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RICHARD MOFE DAMIJO

Richard Mofe Damijo – Before becoming a celebrated actor, Damijo had a stint in broadcasting working for Chief MKO Abiola's Concord Newspapers and Metro Magazine as a reporter. He later got married to late May Ellen Ezekiel, the publisher of Classique Magazine.

He also launched Mister Magazine, Nigeria's version of GQ Magazine, but this was later rested to enable him focus on acting and public relations.



CHIEF SAM AMUKA PEMU

Chief Sam Amuka Pemu is a Nigerian journalist, columnist and founder of Vanguard Newspaper, Nigeria's leading newspaper. He co-founded The Punch, most widely read newspaper in Nigeria.

He was formerly a Daily Times of Nigeria's editor and the first editor of the Sunday Punch before he established The Punch with his friend, the late, Olu Aboderin in 1971. He later established Vanguard Newspaper in 1983 with three other Nigerian columnists.

Chief Sam Amuka was described as "Gentleman of the Press" by President Muhammadu Buhari on his 80th birthday. He was described as an icon and a leading light in Nigerian journalism by Nduka Obaigbena, President of the Newspaper Proprietor's Association of Nigeria.

Chief Sam Amuka is the oldest practicing media professional in Nigeria today who had been cited by peers. A book titled, "From 1939 to the Vanguard of Modern Journalism" written by Kola Muslim Animasaun, who also trained under him acknowledged his immense contributions to Journalism in Nigeria.



SAM NDA ISAIAH

Sam Nda Isaiah is the founder of LEADERSHIP Newspapers Group. His Monday column in LEADERSHIP under the combined titles of "Last Word" and "Earshot", which he started in Daily Trust before the establishment of LEADERSHIP, is one of the most popular columns in Nigeria. Through this column, he has firmly established himself as a pro-good governance exponent. Born in Minna on May 1, 1962, he attended the University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University from 1979-1983. On graduating as a pharmacist, Sam worked at the Minna General Hospital, after a stint at the Kano Specialist Hospital. In 1985, he joined Pfizer Products Limited where he worked until 1989. He resigned and launched into serial entrepreneurship.

The proprietor of LEADERSHIP Newspapers is also a member of the Institute of Directors, a member of the Vienna-based International Press Institute, a member of the World Association of Newspapers (WAN) and an executive member of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association of Nigeria (NPAN). He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Edusoko University, Bida, and of the newly reconstituted Heritage University in Kaduna.



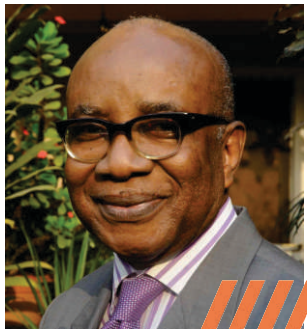
SEGUN OSOBA

Segun Osoba is a journalist and politician. He started his career in journalism in 1964 with Daily Times as a trainee reporter covering crime stories. He rose through the ranks, becoming the news editor in 1968 and deputy editor of the Times in 1972. In 1975, Segun Osoba became the editor of Daily Times Nigeria. He has the singular honour of being the turn around media guru who changed the status of three major newspapers in Nigeria from losses to profitability; The Nigerian Herald 1974-1977, The Sketch Ibadan 1979-1983 and Daily Times Group 1984-1989. He is a member of the commonwealth Press Union, London and holds the National Honours of the commander of the order of the Niger CON.



SIR STEVE OMOJAFOR

A renowned advertising practitioner and executive Chairman, STB- Mc Cann. He is a fellow of the Association of Advertising Practitioners of Nigeria (AAPN). He was at various times a sub editor with Daily Times, Group Head, Client service, Lintas Limited and Client service Director, Rosabel Advertising. He sits on the board of several reputable companies and is a past president AAPN and Vice President, IAA, Nigerian Chapter. He was the chairman of the board of Zenith Bank Plc from August 2010 to July 2014.



SUNMI SMART COLE

Sunmi Smart cole is best known for his versatility and range of interests. He is an ace photographer whose love for music, fashion, and his involvement in gardening and environmental groups reflect his sensibility for natural objects and inform his work as a photographer. He is proficient in different artistic fields, he was a founding member of the 60's ensemble, soul assembly. He organized the first Nigerian Jazz festival in 1964. As a cultural ambassador, he has held 36 exhibitions in five continents to promote Nigeria's image.



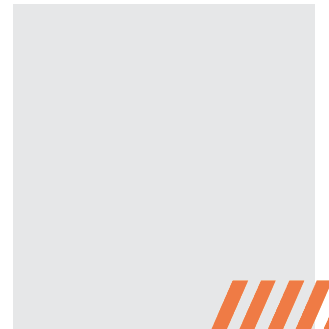
SUNY OBAZU OJEBASE

Suny Obazu Ojebase kicked off his career in journalism as a sports reporter in 1976 for Herald Newspaper. After several years of experience with different Newspapers, in October 1984, he started an all- sport Newspaper. This was the first Nigerian weekly sports Newspaper Sports Souvenir. In 1995, he came out with Complete Sports; the first daily sports Newspaper in Nigeria. With his wife, he started the Success Attitude Development Centre (SADC) with a mission to raise and nurture entrepreneurs whose success in business is driven by the fear of God and an unquenchable thirst to help their communities and families. This gave birth to the Success Digest Magazine in 1995; one of the highest selling magazine in Nigeria. He has touched so many lives and his story has been a source of inspiration to many Nigerians.



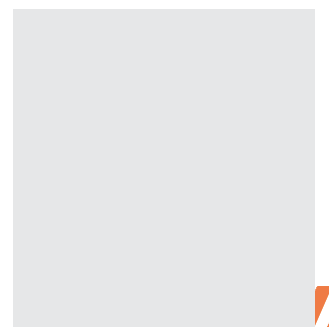
FRANK OLIZE

A Former NTA veteran broadcaster and presenter, who anchored Newslite, which was fondly referred to as the 'Sunday-SundayTonic' programme.



DAYO DUYILE

Dayo Duyile, a journalist, author of books like Media and mass communication in Nigeria, A Book on Ethics of Journalism in Africa. He is an Administrator and university lecturer as well as a former director of the Nigerian Institute of Journalism.



DAYO ADENEYE

Dayo Adeneye revolutionized the Nigerian entertainment and broadcast industry, with his partner. They brought innovative ideas to Television and radio broadcast, through Raypower FM. It heralded a new all round the clock culture that later became the standard for local radio broadcast in Nigeria. He is also Co-CEO, Primetime Entertainment.



EMEKA OBASI

Emeka Obasi is the founder of National Mirror newspaper and a weekly magazine called Business Hallmark. He is a one-time Information Commissioner in Abia State. He has also carved a name for himself in public relations.



EMMANUEL IWUANYANWU

Emmanuel Iwuanyanwu is a politician under the PDP as well as Executive Chairman and Publisher of Champion Newspapers.



FEMI AKINTUNDE JOHNSON

He contributed to the Nigerian entertainment industry by pioneering the soft sell genre of journalism. He is the Publisher of FAME Weekly and later NATIONAL ENCOMIUM, New TREASURE, TREASURE People & Life, Treasure Life & Style.



IQUO UKOH

Iquo Ukoh is the Consumer Maximization Manager, who broke the stereotype setting of male dominance by becoming the First Female Director of Nestle Nigeria Plc. She is a keen advocate of Youth empowerment.



WALE ADENUGA

Wale Adenuga is a well-respected name in the entertainment industry, carved a name for himself in comedy and television series. Publisher of Ikebe Super and comedy series Papa Ajasco. He is the founder of the Pencil Film and Television Institute (PEFTI).



TOLU OGUNKOYA

He is the President of Media Independent Practitioners Association of Nigeria (MIPAN). He joined Media Reach as a General Manager in 1999 and wasted no time in establishing himself as a smooth and confident operator at business and industry levels. He has nurtured a team of highly motivated professionals who are now setting new standards in Nigerian media today. He is presently the Chairman, Media Reach OMD.



