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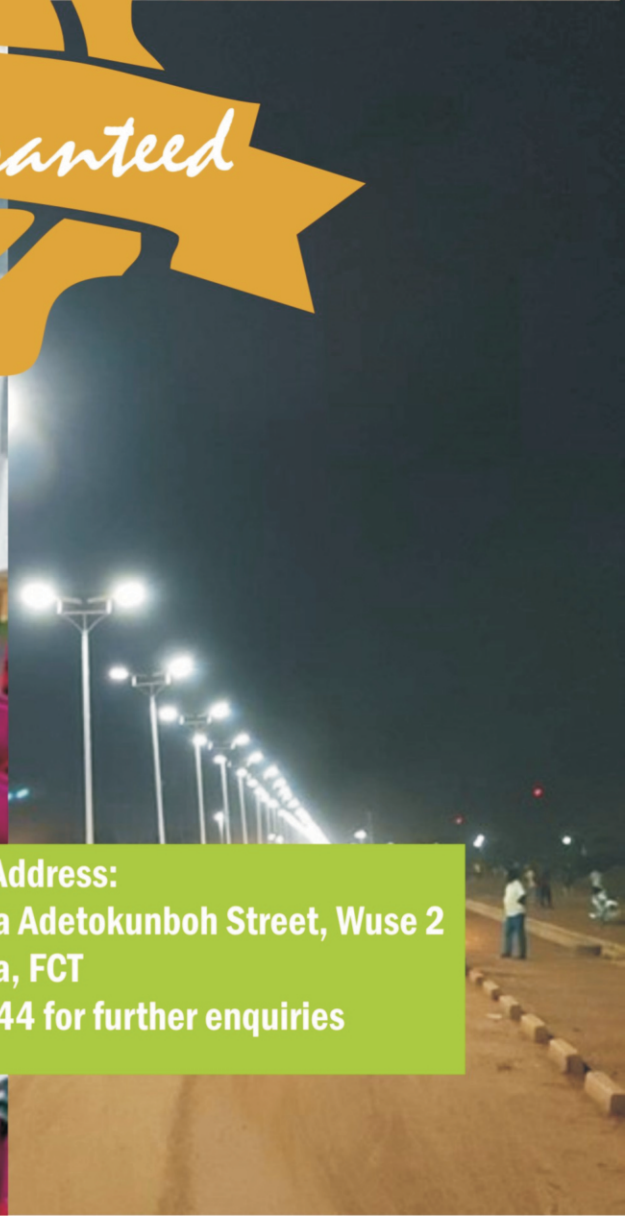
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## Publisher/Editor's Note

The power of an idea can only be explained after an action has been taken as evident in this work that has come to fruition even though imagined decades ago, and even with failed attempts that shaped it into what is now visible. U50 Leaders Magazine is an African publication founded in Africa's biggest republic to celebrate young achievers who have paved their way into leadership at public and private sectors.

It is 2021, the after a war that cost millions of lives in such unprecedented manner that left even futurist dumbfounded. Corona virus known as covid-19 put the world's preparedness to uncertainties to test, and even the most advanced scientific laboratories could not save the thousands of people who died in 2020 before the vaccine was discovered amidst diverse pessimism. The World Bank report as at 6, August 2021 says over 200 million confirmed cases of the disease and about 2 million deaths. The impact of the pandemic did not only take countries aback but even big brother World Bank had to roll up its sleeves to sweat this out.

In Nigeria and Africa at large, families and businesses are now faced with uncertainties, alarming crime rate and high level of self aggrandizement that has threatened the sovereignty of countries. Nigeria was thrown in the sand a little deeper by the pandemic after it was trying to gain footing from the fight of corruption, terrorism, banditry and farmer-herders crisis.

As we crafted and designed the content for this publication I began to realize that more than information now people are in dire need of hope; the silver lining at least. The older folks have run out of tact and the youths weary of waiting for crumbs, it has become a duel of bargain and negotiation for the soul of nationhood. We began to seek out young vibrant Nigerians appointed at key positions in public service who deserve to be commended and showcased as a way to put the magnifying glass on them. But our eyes did not only zoom in on public servants but also the ebullient economic disruptors who have made their spade in Nigeria's capital city, Abuja.

The chief executives of companies that were founded in the FCT against warring notions yet turned their ideas into job creation vehicles that contribute over 50% of the city's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

In the premier of what will become a brand that will give Forbes Africa a run for its money,



We bring you into the world of young public servants like the intelligent audacious Amb. Elijah C. Onyeagba PhD a banker turned politician and serving as Nigeria's Ambassador to Burundi, Dr. Sanusi Ohiare of Rural Electrification Fund, an energetic and emerging young leader whose feathers could be compared to those of an ostrich. Discover the quiet but vivacious legal luminary and policy formulation expert making undeniable stint in the power sector of one of Nigeria's most powerful public entities, Mrs. Fatima Lawan Muhtar, company secretary and lead counsel of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), also her fellow Amazon who puts a warm and friendly ambience on the face of the apex

regulatory agency of the country's electricity sector, Mrs Aisha Mahmudkanti Bello, Commissioner Consumer Affairs of Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC). These two women drive home the cliché “what a man can do a woman would do much more.” Nigeria Postal Service (NIPOST) is one of the legacies of colonialism the British left behind and many may be quick to feign ignorance of its existence in present time, yet it does not deny the bloom and vivacity of the postal agency across more than 700 locations in Nigeria with millions of deliveries weekly. Kola Taliat Talent, special assistant to the postmaster general/chief executive officer of the Nigeria Postal Service (NIPOST) is one of the many young and innovative individuals driving one of the world's largest postal service, he leads a team of innovative young officers driving the upsurge.

