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SUMMARY

With a rich tapestry of over two decades in real estate consultancy, coupled with specialization in architecture, design, and environmental sustainability, I offer a unique blend of professional acumen and academic prowess. Fluent in both Hausa and Yoruba, my multicultural and multilingual background amplifies my diverse experiences, including significant roles within the United Nations focusing on gender advocacy, social entrepreneurship, and cooperative development. My robust skills in civic engagement, public speaking, and non-profit leadership further underscore my readiness to embark on a transformative journey in Africana Studies, bridging theory and practice to contribute meaningfully to the discourse on African diaspora narratives.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1 **Board Chair/Founder: One Universe Alliance (1Ui) A registered 501c3 in the U. S November 2023 to Present. Volunteering-Part Time**

- 2 **Cluster Coordinator: Women, Peace & Security, African Women Leaders Network AWLN) Nigeria Chapter August 2023 - Present. Nigeria/USA**
 Volunteering-Part Time
 - Selected as Cluster Coordinator, WPS, during the UN Women agenda-setting roundtable at Fraser Suites in Abuja on August 31, 2023, distinguished attendees, including UN and ECOWAS Country Representative, senators, governors' wives, and other notable personalities.
 - Facilitated collaboration among network members, implementing strategies for peace and security, good governance, political & social mobilization, youth participation, financial inclusion, and agriculture.
 - Chosen to present the "Way Forward" for AWLN Nigeria, demonstrating recognized leadership and expertise in promoting the network's objectives

- 3 **Principal Partner: Altitude Global Links Limited, Nigeria**
 Lead Project Consultant (January 2019- Present) - Paid Position Full Time
 Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria Affordable Housing Projects:
 - A. **Ministerial Pilot Housing Scheme, Jalingo, Taraba State**
Award Date: 7th February 2020
Project: 70 housing units
Contract Sum: N391,094,700.00
Completed and ready for commissioning

Led the project team in planning, execution, and successful completion.

B. Cooperative Housing Development Scheme, Idu Sabo, Abuja FCT

Award Date: 30th December 2020

Project: 33 units

Contract Sum: N419,389,410.00

Developers: Exclusive Chambermaid Limited

Provided strategic oversight as the lead consultant, ensuring the project's adherence to standards.

C. Habitation Ikorodu Cooperative Society, Lagos State

Award Date: 27th July 2021

Project: 32 units of 3-bedroom terrace duplex

Contract Sum: N423,018,400.00

Completion Period: 9 months

Contractor: OKB Associates Limited

Directed the project team and collaborated with contractors for timely and quality checks, Project is ongoing.

D. FMBN/NLC/TUC/NECA (Phase II) Collaborative Workers Housing Scheme, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State

Award Date: 28th October 2021

Project: 145 units

Contract Sum: N1,167,363,300.00

Led the team through the intricacies of the collaborative worker's housing scheme, ensuring compliance with all project requirements.

E. Fire Service Staff Housing Multipurpose Cooperative Society Housing Development, Calabar, Cross River State

Award Date: 28th April 2023

Project: 56 housing units and infrastructure

Contract Sum: N483,129,145.65

Completion Period: 12 months

Provided leadership and expertise, steering the team through the complexities of infrastructure development.

4 Founder/President/Chair, Board of Trustees: Women Against Violence & Exploitation WAVE Foundation Aug 2016 - Present (7 years 3 months) Abuja - Nigeria Volunteering- Part Time

