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## National Anthem



- 1. Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey  
To serve our fatherland  
With love and strength and faith  
The labour of our heroes past  
Shall never be in vain  
To serve with heart and might  
One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.**
- 2. Oh God of creation, direct our noble cause  
Guide our leader's right  
Help our youth the truth to know  
In love and honesty to grow  
And living just and true  
Great lofty heights attain  
To build a nation where peace and justice shall**



**PROFESSOR OLUWATOYIN T. OGUNDIYE, FAS**  
VICE CHANCELLOR  
UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS



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DIRECTOR, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS



## Profile of the Vice Chancellor



Oluwatoyin Temitayo Ogundipe is a Professor of Botany in the Department of Botany, Faculty of Science, University of Lagos. He holds a Ph.D. Botany (Ife) and MBA (Unilag). Professor Ogundipe has attended training at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, University of Reading, U.K., University of Cambridge, U.K.; Harvard University, U.S.A. and Kunming Institute of Botany, China. His area of research includes, but not limited to Molecular Plant Taxonomy/Biosystematics, Forensic Botany, Cytogenetics, Ethnobotany, Paleobotany and Ecological conservation.

He has over ninety (90) publications in accredited academic journals and has co-authored eight (8) books. His research output so far has been chiefly in the areas of Molecular Plant Systematics, updating the taxonomy of some plant genera and using the anatomical features in the identification of sterile and fragmentary plant specimens. His publications show that he has been engaged in the recording of the general anatomy of plant species and assembling anatomical features, which may be used along with other features for enhancing taxonomic knowledge of the plant and establishing an identification system for some of these plant species.

He has also been involved in exploration and testing of herbal drugs for their medicinal and antimicrobial properties. Also, some of his publications have shown the use of pollen and spores as sources of honeybees, in control of allergies and in determination of climate change and changes in land cover over the years.

Furthermore, he has been able to show the genetic diversity and relationships between different plant taxa, as well as assess phylogenetic relationship among plant populations using molecular techniques. He is currently involved in the Molecular Study of Arid Plants, Orchids in Nigeria, Acha plants, allergic studies etc. His Publications have been very relevant in botanical research with 370 citations from 2009 till date. He is a two-time recipient of the Faculty of Science researcher award and many other local and international awards. He has effectively supervised 18 Ph.D. and 45 M.Sc students.

As a result of his passion for his profession, Professor Ogundipe successfully transformed three empty rooms into fully equipped laboratories. He has attracted research grant from different agencies worth over N187m, \$3m and £28,000. Two of his research work in collaboration with other scholars are currently undergoing the process of patenting.



## Profile of the Vice Chancellor (Contd.)

Professor Ogundipe understands the need for multi-disciplinary collaboration, thus, he has been working with other scholars from different disciplines within the University and other institutions locally and internationally. He is a Fellow of the Nigeria Academy of Science; Fellow, Royal Society of Biology, London; Fellow, Leadership for Environment & Development; Fellow, Linnaean Society of London; Fellow, Institute of Security; Fellow Institute of Corporate & Business Affairs Management, Nigeria; and National President, Botanical Society of Nigeria.

Professor Ogundipe has held different administrative positions since joining the University of Lagos in 1990. He was on time Head, Department of Botany where he introduced sweeping reforms at the Department. As Sub-Dean, Faculty of Science he began the computerization of students' results and also attracted collaboration from multinational corporations. He later became the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies where he attracted a lot of town-gown relationships and led the computerization of the entire process in the School. He was also the Director Academic Planning Unit and in 2016 was appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics & Research). Professor Ogundipe is currently the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Since taking over on November 12, 2017, there has been a renaissance in demand driven research in the University, and town-gown relationship is being renewed. Particularly, he has paid so much attention to Entrepreneurship that he is leading University of Lagos presently to turn all disciplines to Entrepreneurship oriented courses. He is passionate that graduates of University of Lagos will be job creators before finishing their degrees rather than joining the queue for jobs that actually do not exist. He is pushing this new frontier, working assiduously to promote entrepreneurship amongst students and set aside seed-funds for Campus Start-ups that are launching innovative product or service to solve the societal social problems. He has announced the readiness of University of Lagos to ensure that all students in all Faculties now mandatorily complete Entrepreneurship training alongside their degrees before graduating. More novel is the readiness of the University to support successful students from this Entrepreneurship program to start-up and settle down into their chosen enterprises with both financial and technical supports. This is the first Vice-Chancellor of Nigerian Universities taking this bold step and innovative initiative. His effort recently won the University of Lagos a Centre of excellence of the Africa Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) for Unemployment and Skills Development which has now become an Entrepreneurship Research and Innovation Hub for creating solutions that will address unemployment and poverty in Africa.