We take you into the world of those who make Abuja tick, from the emerging Steve Jobs leading the internet of things world racketeered by his Suburban Fibre Company and Legend Internet to emerging global brand by none other than Bruce Ayonote; Abuja's Most Outstanding CEO of the year 2021. The humungous internally generated revenue contributor to the Federal Capital Territory is not left out of the spot light as we zoom in on the lone womenpreneur leading the printing industry boisterously with Binani Press, reputed to be one of Africa's biggest printing press, Hajiya Aminatu Dahiru exuberates discipline, focus and diligence earning her the well deserved Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 CEO in Printing Innovation and the only female award recipient in the private sector category.

More than just the scintillating life testimonials of some outstanding young Nigerians we keep you inspired with life changing outlook on “Tips for Greatness” which provides you with practical ways to change your life for good and accelerate on the journey success. Also discover books that can transform your life, lifestyle secrets, technology pace to put your ahead and important legal tit bits that will equip you to know your right at all times. Explore the world of real estate we tagged where the rich bury their money, providing you with hotspots of property investment opportunities you can bet on.

We just took one out of the 399 editions.



**Orkuma Simon Tuleh**  
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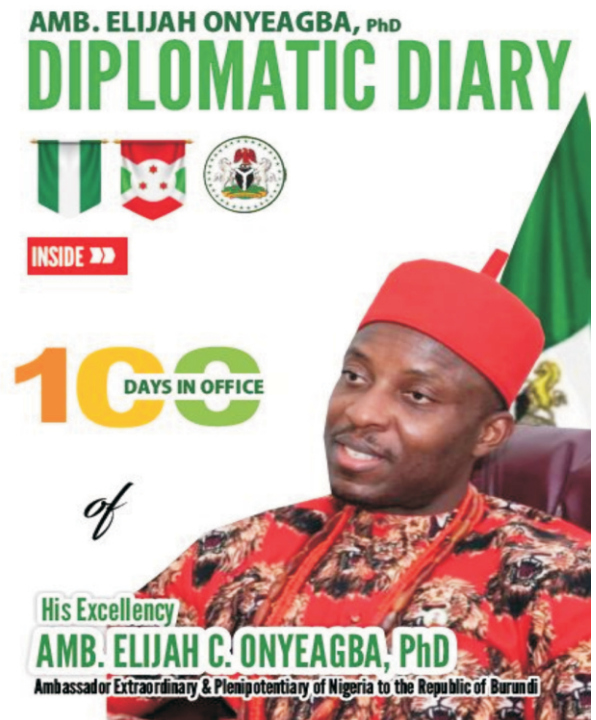
## QUARTERLY NEWS

### **NIGERIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI MARKS 100 DAYS IN OFFICE**

Ambassador Elijah Chinezim Onyeagba was one among about 42 ambassadors appointed by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2021 and successfully screened by the National Assembly. The appointment of the youngest non-career ambassadors in the country speaks of the possibilities that portend for young leaders against long seemingly tradition where ambassador were aged and well advanced in age. After 100 days of his resumption to Bujumbura, Burundi, East Africa, Elijah has transformed international relations and elevated Nigeria's reputation among foreign diplomats. From hosting ambassadors and high commissioner of countries like Netherland, Egypt, France, South Africa, China, Libya and so other African diplomats. Even the Burundian government has expressed great optimism of better Nigeria-Burundi relations. **Kudos Igba!**

### **3RD ABUJA BUSINESS & EXCELLENCE AWARDS CELEBRATES SOME OF ABUJA'S TOP UNDER 50 LEADERS IN GRAND STYLE**

The 3rd Abuja Business and Excellence Awards is a yearly event organized by Dapines Global Investors to showcase and celebrate outstanding achievers in public service and the private sector. The 2021 edition which marked the 3rd series of the event zoomed in on under 50 achievers across public service, federal MDAs and private sector (founders and managers of businesses) in Abuja. The event which began in August 2021 opened up nomination to the public for their most preferred under 50 achievers after the four nominees with the highest votes will now be placed to a public voting. The award winners were hosted at the National Merit House in Abuja and the awards presented by the representative of Mr Boss Mustapha, Secretary to the Government of the Federation. It had in attendance heads of federal MDAs and captains of industry.



### **DAPINES GLOBAL INVESTORS LTD LAUNCH 50 FOR 50 CAMPAIGN**

The Managing Director/CEO, Dapines Global Investors Ltd announced recently the company's decision for roll out 50 for 50 campaign in Abuja. The campaign which seeks to provide 50 discount to any under 50 political aspirant from local government to federal level for its services such as drafting of manifesto, campaign planning, marketing strategy, online campaign, fund raising and consultancy services. This is based on the company's resolve to lessen the burden of young people funding their campaign which many observers have attributed to the low level of participation from young Nigerians. Mr Orkuma implored other companies to follow suit especially outdoor advertising, printing, automobile and other companies. "It is time we put our money where our mouths are and make it easier for credible individuals to run for public office" he said.

This is coming just months to the general elections in 2023.

## QUARTERLY NEWS

### THE CALL FOR YOUTH INCLUSION IN GOVERNANCE

Young Nigerians have called for more inclusion in leadership and governance at the fourth edition of the Nigeria Symposium for Young and Emerging Leaders which took place at the MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos.

Organised by The Future Project, the event featured panel discussions on '2019 Elections: Are Nigerian Youth Prepared?' with Mmanti Umoh, Hamzat Lawal, Ife Adebayo and moderated by Chioma Chuka; 'Governance and Transparency, an Evaluation of the Current Administration' with Asuquo Ekpenyong, Hon. Muhammad Sanni Abdullahi, Gbenga Sesan and moderated by Yemi Adamolekun.

### EMEKA OFFOR TAKES OVER AS NIPC CEO

the Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, (NIPC), Ms. Yewande Sadiku ended her five year tenure.

Ms. Sadiku, the 7th NIPC Executive Secretary handed over the baton to the Commission's most senior Director, Director of Human Resources Management, Mr. Emeka Offor in acting capacity. The hand-over ceremony held at the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment and was supervised by the Minister of State in the Ministry, Ambassador Maryam Katagum. He has developed competence and expertise spanning over 26 years in banking, corporate governance, research, negotiation, investment promotion, public policy development and strategic communications.