- In 2016, as President of Wave Foundation, orchestrated a transformative roadshow to two internally displaced camps in Nasarawa State, spearheading fundraising efforts, organizing medical outreach, and donating essential household items and medications to benefit pregnant women, children, and men in the community.
- In 2017, took the lead in organizing a targeted advocacy and awareness campaign on menstrual hygiene and sexual and gender-based violence, addressing students at two secondary schools in Abuja.
- Convened the inaugural 5km Walk to End Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in 2021, establishing it as an annual event promoting awareness and advocacy.
- Founded a support group for FGM survivors, focusing on their well-being and providing trauma-informed support services. - 2023
- Led a successful advocacy visit to UNICEF Nigeria, fostering collaboration and initiating the registration of the organization with the UN, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, and relevant accreditation bodies. - 2023
- Coordinated a courtesy visit to the Director General of the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), strengthening media partnerships and resulting in the production of end FGM campaign jingles in three major Nigerian languages, including English, and a nationwide documentary broadcast. 2023
- Produced and distributed Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials in schools, contributing to educational initiatives in Osun State, Ebonyi State and Abuja, 2023
- Coordinated and facilitated a specialized training program for 40 adolescent girls, both in-school and out-of-school, focusing on the use of technology and ICT skills for the campaign to end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Osogbo, Osun State - 2023
- Led a panel to recruit volunteers, strategically placing them in various capacities within the organization. - 2023
- Selected by the Federal Government of Nigeria to serve as a member of the National Technical Committee on End FGM, demonstrating expertise and commitment to the cause at a national level. - 2023
- Served as a peer reviewer for the production of the first-ever UNFPA Nigeria National Landscape Analysis on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), Harmful Practices (HP), and Obstetric Fistula.
- Led a dynamic team in representing the organization at various national and international forums, Qatar and USA fostering impactful collaborations and advocacy efforts. 2023
- Participated in high-profile events, including the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2023, the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2023, engaging in discussions on critical global issues. 2023
- Represented the organization at the Conference on Least Developed Countries in Doha, Qatar, in March 2023, highlighting key challenges and opportunities for development.
- Facilitated and participated in training programs, including sessions in Thies, Senegal, and Kenya, with a focus on promoting rural entrepreneurship and empowering local communities.
- Played a pivotal role in preparations for the April 2023 general elections in Nigeria, by attending three crucial meetings for women-led Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), contributing to strategic planning and coordination.
- Led the monitoring team during the elections, actively working to assess and address issues related to violence against women and ensuring their active participation in the electoral process.
- Attended the Town Hall with the President of the General Assembly in December 2023, contributing insights and perspectives to shape policy discussions. -2023

- Effectively communicated organizational goals and achievements in these international platforms, strengthening partnerships and garnering support for the organization's mission.

SOFT SKILLS

Strategic Program Development: Expertise in designing and implementing impactful initiatives aligned with Wave Foundation's mission and objectives, ensuring effective allocation of resources and measurable outcomes.

Resource Mobilization and Fundraising: Proven ability to secure essential funding and resources through strategic partnerships, grant applications, and innovative fundraising campaigns, ensuring the sustainability and growth of Wave Foundation's programs.

Team Leadership and Capacity Building: Strong leadership skills in guiding and empowering the Wave Foundation team, fostering a culture of collaboration, continuous learning, and excellence in service delivery to beneficiaries.

Stakeholder Engagement and Partnership Development: Proficiency in cultivating and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders, including donors, government agencies, and community organizations, to enhance Wave Foundation's visibility, credibility, and impact within the community.

Graphics Design and Content Production: Leveraging graphic design and content production skills to create visually compelling materials for Wave Foundation's campaigns, presentations, and outreach initiatives. Proficient in designing impactful visuals and producing engaging content to effectively communicate the organization's mission and accomplishments.

TECHNICAL SKILLS. LEAD PROJECT CONSULTANT

Proficient in orchestrating comprehensive project management strategies for Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria's Affordable Housing Projects.

Adept in overseeing core building professionals to ensure precise execution and compliance with project specifications.

Demonstrated ability in monitoring and supervising project progress, with a keen eye for technical standards and adherence to architectural instructions.

Applied decisive measures during the Ekiti project, identifying and articulating defects in the monthly report to the bank.

Proficient in formulating strategic recommendations, adept at producing comprehensive reports, skilled in negotiating contracts, and effective communication.

Successfully advocated for a developer meeting at the bank's head office, showcasing strong leadership in conflict resolution and ensuring project quality standards.

Achieved substantial cost savings for the bank through meticulous defect identification, resolution, and strategic recommendations, demonstrating a commitment to fiscal responsibility and project excellence.

5 Architect: Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA), Abuja, Nigeria

Nov 2002 - Oct 2018 (16 years) Paid Position Full Time

- Supervised the design and construction of a 1,200-unit 2-bedroom resettlement housing scheme, in Jibi-Abuja showcasing expertise in large-scale residential projects.
- As Chief Architect, played a pivotal role in rehabilitating the National Mosque, collaborating closely with a team of approximately 30 professional men and subcontractors, highlighting leadership in complex architectural endeavors.
- Sole female representative on the rehabilitation team for the National Mosque, contributing diverse perspectives and expertise to the project.
- Managed the construction of the Directorate of Road Traffic Services' head office, navigating challenges arising from government policy inconsistencies and inflationary pressures over a 12-year period.
- Gained valuable experience and expertise in architectural design and environmental sustainability within the government sector.
- Actively engaged in property construction, management, and rehabilitation initiatives, contributing to estate development, sanitation, and environmental enhancement projects.
- Responsibilities included comprehensive design, implementation, and oversight of architectural projects, with a particular emphasis on interior spaces, solid waste management, and the integration of environmentally friendly technologies.