KEHINDE YOUNG HARRY

Kehinde Young Harry is a retired veteran journalist who has worked for over three decades at the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) and was the host on the popular news feature programme, Newsline.



KENNY OGUNGBE

Kenny Ogungbe, together with his partner, Dayo Adeneye, revolutionized the Nigerian entertainment and broadcast. He is the founder and chairman of Kennis Music group and he also currently serves as Managing Director of Radio Services and Executive Director of Daar Communications Plc. He is a senior partner in Primetime Entertainment. He has also helped with the revival of the music industry.



KUNLE AJIBADE

Kunle Ajibade, a Journalist, Essayist and author is the executive editor of The News Group. In his journalism journey, he suffered imprisonment during the reign of General Sani Abacha. The account of his three years in jail is documented in the book titled: Jailed for Life: A Reporter's Prison Notes.



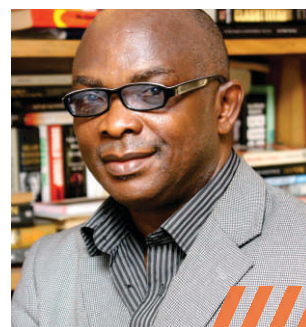
LABAN NAMME

Laban Namme has decades of experience in media. He was Managing Director of the Port Harcourt-based Eastern Nigeria Guardian.



LARRY AGOSE

Larry Agose is a veteran public relations expert. He was the Former Public Relations Adviser of the Nigerian Breweries Plc. He was recently installed as the 55th president of the rotary club in Lagos.



MIKE AWOYINFA

He is one of the pioneers of the Concord Newspaper, He is also one of the founders of the Entertainment Express magazine.



PRINCE TONY MOMOH

Prince Tony Momoh was one of the directors of the news watch magazine which was said to have a circulation of 150,000 copies in Africa, Europe and North America. He was general manager of The Times from 1984-1986.



PRINCE HENRY ODUKOMAIYA

Prince Henry Odukomaia is the former managing director of Champion newspaper, Former deputy Chief Editor of the Daily times.



RAY EKPU

Ray Ekpu is a veteran in media and journalism. He is the co-founder of News wWatch magazine.



RAYMOND DOPKESI

Raymond Dopkesi is the pioneer of the first satellite TV station in Nigeria, AIT as well as the first privately owned radio station- Raypower FM in Nigeria. He established the first TV station to run 24-hour broadcasting in Nigeria,



SADIQ DABA

Sadiq Daba won the AMAA best actor award in 2015 for his role in October 1, He worked with NTA for over three decades before his retirement, He is a broadcaster, producer and television director.



SEGUN ODEGBAMI

Segun Odegbami is a legendary footballer, who after retirement delved into the world of media, hosting football shows and penning a book, titled: 'Me, Football and More'.



SEYE KEHINDE

He is the owner of City People's magazine, He has served as the Launchpad to a lot of successful music careers through his magazine.



SIENNE ALLWELL BROWN

Sienne Allwell Brown was the general manager of Rivers state television. For three years consecutively, she was voted Best Nigerian Newscaster by Lagos Life – a Guardian Newspapers Publication.



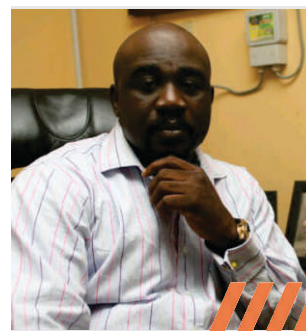
SONI IRABOR

Soni Irabor is a veteran broadcaster. He is the CEO of Inspiration FM, He is also the chairman of Ruyi communications limited as well as the director of Sonia publications limited.



STEVE OJO

Steve Ojo was one of the recipients of the lifetime achievement award at the 2010 broadcaster's night out and award ceremony.



TAJUDEEN ADEPETU

Tajudeen Adepetu is the CEO of ONTV MAX as well as the executive producer of Soundcity. He is the CEO of the consolidated media associates.



VICTORIA EZE-OKOLI

Victoria Eze-Okoli is an ace broadcaster who rose to become Director of Programmes, Nigeria Television Authority. She is the vice chairperson of crusade committee.

YAKUBU MOHAMMED

Yakubu Mohammed is the highest paid Hausa actor and also a globacom ambassador.

**GBENGA OGUNLEYE**

Gbenga Ogunleye is a veteran journalists with decades of experience. He was recently made the Provost of Nigerian Institute of Journalism(NIJ),

**COMFORT OKORONKWO**

A presenter and newscaster. She was a fixture at many programs on NTA in the eighties. She was popularly known as the hostess of the Friday children's birthday party show on TV sponsored by Beecham the makers of Ribena (Ribena children are healthy children).

**LAOLU OGUNNIYI**

Laolu Ogunniyi is a playwright and producer of the Winds Against My Soul, the first soap opera in Nigeria. He is presently a lecturer in Lead City University.

**UDEME UFOT**

Udeme ufot is the group managing director of SO &U, one of the most influential advertising agencies affiliated with Saatchi and Saatchi; a global advertising agency. In 1990, he left the Insight communications and ventured into private practice relying solely on his creativity and dynamism. After over 23 years, Mr Udeme ufot is still breaking grounds in the world of advertising. He is responsible for the production of premium Ads in Africa, including the popular Guinness ad "My friend Udeme". He was awarded the Fate Model Entrepreneur award in 2012.

**TAIWO OBE**

Taiwo Obe is a journalist, Media commentator and commonwealth fellow. He has worked across a number of Nigerian news titles. He has worked with the Newsweek US and has mediated the Everything Journalism site, a network that promotes good practice in Journalism. He is a past recipient of the Alfred friendly press fellowship and presently the founder and director of The Journalism clinic. His works have helped strengthen journalism in Nigeria.





SUNNY OSA ADUN

Sunny Osa Adun is the President/Chief Executive Officer of DBN Television and also the Chairman of the Independent Broadcaster Association of Nigeria (IBAN).



TUNJI OLUGBODI

He is a Fellow of the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria (APCON), he started his career as a sub-editor/judicial correspondent with The Guardian. He got into advertising with Promoserve and Prima Garnet where he spent 15 years. He once chaired the Association of Advertising Agencies of Nigeria (AAAN) AGM Committee. He is on the faculty of Financial Institutions Training Centre and the Managing Director/Chief Executive, Verdant Zeal Marketing and Communications Limited



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TAIWO ALIMI

Chief Taiwo Alimi is the former Director General of the Voice of Nigeria (VON). He is also the founder of Nigeria Election Debate Group (NEDG), an organisation that organises election debates in Nigeria for both presidential and governorship elections. Having successfully organised several election debates in the country, he has also helped other countries like the United Kingdom, Sierra Leone etc to organise similar debates. He has served as Commissioner in Ogun State. The astute broadcasting journalist, who was once Chairman, Broadcasting Organisation of Nigeria (BON), fielded questions from Sunday Vanguard in his Shagamu, Ogun State home on his role in the controversy that characterised the debate in the build up to the last presidential election, the place of the media in nation-building, his confidence that President Muhammadu Buhari would deliver on making Nigeria better, the local government system, among other issues.



DOYIN ABIOLA

Journalist and administrator, and a one-time managing editor and editor-in-chief Concord Press of Nigeria. She was the first Nigerian female Eisenhower fellow. Carved a niche for herself in the media industry.



YOMI BADEJO-OKUNSANYA

A successful Public Relations guru and perception management expert, he has in the past 20 years been creating tremendous value for both local and foreign business organisations through his leading PR consulting firm, CMC Connect Ltd, (Perception Managers.)

Noted for having positive attitude to change initiatives, Badejo- Okusanya, a graduate of History from the University of Benin and an indigene of Imodi-Imosan in Odogbolu Local Government Area of Ogun State, has to his credit over two decades of work experience in integrated marketing communications consulting for organisations like the British American Tobacco, Coca-Cola, Virgin, Mastercard, Samsung, Lagos and Delta State governments, to mention a few of his clients. To him, doing business in Nigeria, it requires a lot of innovation, identifying a niche market, deploying a cutting edge technology and having the required resources and well trained manpower to deliver top of the mind services to its clientele.