Mr. Emeka Offor is driven by a passion to solve business challenges on a sustainable basis.

(Excerpt from The Fact)



### BUHARI APPOINTS YOUNG PROFESSIONAL INTO NSIA BOARD

Mr Farouk Mohammed Gumel makes it on the list of new appointees president Muhammadu Buhari appointed into the agency to drive his commitment to growing Nigeria's investment portfolio. Before his appointment, Gumel.

Mr. Farouk M. Gumel is a Group Executive Director and Head of Agri-Businesses for the Tropical General Investment (TGI) Group, a global conglomerate operating in 13 countries across Africa, the Middle East and Asia. TGI's business interests span the entire food value chain from origination/farming, processing, distribution, and branded retail. He is also the Chairman of WACOT Rice Limited, one of the largest state-of-the-art rice mills in Nigeria. He is a consummate professional with nearly two decades of cognate experience spanning consulting, audit, corporate finance, advisory services, and asset management. Mr Gumel serves on the board of several companies.

# GOODNESS



## 40 years old Commercial tricycle rider gets celebrated for uncommon act

Sultan Sa'ad Abubakar III, Sunday honoured a Keke Napep commercial rider, Malam Akilu Haruna Ahmad, who returned forgotten sum of N500,000 Naira to its owner in Jos.

Sultan Sa'ad represented by the Emir of Wase, Sambo Haruna, said the culture of bad things should continue to change.

"People should be reminded that there is always a reward for doing good. We are proud about this young man who has brought Islam, and youth on the Plateau to positive limelights," he said.

Emir Sambo who is also the Plateau state chapter chairman of Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) said the Sultan has directed him to find out whether it was true that the young man has indeed found and returned the money.

He said having discovered that it was true, the Sultan sent equal amount of N500,000 to be given to Malam Akilu as a reward for good deed.

Also the Emir of Kanam His Royal Highness, Muhammad Babangida Mua'zu, while presenting the money, said what Malam Akilu did was worthy of emulation by all Muslims and even non Muslims alike.

# GOODNESS



## Young Nigerian graduate builds his first car

A young man, Ibitoye Olajide Micheal, has singlehandedly made a sports car. In an exclusive interview with Legit.ng, the man said that he is from Orin Ekiti in Ekiti state. He had his secondary school education at the Polytechnic High School in Ibadan. He said he would have wanted to study mechanical engineering at the Olabisi Onabajo University but he was denied admission on two different occasions. When his admission finally came, he was given plant science instead. The young man said he started building the car during his final year. With a strong passion for machines, he decided that his first car will be the one built with his hands. On speaking about his challenges as an engineer, he said. The man revealed that he spent a total number of four years to conclude the project. During his National Youth Service Corps programme, he was able to save 80% of his allowance to fund car production.

**M**ay I, before getting to the meat of this article, extend my gratitude to the publishers for the privilege of contributing to the maiden edition of the magazine. I consider this a very generous and kind gesture on their part. It is my hope that my humble piece will be of utility to the readers and possibly help the readers be more accommodating and tolerant of fellow citizens.

I have been requested to write on citizen's rights and I will highlight a few rights for the information of the readers, however, I am more interested in educating on the limits of rights; be it the rights of citizens or even the rights of government in certain situations. My interest is informed by what I have observed among Nigerians of all strata and demography to be a haste to assert right and a dissimilar attitude in recognizing and respecting the right(s) of others.

It was Oliver Wendell Holmes that said the right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins. In clearer terms your right as an individual ends at the point where they begin to infringe on or interfere with mine. For further clarity, consider the analogy of ownership of land. Where you own a piece of land you can put as much as you can and do all that you wish on any portion or on the entire land, but your right to do as you please ceases the moment you cross your beacon to another man's land and any further action will be considered trespass in law. In Nigeria, trespass is both a civil wrong and a crime.

The freedom of movement and the right to personal liberty are protected by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Effectively, these rights ensure that you can wake up at 2 O' Clock in the night and start a journey to Yola from Abuja. It also ensures that you cannot be restricted to your home, bedroom, or your state. I think these rights are fantastic and at the core of human existence. What is life if you cannot move from one place to another and you are confined to a spot? You will not be able to interact, trade, or explore the world and its endless possibilities.

Beautiful as these rights are they have limits and some of these limits include an order of a Court in respect of a criminal offence, when you are sent to prison, restriction of persons suffering from infectious diseases for the purpose of care treatment or the protection of the community. This is why the Government could order a nationwide lockdown at the height of the COVID 19 outbreak, in 2020.

# Be a Lawyer in 30 Minutes

**Limits to Rights**  
by Usman Yusuf (esq)



If, in exercising your rights to personal liberty and freedom of movement you get into your car at 3 O' Clock in the morning and start a journey from Abuja to Yola, then you must move fast enough to have entered and exited Plateau State before 6 am. This is because there is a curfew in place from 6 am to 6pm at the time of writing this article. It will not matter that you are not resident in the state, you can be arrested and have your liberty and freedom of movement interrupted.

Your right to go anywhere at will cannot empower you to enter into an empty plot of land, which is not yours, and erect goal posts on both extremes of the plot for a football match. Your freedom of movement does not allow thoroughfare through another man's property. Your right to movement does not permit you to stroll into a bank after it has closed or to demand entry into the embassy of any Country in Nigeria, that is foreign soil.

There are these two rights, a combination of which has been a source of endless public disturbance, nuisance and annoyance. I would opine that majority of Nigerians are victims of these rights and at the same time perpetrators and apologists of its breach. I am talking about the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion on one hand and the right to peaceful assembly and association on the same hand.

**To be Continued in the next edition**

# Where the RICH bury their money



**N**umerous articles and reports have been published in perpetrating the potentiality of Abuja, which has been considered to be one of Africa's fastest growing cities, David Satterthwaite, Senior Fellow in IIED's Human Settlements research group said in his article titled Africa's Fastest Growing Cities, "Abuja, Nigeria's capital, features because it concentrates power and wealth in the largest economy in Africa. Unusually, it is likely to remain one of the fastest growing cities in Africa in terms of both criteria – annual population growth and annual average increments in population".