EDUCATION (CERTIFICATE COURSES)

1 Wageningen University & Research

**Professional Certificate, Rural Entrepreneurship Africa-Netherlands/Kenya
2023 - 2023**

The Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation's short course on Rural Entrepreneurship in Africa is an intensive training program designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to foster entrepreneurship in rural African communities.

2 Tostan Training Centre

**Professional Certificate, Community Well-Being-Thies, Senegal
2022 - 2022**

The short course on Community Well-being, organized by the Tostan Training Centre in Thies, Senegal, is a focused training program that addresses various aspects of community development and well-being.

3 The University of Georgia

**Professional Certificate, African Civic Engagement Academy-USA
2021 - 2021**

The African Civic Engagement Academy, organized by the University of Georgia, is a short course designed to empower African leaders and activists with the knowledge and skills necessary to drive positive social change through civic engagement.

4 Swedish Institute

**Professional Certificate, Organizational Leadership & Management
Abuja/Sweden 2019 - 2019**

The Organizational Leadership and Management Training, organized by the Swedish Institute, took place in Abuja, Nigeria, in 2019. The program was specifically designed for a group of 20 Nigerian women and was generously sponsored by the Government of Sweden.

5 Iowa State University

**Professional Certificate, Agriculture Operations & Environmental Science-
USA 2017 - 2017**

The short course organized by Iowa State University and funded by the US Department of Agriculture for eight Nigerian women in 2017 provided specialized training and capacity-building opportunities. The program focused on enhancing the skills and knowledge of these participants in areas related to agriculture, agribusiness, and rural development.

6 IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

**Professional Certificate, Solid Waste Management and Engineering-
Netherlands 2006 - 2006**

The short course on Solid Waste Management and Engineering, organized by the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education in the Netherlands, is a specialized program focused on equipping professionals with the necessary expertise to effectively manage solid waste.

EDUCATION (DEGREE COURSES)

7 Federal University of Technology Minna, Nigeria

**Master of Technology (M-Tech) Architecture - WES EVALUATED
1999 - 2000**

The Master of Technology course in Architecture at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria, is an advanced program that offers in-depth studies in architectural design, technology, and research.

8 Federal University of Technology Minna, Nigeria

**Bachelor of Technology (B-Tech) Architecture - WES EVALUATED
1993 - 1999**

The Bachelor of Technology course in Architecture is an undergraduate program that focuses on the technical and practical aspects of architectural design and construction. It equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to create innovative and sustainable architectural solutions.

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- 1 **Full Member - Architects Registration Council of Nigeria**
F/2839 - ARCON
- 2 **Full Member - Nigerian Institute of Architects**
M/2900 - NIA
- 3 **Full Member - Female Architects of Nigeria**
- 4 **International Member - American Institute of Architects**
AIA/40822128

HONORS & AWARDS

- 1 **Distinguished Merit for Outstanding Advocate and Humanitarian Person of Repute Merit Time International-April 2023**
The "Distinguished Merit for Outstanding Advocate and Humanitarian Person of Repute" award presented to me by Merit Time International is a prestigious recognition of my exceptional contributions as an advocate and humanitarian.
- 2 **Certificate of Recognition - Donors for Africa Foundation-March 2023**
The "Certificate of Recognition" award presented to me in March 2023 by Donors for Africa is a significant acknowledgment of my notable contributions to the fields of advocacy, humanitarian work, and gender equality.
- 3 **Advocate of The Year 2022 - Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation-October 2022**
The "Advocate of the Year" award presented to me by the Global Woman Peace Foundation is a prestigious recognition that celebrates my exceptional dedication and outstanding efforts in advocating for gender equality and women's rights, particularly in the context of ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).
- 4 **1 of 100 Women in Africa Making Impacts - Women Impacting Nigeria March 2022**
The award given to me by Women Impacting Africa in 2022/2023 is a significant recognition of my exceptional contributions to the promotion of women's rights and gender equality.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

National Landscape Analysis Report on SGBV, Harmful Practices and Obstetric Fistula
<https://nigeria.unfpa.org/en/news/unfpa-nigeria-launches-national-landscape-analysis-sgbv-hp-and-obstetric-fistula-%E2%80%8B>

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

HEALTHCARE SERVICES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NIGERIA JOINT COMMITTEES ON HEALTHCARE SERVICES, HEALTH INSTITUTIONS & JUSTICE- 2-days Public Hearing on a Bill for an Act to repeal the Quarantine Act and enact the control of infectious diseases. June 11, 2020