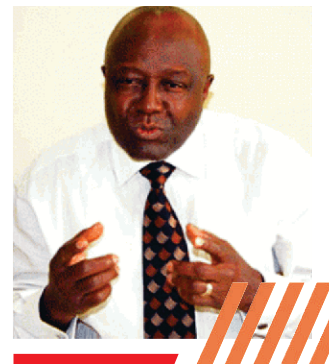
TONY IREDIA

In 2008, after having spent 5 years in the National Television Authority, late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, commended him Tony Iredia, thus: ", the president also applauded the standard of television broadcasting during his watch."Iredia is a veteran broadcaster, who took over at NTA in 2003. He is famed to have turned round the station within weeks in office, which won him back, the critics, and back both local and international audience for the station.



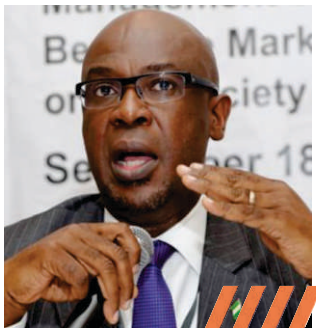
VINCENT MADUKA

Born on 5 October 1935, Engr. Vincent Maduka, NSE., FAEng., OFR, attended King's College, Lagos and graduated B.Sc. (Hons.) in Electrical Engineering at Leeds University in 1959 and M.Eng.Sc. in Applied Acoustics from UCD, Dublin in 1969. He became Chief Engineer, and, in 1973, GM/CEO of WNTV-WNBS Ibadan Nigeria. In 1977, he was appointed the pioneer Director-General of the Nigerian Television Authority, (NTA), then briefly Technical Adviser to the Federal Ministry of Communications before returning to NTA. He retired in 1986 into consulting. Maduka has served as President, Nigerian Society of Engineers and also of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering. He was appointed Senior Fellow, School of Media and Communication at the Pan- Atlantic University in 2008. Vincent Maduka has held directorship positions in both the public and private sectors, including at chairmanship level. He holds the Nigerian national honour of the Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR).



YEMI OGUNBIYI

Dr. Yemi Ogunbiyi served as the Managing Director of Daily Times of Nigeria. Together with Kole Omotosho, Biodun Jeyifo, Wole Soyika, Dr. Ogunbiyi was part of the drama and literature department of Ife. He then served as an Executive Director of the Guardian Newspapers In Charge of Public Affairs and Marketing. He serves as the Chairman of Tanus Communications. He serves as a Member of Global Advisory Board at Repro India Limited. He was a Lecturer at Brooklyn College. He returned to Nigeria in the late 1970s and taught at Ife.



LOLU AKINWUNMI

Lolu Akinwunmi is the Group Chief Executive Officer Prima Garnet Africa and Immediate past APCON Chairman.



MAIDEN IBRU

Within the Nigerian social establishment, Maiden Ibru holds the enviable position of being one of the most respected matriarchs in the society. In October 2007, Athenian President Karolous Papoulias honoured Her with "The Golden Cross of the Order Of Welfare (GCOW) of the Hellenic Republic of Greece. She is the Chairman of the Guardian Press Limited, the holding company that owns Guardian Newspapers Limited.



MAYOR AKINPELU

Isiaka Mayowa Abiodun Akinpelu started his journey into journalism as an undercover reporter in Kirikiri prison, Lagos and later became one of the most celebrated society reporters in the country. He started with the Guardian Newspaper, he co- founded FAME magazine over two decades ago and presently, he is the Publisher/ editor- in Chief of Global Excellence Magazine.



MIKE AJEGBO

Mike Ajegbo cut his teeth in business when as a lawyer, he and three others started Abuka, Ajegbo, Ilogu and Nwaogu Legal Practitioners in 1979 and he became the Principal Partner. In 1980, he incorporated Minaj Holdings Limited, a business concern that later acquired licence for television and worldwide satellite broadcasting in 1993.



MO ABUDU

Chairman, CEO of EbonyLife TV, Mosunmola Abudu started her career in the UK as a recruitment consultant in 1987, where she progressed to becoming a branch manager. From 1990 – 1992 she managed the Corporate Credit Management Exhibition at Starform Group. In 1993, she headed the Human Resources and training Unit at ExxonMobil (formerly Esso Exploration & Production Nigeria Limited). In 2000, she left ExxonMobil to establish a privately owned specialist human resources development company known as Vic Lawrence & Associate Limited (VLA) She has been recognised by Forbes Media as the first African woman to launch a Pan-Africa TV Channel (EbonyLife TV); Entrepreneur of the Year award by Women Werk in New York, Mo has also been listed as one of the twenty five (25) Most Powerful Women in Global TV by the Hollywood Reporter. She was recently honoured with an Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honouris Cause) by Babcock University.



MODELE SHARAF-A-YUSUF

Modele Sharafa-Yusuf is a first female sports caster in Nigeria. She proved her worth in the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) and later worked with telecommunications giant, Globacom as Head of Sponsored Assets.



JACOB AKINYEMI-JOHNSON

Mr Jacob Akinyemi-Johnson is a Broadcast-journalist, On-air personality, News anchor, Copywriter, Broadcasting consultant, and a media consultant. JAJ as he is popularly known, started his broadcasting career in 1979 with Nigeria's first FM Station, the then NBC2 AM/FM STEREO in Lagos Nigeria. He gained recognition almost immediately with his breezy, savvy and unique style of presentation by 1983 JAJ had become a household name and had assumed a celebrity status. That same year, he was named Radio Personality of the year.

JAJ won every award available year in year out, this included the prestigious FAME AWARDS, AMEN AWARDS and NMA AWARDS. JAJ was also honoured with several other accolades, too many to mention. JAJ also excelled as a NEWS ANCHOR and BROADCAST-JOURNALIST while his skills in copywriting steadily grew. In 1997 JAJ resigned from RADIO NIGERIA and joined THE SILVERBIRD GROUP.

JAJ is now the General Manager (Creative Development) Silverbird Group and is now known on air and in the industry as THE MECCADON, and that coinage speaks volumes. In 2007 JAJ was awarded the BEST RADIO PRESENTER OF THE YEAR at the City People's Awards



UDEME UFOT

Mr Udeme Ufot is the Group Managing Director of SO&U Group, a leading marketing communications and advertising agency in Nigeria. He is a Fellow of APCON (Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria) and Member, National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (MNIMN). He is also a board member of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) and past President of Lagos Business School Alumni Association (LBSAA). He remains one of Nigeria's most revered figures in marketing communications.

Mr Udeme Ufot began his advertising career as an art director with Desmark Advertising, where his unique illustrative style and flair for writing quickly drew attention. He soon joined Insight Communications where he also showed a flair for client service work, rising to be Deputy Creative Director in the five years he spent with the agency.

Following an agency attachment course with German Saatchi and Saatchi affiliate – Scholz and Friends, he returned home with a burning desire to redefine existing templates. He co-founded SO&U in 1990 – with a vision to be the most creative agency in Nigeria within two years.



BUNMI OKE

Mrs Olubunmi Oke is the Chief Operating Officer/Executive Director of the leading integrated marketing communications agency in Nigeria – 141 Worldwide.

141 Worldwide handles several multinational accounts including British American Tobacco – West Africa Area, Etisalat Nigeria, SWIPHA, First Bank of Nigeria, Multi choice/DSTV, Cadbury Nigeria Plc and many others.

Mrs Bunmi Oke started her career in advertising at Grant Advertising (McCann – Erickson affiliate) in 1986, where she worked as a PR Executive/Account Management trainee. Joining LTC – (now JWT) advertising in 1989, her exceptional organizational and presentation skills resulted in her rising through the ranks rapidly over 10 years and became the first female client service director.

Bunmi is now the 17th & 2nd Female President of the Association of Advertising Agencies of Nigeria (AAAN), & is a member Council of the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria (APCON). Bunmi has served as an executive and Vice President of AAAN Board. She is the only practicing female Fellow of the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria, (APCON) amongst the 4 women in Nigeria who have attained this level. She was also a recipient of the 2011 Vital Voices – Wimbiz & Exxon – Mobil ToT EinH training in Uganda programme, for a female marketing communications specialist in Nigeria.