A 2014 report by a scholar, Ismaila Rimi Abubakar indicated that Abuja had up to 800,000 people homeless, and with its population growth rate at 3% (NBS report 2018) the city leaves an increasing need for real estate. We take you through some of the city's top notch areas that have continued to daze investors and leave visitors lost in dynamism.

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**DR SANUSI MOHAMMED OHIARE  
AWARD RECIPIENT  
MOST OUTSTANDING UNDER 50 PUBLIC SERVANT  
FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 2021**

**Dr Sanusi Mohammed Ohiare was appointed in 2019 as an executive director of the nation's rural electrification agency under the Federal Ministry of Power. He became one of the youngest executives appointed at any Federal Ministry, Department and Agency of the government under President Muhammadu Buhari, the All Progressives Congress (APC) ruling party. Dr Sanusi has never stopped making strides since his appointment in 2019 and his emergence as Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 Public Servant for Youth Development 2021 did not come as a surprise too.**

Dr. Sanusi Ohiare was appointed as the Executive Director, Rural Electrification Fund under the Rural Electrification Agency of Nigeria, by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2017, in line with the government's commitment to scale up electricity access to the rural communities across Nigeria. The appointment came just a month after he turned 32, making him the youngest appointee of the president at the time, and was well hailed and received by Nigerians.

Dr. Sanusi Ohiare was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1985 into the family of Senator Mohammed Ohiare, a reputed politician and statesman who has been a major contributor to Nigeria's politics over the decades including the development of democratic processes in Kogi state and the National Assembly. Sanusi hails from Adavi local government area of Kogi state but has spent his early years in Abuja, Federal Capital Territory where he was born.

Dr Sanusi holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Jos, Plateau State, where he graduated with a Second Class Honours, Upper Division (2.1) in 2006. He later attended the renowned Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom, where he obtained a Master of Science degree in Energy Studies, with Specialization in Energy Finance in 2011.



Due to his age old desire and quest to transform rural electrification in Nigeria he decided to major his academic qualification in Rural Energy Development with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Rural Energy Development from the Institute for Energy and Sustainable Development (IESD), De Montfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom.

**one Africa's youngest renewable energy expert**

Dr Sanusi has worked in the Rural Electrification industry for over a decade within some of the top players and regulatory bodies including the Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading Plc. (NBET), Sustainability, Policy and Innovative Development Research (Spider) Solutions, Federal Capital Territory Administration-Abuja and other private companies in various capacities.

He has contributed to the literary community with several publications for peer-reviewed articles and a textbook chapter on rural electrification with bias to planning, technology options and financing for policy makers in Nigeria. He was part of the presidential committee that reviewed the rural electrification strategy document for Nigeria in 2013, and also, part of the team that developed the Mini-grid regulations 2016 for strategic implementation of the policy framework.

Dr Sanusi who had endeared the interest of key stakeholders in the sector by his stint and commitment to hard work earning him the appointment by President Muhammadu Buhari to head the financial strong room of the Rural Electrification Agency (REA); Rural Electrification Fund. Prior to his appointment in 2017, he worked with the Nigerian Energy Support Programme (NESP), implemented by the German International Cooperation Agency (GIZ), and co-funded by the European Union and German Government, as a National Advisor on Rural Electrification. He led planning and data management team at the time and provided technical support to Ministry of Power and various Agencies of government such as the Rural Electrification Agency and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC). He also supported the development of mini-grid Pilot Projects and coordinated the Northern states of the programme namely; Sokoto, Niger and Plateau.



As the first ever Executive Director of the Rural Electrification Fund, Nigeria, he has been known for not just starting the Fund and operationalizing it from scratch, but also contributing enormously to the power industry and various achievements have been recorded prior to and since his appointment in 2017. In 2017, just 5 months after his appointment, he operationalized the Rural Electrification Fund which was in comatose since 2005 when it was first established by the Electric Power Sector Reform Act. With the meagre resources available in the fund, he judiciously administered the fund and piloted the first ever REF call, with cofounding from Private developers and deployed 12 Minigrid projects and 19,000 Solar Home Systems nationwide.

Dr Sanusi has committed himself to empowering the youths through financial empowerment and human capital development which is the idea behind his employment of mainly young people in his office. He has supported and inspired budding entrepreneurs in achieving their dreams. He serves on the board of various humanitarian non-profit, non-governmental organizations such as GVBC Foundation, Sanusi Ohiare Foundation, Mental Health Initiative and supports Community Development/Volunteer services targeted at youth development in Nigeria.

His contributions have been applauded by well meaning groups and organizations and bestowed awards on him such as; The Youth Leader of the Year (2019/2020) by African Power, Energy and Water (Industry Awards, Chieftaincy Award of Osietehueyi of Adavi (Harbinger of Light) by Asema of Adavi in Kogi State, Akiliwo Ejeh Olamaboro (Strength of the king) by Ejeh of Olamaboro Kogi State, Ambassador of Nigeria Youth on Youth Development by National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) and so many others.

Dr Sanusi also freely shares his knowledge and experiences at various speaking events such as conferences, workshops, seminars, webinars and stakeholders' meetings on rural energy development (reform, strategy, policy and data).

He is married to Mrs. Rihanat Amin and they are blessed with children.



**MR KOLA TALIAAT TALENT  
AWARD RECIPIENT  
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FOR PRODUCTIVITY 2021**

# KOLA TALIAT TALENT

**M**r Kola Taliat Talent, Special Assistant to the Post Master General/CEO Nigeria Postal Service (NIPOST), Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 Public Servant for Productivity 2021 from Oyo State, South West, 47 years old; he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Regional Planning from the prestigious Lagos State University, professional Masters Degree in Geographic Information Systems, University of Lagos and currently studying his Masters in Business Administration in University of Abuja.

