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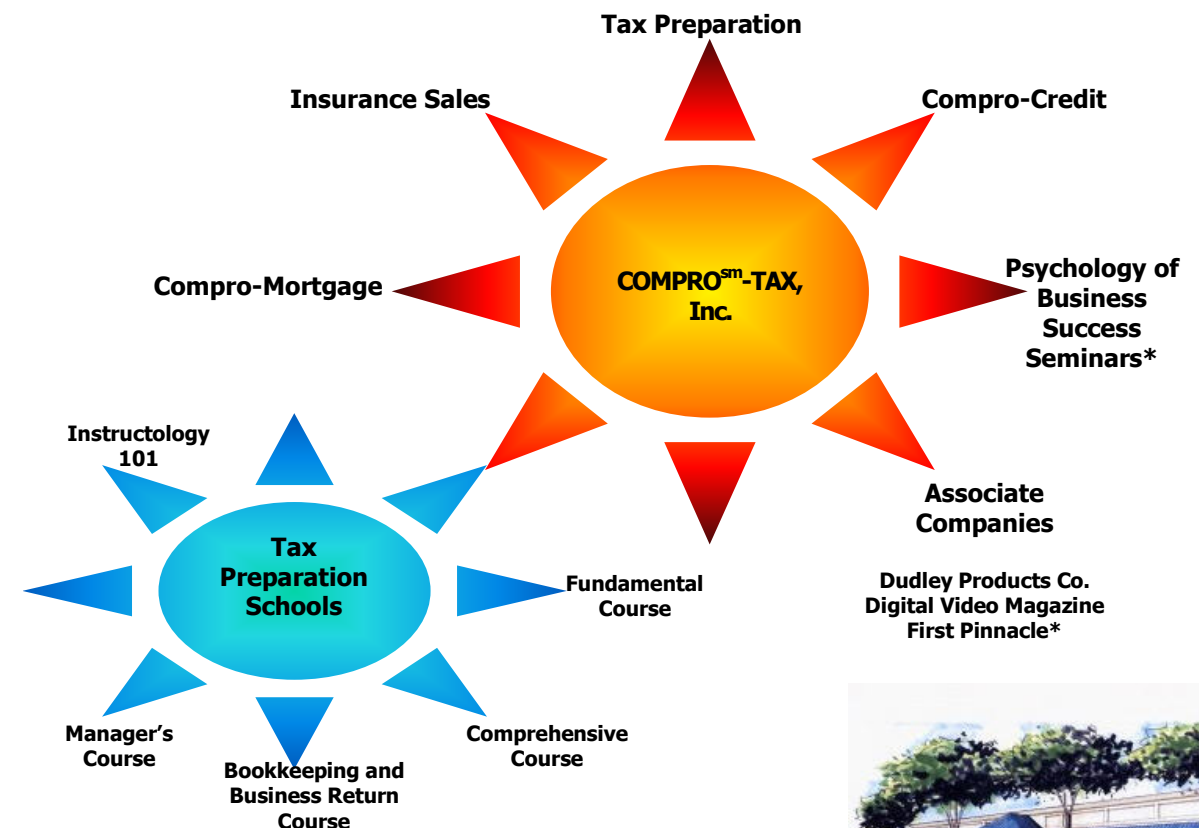
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He has thirty-two years experience as a licensed Insurance agent with expertise in building Self-employed Insurance Agencies, and is an instructor that teaches new agents the fundamentals of taking and passing the Texas State License Examination. Jackie became a provider of continuing education courses approximately one year after continuing education became a requirement for certain Insurance agents in Texas. He specialize in Retirement Planning, Estate Planning, and Tax Deferred Annuity products.