Professor Ogundipe is happily married with three sons.



## Profile of the Deputy Vice Chancellor



Professor Folasade Tolulope Ogunsola is the DVC Development Services at the University of Lagos whose office oversees the Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Quality assurance and Internationalization Portfolios of the University. She is a Fellow of the academy of Sciences and holds an MB.CHB from the University of Ife, Masters Degree with distinction in Medical Microbiology from the University of Lagos, a Diploma in Biomedical Technique and PhD in Medical Microbiology from the University of Wales, College of Medicine, Cardiff. She is a fellow of both the National Postgraduate Medical College in Pathology and West African College of Physicians. She is the immediate past Provost of the College of Medicine, University of Lagos and the immediate past Chairman of the Association of Provosts of Colleges of

Medicine Nigeria. (APCOM).

Professor Ogunsola has served the University of Lagos in different capacities on many committees. She is a member of Senate and a member of the University of Lagos Council. She is a former treasurer of LUTH chapter of MDCAN and Lagos University Medical Society. She was the Head of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology 2009-2012, Director of the Medilag Consult (2009 to 2012) She was also a member of the Medical Education Unit of the College of Medicine till 2012; Since 2004 Professor Ogunsola has been involved in HIV prevention and is the Director, PEPFAR supported HIV Reference Laboratory since 2004 that has processed over 15000 samples, She has been involved in many local and international grants over and presently the Principal Investigator (PI) of an NIH funded grant for research capacity building in Junior Faculty called Building Research And Innovation in Nigeria's Sciences (BRAINS) as well as a PI of the NIH-funded U54 Epigenetics of HIV related Liver and Cervical cancers.

Outside the University of Lagos, Professor Ogunsola has served in various capacities nationally and internationally. She was the Faculty Secretary (2002- 2007) of the Faculty of Pathology, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and served on the Management Boards of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), National Hospital Igbobi Lagos and the National Psychiatrist Hospital Yaba. She is currently a member of Nigeria's Expert Review Committee (ERC) on Polio Eradication and Routine Immunization. She is the National Nominee to WHO International Health Regulations (2005) Roster of experts on Infection Control 2017-2020, a member of the WHO Technical Working Group on Infection Prevention and Control, Member of the Global Infection Prevention and Control Network. She was the Scientific Chairman of the AstraZeneca Research Trust till 2016. She is currently the Chairperson of The Infection Control



## Profile of the Vice Deputy Chancellor (Contd.)

African Network. More recently She, with her team of experts, developed an Infection prevention and control curriculum for the training of IPC Practitioners in Nigeria.

She is on the Board of Trustees of K'arale, and the Foundation for Development Initiatives both of which are Non-Governmental organisations involved in providing health to poor communities and development respectively; She is on the board of Vivian Fowler Memorial College for Girls and was a member of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria where she served on the Council's Medical Tribunal and Medical Education Committee.