He began his working career in one of Nigeria's oldest and biggest organizations, Nigeria Post Service (NIPOST) as a Postal Controller 2 Cadre after he gradually rose through the ranks holding several positions like Principal Postal Controller and currently Chief Postal Controller giving him enormous experience in the public sector as displayed by his outstanding performance at different committees where he served.



Kola's ability to manage an effective and progressive healthy relationship with superiors, stakeholders, subordinates and those outside the organization makes him stand out from the perceived notion that civil servant cannot be as productive and savvy like those in the private sector. An interaction with him will leave you awestruck by his intellectual stint but yet wrapped in humility and willingness to learn. He is known for his commitment and devotion to his faith driven by his belief of faithfulness to God, family and the society.

**Kola shows  
cognate  
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and ingenuity  
uncommon  
with  
most young  
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servants**



As an alumnus of set 1992 of Mafoluku Grammar School, Lagos state and the current president of the alumni where he has also been able to galvanize his mates and friends to sponsor less privileged children on scholarships and also raise funds to renovate the school's dilapidated facilities.

His ability to solicit and endear people to humanitarianism is commendable if one is to take into cognizance the supposedly paltry income of a civil servant which could make others focus more on themselves and their family members. Kola has emulated that no one really has an excuse not to make impact, no matter where you are. Kola is married to Pharmacist Olawunmi Talent and they are blessed with children.

**He got over 5,000 votes within 7 days of a public poll for Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 Public Servant for Productivity 2021 emerging winner in the same category.**



Mrs. Muhtar is accomplished in project management, leadership, and team collaboration. She is equally innovative in solving problems while adhering to company values, policies and procedures and regulatory guidelines.

Her stint in policy and financial structuring across national and international institutions spans close to two decades as served as part of the team who developed the framework for alternative financing structure (SUKUK) at Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), sourcing, negotiating and allocating concessionary loans from World Bank, French Development Agency (AFD) and African Development Bank (AFDB), Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for the transmission infrastructure plan of TCN. She displays strong expertise in legal and implementation framework of power and infrastructure finance projects, contribution to the development of the first power sector agreements like the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), Transmission Use of Service Agreement (TUoS), Grid Connection Agreement (GCA) currently used in the sector,

**M**rs Fatima Lawan Muhtar is currently the Company Secretary and Legal Adviser (Chief Counsel) of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), winner of Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 Public Servant for Public Policy 2021.

She has cognate experience in negotiation, sourcing and allocation of funds for large-scale transmission infrastructure assets. She coordinates a team of lawyers and other professionals to provide the Legal and Financial framework to structure concessionary loans for transmission infrastructure expansion in line with TCN vision and strategic goals. In addition to her role in transmission infrastructure development, she also ensures that transmission assets are operated in line with extant regulatory codes and statutes.

Mrs. Muhtar has a proven track record of providing expert legal, regulatory and compliance advice to executive management and the board on critical investments and infrastructure, in her work with the Infrastructure Concession and Regulation Commission (ICRC) and TCN. Mrs. Muhtar was also at various times with the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission and the Debt Management Office. Her time at the Debt Management Office exposed her to high level negotiation of external debt, debt restructuring and debt settlement renegotiations.

She has developed the skill sets needed to build trusting, long-term relationships through developing rapport and honest communication in the power infrastructural development space.

contributed extensively to the dynamic evolution of the Nigeria Power Sector through participation in various inter-governmental committees on diverse power sector topics all aimed at developing the sector and provision of legal advice to TCN on re-negotiated contracts that saved the company approximately \$83 million in foreign components and N30 billion in local components.

Mrs Fatima's achievements in the public sector was first preceded by a remarkable legal career with Pinnacle Chambers and Temple Consult with specification in contract and corporate drafting, and also negotiation. With over a decade post call training in negotiation and conflict resolution, regulatory policy, market design, arbitration, management among other prestigious courses. She is currently a member of the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), International Bar Association and Chartered Institute of Arbitration United Kingdom.

Mrs Fatima embodies professionalism with brains and aptitude Nigeria is in dire need of





**AMB. ELIJAH CHINEZIM ONYEAGBA (PhD)  
AWARD RECIPIENT  
MOST OUTSTANDING UNDER 50 PUBLIC SERVANT  
FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2021**



**E**lijah was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1977 into the family of Apostle Raphael and late Mrs Mabel Onyeagba of Awoovu village, Enugwu Ukwu. His father was a pastor and his mother a teacher.

He was Managing Director/CEO of an Abuja based realty firm Countrywide Housing Company (CHC) committed to development of affordable housing. Prior to setting out on his private venture he worked across top notch commercial banks including Keystone Bank, Skye Bank, Equatorial Trust Bank, Aso Savings & Loans Plc and also the country's minting establishment, Nigeria Securities, Printing and Minting.

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

He is an alumnus of the prestigious University of Nigeria Nsukka where he obtained a second class upper Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics, Master's Business Administration in Finance from University of Calabar and Master's in Applied Economics from the American University in Washington DC, USA. He has a PhD in Economics (Public Policy) from the Prestigious Atlantic International University, Hawaii USA.

He also sits on the Advisory board of Democracy Youth Roundtable. Professionally, In addition, he has undergone several leadership and management courses in Harvard Business School USA – High Potential Leadership Program HPLP- 2008, Leadership Development LD 2009, Wharton Business School USA – Strategic Marketing – MT 2010, Said Business School Oxford UK, 2012 and INSEAD Business School, Fontaine Bleau, France – Leadership Transition LT, 2013.

His Excellency, Amb. Elijah Onyeagba, PhD is a Nigerian Diplomat recently appointed by President Buhari as an Ambassador plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Before his appointment, Elijah was the APC House of Representative candidate for Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency in the last concluded 2019 general elections. He is an Economist by training with an MBA in Finance and over seventeen years' experience in commercial, corporate, retail, mortgage banking, real estate, research, marketing and leadership majoring in structuring and advisory on construction finance deals with specialty in residential/affordable housing projects.