Born in Bogalusa Louisiana in 1948 Mr. Mayfield grew up doing the civil rights struggle and was and is passionately involved in the movement. The quest for real freedom has never died in the heart and soul of Jackie Mayfield; this is why he has a life-time commitment to self-empowerment for Black people. This is why he was instrumental in forming the "Black Alliance" with Dudley Product Inc., MATAH Network, LLC, and COMPRO-TAX, Inc. so that we could reciprocate education, he has founded a multi-million dollar company (COMPRO-TAX) and has developed many other successful businesses. He is married to his wife Bessie for almost forty-two years. They have two daughters, and one son. They all work in the family business.



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Friday 14 September

3:00 - 8:00	Registration	
3:00 - 8:00	Exhibition	
3:30 - 4:00	Welcome address	Robert Okojie, ANA President
4:00 - 5:00	Doing business with US governments	Sonia Maldonado, US Small Business Administration, Houston, Texas
5:00 - 8:00	Reception in exhibition area	

Saturday 15 September

8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibition	
8:30 am - 9:15	The role of the diaspora in capacity development	Richard Cambridge, Office of the Vice President, Africa Region, World Bank, Washington DC
9:15 - 10:00	The role of scholarships in developing leadership	Nkechi Agwu, Professor of Mathematics, CUNY, and Program Co-Vice President, AAUW NYC Branch
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 - 11:30	Political stability in Nigeria: panacea for economic progress	Vincent Ahonkhai, Vice-President, GlaxoSmithKline
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Office of Congresswoman	Sheila Jackson Lee
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch break	
1:00 - 2:00	Doing business with US governments	Sonia Maldonado, US Small Business Administration, Houston, Texas
2:00 - 2:30	Doing business with Nigerian governments	Chudi N. Okafor, Hon. Consul General of Nigeria, Atlanta, Georgia
2:30 - 3:00	Technology, development and Nigeria	Ilesanmi Adesida, Professor and Dean, College of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
3:00 - 3:15	Coffee break	
3:15 - 4:45	Panel discussion: Opportunities for Economic Engagement and Advancing Education	
4:45 - 5:00	Closing Remarks	Felix Akojie, Scholarship Committee Chairman
8:00 - 11:00	Banquet dinner and musical entertainment	Banquet speaker: Jackie E. Mayfield, Founder, CTI

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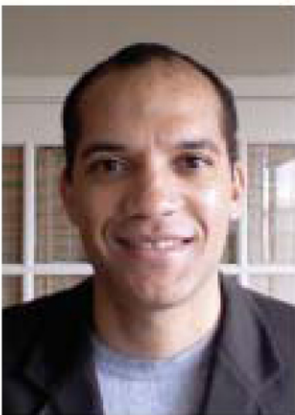
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He received the BS, MS and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1991, 1993, and 1996, respectively. In June 1999, he joined the SiC research group at NASA Glenn as an Electronics Engineer, primarily responsible for developing high temperature ohmic contact technology for SiC microsystems. He has published several papers in technical journals and conference proceedings relating to his field, and a contributing author to the CRC MEMS Handbook. He is a Senior Member of the IEEE, Sigma Xi, and Co-Chairman of the Compound Semiconductor Technical Committee of the International Reliability Physics Symposium. He currently holds twelve patents relating to SiC technology.



Dr. Felix Akojie, Treasurer Professor of Biology West Kentucky Community and Technical College

He has been a faculty member of the Biology Department since August of 1991. He earned his Ph.D in Biochemistry from the University of Ife in Nigeria, in 1985. Dr. Akojie then did his postdoctoral studies in Chemistry at Loyola University in Chicago, and Immunology at the University of Vienna in Austria. Prior to this, he taught Biochemistry at the medical schools at the University of Ife and later at the University of Benin. Dr. Akojie is a member of Paducah school board and he was elected the 2003 "Teacher of the Year" by the student of West Kentucky Community and Technical College. He lives in Paducah with his wife and four children.



