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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ B.A. (cum laude) Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., 1964.
- ❖ M.A. (International Affairs) The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Massachusetts, U.S. A., 1965.
- ❖ M. A. (Law and Diplomacy) Fletcher, 1966
- ❖ D. Phil. (Oxon) Trinity College, Oxford, 1969

CURRENT POSTS

- ❖ Member, Presidential Electoral Reform Committee under the current Government of President Umar Yar' Adua of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2007)
- ❖ Chairman, National Think Tank, Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2007

PREVIOUS POSTS

A: THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1985 – December 1987.

In this position I met with the Prime Ministers of Great Britain, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Canada, Morocco, Israel, Algeria, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Mali, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana, Congo, Zaire; the king of Lesotho; the Foreign Ministers of most Asian, South American, Middle East, European and African Countries.

ACHIEVEMENTS AS FOREIGN MINISTER

CEASE FIRE TERMS ENDORSED BY INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE: During my period as Foreign Minister, I was involved in negotiating the cease-fire in the Chad-Libyan, and in the Mali-Burkina Faso wars, the terms of the latter were later endorsed by the International Court of Justice.

CONCERT OF MEDIUM POWERS: I would rank this as my boldest move. I conceived the idea of bringing together medium powers for the purpose of using their collective bargaining power to mediate disputes within the international system. I initiated a series of diplomatic initiatives to implement the concept. The idea was accepted, and two diplomatic conferences at official level were held with the following countries in attendance: Canada, Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Venezuela, Argentina, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Austria, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Egypt, Algeria, Nigeria, Senegal, Australia, and Switzerland. The participants at the conferences worked out the operational modality for implementing the concept. The next stage, if I had remained in office, was to have been at Foreign Ministerial/Summit level to sign the documents to bring the Concert into existence.

TECHNICAL AID CORPS SCHEME: This is a scheme that I introduced to restructure quite radically Nigerian foreign assistance programme. The emphasis was shifted away from monetary disbursement to skilled personnel placement in Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific nations.

B: THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NIIA), LAGOS. (The Nigerian Government's official Think Tank on foreign policy), 1975 – 1983.

I initiated a programme of Non-Governmental Dialogue between Nigeria and various countries such as the United States, China, Soviet Union, Germany, Brazil etc, where the foreign policy elites of each country met to discuss strategic issues of interest to the countries involved.

C: PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Lagos, 1983-1985.

D: VISITING OVERSEAS SCHOLAR, St. John's College, Cambridge, 1984.

E: REGENT'S LECTURER, University of California, Los Angeles, California, February 1979.

F: VISITING PROFESSOR, DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAMME, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1977.

G: VISITING PROFESSOR, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, 1977.

H: LECTURER AND LATER SENIOR LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 1970-1975

I: VISITING PROFESSOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, Kalamazoo, Michigan, U.S.A. 1970.

J: VISITING PROFESSOR IN AFRICAN STUDIES, DePauw University, Indiana, U.S.A. 1969-1970.

K: INSTRUCTOR IN POLITICS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, North-Eastern University, Boston, U.S.A., 1965-1966.

L: FELLOW, CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, University of Cambridge, England, 1988-1990.

M: LIFE MEMBER, CLARE HALL, University of Cambridge, England.

CONSULTANCY POSTS

- ❖ Member, International Advisory Board, Centre for Strategic Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- ❖ Member, International Institute of Strategic Studies Committee on Regional Security Studies.
- ❖ Member, Academic Advisory Board, Candido Mendes University, Brazil.
- ❖ Member, United Nations Group of Experts on Disarmament and Development.

- ❖ Chairman, United Nations Group of Experts on certain aspects of the Middle East.
- ❖ Member, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Panel on South African Nuclear Capability.
- ❖ Member, United Nations Organising Committee for United Nations Conference on Disarmament, Development and Security in Africa.
- ❖ Member, Nigerian Government Panel on Nigeria Since Independence History Panel.
- ❖ Member, Election Observer Human Rights Group, Zimbabwe, 1985.
- ❖ Member, Presidential Electoral Reform Committee, 2007-2008.