Professor Ogunsola is a member of many associations including, Association of Pathologists of Nigeria, Nigeria Medical Association, Medical Women's Association of Nigeria, Medical and Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria, Nigerian Infection Control Association, European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, American Society for Microbiology, and Infection Control African Network. She is a recipient of many awards, scholarships, and research grants including: Federation of European Microbiological Societies Overseas Research Awards, Keystone Symposia Global Health Travel Award, Distinguished Alumni of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ife. Recently was conferred the Medical Woman of the year 2017 by the Medical Women's association of Nigeria, Lagos branch.

Professor Ogunsola has supervised over 50 students at the Masters level, supervised and co-supervised 8 PhD students, supervised and co-supervised 15 resident doctors both in Medical microbiology and other specialties. She has participated in and presented over 80 papers at national and international conferences and workshops, She has over 100 publications in learned journals and books on Antibiotic Resistance, Infection Control and HIV. Her areas of interest include the Prevention and Control of infectious disease and antibiotic resistance.

Professor Ogunsola is very passionate about Entrepreneurship and has caught the vision of the 12th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lagos on Entrepreneurship and Innovation for the development of youth and staff of the University as well as the Nigerian society, and her office has been driving this with all energy. She has made it a point of duty to facilitate opportunities for Student Entrepreneurs and organized solid Team of Mentors to help them achieve their business and innovation dreams. She has recently been seen and referred to as Entrepreneurship Mama by the teeming populace of UNILAG students who have passed through one mentorship program or the other at the Entrepreneurship Centre of the University. This new appellation has become a strong push that energizes her to continue the good work of ensuring that all UNILAG students and Nigerian Youths realize their potentials by believing in themselves and doing things with their own hands.

Professor Ogunsola is happily married to her darling and very supportive husband and they are blessed with Children and Grandchildren.



## Profile of the Director, ESDC



Dr. Sunday Abayomi ADEBISI is a First-Class Honors graduate, with a Ph.D. Degree in Business Administration. An Associate Professor of Business Administration with research interest in Sustainable Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship Innovation, Competitive and Comparative Strategy as well as International Entrepreneurship. He is presently the Acting Director, Entrepreneurship and Skills Development Centre, University of Lagos, Nigeria. He also won the hosting right of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) Centre of Excellence for Unemployment and Skills Development to make University of Lagos become the Leader and Hub in Africa for research in Sustainable Entrepreneurship and he is also the Director of this Centre of Excellence. He was also the Lead Researcher

(Rocket Data Star) of the Regional Entrepreneurship Accelerated Program (REAP); an Entrepreneurship programme that University of Lagos conducted in partnership with the MIT, United States of America.

In alignment with the goal of the 12th Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Adebisi has turned around the story of Entrepreneurship education in University of Lagos by bringing this very important knowledge out of the oblivion. He has led the students to achieving many milestones among which are; leading 58 Teams comprising 320 Students and 75 Lecturers of University of Lagos to innovate and design 58 new products and services prototypes in the Lufthansa sponsored Design Thinking project in 2017 and 2018 of which some of them are already being developed into a full blown business. In April 2018, he led 20 Teams of 4 Students each across the entire University to participate, (for the first time in 40 years) in the CocaCola sponsored Global Management Challenge (GMC) Business Simulation Competition. He led UNILAG students to win nationally and they proceeded to represent Nigeria for the first time ever, in the Dubai International Competition. He belongs to the African Think-Thank network of Coventry University, UK on leveraging entrepreneurship education to combat the challenges of Unemployment in Africa. He was a speaker in the Africa House event in Silicon Valley, San Francisco, in December 2019 when he joined the African giant Venture Capitals to lunch the business pipeline that will drive youth startups and enterprise creation in Africa that will allow African Youths to realize their potentials.

