

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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### PERSONAL DATA

**Date of Birth:** 14 December, 1961.

**Place of Birth:** Ilorin.

**Local Govt. Area:** Ilorin West.

**State of Origin:** Kwara State.

**Nationality:** Nigerian.

**Marital Status:** Married.

**Sex:** Male

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### HIGHER EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

JAN – DEC 1993      NIGERIAN FOREIGN SERVICE ACADEMY, LAGOS.  
Diploma in Foreign Service.

1980 – 1985      AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, CAIRO, EGYPT.  
B.A. (Hons) 2:1 Class (Political Science) – 1985

1978 – 1980      GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, ILORIN, KWARA STATE.  
West African Secondary School Leaving Certificate – 1980.

1976 - 1977      ANSARUL ISLAM SECONDARY SCHOOL, ILORIN.

1975 – 1976      INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, WARSAW, POLAND.

## PRIMARY EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

1973 – 1974	INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, HAMBURG, GERMANY.
1972 – 1973	INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, TRIPOLI, LYBIA.
1970 – 1972	AL-NASR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, CAIRO, EGYPT.
1968 – 1969	PAKATA LSB PRIMARY SCHOOL, ILORIN.

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## ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

May 2020	UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (Online Certificate Course) "Global Diplomacy – Diplomacy in the Modern World"
May 2020	UNIVERSITY OF LEIDEN, THE HAGUE (Online Certificate Course) "The Changing Global Order"
2016	ABUJA Certificate Course in ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme.
2015	ABUJA Certificate Course in effective public speaking and business presentation.
2012	TOKYO United Nations Diplomatic Training Course on Multilateral Diplomacy.
2004 -2005	PRETORIA Diploma in Computer Service – 2005

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## APPOINTMENTS

Conferred with the Title of **Ambassador in-situ** by H.E. President Muhammadu Buhari in Council in **2020**.

Appointed Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation in April 2021

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management.

Member, Rotary International, Ilorin, Chapter

## CAREER MILESTONES

- ❑ Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the D-8 Summit in Abuja, 2010.
- ❑ Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the 5<sup>th</sup> TICAD Summit in Yokohama, Japan in 2013.
- ❑ Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the 47<sup>th</sup> ECOWAS Summit in Accra, Ghana.
- ❑ Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the 48<sup>th</sup> ECOWAS Summit in Abuja, Nigeria.
- ❑ Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the 49<sup>th</sup> ECOWAS Summit in Dakar, Senegal.
- ❑ Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the 50<sup>th</sup> ECOWAS Summit in Dakar, Senegal.
- ❑ Member of the Nigerian Delegation to the 51<sup>st</sup> ECOWAS Summit in Monrovia, Liberia.
- ❑ Member of the Nigeria Delegation to 2<sup>nd</sup> Intra Africa Trade Fair, Durban, South Africa, 2021
- ❑ Member of the Nigeria Delegation to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference, China Africa Forum, Dakar Senegal 2021
- ❑ Member of the Nigeria Delegation, Dubai 2020 Expo, Dubai 2021

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## CORE AREAS OF STRENGTH AND PERFORMANCE

- ❑ Proficiency in Continental and Multilateral Partnership Initiatives.
- ❑ Institutional Development and Team Collaborative Leadership.
- ❑ Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Skills.
- ❑ Organization and Implementation of the 1st Nigeria Business Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2004.
- ❑ Organization and Implementation of the 1st Nigeria Energy Forum in Tokyo, Japan in 2014.

- ❑ Organization and Implementation of the 1st Japan Trade Mission to Nigeria in 2012.
- ❑ Organization and Implementation of the 2nd Japan Trade Mission to Nigeria in 2014.
- ❑ Organization and Implementation of the 1st ECOWAS Business and Investment Forum in Tokyo, Japan in 2013.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1993 TO DATE	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), NIGERIA.
1987 TO 1992	FIRST BANK NIGERIA LTD.
JAN – DEC 1986	NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (Teaching at Ojurobe Grammar School, Ogotun-Ekiti, Ekiti State).

## OUTLINE OF CAREER AT FIRST BANK NIGERIA LTD.

1987 - 1993	<p><b>FIRST BANK NIGERIA LTD (EGBE BRANCH, KWARA STATE)</b>            Position held: <b>Supervisor</b>.            Duties: Bank supervisor in charge of commercial banking operations, such as, savings, current accounts, cash, loan/advances and customer relations.  <b>Reason for leaving:</b> Transfer</p>
1993	<p><b>FIRST BANK NIGERIA LTD (ABUJA BRANCH)</b>            Position held: <b>Officer</b>.            Duties: Bank Officer handled commercial banking operations, such as, savings, current accounts, cash, loan/advances and customer relations.  <b>Reason for leaving:</b> Resigned to assume appointment in the Nigerian Foreign Service.</p>

## OUTLINE OF CAREER AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NIGERIA.

Appointed as Foreign Service Officer. Position held: **Third Secretary** (GL 08) in 1993

**Middle East Division** as Desk officer covering Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Pilgrimage, Israel, Lebanon, etc.

Position held: **Second Secretary.**

**East, Central & Southern Africa Division** as Desk officer covering South Africa, Swaziland Lesotho, Zimbabwe and SADC region.