Elijah speaks at conferences and seminars nationally and internationally and for the past five years have been a panelist at the Mo Ibrahim governance weekend discussing issues on Africa and the youth bulge.

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Elijah has shown in the last days his preparedness for the task of international diplomacy with the remarkable rapport he seems to enjoy amongst the international community. The uncommon vigor foreign diplomats have observed keenly from the young Nigerians has changed the foreign perception against the President Muhammadu Buhari leadership and affirms truly the government's panchant for excellence. Amb. Elijah has not only changed the image of diplomatic missions in Nigeria but turned Burundi to a desirable destination for many Nigerians too.

He has received numerous awards for his academic prowess, professional excellence in banking and in the real estate industry, contribution to youth empowerment, education and community development including Nigeria Goodwill Ambassador Awards, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, The Distinguished Economists Award, The Nigeria Economics Students Association, the Award of Excellence for Outstanding Contribution to the Banking Sector and other troves of awards, and most recently Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 Public Servant for International Relations 2021.

He is married to beautiful Udo and they are blessed with children.

## Bob Ugochukwu Ugee

### MOST OUTSTANDING UNDER 50 CEO IN SUPERMARKET 2021



Mr Ugochukwu is an Abuja based entrepreneur. He's the founder and the CEO PayFair Corporate Services Limited. a service based company that's limited by shares, with interest in Supermarket and Retail Consulting Services.

He is the Managing Director, PayDec Integrated Limited, a commodity trading enterprise, with focus in Liquor Merchandise and Retail distribution.

Over the years, he has diligently worked as an apprentice with Emmadav Global Link Limited, a retail based variety store, before setting up his first store-- Bobby Store, which later evolved to Payfair Supermarket.

This emerging retail chain has continued to gain grounds in the industry by fast launch of new outlets totaling 5 outlets within 7 years. Ugochukwu has earned a reputation of one who's nose for business investment can be likened to the African elephant which has the highest smelling ability. A business acumen developed as a result of his apprenticeship under the tutelage of his uneducated uncle.

He is an astute businessman and member of several indigenous companies who's quick to recognize business opportunities.

More so, he's a member of the Nigerian Institute of Young Directors and have attended various executive management and Leadership programs. He's also a recipient of an honorary bachelor's degree in Business Administration (in view)

He's currently serving on board of "African Drone and Robotic University" as an independent Board member and Non- Executive Director.

Mr Ugochukwu enjoys his dedication to religious service and commits his ample time to self development.

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**D**r Bala Mohammed Bello, Executive Director, Corporate Services, Nigeria Export Import (NEXIM) Bank, winner of Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 Public Servant for Team Building 2021:

He has more than two decades experience in the financial services industry, spanning through banking, capital market and pension fund management. He has worked at senior executive level in the last seven years prior to his appointment as Executive Director at the Nigerian Export-Import Bank in 2017. Dr. Bello holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting, and an MBA, both from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He began his banking career with Guaranty Trust Bank Plc; and later joined the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In 2005, he joined Sigma Pensions Ltd, and was appointed the first Nigerian Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer in 2011 and later Executive Director Operations from 2013 to 2014. In this capacity, he had direct administrative responsibility for over N260 billion (\$1.5 billion) funds/assets under management (A-U-M). Dr. Bala established and served as the founding CEO of Marine Capital Limited, a real estate development and business/pensions advisory firm in February 2015; and subsequently joined Apricot Investments Limited in March 2016 as the pioneer Managing Director/CEO. Dr. Bala has completed the High Potential Leadership Program at Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts and Executive Development Program at Wharton Business School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania both in the United States of America. He also holds a certificate in Operations Leadership from the prestigious Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario, Canada, as well as Portfolio Management Academy Certificate at the New York Institute of Finance. He has also successfully completed modules 1 & 2 of the highly sought-after GMP programme at the Harvard Business School in March 2020. He is an honorary senior member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria, a Fellow of the Institute of Credit administration, a member of the Institute of Directors, a member of the Certified Pension Institute of Nigeria, and a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management. He was conferred with Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) in Leadership and Management by ESAE University, Republic of Benin, and Doctor of Business Administration (Honoris Causa) by Commonwealth University in conjunction with London Graduate School.



**A**isha Mahmudkanti Bello, Commissioner Consumer Affairs, Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), winner of Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 Public Servant for Public Relations 2021:

Aisha Mahmud obtained her first degree in 1997 from the prestigious Bayero University, Kano, with B.sc honors in Economics and a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the same University in the year 2000. After her service to her father land (NYSC) in 1998, the bright young Aisha joined the private sector as an 'Officer-Commercial Banking' at the famous United Bank for Africa Plc (UBA) from September 1998 to May 2001 and then moved over to Karama Industrial Ventures where she served as Administrative Officer from June 2001 to May 2003.

Her experience, commitment to duty and vision then propelled her to the public sector as a civil servant; from 2003 to 2007 Aisha served as an Administrative Officer at the then Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs where she was responsible for managing and coordinating the production and distribution of National Identity cards, as well as running the affairs of the office at the local government level. She has also worked with the Rural Electrification Agency as Assistant Manager in 2007 before moving to the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) later that year where she served as 'Manager – Market Analysis and Compliance' from June 2007 to May 2010, 'Principal Manager – Tariff & Rates' from July 2013 to May 2018 and 'Assistant General Manager – Head, Tariff & Rates' from May 2018 till November 2020.

Aisha Mahmud rose through the ranks in service, she has gained experience and expertise in both public and private sector, with great array of personal development trainings cutting across Oil & Gas, Electricity Regulation and Strategy, International Financing Framework and Management, Process Re-engineering, Financial Analysis, Infrastructure Utility and Management and other areas along finance, power as well as oil and gas sectors.

She is a Utility Regulator with wealth of knowledge and experience in the power sector. With over twenty-three years post graduate degree in Economics and over fourteen years working experience in the Nigerian power sector; an expert in tariff and rates design, with immense familiarity in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry and the Nigerian Electricity Market.