Mr. Fatai Oyejobi, Legal Adviser

An active member of the Association of Nigerian Abroad since 1995. He is currently the Association's Legal Advisor, Chairman for the Education Committee, and a member of the Conference Planning Committee. Mr. Oyejobi has been active in his community in Beaumont, Texas. His community service activities include: Co-founder of Beaumont Community Learning Center, Speaker for the Texas Governor's Honor Program for High School children, Chairman of the Beaumont Commission for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Mentor, Ben Roger's "I Have a Dream" Program. A graduate of Lamar University, he is also the co-author of Internet Technology In a Nutshell along with other achievements.



Dr. Nkechi Agwu, USA Regional Representative

ANA United States Representative and a member of the Conference Planning Committee) is a Professor of Mathematics at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York (CUNY), where she served as Director of the Teaching Learning Center (2003-2006) responsible for management of the Center's daily operations and for planning, implementation and evaluation of faculty development and leadership programs throughout the college. Dr. Agwu is a mathematician, educator and historian by training, with a speciality in cultural foundations and a professional background that includes consulting in statistics and program evaluation, and experience as a government statistician, a union leader and a trained labor relations grievance counselor.



Dr. Innocent Davidson, Canada Regional Representative

He is a Consultant Engineer in the Electric Power Industry and Managing Partner, Dasela Engineering CC. He is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE) USA, in which capacity he has discharged professional services including international conference organisation. Dr Davidson holds an excellent academic and research record with significant industry experience and business consultation focussed on the electric power sector.

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 To serve our fatherland
 With love and strength and faith
 The labour of our hopes past
 Shall never be in vain
 To serve with heart and might
 One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

O God of creation, direct our noble cause
 Guide thou our leaders 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 reign

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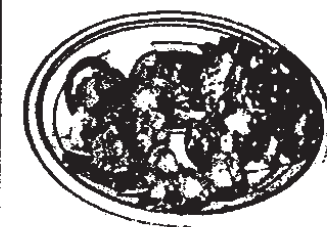
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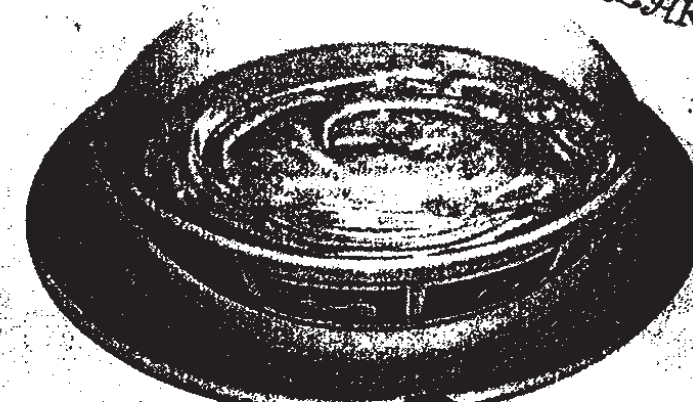
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ANA CAMPUS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Preamble

The ANA campus leadership program is conceived to be an inspiring endeavor for the ANA Scholarship Recipients, many of whom aspire to “give back” to their communities after their college education. The Education Committee of the Association of Nigerians Abroad intends to make this dream come true by planning and executing on-campus pilot programs that will serve as a template for future scholarship recipients. These programs shall be dependent on available resources on each campus, and shall be extended to other campuses as the scholarship awards are given to students at other universities.

The Programs

The ANA Club

This student organization shall be initiated by scholarship recipients on their respective campuses, and supported by the ANA for operational guidance. The organization shall be open to other interested students, provided that they will abide strictly by the rules of the organization. Club members shall engage in community service programs, and shall be given the opportunity to intern with sponsoring corporations. Members shall be required to have an email account, which shall be used to communicate with ANA Education Committee when necessary.

The ANA Leadership Award

The ANA Leadership Award shall be given to outstanding students and faculty in recognition of their outstanding work in the community. Recommendations for this ward shall come from student leadership and supported by selected committee of judges that may include university faculty and staff, and approved by the ANA Executive Council. Criteria for the award shall be determined by the ANA Executive Council.

