

# *Agwara John Onyeukwu*

## **PERSONAL DETAILS:**

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Gender: Male

Nationality: Nigeria

## **PERSONAL PROFILE**

A Development Practitioner and Attorney with sound practical and theoretical background in law, the not-for-profit sector project management and administration, and political mobilisation.

## **SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Project Management**

Experience in: -

- Project Development, proposal writing
- managing projects and reporting for big Development and Donor Organisations like the EU, USAID, and partner organisations
- managing small and big teams in project environments

### **Team Working and Leadership**

Worked in a small team at several times and in large teams at Transition Monitoring Group (as National Coordinator, with membership strength of over 10,000), Concerned Professionals (as National Coordinator and a membership strength of 500), and Restoration Group (a political organisation, as Project Coordinator/COO, with memberships strength of more than 2 million).

Able to build team spirits in all cases above and translate organisational vision into actionable activities

Serves on the Board of a number of voluntary organisations and initiatives in Nigeria

### **IT Skills**

Competent with most Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Excel and, PowerPoint

Have some Web design skills (Mozilla and MS FrontPage)

**Language:** English- Fluent

## **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2008- 2009    Central European University, Budapest, Hungary  
MPP, (Master of Public Policy),
- 2007-2008    University of York, United Kingdom  
MA, Public Administration and Public Policy
- 1999- 2000    University of Lagos, Nigeria  
LL.M (Master of Laws)
- 1992 -1993    Nigerian Law School, Lagos, Nigeria  
BA, Law (plus professional qualification and call to bar as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria)
- 1988- 1992    Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria  
LL.B, Law (with hours)

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2007- 2009    Erasmus Mundus Scholarship of the European Union for Double Master Degree in Public Policy (University of York/Central European University)
- 2006- 2007    International Policy Fellowship (IPF) of the Open Society Institute/Central European University/Central European University
- 1989- 1992    UAC Nigeria PLC, Higher Education Scholarship for Law Degree (Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria)

## **WORK HISTORY**

- June 2009-Present    Visiting Faculty, Centre for Policy Studies, Central European University, Budapest Hungary
- 2002- 2007    Concerned Professionals (Limited by Guarantee), Nigeria  
National Coordinator
- 2003 -2007    Restoration Group (Political Organisation)  
Coordinator/Chief Operating Officer
- 2001- 2002    Transition Monitoring Group, Nigeria

National Coordinator  
1998- 2001 Environmental Rights Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria  
Executive Director  
1996- - John Onyeukwu and Company, Legal Practitioners  
Founder/Principal Partner  
1995- 1996 Wole Iyamu and Company, Solicitors  
Solicitor –in- Chambers  
1993 -1994 Ogun State Ministry of Justice  
State Counsel

**SOME VOLUNTARY POSITIONS HELD**

2007 – Date Concerned Professionals (Limited by Guarantee)  
Director  
2006- Date Kemi Nelson Foundation, Nigeria  
Trustee/Secretary  
2006- Date Budget Transparency Network, Nigeria  
Convenor, Capacity Building Working Group  
2004- 2007 Lagos State Economic Empowerment and Development Document  
Member, Technical Committee  
2004 –date St. Joseph’s Boys’ Secondary School, Lagos, Nigeria  
Member, Governing Board  
1999- 2001 Nigeria Habitat Coalition, Nigeria  
National Legal Adviser  
1991- 1992 Juris Chambers, Faculty of Law, Obafemi Awolowo University  
1988- 1990 Angoloscope Magazine, Obafemi Awolowo University  
Editor

### **SOME PUBLICATIONS**

1. Onyeukwu, J (2003), 'Electoral Probity and Conflict Management' (ed.), Lagos, Concerned Professionals
2. Onyeukwu, J. (2003) 'Electoral Probity and Conflict Management: 2003 General Elections in Retrospect' (ed.), Lagos, Concerned Professionals
3. Onyeukwu, J., (2004), 'Manual For Budget Advocates and Monitors' (ed), Lagos Concerned Professionals. Also available online at: <http://www.concernedprofessionals.org>
4. Onyeukwu, J., (2005), '*The Imperative of Participatory Budgeting*' in Edith Nwosu et al, Handbook On Popular Participation In Budgetary Procedure (Nigeria: International Federation Of Women Lawyers) pp. 133-143
5. Onyegu, R and Onyeukwu, J., et al, (2004), 'Widespread Violations ' in Fear and Want-Obstacles to Human Security (Social Watch Report, 2004) page 189 to 190.
6. Onyegu, R and Onyeukwu, J., et al, (2005), 'The Many Programmes and the many poor' in Roars and Whispers – Gender and Poverty: Promises vs. Action (Social Watch Report) page 220 to 221.
7. Onyeukwu, A. J., (2007), 'Resource Curse in Nigeria: Perception and Challenges' International Policy Fellow Research Paper. Available online at <http://pdc.ceu.hu/archive/00003007/> and at <https://www.policy.hu/onyeukwu>
8. Onyeukwu, A. J. (2008), 'Can the structure of the Nigerian State and its political processes deliver the NEEDS programme', Final Dissertation, University of York, United Kingdom
9. Onyeukwu, A.J (2009), 'Assuring the Independence of Anti-Corruption Agencies: The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission of Nigeria as case study' Term Paper, Central European University, Budapest
10. Onyeukwu, A.J (2009), 'The Paradox of Ideas in Nigeria: Democracy in the Absence of Freedom of Information Regime, Term Paper, Central European University, Budapest

### **RECENT AWARD/RECOGNITION**

2007 - Recipient of the 2007 Independent Sector Promoters Award in recognition of my 'Outstanding Service and Excellent Performance in Good Governance Advocacy' (in Nigeria)

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- I have attended several international conferences and capacity building workshops on project management and advocacy
- I have also facilitated several training and capacity building programmes for civil society practitioners on engaging the governance processes through the public finance management processes
- I have undertaken several consultancies for private and public institutions, including the Federal Government of Nigeria
- I have been part of major most civil society interventions in various aspects of democracy and governance

## **REFERENCES**

Available on request