MAJOR DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- ❖ Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the O.A.U. Council of Ministers, Addis Ababa, 1976.
- ❖ Extra-Ordinary Summit of the O.A.U Assembly of Heads of State and Government. Addis Ababa, 1976.
- ❖ African-American Dialogue, Lesotho, 1976.
- ❖ O.A.U. Council of Ministers, Libreville, 1977.
- ❖ O.A.U. Summit, Libreville, 1977.
- ❖ United Nations General Assembly Annual Session represented Nigeria on the Special Political Committee.
- ❖ Nigerian-United States Dialogue, October 1978.
- ❖ Nigeria-Soviet Dialogue, December 1978.
- ❖ Nigerian-Chinese Dialogue, July 1979.
- ❖ Nigerian Scandinavian Dialogue, January 1980.
- ❖ Observer at the Transition Period in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, Salisbury, February 1980.
- ❖ Nigerian-Brazilian Dialogue, July 1980.
- ❖ Dialogue on North-South Dialogue with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, January 1981.
- ❖ Nigeria-Chinese Dialogue, 1982.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the United Nations Annual General Assembly Session, New York, September 1985.
- ❖ Deputy Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Commonwealth Summit, Bahamas, October 1985.

- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Organisation of African Unity, Council of Ministers Session, July 1986.
- ❖ Deputy Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Organisation of African Unity, Heads of state and Government Summit, July 1986.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers Conference, Harare, August 1986.
- ❖ Deputy Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Non-Aligned Summit, Harare, August 1986.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly Annual Session, September 1986.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa, 1986.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Budget Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organisation of African Unity, Addis Ababa, February 1987.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organisation of African Unity, Addis Ababa, July 1987.
- ❖ Deputy Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Annual Summit of the Organisation of African Unity, July 1987.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly Annual Session, September 1987.
- ❖ Deputy Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of State and Governments, Vancouver, 1987.
- ❖ Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Extra-Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organisation of African Unity devoted to African Debt, Addis Ababa, November 1987.
- ❖ Deputy Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Extra-Ordinary Summit of the Organisation of African Unity devoted to African Debt, Addis Ababa, November 1987.

COUNTRIES VISITED

Canada, U.S.A., Austria, Italy, Brazil, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Federal Republic of Germany, U.S.S.R., India, Australia, Japan, China, AND ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

PUBLICATIONS

1. (1974) **Foreign Policy and Federalism: The Nigerian Experience**, Ibadan University Press. 2nd edition by Macmillan Press, 1984.

2. (1978) **Nigeria and the World: Readings in Nigerian Foreign Policy**, Oxford University Press. Edited Volume.
3. (1978) **The British Press and the Nigerian Civil War: The Godfather Complex**, N.I.I.A. Occasional Papers No. 2, Oxford University Press.
4. (1978) **Angola and Nigeria: A Study in National Interest** Collection "Conferences" No. 1, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva.
5. (1979) **Foreign Policy and The Constitution**, Monograph Series No. 4, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos.
6. (1979) **Federalism 1976: Readings on the State of Federalism In the World**, N.I.I.A. Edited Volume.
7. (1976) **Contemporary Constrains on Peace Roles of the World**, N.I.I.A. Reprint Series No. 2.
8. (1983) **Readings on The Economic Community of West African States**, Macmillan Press. Edited Volume.
9. (1983) **Disarmament and Development: Utilization of Resources for Military Purposes in Black Africa** (Prepared for the United Nations Centre for Disarmament) N.I.I.A. Monograph Series, No. 9
10. (1986) **Economic Co-operation Between Nigeria & Eastern Europe**, ed., 1986; Lagos: NIIA.
11. (2002) **Essays on International Politics: Foreign and Domestic Affairs**, Macmillan Press, Nigeria.
12. (2002) **Bolaji Akinyemi Seagull: The Perception of Others**, Lagos: Macmillan Nigeria Publishers Limited.
13. (2010) **Igbinedion lecture**
14. (2010) **Great People, Great Nation: A Reality or Aspiration**, Convocation Lecture at the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, NIPSS Press Ltd.
15. (2011) **New Development in International Law and Diplomacy: One Step Forward, two steps backwards**, the 2011 Judge Taslim Elias Lecture delivered at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, September 27, 2011, NIAL Press.

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1. (1970) *Nigerian and the Island of Fernando Poo: The Politics of Irredentism*, **African Affairs**, 69. 236-249.
- 2 (1971) *The American Press and the Nigerian Civil War*, **The Nigerian Journal of Economic and Social Studies**, 13, 241-259.
- 3 (1972) *The British Press and the Nigerian Civil War*, **African Affairs**, 71, 408-426.