Dr. Adebisi has won several international awards and has published more than 50 journal articles in revered academic journals across the world. Among his awards are: the UKRI-GCRF ARUA Capacity Building Grant of £600,000 (British Pounds) to fund his project across African Continent titled- Partnership, Research and Capacity Building for Youth Unemployment Solutions in Africa (PRAC 4 YUSA); Project Manager and Research Advisor of the \$500,000



## Profile of the Director, ESDC (Contd.)

Commercial Pilot of M(E)thanol Clean Cookstoves Project of the Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCo) in Lagos, Nigeria, the first of its kind project in West Africa; Scholar of the Soochow University China; 2014 World Conference of the British Academy of Management (BAM) Best Full Paper in Performance Management Award Winner; and he is also the recipient of the Award of the EFMD 2016 Best African Case in Berlin, Germany. Dr Adebisi passion is to ensure that Africa replicates the Silicon Valley of America to engender sporadic innovation and entrepreneurship development for poverty eradication and economic self-sufficiency for Africa. He is poised to making African youths gainfully engaged and productive not by working for anyone or queuing for the unavailable jobs, but by creating many business Start-ups right from Campus and grow them to business empires. This passion of his has made him to drive aggressive collaborations with private sector and meaningful entrepreneurs to support the realization of this dream of his University and the ARUA CoE for Unemployment and Skills Development. There is no doubt that he is desired to join his Vice Chancellor to lead University of Lagos into becoming the Entrepreneurship and Innovation hub for Africa that will push a new frontier in the teaching, research and practice of Entrepreneurship for economic development of African nations. He is the Track Expert for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Development Goals in Africa. He is a member of many Professional and Academic bodies: Academy of International Business (AIB) USA; Strategic Management Society (SMS) USA; British Academy of Management (U.K.); The Academy of Management, Nigeria (TAMN); Nigerian Society for Financial Research (NSFR); Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM Chartered); and National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (NIMN).



## Profile of the MD/CEO, BOI



Mr. Pitan is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of Industry Ltd, a position he has held since May 2017. Mr. Pitan draws on significant work experience gained in both the corporate and banking sectors during the course of his 30-year career.

He began his career with Citibank Nigeria in 1986. Prior to joining BOI, Mr. Pitan was the MD/CEO of Caroline Properties Ltd and Director of Excel E&P Ltd. Previously, Mr. Pitan held the position of Executive Director of Unity Bank Plc in charge of Corporate Banking and Treasury Management after having served as the MD/CEO at First Interstate Bank Plc in August 2004, where he successfully led the bank through a merger with eight other lending institutions to form Unity Bank. He graduated with a BSc (Hons) Degree in Eco

nomics as a UAC scholar from the University of Ibadan in 1982 and obtained a Master's degree in International Management as a Rotary International Scholar from the American Graduate School of International Management, Thunderbird Campus at Glendale, Arizona. He is an alumnus of Lagos Business School and London Business School. He is also an alumnus of the Haggai Institute in Singapore. He is an ordained Senior Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Mr. Pitan also participated in many innovative transactions in the Nigerian Capital Market.

Mr. Pitan held several board and other senior positions, some of which are:

- o Chairman of the Technical Committee that led to the merger of Centerpoint Securities Ltd and FIIST Ventures Ltd to form Unity Registrars Ltd and served as Chairman of the Unity Registrars Ltd;
- o Chairman of the Technical Committee that merged Kapital insurance Plc, Intercontinental Assurance Company Ltd and Global Commerce and General Assurance Co Ltd into UnityKapital Insurance Co Plc and also served as Director of the new entity;
- o Chairman of the Technical Committee of the landmark transaction where nine banks were merged to form Unity Bank Plc and the listing of the bank on the Nigerian Stock Exchange;
- o Technical Chairman brokering the formation of FUG Pensions Ltd, pooling together the interests of Futureview Financial Services Ltd, Unity Bank Plc and Glanvill Enthoven & Co Ltd to form a viable and significant player in the Pensions management industry, subsequently holding the position of Chairman of FUG Pensions Ltd;
- o Mr Pitan has also served as member of several boards including: the alternative Director of Kakawa Discount House Ltd, Director of Newdevco Investments & Securities co. Ltd, Director of Banque International Du Benin;
- o Currently he is the Chairman of Habitation of Hope, an NGO set up by Pastor (Mrs) Folu Adebeye to salvage, transform and empower the abandoned, hopeless and homeless street boys and girls in living in Nigeria.