MUMUNI ALAO

Alhaji Mumuni Alao is the Managing Director, Complete Communications- publishers of Complete Sports.



NDUKA OBIAGBENA

Nigerian media mogul, Nduka Obiagbena is the founder of THISDAY newspaper, ARISE- African focused style and culture magazine and ARISE NEWS- a 24 hour international news channel.

In 1995, he began the publication of THISDAY newspaper and later founded the annual THISDAY Award in 2000 which honour those who made contribution to the Nigerian society in the political arena, global business, women of distinction, and leading figures in the Nigerian education sector.

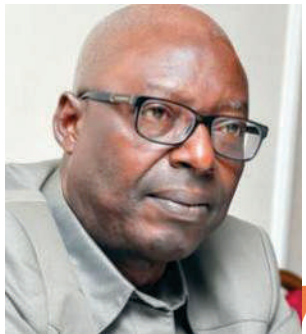
He bagged an honours degree in Creative Arts from the University of Benin.



NKECHI ALI BALOGUN

Nkechi Alli-Balogun, a Public Relations amazon, is the principal Consultant of NECCI Consulting, a public relations and consultancy firm and former chairperson, Lagos State chapter of Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR). She is also a graduate of the University of Lagos as well as holder of Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and an MBA in Management from the same University.

She worked with Nigerian Export Import Bank NEXIM, as an assistant manager between March 1992 and January 1997. While employed by NEXIM, she founded NECCI COUNSULTING. For over twenty years she has been involved in designing corporate public relations strategies for organizations for optimum bottom line results. Develop content and coordinate a public relations roundtable that provides a forum for PR and brand communications executive to interact and discuss latest trends in the PR industry.



NOSA IGIEBOR

Mr. Nosa Igiebor is the president of Tell Communications Limited and Editor in Chief Tell Magazine.



OMOWUNMI OWODUNNI

She is a revolutionary Ad woman, sharp and strategic in her approach in her job. She prides herself in having deep consumer insights which she calls the drivers of the era. She currently holds the position of Managing Director as STB McCann.



ODIA OFEIMUN

Odia Ofeimun was born in Irukepken-Ekuma, Edo State, Nigeria. He worked as a news reporter, factory labourer and civil servant before studying Political Science at the University of Ibadan, where his poetry won first prize in the University Competition of 1975. That year his work appeared in the anthology Poems of Black Africa, edited by Wole Soyinka.

Ofeimun also worked as an administrative officer in the Federal Public Service Commission, as a teacher, as private (political) secretary to Chief [Obafemi Awolowo](#), leader of the Unity Party of Nigeria, and as a member of the editorial board of The Guardian Newspapers in Lagos. He studied at Oxford University on a Commonwealth fellowship. Returning to Nigeria at the annulment of the 1993 election, he wrote columns for The Guardian On Sunday, the Nigerian Tribune, as well as contributing to Nigeria at the annulment of the 1993 election, he wrote columns for The Guardian On Sunday, the Nigerian Tribune, as well as contributing to many other newspapers. He was chairman of the editorial board of the defunct daily, A.M. News, as well as The News and Tempo magazines.

Ofeimun was publicity secretary (1982-84), general secretary (1984-88) and president (1993-97) of the Association of Nigerian Authors. He was also designated advisor to PEN Nigeria Centre and is a founding member of the Pan African Writers' Association.

Ofeimun's published collections of poetry include *The Poet Lied* (1980), *A Handle for The Flutist* (1986), *Dreams At Work and London Letter and Other Poems* (2000). His poems for dance drama, *Under African Skies* (1990) and *Siye Goli - A Feast of Return* (1992), were commissioned and performed across the UK and Western Europe by Adzido Pan-African Dance Ensemble in the early 1990s, and his most recent poem for dance drama, *Nigeria The Beautiful*, has been staged through major Nigerian cities to wide acclaim.

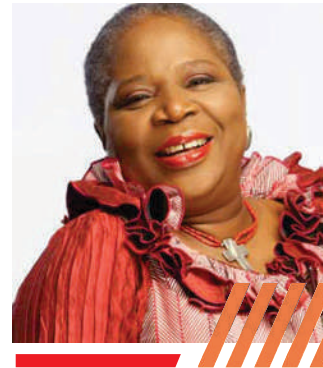
In 2010, he received the Fonlon-Nichols Award for literary excellence and propagation of Human Rights, which was conferred on him by the African Literature Association.



ONYEMA UGOCHUKWU

Economist, Journalist and Politician, Onyema Ugochukwu has served as Special Adviser on Communication to President Olusegun Obasanjo. He was the first Executive Chairman of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

He has served as Editor of the *Business Times* newspaper, Editor in Chief of the London based *West Africa Magazine* where he wrote extensively on development issues, Editor in Chief of the *Daily Times*.



ONYEKA ONWENU

Onyeka Onwenu, 63, is a Nigerian singer, songwriter, actress, journalist, politician, and X Factor series judge. Fondly called the 'Elegant Stallion' by the Nigerian press, Onwenu is a former chairperson of the Imo State Council for Arts and Culture, and more recently, the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the National Centre for Women Development.

Onwenu possess a BA in International Relations and Communication of the Wellesley College of Massachusetts, USA, and a Master's degree in Media Studies from The New School for Social Research in New York.

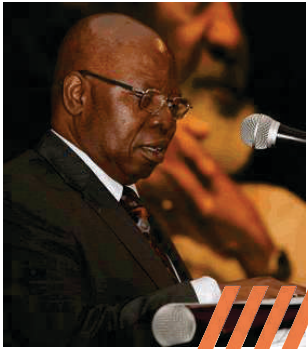


REUBEN ABATI

Reuben Abati, 50, is a newspaper columnist and former chairman of the editorial board of *The Guardian*. He was a first class honours graduate of Theatre Arts from the University of Calabar where he won the Vice-Chancellor's prize for the best overall graduating student.

He won a number of awards including The Cecil King Memorial Prize for Print Journalist of the Year in 1998, The Diamond Award for Media Excellence for Informed Commentary in 1998, Fletcher Challenge Commonwealth Prize for Opinion Writing in 2000, and the Diamond Award for Media Excellence for Informed Commentary, 2000.

He was until May 2015, the Special Adviser on Media and Publicity to former President Goodluck Jonathan.



OLATUNJI DARE

Olatunji Dare is a communication scholar, author, satirist, famous columnist, and former Chair of The Guardian Editorial Board. He taught at the University of Lagos and later tutored at the University of Bradley, Illinois, United States of America where he was awarded an Emeritus status after retiring in May 2015. Dare is an editorial adviser of The Nation Newspaper and has taught journalism and international communication for many years.

Dare, who is one of Nigeria's most accomplished editorialists, was awarded the Louis Lyons Prize for Conscience and Integrity in Journalism by the Harvard University-based Nieman Foundation, and the Hellmann-Hammett Grant for courage in the face of political persecution, presented by Human Rights Watch. He holds a BSc (First Class Honours) from the University of Lagos, the MSJ from Columbia University, New York, where he won the Robert Curry Prize in editorial writing, and a Ph.D. in communication research from Indiana University, specializing in International Communication and in Public Policy.



IBIM SEMENITARI

Mrs Ibim Semenitari nee Toby, is an award winning investigative journalist, editor and publisher who has worked for 20 years with some of Nigeria's and America's leading titles. She has also worked as Journalism Trainer/Editor with the BBC World Service Trust.

After a degree in English at the University of Benin, Benin City, she plunged straight into journalism. Her career has taken her from the Daily Times newspaper, through Newswatch magazine, Sunray Group of Newspapers to the Tell group where she launched a weekly business magazine, The Broad Street Journal, in 2005. After leaving TELL, she worked as a Journalism Trainer/ Editor with the BBC World Service Trust before launching her own publication, The Business Eye, an investigative weekly business news magazine. She was the first Nigerian female journalist to win the CNN African Journalist of the Year Awards. She won 2nd place, print journalism in the CNN African Journalist Award in 1997 for her reports in the Nigerian print media. She is a two time winner of the Nigerian Media Merit Award and a three time winner of the Diamond Award for Media Excellence amongst several others.