Position held: **First Secretary.**

**Inter African Affairs Division** as Desk Officer covering African Union, CENSAD, SADC, NEPAD, and IGAD & EAC.

Position held: **Counsellor.**

**Protocol Unit** as Special Assistant to the Chief of Protocol, MFA.

Position held: **Senior Counsellor.**

**Trade & Investment Division** as Desk officer covering Trade and Investment related activities.

Position held: **Minister Counsellor.**

**ECOWAS Division** as Desk Officer covering ECOWAS Statutory Meetings, implementation of ECOWAS Programs in Nigeria and Liaison with ECOWAS Institutions in Nigeria as well as advising Government on Nigeria's relations with ECOWAS.

Position held: **Deputy Director.**

Director, Economic, Trade & Investment Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF DIPLOMATIC CAREER POSTINGS

2017-2021

**EMBASSY OF NIGERIA, BRASILIA, BRAZIL.**

Position held: **Minister / Director / Sp Grd level 17.**

Duties: Minister in charge of Political, Economic, Trade and Investment matters. Overall supervision of activities of all Home-Based Officers. Acting as Charge d' Affairs, a.i. in the absence of the Head of Mission. Advising the Head of Mission on all matters relating to the Mission activities.

AUG 2020

Charge d' Affaires ad interim.

2010 - 2014

**NIGERIA EMBASSY, TOKYO, JAPAN.**

**Position held:** Minister-Counsellor and Minister

**Duties held:** - Minister-Counselor in charge of Economic, Trade and Investment as well as Consular and Immigration matters. Minister in charge of Economic, Trade and Investment matters during which I initiated and organized series of Business and Investment Forum in Tokyo as well as three (3) Japanese Trade Missions to Nigeria and one (1) Nigerian Trade Mission to Japan. I was also instrumental to

the resuscitation of the ECOWAS Diplomatic Group in Tokyo, the permanent secretariat of which is at the Nigerian Embassy, Tokyo. **Reason for leaving:** - Returned to the Ministry of foreign Affairs, Abuja on Successful completion of duty tour.

2003 - 2007

NIGERIA HIGH COMMISSION, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA.

**Position held:** Counsellor

**Duties held:** - Counselor in charge of political, economic and trade matters as well as protocol and administration; issuance of correspondences, report writing, liaison with mission and host government as well as foreign missions and interational organizations within and outside South Africa.

**Reason for leaving:** - Returned to the Ministry of foreign Affairs, Abuja on Successful completion of duty tour.

1999 - 2002

CONSULATE GENERAL OF NIGERIA, JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA.

**Position held:** Consul

**Duties held:** - Consul in charge of administration, consular matters, protocol, and pilgrimage matters; issuance of consular reports, liaison with host government and foreign missions and international organizations within and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**Reason for leaving:** - Returned to the Ministry of foreign Affairs, Abuja on Successful completion of duty tour.

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## SOME NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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| 2004     | Asia - Africa sub Regional Organizations Conference, Durban, South Africa. |
| 2004     | Non - Aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting, Durban, South Africa.          |
| 2005     | African Economic Summit, Cape Town   |
| 2005     | African Council for Distance Education, Pretoria, South Africa.            |
| 2005     | World Heritage Committee, Durban, South Africa.                            |
| 2005     | African Union Ministerial Meeting, Swaziland.                              |
| JUL 2010 | D-8 Summit, Abuja.   |
| OCT 2012 | Annual Meeting of the IMF and World Bank Group, Tokyo, Japan               |

JUN 2013	The Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, Yokohama, Japan.
DEC 2014	46th ECOWAS Summit, Abuja, Nigeria.MAY
2015	47th ECOWAS Summit, Accra, Ghana. DEC
2015	48th ECOWAS Summit, Abuja.
OCT 2015	First ECOWAS-Japan Business Forum, Tokyo, Japan.JUN
2016	49th ECOWAS Summit, Dakar, Senegal.
DEC 2016	National Institute, Kuru Stakeholders' Conference on Nigeria's Foreign Policy and Strategy, Abuja.
SEPT 2016	National Consultative Forum on the Economic Partnership Agreement between ECOWAS and European Union, Lagos.
JUN 2017	Seventy-Eight Ordinary Session Of The ECOWAS Council of Ministers, Monrovia, Liberia.
JUN 2017	51st Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Summit, Monrovia, Liberia.
NOV 2021	Nigeria South Africa Binational Commission, Abuja, Nigeria
DEC 2021	Nigeria Burkina Faso Joint Commission, Abuja, Nigeria

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## SOME AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

- Federal Ministry of Science and Technology of Nigeria
- House of Assembly, Kwara State, Nigeria
- Central Bank of Nigeria
- Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (Nigeria)
- Christlieb Plc, Nigeria
- Midfield investment Limited, Nigeria
- Mayor of the City of Kisarazu, Chiba Prefecture, Japan.
- Yoruba Cultural Centre, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## AD HOC DUTIES

**Election Monitoring:** Member, Nigeria's Election Monitoring Team in Ghana's Presidential and Parliamentary Elections 2016.

**Charge de Affaire ad interim,** Nigeria Embassy, Brasilia, Brazil.

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## GENERAL SKILLS:

**Languages spoken:** English  
Yoruba  
Arabic (elementary level)  
Portuguese (elementary level)

**Proficiency in Microsoft Office** (Outlook, Word, PowerPoint).

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## HOBBIES:

Reading, Writing, Travelling, Sports, Music, Movies and Fine Arts.

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