## Profile of the Grand Mentor

Dimy Doresca is currently the Director of Institute of International Business , John Papajohn Entrepreneurship Centre, Tippie College of Business, University of Iowa, USA. He is a Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP), an International Business Specialist and Consultant, and an International Trainer in Entrepreneurship. He is the Director of the Institute for International Business and a Lecturer in International Business and Entrepreneurship at The University of Iowa. He is also the Academic Director of the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program at the University of Iowa. In the last 20 years his professional experience includes international market research, doing business overseas, risk analysis, strategic planning, budgeting, financial management, business development and administration and negotiations, claim analysis, and international banking, international business and entrepreneurship training in many countries in the Middle East, Asia, Sub Sahara Africa and the Caribbean. Dimy holds a BA in International Business from Augustana College





Professor Adejoke Oyewunmi holds LL.B (1988) and Ph.D (2011) degrees of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; an inter-departmental LL.M degree of the University of Lagos (1991) and a specialised LL.M in Intellectual Property of the Franklin Pierce Law Centre, University of New Hampshire, Concord, US-A(2000). Her teaching and research interests are in Intellectual Property and ICT Law, Labour Law, Business Law, Insurance and Gender. Between 2008 and 2016, she served as pioneer adjunct lecturer/professor in the Masters in Intellectual Property Programme jointly established by the World Intellectual Property Organisation, African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation and Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe to develop intellectual property capacity for Africa.

She has been involved in Law Reform initiatives and was a member of the Reform Implementation Committee of the Nigerian Copyright Commission, Consultant to the Lagos State Law Reform Commission for the review of Contract Law and a member of the University of Lagos Intellectual Property Policy Committee. Additionally, Professor Oyewunmi has served as Resource Person in diverse capacity development programmes for a number of organisations including the African Intellectual Property Organisation (ARIPO), National Judicial Institute, the House of Representatives Committee on Labour and Productivity, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, as well as the legal departments of a number of financial services bodies including the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Company. She is widely published in reputable national and international journals and is the author of the textbook titled "Nigerian Law of Intellectual Property" (2015), Co-author of the Handbook on Nigerian Business Law (2017) and Contributing Editor, Textbook on Intellectual Property Law, Practice and Management: Perspectives from Africa (2018). She is a member of a number of bodies including the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP), the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers, the Nigerian Bar Association, Vice President (Western Zone), Nigerian Association of Adventist Lawyers and Legal Adviser, Lagos Atlantic Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. Her international awards include the Fellowship of the World Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland, the International Labour Organisation, Turin, Italy, as well as Visiting Scholar positions at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich, Germany and the University of New Hampshire, Concord, New Hampshire, USA.

## Profile of Ambassadors in UNILAG

GABRIEL NEDOMIEN OSAYANDE (BSC., MBA, FNAPE) -

Chairman, Belemaoil Producing Limited.

Executive in the oil and gas industry with over 38 years of diverse local and international experience in leading and managing teams in Royal Dutch Shell Group companies and Belemaoil Producing Ltd.

Solid track record of idea generation in diverse fields with patent applications and copyrights leading to development of identified opportunities from conceptualization to development.



### Education:

- B.Sc. Applied Physics, University of Benin. 1980.
- Management Certificate from Wharton Business School. Philadelphia, USA.
- International Petroleum Management Program Austin, Texas, USA.
- Business Entrepreneurship Certificate from Lagos Business School. Nigeria.
- Several Shell technical and managerial courses in Nigeria, The Netherlands, and the US.
- MBA Management from the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

### Current Roles:

- Chairman, Belemaoil Producing Limited, Operator of OilMining Lease 55, Nigeria.
- Member of the board of University of Lagos Entrepreneurship and Skills Development Centre.
- External Facilitator at the University of Lagos Executive MBA program.