GRACE EGBAGBE

Barr. Chief Grace Zemaye Egbagbe hails from Okpekpe in Etsako east local Govt area of Edo state. She attended MaryMount college Agbor where she made a grade one in the school leaving certificate exam (a major achievement at the time). She went on to the university of Ibadan where she bagged an honors degree in English. She displayed her production talents early when the play she produced- (Wole Soyinka's Childe Internationale) won first prize at the schools festival of arts in the then Bendel state!

Thereafter she went to London for a course in educational radio and tv broadcasting at the then CEDO (centre for educational development overseas) now British council television. She came back to teach English on television in the newly established Bendel TV station. In the quest for other knowledge, she went to the university of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where she bagged an MFM in motion picture and tv production. She came back and joined the Nigerian Television Authority in October 1978. Soon after that and under the distinguished DG, Engr. Vincent Maduka, she created the now famous 'Cock Crow at Dawn' and a few years later, 'Second Chance'. She studied law at the prestigious university of Buckingham, England. She attended the Nigerian law school and was called to the Nigerian bar in 1985. She also has a fellowship in satellite communications from the university of Hawaii. She got her diploma in advertising at APCON Lagos Nigeria. She held many top positions in NTA and retired in 2007 as an executive director. Grace Egbagbe was also honored by her community with the title of orufoneya of Okpekpe the title meaning 'she who gave us light' as she had facilitated the rural electrification of her community. She's also been honored with other awards, some of which include Chase Foundation Trust Female Achiever Award, Distinguished Service Award ETSAGO Citizen Club, Rotary Club of Ikoyi Metro District 9110 Vocational Excellence Award for upholding high ethical standards in her profession. Bar. Grace Egbagbe is Paul Harris fellow. She belongs to many professional bodies, notable amongst which are; Internal Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA), Nigerian Bar Association, International Bar Association, Institute of Management, Institute of Directors (IOD Nigeria) and many others.



KUNLE BAKARE

Olakunle Sikiru Bakare is the Chief Executive Officer of Encomium Ventures Limited; publisher of Encomium Weekly, Encomium Special and E-lifestyle.



ABIKE KAFAYAT OLUWATOYIN DABIRI-EREWA

Abike Kafayat Oluwatoyin Dabiri-Erewa was anchor of the show 'Newslines' on Nigerian Television Authority before she moved into politics. She was a member of the Federal House of Representatives representing Ikorodu Constituency in Lagos state and was Chairman House Committee on Media and Publicity.



ADESUWA ONYENOKWE

A celebrated newscaster with the National Television Authority (NTA) for about fifteen years who later created an independent production on TV titled 'today's woman with Adesuwa' in 2000 which ran for ten years. She organized and hosted the presidential chat with an incumbent president and has also been a compere for high profile events for several years. She has won several awards for her impact in Nigerian media. She is currently the owner of the award winning TW lifestyle magazine and an ambassador for Vilsco.

ADE AKINDE

Ade Akinde is the Chairman, Advertising Standards Panel.



ADEWUNMI OGUNSANYA

Adewunmi Ogunsanya is the Chairman of Multichoice Nigeria Limited the owners and operators of DSTV; he currently serves as the principal partner of Ogunsanya & Ogunsanya Legal Chambers. He is also the Chairman of Mocality Nigeria Limited, an online business and social directory. He has business interests in the real estate, entertainment and ICT sectors in Nigeria and South Africa.

Mr. Ogunsanya holds a B.A in Law from the University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom and a BL from the Nigerian Law School in addition to this he also bagged a Master of Law degree from the University of Lagos Nigeria.



AFOLABI ADESANYA

Afolabi Adesanya started from the newsroom AND then into film editing. He succeeded in rebranding the biennial National film festival as Zuma film festival and was a front player in the push for the establishment of Motion Picture Council of Nigeria (MOPICON), The National Film Fund, The National Film Grant, the review of National Film policy and the physical and infrastructural development of the Nigerian Film Corporation (NFC). He is currently the Managing director / Chief Executive, Nigerian Film Corporation. His efforts have repositioned and restructured the Nigerian Film Industry.



CHIEF AJIBOLA OGUNSOLA

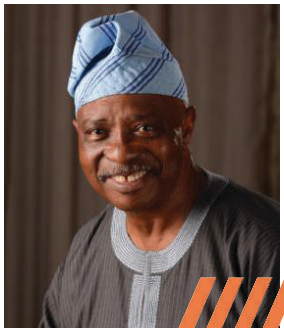
Chief Ajibola Ogunsola is the former chairman of the Punch newspapers, a position he took over as a family responsibility in 1987 turning the paper from one in death throes into one of the country's successful newspaper businesses.

He was the first Actuary produced by Nigeria; he served as the Head of the Life Department at NICON Insurance company, Chief Executive of Niger Insurance



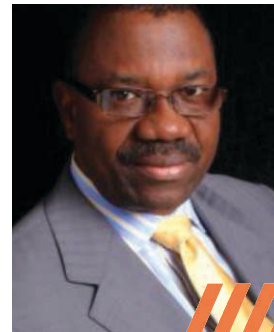
SENATOR BABAFEMI OJODU

Senator Babafemi Ojodu is a Nigerian journalist who was elected Senator for Ekiti Central Constituency, Ekiti State in April 2011.



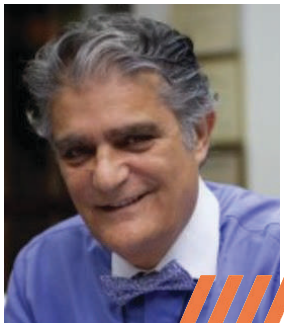
CHIEF KAMARDEEN AKIN ODUNSI

Chief Kamardeen Akin Odunsi is a Nigerian businessman and politician. In 1978 He co-founded Rosabel Advertising and was the agency's managing Director until 1997 when he became the Executive Chairman. He has held various positions with the Association of Advertising Practitioners of Nigeria, becoming president from 1989 to 1992. Odunsi retired as Executive chairman of Rosabel Leo Burnett in 2003. In April 2011, he was elected senator for the Ogun west constituency of Ogun State,



MR. BABU AKINBOBOLA

Mr. Babu Akinbobola is the Executive Chairman at Media Link Ltd.



AMIN MOUSSALI

Amin Moussalli is the CEO of three leading radio brands in Nigeria. He founded, the popular Pidgin oriented Wazobia FM, Cool FM and more recently, Nigeria Info. Moussalli came to Nigeria in 1975 and founded AIM consultants, a company that is focused on Architectural Engineering designs.



OLAKUNLE SIKIRU BAKARE

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MR BAYO ONANUGA

He is the Managing Director/ Editor-in-Chief of The NEWS Group. He is a fellow of the Nigerian Guild of Editors and a member of the World Association of Newspapers. He graduated from the University of Lagos in Mass Communications.

After graduation, Onanuga first worked as Client Service Executive at Praxions Partners, before he crossed over to OGTV. In July 1983, he joined the Guardian as sub-editor; January 1985, National Concord as Senior Features Writer and later same year as Senior Correspondent for the weekly magazine, The African Concord.

Mr Bayo Onanuga became editor of the magazine in 1989. In April 1992, he resigned his appointment. Mr Onanuga thereafter led his colleagues, who resigned with him to found TheNEWS Group in 1993. Onanuga has been the MD/E-I-C since then.

As a journalist, Onanuga has won several awards, the most prestigious being the Lord Astor Award for Courage and Commitment to Press Freedom. It was bestowed on him by the 50-nation Commonwealth Press Union in 1994.



BETTY IRABOR

Betty Irabor is the Editor in Chief of Genevieve Magazine, one of the largest selling magazines in Nigeria. She is married to Media Mogul Soni Irabor.



BEN MURRAY-BRUCE

Senator Ben Murray Bruce is the founder of Silverbird Group and currently a member of the Nigerian Senate representing Bayelsa East constituency, Bayelsa State.