- 4 (1972) *The Adebo Wages and Salaries Review Commission: The Social Implications*, **Quarterly Journal of Administration**, VI, 141-146.
- 5 (1974) *The Organisation of African Unity and the Concept of Non-interference in International Affairs of Member States*, **British Year Book of International Law**, 379-400.
- 6 (1975) *The Organisation of African Unity: The Practice of Recognition of Governments*, **The Indian Journal of Political Science**, XXXVI, No. 1, 63-79.
- 7 (1976) *National Unity within the Context of External Relations: The Nigerian Experience*, in David Smock and K. Bentse-Enchill, **National Integration in Africa**, Free Press (A Division of Macmillan Press), New York.
- 8 (1976) *Ethnic Politics: A Non-Conformist View* in A. O. Sanda, **Ethnic Relations in Nigeria**, Caxton Press, 135-145.
- 9 (1977) *The Imperative Constrains of Superpower Conflicts on Africa*, **Nigerian Journal of International Affairs**, 3, Nos. 1 & 2.
- 10 (1977) *Race and Foreign Policy: The South African and Rhodesian Press and the Nigerian Civil War*, **Nigerian Journal of International Affairs**, 4, Nos. 1 & 2.
- 11 (1978) *Nigerian Foreign Policy 1975* in Oyediran, **Annual Survey of Nigerian Affairs 1975**, Oxford University Press.
- 12 (1978) *Nigeria and Southern African: The Policy Options* in Douglas Angling, Timothy Shaw and Carl G. Widstrand (eds.) **Conflict and Change in Southern African: Papers from a Scandinavian Canadian Conference**, Washington, University Press of America.
- 13 (1978) *Federalism and Foreign Policy* in Akinyemi, Cole and Ofonagoro, **Federalism 1976, op. Cit.**
- 14 (1978) *The Organisation of African Unity: Perception of Neo-Colonialism*, **African Quarterly**, XIV, 1 & 2, 32-51
- 15 (1978) *Nigeria and the Super-Powers: Equality not Uniformity of Relations*, **Centrepoint**, (a quarterly journal of University of Ilorin) 1, No. 2.
- 16 (1978) *The Legality of United States Threat to use Force to deal with OPEC Oil Price Increases*, **Nigerian Journal of International Affairs**, 4, Nos. 1 & 2.
- 17 (1979) *Mohammed/Obasanjo's Foreign Policy* in Oyediran (ed.) **Nigerian Government and Politics under Military Rule**, Macmillan, London.
- 18 (1980) *The Indian, Israeli, Egyptian and Pakistan Press and the Nigerian Civil War: Religion and Foreign Policy*, **Jerusalem Journal of International Relations**, 4, No. 3.
- 19 *Nigeria's Position in Africa and in the World*, **Osterreich ische Zeitschrift Fur Au Benpolitik 4/80**, Reprinted in **International Spectator** (the Journal of the Dutch Institute of International Affairs).

- 20 (1980) *The United Nations and the New International Economic Order: Legitimacy and Legality*, **Nigerian Journal of International Affairs** (1979), 6, Nos. 1 & 2.
- 21 *The Political Significance of Black Africa in Relation to Western Europe* in **Dialogue Western Europe-Black Africa**, edit. by Otto Molden (Munich: Verlag Fritz Molden).
- 22 (1980) *African Perspectives on Disarmament* in **The Sandefjord Report on Disarmament and Development** (Hegland A. S., Flekkefjord Norway)
- 23 (1982) *African – Challenges and Responses: A Foreign Policy Perspective*, **Daedalus**, Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Science, III, No. 2.
36. (1983) **A Farewell To Policy**, N.I.I.A Lecture Series, No. 35.
37. *The Emergence of Nigeria as a Regional Power*, **Studia Diplomatica**, Journal of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Brussels.
38. *Nigeria and Overseas Africans: The Limit of National Interest* in **Nigeria's African Policy**, National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Nigeria.
39. **Balance and Credibility In Nigerian Foreign Policy**, Gold Medal Lecture Series, 1986.
40. **In Search of A New World Order**, The 1991 Annual Lecture of the Nigerian Society of International Affairs.
41. (2005) *In The Shadow Of Camelot: Reflections Of The Members Of The Class Of 1965. The Fletcher School Of Law And Diplomacy Tufts University* (Compiled And Edited By Larry Strove) (The Black Rock Press: University Of Nevada, Reno, 2005)
42. (2011) "The Electoral Reform Committee and Revolutionary Recommendations", **Essays in honour of Hon. Justice M. L. Uwais**, (Forthcoming)