Currently, the Commissioner in charge of Consumer Affairs in Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), Aisha Mahmud is a dedicated, relentless, and proactive achiever with impeccable track records of performance, commitment and meticulousness. She continues to champion customer satisfaction through consistent engagement with service providers. Her proclivity in apt response to consumer complaint has earned her the reputation of outstanding public relations. The light speed at which the consumer relations unit responds to issues stands out since the establishment of the commission and this can be attributed to the contributions of young, vibrant and tireless team members in the Consumer Affairs department.

Born to the amiable family of Late Senator Mahmud Kanti Bello and Rakiya Kanti Bello; and groomed into a courageous, bold, responsible and responsive dynamic woman with great passion for value delivery.

**Aisha does not settle for above average as far as consumer satisfaction is concerned**



**BRUCE AYONOTE (MAZZI)**

**MOST OUTSTANDING UNDER 50 CEO 2021 &  
MOST OUTSTANDING UNDER 50 CEO IN INTERNET  
SERVICE PROVISION 2021**

## BRUCE AYONOTE



**B**ruce Ayonote, Co-founder/Chief Executive Officer of Suburban Fibre Company owners of Legend Internet, Winner of Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 CEO of the Year 2021 and also Abuja's Most Outstanding Under 50 CEO in Internet Service Provision 2021: Bruce Ayonote was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1974 in Lagos Nigeria, he is a member of the board and one of the founders of Suburban. He has over 20 years of International Business experience specializing in telecommunications. He is responsible for driving the group's advanced technology adoption strategy which has given Suburban its unique advantage in the Telecommunications market.

A founding member of the Suburban Group, he has been part of the team that has grown the company from its formation in 1999 through its various growth stages to its present position. He is also a substantial shareholder and member of the board of directors. He is a regular contributor on Entrepreneurship and business forums and is deeply committed to youth development ventures in Nigeria.



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**N**estled in Nigeria's capital city of Abuja, Legend began quietly; however, its impact speaks volumes. In barely seven years, Legend by Suburban has transformed the Abuja techspace; providing an unprecedented access to the jet-speed fibre-optics Internet technology for both home and office use.

Legend, a retail brand of Suburban, emerged in the Nigerian market, via the Abuja tech corridors, in 2013. It provided multimedia products and services, as well as Internet access and Telephone call services, among others, powered by the 21st Century Fibre optics technology.

Mr. Ayonote holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Politics and Public Administration from the University of Maiduguri and has received the BT Diploma in Telecommunications Management Studies from Hull Business School in the United Kingdom. He is an alumnus of the General Management Program (GMP) at Harvard Business School and has also attended several courses at the London Business School.



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**H**ajiya Aminatu Dahiru Chiroma is the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Binani Group of Companies, Abuja's Most Outstanding CEO for Printing Innovation 2021:

Hajiya Aminatu is one who nursed and navigated through the complex entrepreneurship web to transform small companies into a multi-billion naira one. The astute GMD holds a Chartered Management Certificate Level 3 from the renowned Chartered Management Institution, London- United Kingdom, in addition to being a Certified Internet Web Professional from Redwood Institution, South London. She also holds an M.SC in Computing and Information Systems from Greenwich University, London, and a B.SC in Information Technology with Business Studies from the University of East London. She had a managerial stint with Abiloye & Co Solicitors in the UK as the administrative head before

Hajiya Aminatu's magnificent resourcefulness and business nous, in addition to an effective management orientation and style combine to afford her the luxury to steer the affairs of the Binani Group of Companies to its current enviable heights. Her management dexterity earned her the West African Merit Award Washington DC U.S.A (2018) for leading Binani Printing Press to be the "Most Innovative Company and West African Printing Company of the Year", in addition to several prestigious awards.

I like to describe to be enormous, massive and not easily forgotten achievement by an individual or group which could be good or bad. In this context I wish to focus on greatness that imparts positively on humanity because it is a sure bet of lasting greatness and achievements. It is being at zenith of excellence, contributing in revolutionizing an institution, place, state or organization. As the president of the umbrella body of all youth organizations in Nigeria spanning 774 local governments and about 20 million members, greatness has been my driving force and motivation. For anyone to become great it is important to introspect and true to oneself, much more I will recommend the following tit bits or tips as requested by the publisher for greatness in any endeavor. They are outlined as follows:

1. There must be a conscious desire to be great after one begins to work deliberately in achieving it. Greatness does not just fall from the sky, except through the commitment to your goals on a day to day basis. Decide to give your best to humanity without focusing on what somebody else may be doing; it is not competing with others but rather concentrating on living a legacy. The fact that one star shines does not deny the others from shining in their course.
2. Commitment to your desire to impact positively on humanity; it is important to state that these attributes are common from the life of great individuals irrespective of their chosen field. From Alexander the Great who's courage surmounted the strongest enemies putting him in the hall of fame, people like Ghangis Khan and Sun Tzu in warfare while you have Socrates in philosophy, Michael Faraday in Science and so many others.

**you cannot be  
great if  
you're corrupt**

# Tips for Greatness

by  
**Comrade Solomon Adodo**  
is the National President, National Youth Council  
of Nigeria (NYCN)



3. Altruism is a common quality to, because everyone who became great originally set out to make humanity better, provide solutions, changes a trajectory and leaves a legacy.

4. *"Be courageous and the forces will come to your aid"* is a quote by the great writer William Benjamin Basil King reiterating the unstoppable power of courage. Anyone with courage will often accomplish much and overcome obstacle on the path to his/her greatness.

5. Integrity and honesty are quintessential to lasting greatness; people are in search of honest, transparent and unambiguous individuals they can trust. Anyone who wishes to be held in high esteem must hold dearly these principles. Real greatness has no shortcuts and serendipitous antics to circumvent the process or jump the ladder.