In 1983 he promoted the Miss Universe Nigeria Pageant, Miss Intercontinental Pageant, 1986 to 1994 and to date. He promotes the annual Most Beautiful Girl in Nigeria Pageant which he began in 1986. From 1999 to 2003, he served as Director General of Nigerian Television Authority. He is currently a member of the Board of National Arts Theatre, Nigeria Film Corporation, Federal Films Censors Board, and National Anti- Piracy Action Committee.

In 2005, he was awarded "Showbiz Icon of the Year Award", Top Ten Significant Nigerian Businessmen Award and Life Achiever Award in 2006, Champion for Nation Build Award in 2007, Excellent Personality Award in 2009 and Officer of the Order of the Niger in 2014.



BIMBO OLOYEDE

Bimbo Oloyede is veteran broadcaster. Oloyede is currently a news anchor with the 24-hour news station, Channels Television, Lagos, Nigeria.

She is also the National Coordinator of Women's Optimum Development Foundation, a non-profit organization she founded in 1999.



BIODUN SHOBANJO

He is one of the founding members of Association of the Association of Advertising practitioners of Nigeria (AAPA). He was adjudged Nigeria's Advertising man of the 20th century by weekend Concord in 1999 and bagged the Success Digest Enterprise Award as the entrepreneur of the decade. Presently, he is the chairman of Nigeria's largest marketing communication conglomerate and founding CEO of insight Communications, arguably Nigeria's number one advertising agency. Mr Biodun Shobanjo currently oversees the activities of Troyka Holdings with many of the companies playing lead roles in their respective industry.

BUKKY AJAYI

Zainab Bukky Ajayi, started her career in the 1960s. She studied at the Stanislavsky Institute of Drama, London. She got the opportunity to study in England as a Federal government scholar, left England for Nigeria after her education in 1965 and started out working in Nigeria Television Authority as a presentation assistant in 1966. She became a presenter and then a news reader. She got into Acting in the 70's where she featured in a television drama titled the "Village Headmaster", later got a role in the Amaka Igwe Production television series titled "Checkmate".. Today, She is known as a veteran and pace setter in the Nigerian movie industry. She is a grandmother and great grand mother.



BISI OLATILO

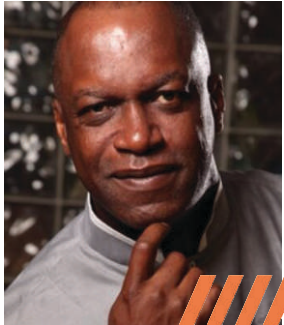
Bisi Olatilo is a former broadcaster with the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) and anchor of the Bisi Olatilo Show, one of Nigeria's most popular TV programs.



CHRIS ANYANWU

Senator Chris Anyanwu is a journalist, publisher, and author. She Won the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize when she was imprisoned for treason after reporting on a failed coup d'état against the Military government of Gen. Sani Abacha.

She is currently a member of the Senate representing Imo East.



CHRIS UBOSI

Chris Ubosi is the Chief Executive Officer of Megalelectrics Limited, operators of Classic FM 97.3, The Beat 99.9FM and Naija Fm 102.7. He is a pioneer in private broadcasting and new media in Nigeria, having run, operated and consulted severally for various top private radio stations in the country.

Ubosi served on the Core Working Group on the National Mass Communication Policy Review of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 2004 with the mandate to review the 1987 policy and make recommendations for its improvement.

He served on the Electronic Media and Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Subcommittee. He co-founded MTech Communications Plc, a fully indigenous mobile technology firm, with offices in Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Cote D'Ivoire and Tanzania.

COMFORT OBI

Comfort Obi is the publisher of Source Magazine, and a member of the Police Service Commission. Beforehand she worked for the Imo State Statesman newspaper and as a defence correspondent for defunct TSM Magazine. She was the first winner of the Nigeria Media Merit Award for Reporter of the Year in 1991.



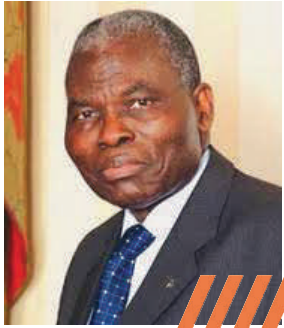
CHRISTOPHER DOGHUDJE

He is one of the founding fathers of Advertising practice in Nigeria. Indeed, his contributions to a very large extent, laid the foundation upon which the industry is built.

He still holds a commanding influence in modern advertising practice, particularly in the area of training which he currently devotes most of his time to. He is no doubt an accomplished authority on advertising and public relations, both in theory and practice.

He started his professional career at Lintas Advertising Company, now known as Lowe. Lintas rose to become the chief executive, and has served as the Chairman of the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria, APCON.

While employed by Lintas, as an advertising man, he became interested in the educational side of advertising. He had served as a secretary to the education committee of the then Advertising Agency Practitioners of Nigeria (AAPN) now known as Association of Advertising Agencies of Nigeria, (AAAN) for over 12 years, up to the level of the Advertising Practitioners. Chris was appointed by the Federal Government to head APCON, the umbrella body that regulates the practice of advertising in Nigeria between October 2007 and July 2010. After he resigned from Lintas, he set up Zub Bureau Limited, publishers of Adnews, a monthly publication spreading advertising knowledge and information. The first edition of the publication, which today is an authority in the advertising world, appeared in February 1993. For about 20 years now, he has been publishing Adnews. Mr Doghudje is an adjunct faculty member of the school of media and communication, Pan Atlantic University, Lagos, where he teaches Advertising Planning.



DR CHRISTOPHER KOLADE

Dr Christopher Kolade, BA, Dip.Ed, CON serves as Director General of the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation. Dr. Kolade serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cadbury Nigeria Plc. He served as a Nigeria's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (2002 – 2007) and a veteran broadcaster.

He has been a Non-Executive Director of Stanbic IBTC bank Plc. since 2008. He served as an Independent Director of Cornerstone Insurance plc and Acorn Petroleum Plc. He serves on different Corporate Board and is a faculty Member of the Lagos Business School. He served as President of the Nigerian Institute of Management (1985-1988), The institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (1988-1993), the International Institute for Communications (1973-1975), and The World Association for Christian Communication (1975–82). Dr. Kolade is a recipient of Nigerian national honour - Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON).

Currently, he teaches Corporate Governance and Human Resources Management at Lagos Business School (LBS), and Leadership & Conflict Management at School of Media & Communication (SMC). He was appointed Chairman of the Subsidy Reinvestment and Empowerment Programme Board by President Goodluck Jonathan of Nigeria at 3 January 2012.



CYRIL STOBBER

Cyril Stober is a Veteran journalist, broadcaster and media personality with the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), with decades of experience – spanning news broad casting, television production and new coverage, programme anchorage and Media & information Management. During his stellar career, which has spanned over 3 decades, he has interacted with and interviewed virtually all sitting and past past Nigerian Presidents/Heads of State, as well as their foreign counterparts in Africa and beyond.

He has also interviewed thousands of Ministers, Senators, Governors, Military Chiefs, Ambassadors and Heads of States and Federal Parastatals and ordinary Nigerians in the years that he has been working with the NTA.



DAN AGBESE

Dan Agbese is the Executive Director at MayFive Media Limited. He is a journalist and former managing director, Newswatch Books Limited. He attended the University of Lagos from 1970 to 1973. He co-founded Newswatch magazine and later became the Managing Director, Newswatch Books Limited in May 2010 until he retired from Newswatch Communication Limited a year later alongside other directors. Agbese is a winner of the Pitman Prize Award, Columbia University and several other awards.



DAPO OLORUNYOMI

Dapo Olorunyomi is an award-winning reporter and editor with varied experience in Nigeria and internationally. He was one of the two only Nigerian past recipients of the International Editor of the Year Award. He has also won the Freedom to Write from PEN (West) and of the National Association of Black Journalists Press Freedom Awards.

