

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: PROFILE OF EMMANUEL OGEBE

Mr. Emmanuel Ogebe is an experienced attorney specializing in international matters focusing on Nigeria. He has earned the singular distinction of being the youngest law graduate in his home country of Nigeria. Exiled to the US after becoming one of Nigeria's political detainees during the brutal years of military dictatorship under General Abacha, Mr. Ogebe has played a role in shaping US Congressional, constituent and foreign policy towards Nigeria in Nigeria's quest for democracy. In addition to testifying before the New York City council on the historic move to name a street after a slain Nigerian activist, he was invited to testify on Nigeria before the US Congress. Mr. Ogebe has been a guest speaker at university campuses across the US and on radio and TV programs.

Mr. Ogebe has vast experience in managing, designing and implementing complex international programs and projects in Nigeria. For over a dozen years, he has worked in an environment reputed for hardship, poor infrastructure, political risk and corruption. His specialization in US-Nigeria affairs has positioned him strategically to relate to key players on both sides of the aisle and on both sides of the Atlantic. He was consulted by the Clinton Administration as well as the Bush Administration on their Presidential visits to Nigeria in 2000 and 2003 respectively. Mr. Ogebe's experience includes working on behalf of a US Government funding entity to identify and forge co-funding alliances with stakeholders on development projects under the bilateral trade, aid, and development promotion policies.

Since country conditions account for a major component of project attrition rates in Nigeria, Mr. Ogebe's expertise in mitigating the variables that have come to be known as the "Nigerian factor," have exponentially expanded his success rate. Mr. Ogebe is also skilled at organizing local personnel and partners as well as setting up infrastructure in a timely and cost-efficient manner. His diversity of experience in a panoramic portfolio of projects from HIV/AIDS, African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSE) to Agriculture, Petroleum and T&I makes him an invaluable asset to cross-national Joint Venture projects.

Mr. Ogebe is presently practicing as a Special Legal Consultant on Nigeria with the Washington DC Bar in the United States. He holds the distinction of being the first specialist on Nigeria out of 100,000 lawyers licensed in the US capital.