessary.

In his own words, “There is a tide in the affairs of man...” This is a quote which suggests that, there is an occasion in each man's life when he must commit himself to a course of action. From humble beginnings, I have come a long way by God's grace, unstinting industry and commitment to every course I have ever embarked on.”

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Corporate Information

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is the state oil corporation which was established on April 1, 1977. In addition to its exploration activities, the Corporation was given powers and operational interests in refining, petrochemicals and products transportation as well as marketing. Between 1978 and 1989, NNPC constructed refineries in Warri, Kaduna and Port Harcourt and took over the 35,000-barrel Shell Refinery established in Port Harcourt in 1965.

In 1988, the NNPC was commercialised into Strategic Business Units, covering the entire spectrum of oil industry operations: exploration and production, gas development, refining, distribution, petrochemicals, engineering, and commercial investments, namely:

- Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC)
- Nigerian Gas Company (NGC)
- Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC)
- Integrated Data Services Limited (IDSL)
- National Engineering and Technical Company Limited (NETCO)
- Hydrocarbon Services Nigeria Limited (HYSON)
- Warri Refining and Petrochemical Company Limited (WRPC)
- Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company Limited (KRPC)
- Port Harcourt Refining Company Limited (PHRC)
- NNPC Retail Limited
- Duke Oil

In 2016, following the repositioning efforts of the Corporation to become a global energy company, the PPMC and NGC were restructured to give birth to new commercial entities as follows:

- Nigerian Gas and Marketing Company (NGMC)
- Nigerian Gas Processing and Transmission Company (NGPTC)
- Gas and Power Investment Company (GPIC)
- Nigerian Products and Marketing Company (NPMC)
- Nigerian Pipelines and Storage Company (NPSC)



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