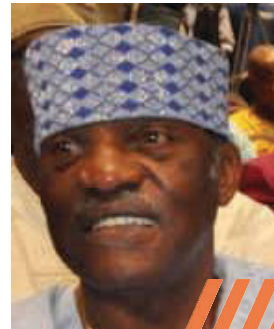
He was co-founder of The News magazine in Lagos; was enterprise editor at Next Newspapers, and founder of the Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Journalism. He served as director and chief of staff of Nigeria's Economic and Financial Crimes Commission from 2005 until 2008, voluntarily resigning when the then EFCC Chairman, Nuhu Ribadu, was illegally dismissed in 2008.

Mr. Olorunyomi worked as a journalist during the military regime of Sani Abacha before moving to the United States, where he worked, first, as Senior Fellow, Africa, at the Washington DC offices of Panos Institute, and later as the Nigeria Project Director for Freedom House. He returned to Nigeria in 2005 to work for the EFCC. He has won numerous awards for his work in journalism.

DARE BABARINSA

Dare Babarinsa, a leading Nigerian journalist, graduated from the University of Lagos in 1981; he was the Chief Correspondent of the Concord Group of Newspapers in Ondo State during the 1983 general elections. He was Associate Editor at the leading Nigerian news magazine News watch.

Babarinsa reached the peak of his journalistic career in 1990 when at 35 when he joined four other leading journalists, Igiebor, Omotunde, Osifo-Whiskey and Kolawole Ilori, to start the award-winning TELL magazine from his pedestal as an executive director of the magazine, He has impacted positively on contemporary events and social norms.



CHIEF DURO ONABULE

Chief Duro Onabule is the former Chief Press Secretary to the ex-military dictator, Gen. Ibrahim Babangida. He now writes a captivating column on the widely read newspaper owned by Chief Orji Uzor Kalu, former governor of Abia State.



DELE ALAKE

Dele Alake, 59, began his journalism career at the Ogun State Broadcasting Corporation (OGBC) where he observed his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme. After completing the one year national service, he secured an appointment at the Lagos State Broadcasting Corporation (LSBC) as Senior Sub-Editor in which capacity he served till 1980. He had served as Current Affairs Officer and Senior Current Affairs Officer. And was later made Principal Current Affairs Officer in 1983.

In late 1985, he joined the Concord Press publishers of the Concord Group of Newspapers – National Concord and Sunday Concord as a writer and editor. A year after his employment, he became a Columnist in the National Concord and served in that capacity until 1989. Later that year, he was appointed Editor of Sunday Concord, a post he held till 1995. Before then he doubled as a Columnist in the Sunday Concord. Later in 1995, he became Editor of the National Concord, a post he retained till June 1999.

Alake currently heads Continental Broadcasting Services, the owners of Radio Continental and Television Continental (TVC).



DELE MOMODU

A tried and tested journalist and High-profile editor with several years of experience in journalism. He was driven into Exile by the General Sanni Abacha Government.

His vision has always been to create a forum for Africans where the real picture of Africa can be seen. This he has achieved through Ovation Magazine; A premium Lifestyle magazine that celebrates the African dynamics. He is the Founder of the one of the Premium highest selling magazines in Africa; Ovation magazine.



DELE OLOJEDE

Journalist and former foreign editor of Newsday, Dele Olojede is the first African-born winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a patron of the Etisalat Prize for Literature.

He has also been awarded Publisher's Award from Newsday (1995), Education Press o America Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Educational Journalism (1995), Unity Award from Lincoln University (1992) and Media Award from the Press Club of Long Island, winner John P. McNulty Prize (2011).



DR TOM ADABA

Dr. Thomas Aaze Adaba is an internationally acclaimed broadcaster/media expert, was born on the 2nd of July, 1941. He worked with the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) where he held several positions between 1974 and 1977.

He was a Senior Producer, Principal Producer, Head of Presentation and Training, Controller and Manager of Programmes. He was the Principal, Television College, Jos 1980-1987.

Assistant Director, Programmes Headquarters 1989-1990. General Manager, NTA Makurdi 1990-1991. Deputy Director, Operations H/Q. In 1992, upon the deregulation of broadcasting, he was appointed the first/pioneer Director General of Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation. He served the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the International Community in various capacities. President, African Council for Communication Education 1988-1992. Leader, Nigerian Delegation, UNICEF sponsored workshop on Animation. Resource person, UNESCO workshop on Audio-Visual. Board member, Kwara Printing and Publishing Corporation.

He is presently the Chairman/Chief Executive – Trim Communications and Public Relations firms. Managing Director/Chief Executive – Trim Travels and Tours. Director – DAAR Communications Limited – the proprietor of Raypower 100.5FM, African Independent Television (AIT) the First Global Satellite Broadcasting Organisation in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and RayPower 106.5FM.



DR PHIL OSAGIE

Dr. Phil Osagie is a global communications specialist and an expert on Emerging Markets, especially Africa.

He is a frequent speaker at notable seminars on Public Relations, branding and international business strategy. He was a guest faculty in 2011 at the prestigious University of Toronto on Experiencing Development in Africa. He is a faculty member on Public Relations Strategies at the School of Media & Communications of the Pan-Atlantic University where he matches theory with practice.

He is the Global Strategist of JSP Corporate Communications Nigeria, the exclusive associate of Hill & Knowlton, one of the world's largest PR consultancies. Over the last 10 years, he has developed strategies and campaigns in Africa for some of the world's most admired corporations, including; Microsoft, Apple, Emirates Airline, NOKIA, Nestle, Intel, Coca-Cola, Bill Gates Foundation and FedEx. He is a member of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), Institute of Directors, Canada South Africa Chambers of Commerce and immediate past President of the Public Relations Consultants Association of Nigeria (PRCAN). Phil Osagie is also listed on Stanford's Who Is Who. Phil Osagie is involved in a lot of charity work and has a personal philosophy and goal of changing the world, one day at a time.



EDDY IROH

Eddy Iroh is an author and veteran columnist. He was one of the pioneer staff of the Nigerian Television Authority with other talented journalists like Peter Igbo, the late James Audu, the late Saka Fagbo, Bode Alalade, Grace Egbagbe, Sienne Alwell-Brown, Ruth Benemesia, Victoria Ezeokoli, John Chiahemen, Richard Azoro and many others. He was the first Managing Editor of the Guardian Newspapers. He later became the Director-General of the NTA.



EMMANUEL IBE KACHIKWU

An author of several law books. He authored the best seller- Nigerian Foreign investment Law and Policy and more than 20 publications. With more than 30 years experience in policy- making positions in petroleum industry including; Texaco Nigeria and Texaco Overseas Co. From 1984-1994. Kaichukwu influenced over \$10 billion investment from Exxon Mobil group into Nigeria and other African countries.

He was the former executive vice chairman and General Counsel of ExxonMobil Africa. Presently, He is the group managing director if Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

FRANK AIGBOGUN

Mr Frank Aigbogun is Publisher and Chief Executive of BusinessDay, Nigeria's only business & financial daily which he founded in 2001. An alumnus of the Lagos Business School, Mr. Aigbogun first studied Mass Communication.

He later received a post-graduate diploma in Editorial management at the Thomson Foundation in Cardiff, Wales. Mr. Aigbogun was both a member and alternate rapporteur for the sub-committee on competition and commercialization of Nigeria's Vision 2010 Committee which was appointed by the federal government of Nigeria to chart a long-term economic vision for the country.

He is currently Director of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) and a member of the board of the Nigerian National Competitive Council established in 2013 by President Goodluck Jonathan to improve the global competitiveness of Nigeria. Mr. Aigbogun, who began his journalism career in 1982 at the Guardian newspaper, has served as the Lagos correspondent of the Associated Press, AP, the world's largest independent news agency and was for seven years Editor of the Vanguard, Lagos. Mr. Aigbogun chairs the board of the Constitutional Rights Project (CRP), a leading human rights advocacy group in Nigeria and he has attended professional courses in the UK, Portugal, South Africa and the United States.



FUNMI ADUKE IYANDA

Funmi Aduke Iyanda, 44, is an award-winning broadcaster, journalist, columnist and blogger.

She produced and hosted Nigeria's popular and authoritative talk show New Dawn with Funmi, which aired on the national network for over eight years. Funmi is the CEO of Ignite Media, a content-driven media organisation operating out of Lagos.