Leadership Seminar Series

The purpose of these seminars is to change the mindset of graduates who are aspiring leaders in various areas of the society, and whose activities will touch the lives of fellow Nigerians. The ANA shall seek industry leaders to provide seminars on various topics including public speaking, ethics and values, and motivation. Scholarship recipients shall be responsible for organizing these seminars, seeking industry sponsors, speakers (both from private and public offices), and reporting to the ANA Education Committee.

Community Service

Participants in the community service area of leadership programs will be expected to commit themselves to various programs such as immunization, health awareness education for the prevention of diseases (such as HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases, diabetes, breast and prostate cancer), and Road Safety education. The student participants will work with local leaders, entertainers and entertainment industry, and others who are interested in community service. The ANA will assist the student participants in locating the interested parties.

Cross-Cultural Program

This program will be designed to nurture cultural sensitivity, understanding, and unity, in a bid to accommodate Nigerians from other ethnic extract where they currently reside. Seminars and other activities shall be presented, including but not limited to music, foods, and other cultural presentations.

“The Student Center” Program

This is a program that will be geared toward intra-collegiate activities among campus organizations leadership. Seminars featuring conflict management, holding office with integrity, maintaining high citizenship standard shall be dominating. Inter-campus competitions on which campus maintains the best student activity center shall be encouraged. The purpose of this program is to instill in student organization leaders the need to maintain the best kept Student Center as the seat of the student government and other organizations.

Publications

Quarterly publications shall be established and distributed all over ANA affiliated campuses. To be named ANA Quarterly, the publication shall feature student government activities, community services, job placement, technology, health, and feature articles written by students and outside contributors, and professional and/or social articles by ANA members. In addition to the Editorial Comments, a space shall be reserved for the ANA President’s Comments, including “What’s Happening” around the world with ANA. This space shall feature updates on ANA projects both in Nigeria and overseas, ANA members’ (or ex-members, if they live in Nigeria) affairs where they live.

Funding

Although ANA Quarterly shall be free to the students, non-ANA affiliates shall pay a set price for the magazine. However, major funding of the publication shall come from advertisement of corporation or business products that target university students. The logistics of the funding and expenditure shall be executed by the ANA Executive Council. Some of the profits shall fund other ANA programs in Nigeria, including scholarship awards.



THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O ssy, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
For the land of the free and the home of the brave.

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses.
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave
For the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that bank who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wiped out their foul footsteps's pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
For the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our turst."
And the star-spangled banner forever shall wave
For the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Nigerians Across the Globe



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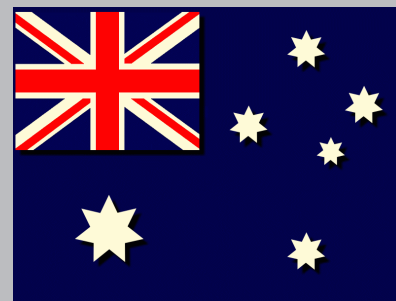
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Appeal for Scholarship

You are cordially invited to attend the Association of Nigerians Abroad (ANA) 2007 Conference in Houston, Texas, from September 14 to 16, 2007. ANA is also appealing for your sponsorship to support the conference. The theme of this conference is "Economic Empowerment of Nigerians in Diaspora" and the proceedings would be used to fund the annual ANA scholarship program. ANA is proud to bring this conference to Houston, since it is home to thousands of Nigerians that have contributed to the economic growth of the city. ANA also recognizes your consistent commitment to the community and we would be privileged to enjoy your support.

ANA initiated its scholarship program in 1999, and by the end of 2006, it had awarded over forty scholarships to Nigerian students studying in Nigerian universities. This annual scholarship is made possible by the private donations of ANA members and its friends.

A non-profit, charitable organization with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States IRS code, ANA is non-ethnic, non-religious, and non-partisan organization in all its dealings with the people and government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the outside world. However, the association consistently advocates for democratic ideals, human rights, rule of law, fairness, justice, and equality in Nigeria and for all Nigerians. The composition of the association reflects the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of Nigeria.