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43. **Pluralism and Nigerian Foreign Policy**, The Lead Paper Presented At *The Foreign Policy Retreat* Organized By Centre For Advanced Social Studies, Port Harcourt, Held At Confluence Hotel, Lokoja, *September 26-28, 2003*.
44. **Nigerian Foreign Policy In The 21st Century**. Public lecture delivered to the Senior Executive Course no. 25 of the national institute for policy and strategic studies, Kuru, Nigeria on *June 17, 2003*
45. **Devolution Of Power: A Prerequisite For National Unity – The Need For Dialogue**. Lecture delivered at the 1st Abdulrahman Okene Memorial lecture Under

the Auspices of the Gamji Members Association. Arewa House, Kaduna *August 16, 2001*

- 46. The Niger Delta In Perspective: Issues And Realities**, a Paper Delivered At A Seminar On Business And Development Imperatives For Delta State Government And Principal Officers Of The House Of Assembly. Asaba, Nigeria *October 11, 2001*
- 45. The State Of The Judiciary And Legal System: A Consumer's View**, delivered on the 80TH Birthday Celebration of Dr. F.A. Ajayi, SAN, former Attorney general of Western Nigeria. *September 28, 2005.*
- 47. "Governance: Social Contract Between The Governed And The Government"**. Second Convocation Lecture Of Igbinedion University, Okada Nigeria *Nov 26, 2004*
- 48. Federalism, Intergovernmental Relationship, Partisan Politics And Development: A Critical Assessment Of Nigeria (1999-2004)** Delivered at the First Intergovernmental quarterly roundtable on development, held under the auspices of the Lagos State House of Assembly. *Nov 23, 2004*
- 49. A Lamentation For Nigeria Being A Book Review Commentary On "Dele Giwa: The Unanswered Questions" By A. Kunle Togun** Delivered at Abuja *Dec 12, 2004*
- 50. It Is Human Beings Who Matter**, text Of A Public Lecture at the Launching Of A Book "Nigeria, Set Aside By God For Greatness: The Untold Story Of June 12 Annulment" By *Adesina Adedipe, On September 2, 2004.*
- 51. On Zoning, Power Shift And Other Acradabra**, speech To The Yoruba Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria On The Occasion Of The 118th Anniversary Of The Kiriji Armistice. *September 24, 2004*
- 52. "Corruption – A Battle Nigeria Must Win"**, lecture Delivered At Odunaike Memorial Lecture 2004 Under The Auspices Of The Foursquare Gospel Church Of Nigeria, Held On *August 10, 2004*
- 53. National Interest And Military Capability**, Keynote Address At Roundtable On The South Atlantic Region As A Zone Of Peace And Cooperation: Nigeria's Security Interests, Held At The Nigerian Institute Of International Affairs, Lagos, Nigeria, *July 15, 2004.*
- 54. The Nigerian Question: The Way Forward**, delivered at the 1st Annual National Trust Dialogue *Jan 15, 2004*
- 55. Charles Taylor -A Foreign Policy Challenge For Nigeria**, Keynote Lecture Delivered At The Opening Ceremony At The International Symposium On Charles Taylor, International Law And Diplomacy Organized By The Department Of Jurisprudence And

International Law, University Of Lagos, The Society Of International Law And Diplomacy And The Open Society For Justice. *Feb 26, 2004*

56. **The Taylor Saga: A Clash Of Civilization**. Full article of an article Published as a Cover Story in the London edition of the *New African* magazine of May 2006, page 20-23
57. "Nigeria: The Blackman's Burden", Lecture delivered under the auspices of the Centre for Black And African Arts and Civilisation, February 24, 2005
58. **No Thanks, We are not Pelagians Here**, [*Institute Of Directors Annual Dinner Speech 2006*](#) delivered at The 2006 Annual Dinner Of The Nigerian Institute Of Directors, Held On December 4, 2006 At Lagos, Nigeria.
59. **Consolidating Democracy In Nigeria**, Public lecture delivered in honour of the 65th birthday celebration of General Ibrahim Babangida, former President Of Nigeria, August 25, 2006, Abuja.
60. **Fighting Corruption and Social Conflict To achieve Development**, Lecture delivered at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Arewa Consultative Forum, Kaduna, April 29th 2010.