### Previous roles:

- Managing Director/CEO, Belemaoil Producing Nig. Limited.
- General Manager Sustainable Development and Community Relations for Shell Nigeria (SPDC, SNEPCO, SNG), reporting to the Managing Director SPDC/Country Chair of Shell Nigeria.
- Manager Geosolutions for Shell Companies in Nigeria (SPDC and SNEPCO).
- Manager Subsurface Development Services, Shell Nigeria.
- Manager Joint Development, Unitisation and Crude Handling, Shell Nigeria.
- Head Technology Research and Development, Shell Nigeria.
- Member of the board of University of Ibadan School of Business.



Dr. Akintoye Akindele is an investor, entrepreneur, lecturer and philanthropist. Dr. Akindele is Chairman of Platform Capital; Chairman of Unicorn; Co-Chair of WhiteSpace X, and CEO & Chairman of Diatom Impact. He is also the Founder of Synergy Capital Managers and Advisers and was Managing Partner of Synergy Capital Managers up until November 30th 2019.

Dr. Akindele's family office, Platform Capital, is a growth markets focused, sector agnostic, principal investment firm. Platform Capital deploys patient, value accretive capital alongside international and local value investors to create champion businesses with the ability for regional scale. It has multiple investments in various sectors across the world.

Dr. Akindele is also a faculty member at the University of Lagos Business School, lecturing on finance and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Akindele completed his tertiary education in Nigeria, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering with honours from the Obafemi Awolowo University. He received a doctorate degree in Business Administration (Finance) from the International School of Management - Paris, France. Dr. Akindele is a CFA charter holder and a trustee of the CFA society of Nigeria. He is also an alumnus of the London and Said Business Schools, having attended various senior executive programmes in Management and Strategy, Advanced Corporate Finance and Private Equity amongst others.

Dr. Akindele is passionate about the development and growth of entrepreneurs in Africa. He is a frequent speaker at leading business schools, conferences and seminars on investing in Africa, private investment in Africa and the role of entrepreneurship in Africa's evolution. He supports and donates to various institutions that provide grants to entrepreneurs.



## Profile of Ambassadors in UNILAG

MICHAEL OYE -

Head, Small and Medium Enterprises Funds responsible for the administration of various specialized funds for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as well as development and management of various products and initiatives on SMEs at the Bank of Industry (BOI) Limited, a foremost development financing institution in Nigeria. In contributing to wealth creation and tackling unemployment, he coordinated the development of two youth-focused entrepreneurship programmes; Graduate Entrepreneurship Fund (GEF) and Youth Entrepreneurship Support Programme (YESp) that resulted in the training of over 10,000 young Nigerians on entrepreneurship and disbursement of N2.3 billion (about US\$7.5 Million) to 955 participants towards establishment of 995 sustainable businesses. Also, he designed and he is currently implementing a N100 million (about US\$325,000) entrepreneurship programme for the MTN Foundation which targets Alumni of MTN Scholarship programme. These programmes involve development of training curriculum and delivery of same in a coordinated approach.



Had previously worked as Head, Energy and Infrastructure, responsible for management and growth of businesses within the energy sector. Also worked in Solid Minerals Group and Strategic Planning Unit of the Bank respectively.

Banking career began in 2004 with Stanbic IBTC Bank plc, which is a merger of IBTC Chartered Bank and Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of Standard Bank Group. Prior to this, have worked as an Associate with Nigeria Development Foundation (NDF), a non-for-profit research and development establishment that specializes in development of novel business models that have potentials to stimulate rapid economic development.

Graduated from the University of Ibadan with B.sc degree. Also holds MSc degree in Energy Finance from same university and MBA degree from the Lagos Business School. Has attended various high profile trainings both locally and abroad including specialized training on SME development and entrepreneurship.