The names of sponsors and donors to this conference will be published in the conference brochure.

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December 29, 2006

Association of Nigerians Abroad Announces Winners of the 2006 Scholarship Awards

The Association of Nigerians Abroad (ANA) (www.ananet.org) hereby announces the ten winners of the 2006 university scholarship award competition. Below is the list of the ten successful applicants selected from various universities. Each winner receives the sum of twenty thousand naira (N20,000), which is awarded on a one-time basis, to supplement their educational expenses for the full academic year. ANA initiated the scholarship program in 1999, and by the end of 2006, it has awarded over thirty scholarships to Nigerian students that are studying in Nigerian universities. ANA believes that academic excellence is a hallmark of any educational system and it should be a non-negotiable fundamental objective of governments, individuals and progressive organizations.

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2006 Winners

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University of Ibadan
Pet. Eng

Kareem, Adijat Adenike
University of Ibadan
Forest Res.

Adedokun, Noah Abayomi
Univ. Agric. Abeokuta
Env./Toxicology

Ligali, Zaynab Oyinlola
Univ. Agric. Abeokuta
Vet. Med.

Akpan, Ubong
Univ. Agric. Abeokuta
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University of Ilorin
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Ajasin University
Philosophy

Okwara, Ifeanyi D
Madonna University
Medicine

Nwakuba, Christian Uchenna
Imo State University
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Please join us in congratulating the winners.

Robert S. Okojie, Ph.D
President, ANA

Felix Akojie, Ph.D
Chairman, Scholarship Committee



President's Message

President's welcome address
Dr. Robert Okojie, ANA President

On behalf of the members of the Association of Nigerians Abroad, I welcome you to the 2007 ANA Conference in Houston, Texas. We are particularly grateful to the speakers for accepting our invitation, despite their very busy schedules. Please consider the invitation as our profound recognition of your trail-blazing leadership in various capacities.

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ANA was motivated by the desire to galvanize Nigerians leaving abroad to advocate for democracy during Abacha's military dictatorship.

Over the past nine years, ANA has redefined its relevance in the post Abacha Nigeria by instituting the scholarship program for Nigerian students studying in Nigerian Universities. By the end of 2006, we have awarded over forty scholarships to Nigerian students studying in Nigerian universities. This annual scholarship is made possible by the private donations of ANA members and its friends. We are now poised to expand this program to involve corporate entities and civic organizations. It is on that note that I thank Western Union, Money gram, ComproTax, and Fingerlicking Bukateria, for being the pioneering sponsors of this program. We intend to utilize the proceedings of this conference to expand the ANA scholarship program beyond the current level of ten students per year. ANA has established a time-tested mechanism for accepting and evaluating applications from all the Nigerian universities, and granting and disbursing the awards to the successful candidates. ANA is in direct contact with the Registrars of all Nigerian universities, and has a Nigerian based representative that coordinates its activities.

The theme of this two-day conference, "Contribution of Nigerians in Diaspora to the Global Economy" is aimed to highlight the positive contributions of Nigerians in different areas of professional endeavor and to create a forum for Nigerians abroad to interact progressively. This is with the goal of encouraging future generation of Nigerians to emulate such positive accomplishments and to be motivated to aspire higher.

What are our expectations of the students? The ANA planned campus leadership program is to motivate the award recipients toward community service during and after their college education. ANA would make this possible by instituting on-campus pilot programs that the students would lead and use as vehicle to serve the community.

While I look forward to a successful conference, I would once again thank our invited speakers, sponsors, and the attendees for making this possible. Thank you.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Alfreda Crawford

Ms. Crawford serves as Senior Business Development Specialist for the Houston District Office of the United States Small Business Administration. The recent restructuring of the SBA, Ms. Crawford’s responsibilities presently focus on outreach and marketing to small business owners, lenders and professional groups.