In 2011, she was honoured as a Young Global Leader (YGL) by the World Economic Forum and was recently named one of Forbes 20 Youngest Power Women in Africa.

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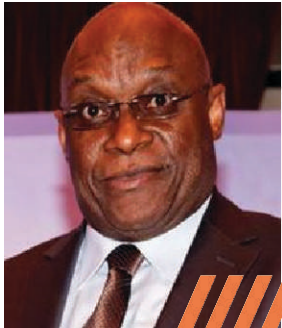
Mallam Garba Shehu, veteran journalist and former newspaper editor, He was the President of the Nigerian Guild of Editors sixteen years ago.

He served as the Director, Media and Publicity of the APC Presidential Campaign Council, now practices as a political communicator and analyst in Abuja. He writes a syndicated column for Premium Times every Wednesday.



KAYODE SOYINKA

Kayode Soyinka is the founder of Africa Today, a Pan-African news magazine presently on international news stands in about 90 countries around the world.



JIMI AWOSIKA

Jimi Awosika serves as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Insight Communications Limited. Mr. Awosika co-founded Insight in 1980. He has over 27 years of experience in Advertising.

He first worked at the news department of the then Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, (now FRCN) and served as its sub-editor and Editor.

He started his career in advertising in 1977, where he served as Trainee Account Executive at Grant Advertising, the then Deputy Managing Director/ Chief Operating Officer of the agency.

Mr. Awosika left Grant Advertising at the end of 1979 to team up with Shobanjo in setting up Insight Communications in 1980, and had various professional and management trainings in Nigeria, Europe, and the United States.

He headed the Client Service, Account Planning and Creative departments of Insight. Mr. Awosika is a major facilitator at various training programmes of the communications industry and serves as the Chairman of The Association of Advertising Agencies of Nigeria's Education Committee. Mr. Awosika serves as Vice Chairman and Director of TROYKA Holdings Limited.

He serves as a Member of the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria. He holds a Mass Communications graduate of the University of Lagos.



MR KENNY ADAMSON

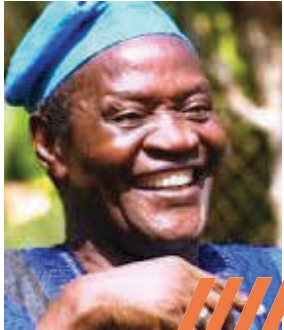
Mr Kenny Adamson is a cartoonist, painter and sculptor. He had his Ordinary National Diploma (OND) certificate in Fine Art at Yaba College of Technology in 1977. He had the first joint exhibition in 1983 at Didi Museum, Victoria Island, Lagos and another Solo exhibition at the same venue in 1990.

He worked with Vanguard Newspapers as a political cartoonist in the eighties. Adamson is celebrated for his painting and sculpture. His sculpture work, in particular, can be found throughout Nigeria and in various international collections. He is the man behind the monumental three wise men and the Eyo sculpture which are noticeable landmarks at the soul of the city's traditional life.

He has executed a lot of commissioned artworks for the Federal, State Governments as well as private establishments in Nigeria. Some of his works are located in the Presidential Villa Aso-Rock, the President's Office and the Council Chambers, which include a 3x4m map of Nigeria with sculptural Heads of different ethnic groups and other suspended wall sculptures.

In 2007, the Famous Tinubu Square in the Central Business district on Lagos Island was re-designed by the artist, built by Julius Berger and inaugurated by Lagos State Government. Some of his works have been presented as souvenirs to eminent personalities by the federal and state governments. Notable among them are the Queen Elizabeth II during her State visit to Nigeria during CHOGM 2003 and the President of United States of America, George .W. Bush and other African Heads of State.

He is currently working on a corporate rebranding project for his establishment, Kenny Adamson International.



JIMI SOLANKE

Jimi Solanke is a film actor, dramatist, folk singer, poet and playwright. Solanke attended the University of Ibadan, Institute of African studies where he bagged Diploma in Theatre.

He later moved to the United States where he created a drama group called The Africa Review, focusing on African culture. Members of this group usually put on African clothing, specifically Yoruba costume. They performed in black African schools. Solanke established himself in Los Angeles, California, where his storytelling career began. He was described as a "master storyteller" by the Cable News Network (CNN).

In 1986, he returned to Nigeria with three members of the African Review group to work with the Nigerian Television Authority. His reputation earned him the lead role in most of Ola Balogun's films. He was part of the team that made the film of Kongi's Harvest by Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka.



MR. JOHN MOMMOH

John Momoh is the Chairman and CEO of Channels TV, an independent and a multiple award winning 24 hour TV channel based in Lagos.

Prior to the genesis of Channels TV, he worked as a news anchor, senior reporter and senior producer for the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria and the Nigerian Television Authority.

In 2006, he was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Nigerian Information Society. In 2008 he was nominated as Nigeria's Entrepreneur of the Year by the Fate Foundation.



LARRY IZAMOJE

Larry Izamoje, 53, is the owner of the premier sports radio station in Nigeria, 88.9 Brila FM.

He pioneered Sports Radio in Nigeria and the entire Africa when he founded the sports radio in Lagos, Nigeria, in 2002. Born in Onitsha, Nigeria, Izamoje bagged his Master's degree in Sociology in 1986 from the University of Lagos.

He later launched Brila in 1994 months before the World Cup in the United States of America. He is married with three children.



LATEEF JAKANDE

Alhaji Lateef Kayode Jakande was a versatile journalist, who under the pen-name John West wrote many punchy editorials. He had several years of experience with African Newspapers of Nigeria Limited; publishers of Nigerian Tribune as the managing director and Editor in chief before he started the John West Publications.

He was the first civilian Governor of Lagos state from 1979 to 1983 and was also the minister of works under Sanna Abacha military regime.



KOLE ADEMULEGUN

He is one of the most influential and respected advertising icons. In September 1983, he branched out from one of the nation's top advertising firm Grant Advertising to set up Media Link Limited.

His mission was to change the face of outdoor advertising by creating non-conventional sites and being proactive to client needs. He is currently the managing director at Media Link LTD.



LANRE IDOWU

Mr Lanre Idowu has a rich experience in journalism, publishing, and information management. A respected writer, author, trainer, and editor, he is a fellow of the Nigerian Guild of Editors and member, Nigerian Institute of Public Relations.

He has worked as a media consultant with the United States Information Services (USIS), managing partner of Richard Munds and in many respected newsrooms and editorial suites as a writer (Daily Times), reporter/head of investigating team (The Guardian on Sunday), assistant editor (The Democrat Weekly), and editor/deputy editor-in-chief (Thisweek). He was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Journalistic Excellence by the Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Journalism on December 9, 2011.

He is quite active on the media education circuit as a participant and resource person.



LEKAN OGUNBAWO

Lekan Ogunbawo started as a trainee announcer with the defunct Lagos State Broadcasting Corporation (LSBC), in January 1980. While there that he attended Nigerian Institute of Journalism (NIJ) between 1983 and 1985. He attended Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos, where he bagged a Bachelor's degree in English in 1995.

In 1997 at the age of 35, he was appointed the General Manager of the state radio. It was during his tenure that EKO FM and the first Traffic Radio in the country were established. It was also under his tenure that the Lagos Television made its debut on Digital Satellite Television (DSTV).



JAHMAN ANIKULAPO

He has been an Arts and Culture Journalist for over two decades, writing mostly on the Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Literature and Cultural Affairs. He worked as the Arts and Media Editor of the Guardian between 1992 and 2013; and Editor of the Guardian on Sunday, 1993-2013. He has presented Nigerian films at the Milan African Film Festival and French African Film Festival in Stuttgart, Germany, where he also served on the international jury. He coordinated the yearly Lagos Cinema Carnival of the Committee for Relevant Art. He is on the board of the West African Documentary Film Forum, conveners of the yearly Real Life Film Festival in Ghana; he is part of the Traveling seminars on African Film on the platform of AFRICAN SCREENS, which has held sessions in Portugal, Germany, Belgium, and New York.