Dr. Anthony Oboh is currently the Executive Vice-Chairman of ANM Capital. A young start-up Private Equity fund management company. Prior to this, from 2004 - 2018 he was the Managing Director/CEO, of Unique Venture Capital (UVC) and doubled as the Fund Manager and Chief Investment Officer (CIO), for the West Africa Venture Fund (WAVF) between 2009 - 2018.

UVC, is an SME-focused private Venture Capital management and investment firm established and was owned by three major Nigerian banks, UBN PLC, Afribank PLC and SteUVC have 2004 and 2010 invested over N3.82b in 63 equity, quasi equity, equity-trade-finance (ETF) and microcredit projects in Nigeria

Nigeria with over twenty (20) successful exits.

The West African Venture Fund (WAVF) is the World Bank/IFC US\$40m target SME Equity funds for post war Equity investments in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Fund had CordAid of the Netherlands as an additional investor.

Dr Oboh was responsible for the business operations, overall activities and the managed Funds of both the UVC and WAVF. He joined UVC in 2004, from National Risk Fund PLC (NRF), Nigeria's first Venture Capital Company, where he joined as Senior Manager and head of operations in 1995 and progressed to be MD and CEO in 2002. Between the years 1989 and 1995 he worked at the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) where he was for several years the Head of Consultancy & Engineering Service division, as well as the pioneering Head of several divisions amongst which were the Techno-marketing, Investment Promotions and the Joint Ventures Division of the Council. Prior to RMRDC he was for ten years (1979-1989) a research scientist on End-use-research of palms and palm products at the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) Benin City.

He holds a BSc, MSc and a PhD degree in Food Process Engineering, all from the University of Ibadan. Ibadan, Nigeria, with an additional MBA, from the Business School Netherlands. He was a 1987 EEC Post Doctorial fellowship award recipient at Newtech, a UK based research, innovation and commercialization center. A 1989 Federal Ministry of Science and Technology (FMST) Nigerian National Innovator/Inventor of the year prize winner and was also a 1994 award recipient of the Rockefeller Foundation's Leadership program.



## Profile of Ambassadors in UNILAG

DR. CHIKA O. YINKA-BANJO -

Dr. Chika O. Yinka-Banjo is a senior lecturer at the Department of Computer Sciences, University of Lagos (UNILAG), Akoka, Nigeria. She obtained her B.Tech. degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO), Nigeria, her M.Sc. in Computer Science from University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT), Nigeria, a PGD in Mathematical Sciences from University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa. In addition to her teaching, research, students' supervision and several referred publications, Dr. Yinka-Banjo has opened a robotic research group which comprises undergraduate and postgraduate students in University of Lagos and she led them to their first international robot soccer



competition in June/July 2018 in Ethiopia. She has also opened a python girls coding club for the girls in her department and started coding with robotics classes for students at the grass-root level in the university community. Dr. Yinka-Banjo is a recipient of several awards and grants. In 1997, she received the Abuja National Mathematics Centre academic award for 'Best Mathematics Student' in Federal University of Technology, Owerri. She is also a recipient of the following awards: One year study (Mathematical Sciences) at African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, South Africa (2009), L'Oréal-Unesco Fellowship for Women in Science (2013 fellow for Sub-Saharan Africa) and a three-year PhD (Computer Science) scholarship, for study at the University of Cape Town South Africa, from the organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) (August 2011 – July 2014). In 2016, she was a recipient of AIMS Alumni Small Research Grant from AIMS South Africa and International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada. She is one of the two hundred most qualified young researchers selected by the Scientific Committee of the Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation (HLFF) from all countries to participate in the Heidelberg Laureate Forum, Germany, 2018. She is a member of several learned and professional organizations including Computer Professional Registration of Nigeria (CPN), Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), Organization for Women in Science in Developing Countries (OWSD), L'Oréal/UNESCO for women in Science for Sub-Saharan Africa, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) and AIMS Next Einstein Initiative (AIMSNEI). She just concluded a four months research program at Massachusetts institute of Technology (MIT), USA. Dr Yinka-Banjo is happily married and blessed with three lovely children.



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