Ms. Crawford graduated from the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, DC and received her bachelors degree in Business Administration. After graduating from college Ms. Crawford began her career with the U.S Small Business Administration and worked as a computer specialist for 9 years at the ABA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

At her request, Ms. Crawford was transferred to the Houston District Office wher she has served as a Senior Loan Processing Officer for 14 years.

During Hurricane Katrina, Ms. Crawford was invited to assist i processing disaster loans to alleviate the large volume of applications.

Ms. Crawford has a total of 33 years with the U.S. Federal Government.

SPEAKERS

Nkechi M. A. Agwu, Ph.D. (ANA United States Representative and a member of the Conference Planning Committee) is a Professor of Mathematics at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York (CUNY), where she served as Director of the Teaching Learning Center (2003-2006) responsible for management of the Center's daily operations and for planning, implementation and evaluation of faculty development and leadership programs throughout the college. She is the Program Co-Vice President and Black History Co-Chair of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), New York City Branch; a member of AAUW New York State (NYS) Public Policy Committee and was honored in April 2007 by AAUW NYS as an Emerging Leader. She is the Historian of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC), a recipient of AMATYC's INPUT Award for innovative pedagogy in teaching introductory statistics (2000) and a Writing Team Chair for AMATYC's signature document, Beyond Crossroads: Implementing Standards in the First Two Years of College. She is a Life Patron and Life Fellow of the International Biographical Association, a Project Kaleidoscope Faculty for the 21st Century (Class of 1997), a participant of CUNY's Fulbright Study Group to China on the History of Chinese Mathematics (2004) and a Visiting Scholar at the Educational Testing Service (2003). Dr. Agwu is a mathematician, educator and historian by training, with a speciality in cultural foundations and a professional background that includes consulting in statistics and program evaluation, and experience as a government statistician, a union leader and a trained labor relations grievance counselor.



SPEAKERS

Vincent I. Ahonkhai, born in Nigeria, West Africa with an education that includes University of Lagos College of Medicine, Nigeria, 1972; Board Certification, Pediatrics, New York, 1979 and Fellowship: Infectious Diseases, Adult & Pediatric 1981. His career achievement include Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, State University-DownState Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, 1979; Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Labs, 1982-90 (rose to Director, Infectious Disease Clinical Research); R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute (J&J), 1990-1995 (rose to Executive Director, Clinical Research); Smith-Kline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, 1995 - 2000 (Vice President, Anti-Infectives & Biologicals); Vice President, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, 2001. He is married, to Bernadine Ahonkhai, Ed.D., daughters, Ebiho(J.D.), Aima(M.D.), Omua, and son, Imoniri



Ilesanmi Adesida earned his bachelor’s degree in 1974, his master’s in 1975, and his doctorate in 1979, all in electrical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. After finishing his doctorate, he worked briefly at Cornell University and then as a university administrator in Nigeria, his native country. He joined the Illinois faculty in 1987, and became a U.S. citizen in 2002. Adesida is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Vacuum Society, and the Optical Society of America. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the Minerals, Metals and Materials Society, the Materials Research Society, and the Society for Engineering Education.



Richard Cambridge (Regional Operations Advisor, Africa Region) joined the World Bank as a Young Professional and has undertaken a variety of assignments. He has served as the Personal Assistant to the Senior Vice President of the World Bank; Country Economist for Venezuela and Jamaica in the Latin America and Caribbean Region; Project Economist in Education and Human Development Divisions in the East Asia and Pacific, East Africa, and South Asia Regions; in the Agriculture Institutions Division in the South Asia Region; and in the Population, Health and Nutrition Department of the Bank. He has served as the Environment and Social Development Adviser in the Office of the Director, India, Nepal and Bhutan; and as the Principal Operations Adviser in the Office of the Regional Vice President, South Asia Region.



Mr. Chudi N. Okafor is the Nigerian Consul-General at Atlanta, GA. He has been a diplomat for many years having served in Malaysia and other African, European, and Asian countries. He has been in the forefront of attracting investment to Nigeria and making consular service smoother and quicker with utilization of modern technologies such as online application for new passports, renewals and visas.