To be Continued in the next edition

**DR SUNNY AKPOYIBO  
MOST OUTSTANDING UNDER 50 CEO IN SOLAR  
SOLUTIONS 2021**



*Dr Sunny Akpoyibo,  
Founder,  
Chairman and  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Astevens Group of  
Companies, winner of  
Abuja's Most Outstanding  
Under 50 CEO in Solar  
Solutions 2021;*

Currently the President of the Council for Renewable Energy Nigeria, Dr. Sunny Akpoyibo (PHD) is the founder, chairman and CEO of ASTEVEN Group of Companies, founded in 2010, with headquarters in Eppinghofer Mulheim, Germany and a number of branches in Nigeria.

He is a consultant in renewable energy and CDM Projects with a Doctorate in Business Management and a Honorary Doctorate of Entrepreneurship from Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State. As a Chief Executive Officer, he has garnered more than 20 years of experience as a consultant in the field of renewable energy, growth entrepreneurship and associated sectors.

This stood him in good stead as he was elected as the President of the Council. Under his tenure, the Council has been revitalized as it has expanded its training capabilities through partnership with several training academies in the sector; is a key member of the nascent Nigeria Renewable Energy Alliance and enhanced partnerships with invested local and global bodies.

On the corporate front; from 2005 – 2007, Dr Akpoyibo served as the managing director (MD) of GSA Dienstleistung GmbH in Gelsenkirchen Germany. Between 2005 and 2010, he was a member of the board of trustee (BOT) in FX Global Limited, UK and Germany. He was also a solar energy consultant to Chevron Nigeria Limited in their Warri, Delta State's CDP Department. The charity organization, Akpoyibo Green Foundation was founded by Dr Akpoyibo.

ASTEVEN Group of Companies is a leading indigenous supplier of green technologies and services with international standards of operation in Africa, active in the fields of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency technologies, with residential, commercial, and industrial applications. We provide full spectrum services that span consulting, financing, design and installation, assemblage and manufacturing, research and development, Renewable Energy trainings; through subsidiaries and specialized companies under ASTEVEN Group of Companies, and currently operating in Germany, China, Sierra-Leone, Nigeria, Cameroun, Liberia, Rwanda and Kenya, with on-going expansion in Uganda, Congo, Zimbabwe and Burkina Faso.



More than just the passion to build an indigenous renewable energy brand, Dr Sunny continues to drive his lifelong dream to empower youths and women in Africa to match the international competition in the industry. This is the result of Asteven Renewable Energy Academy presently situated in Delta.

Asteven Renewable Energy Academy is Nigeria's certified and duly licensed training center recognized by the education and technical vocation regulatory institutions including the NABTEC. The capacity building center has trained hundreds of youths and women from different parts of the country yet it is his dream to establish in every local government area in the country.

**“My dream is for renewable energy training centers to be established in every local government in Nigeria.”**



## U50 FOCUS - DIE HEALTHY

# BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, EXERCISE/ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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*And now it helps to reduce reoccurrence of cancer. Does physical exercise reduce reoccurrence of cancer?*

**A**ccording to Public Health Reports (1985) "Physical activity and exercise are often confused to have the same meaning with one another". They are sometimes used interchangeably. Caspersen, et al. () proposed a definition to distinguish them, they defined physical activity as body movement that the skeletal muscle produces, which results in energy expenditure, the energy expenditure can be kilocalories. Some examples of physical activity are as follows: sports, conditioning, household chores and other activities. While exercise on the other hand are activities that are planned, structured with the aim of improving or maintenance of physical fitness.



Physical fitness can be described as the ability of the body to work together, which allows us to be healthy to perform activities daily with the least possible effort such as raking leaves restocking the shelves and still have enough energy to engage in sports and other leisure activities (Corbin & Masurier, 2021). Globally, cancer is now a growing concern for many populations. Cancer is responsible for over 9.5million deaths in 2018 (Morgan, 2020). Cancer continues to kill people all over world despite tunes of research and innovation in oncology (Anand, et al., 2008). Chances of getting cancer are increased by two factors, such as internal factors like inherited mutations, hormones, and immune conditions: and environmental factors like lifestyle, and infectious organism. Hence, one's risk of developing cancer increases if the person is obese (excessive weight), engages in tobacco smoking, excessive intake of alcohol and poor diet. Arguably, only 5 – 10% of all cancer are due to inherited gene defect, others are lifestyle and infection related (Anand, et al., 2008). On this premise, cancer is associated to lifestyle. Engaging in physical exercise can help people maintain healthy lifestyle and reduce their risks of cancer.

How can exercise reduce recurrence of cancer:

New research highlights key recommendation that breast cancer survivors can incorporate into their lifestyle, that will reduce the risk of breast cancer recurrence, breast cancer patient have high survival rate compared to other types of cancer, this is according to Dr. Ellen Wamer, of the Sunnybrook Health Science centre in Canada, in collaboration with Dr Julia Hamer who published their finding in the Canadian medical association.



MC Collins interviews the organizer, Mr Simon Tuleh on the red carpet



L-R: MC Collins, Mrs Aisha Mahud and her children, Eme Dollar on the red carpet



Dr Sunny Akpoyibo, Astevens staff and guest on the red carpet



Team of Suburban Fibre Company (owner of Legend Internet) on the red carpet



L-R: Ibrahim & Jennifer from Binani with Simon, Chinedu (Goodgrowth)



L-R: Simon, Mrs Fatima, Eme, Kate and guest from TCN



Red carpet hosts with guests



Commissioner Aisha Mahmud and her guests on the red carpet



Comr. Adodo, Nat'l President of NYCN delivers a speech



Mr Abdul (OSGF) presents award to Mr Emeka (for Amb. Elijah Onyeagba)



L-R: Mr Sangotayo (on behalf of PMG NIPOST) presents award to Mr Bob



Prof. Magnus receives an award on behalf of Dr Sunny Akpoyibo Astevens



Mr Suleiman Azika, COO, Suburban receives award for Bruce Ayonote



Mallam Abdul (rep SGF) presents award to Binani Staff on behalf of Haj. Aminatu



Dr Sanusi Ohiare (E.D. REF) and his wife



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