International Virtual Conference: Impacts of Harmful Traditional Practices, December 2nd & 3rd 2020

Gender and Housing at the 22nd Regular National Council on Women Affairs (NCWA) Themed: "Gender Inclusivity and Women Economic Empowerment; Making the Change Work for Women and Children" 22nd October 2022

Workshop for 30 Women Owned SMEs, International Women's Day – March 30th, 2023

Partnering with Men and Boys to Transform Social & Gender Norms. Webinar- Feb 6th 2023

12,000 feet Mountain Hike to End FGM Dec 17th, 2022

5km Walk to End FGM, Abuja – FCT, 2021

5km Walk to End FGM, Osogbo-Osun State, October 2022

5km Walk to End FGM, Abuja – FCT, 2023

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

School Outreach-Merosa International School-Dec 4th

International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation- Public Affairs Section- US Mission. Mon, 7th February 2022

Breaking The Gender Bias: We FM Radio 106.3, March 4, 2022

NASFAT Kubwa Branch in Collaboration with UNICEF, EU-UN Spotlight Initiative-Women Sensitization on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls. June 20th 2021

Global Woman P.E.A.C.E Foundation Annual Walk to End FGM, Washington 2018

Launch of The Domestication of the New Decade 2020 -2030 of African Women's Financial and Economic Inclusion in Nigeria by Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOCC NIGERIA) in partnership with Dr. Rhoda Makinde Initiative at The State House Banquet Hall on Tuesday 30th March 2021

The National Convening on Women, Dialogue and Mediation in Nigeria-Strengthening State Capacities and Women's Participation in Covid Response and Broader Peace Building Initiatives. 28 May 2021

HONOURS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Cochran Fellowship-US Department of Agriculture: 2017

Netherlands Fellowship Program-2006

Swedish Institute Fellowship-2019

Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation Fellowship Program-2023

Lux Terra Leaders Program-2021

Glow 4 Equality Coaching Program-2021

Nominated as one of the top 3 NGOs in Nigeria in 2018 by The Vice President of Nigeria

PROJECT PROPOSAL WITH FUNDING STATUS

End FGM Jingles, Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo & English- Collaboration with NTA-2023 till Date

Documentary on Female Genital Mutilation in Nigeria-Production ongoing

UK Global Media Campaign Award for Advocacy-2021, 2022

Leadway Assurance International Women's Day2023

EndFGM Canada International Women's Day 2023

UNFPA Nigeria –Sub Contractee- 2023 to 2028

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Page 54 of The Responsible Citizen magazine

https://issuu.com/wiseleadershipbw/docs/trc_2023_dec_digi_

<https://youtu.be/wh7uOWxfYe8?si=1eRZmBVTibFcru0c>

Blueprint Newspaper- FGM a form of disability, must be stopped - LOLA IBRAHIM

<https://www.blueprint.ng/fgm-a-form-of-disability-must-be-stopped-lola-ibrahim/>

<https://youtu.be/yUZ7DjzzE3I?si=IKfBL89Gq-LMcjur>

<https://youtu.be/RcmaAmWO6jU>

<https://fb.watch/b5JFEzNM2S/>

Panel Discussion on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, Webinar organized by the US Mission, Nigeria

<https://facebook.com/events/s/panel-discussion-on-16-days-ag/285505403606279/>

<https://www.thebrenthurstfoundation.org/downloads/aw-discussion-paper-rwmedit-4-april-final.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/live/RbGlRYP7jsE?si=cG1LHtSI6RWeE37z>

<https://youtu.be/5club38FCaU>

<https://youtu.be/wh7uOWxfYe8?si=1eRZmBVTibFcru0c>

<https://youtu.be/SZ8GZwFLUaQ>

https://youtu.be/_18QtVcv18Q

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<https://www.blueprint.ng/fgm-a-form-of-disability-must-be-stopped-lola-ibrahim/>

<https://youtu.be/OLpEqEhrEYQ>

<https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2021/10/15/nhrc-seeks-end-to-female-genital-mutilation/>

<https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2021/10/16/minister-promises-to-abolish-harmful-practices-against-women/>

<https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2021/12/05/ngo-embarks-on-campaign-to-end-gender-based-violence/>

Experts sensitise teenagers on rape, violence <https://www.nannews.ng/experts-sensitise-teenagers-on-rape-violence/>

<https://www.independent.ng/experts-sensitise-teenagers-on-rape-violence/>

<https://nigeriannewsdirect.com/experts-sensitise-teenagers-on-rape-violence/>

<https://www.latestnigeriannews.com/p/13921/experts-sensitise-teenagers-on-rape-violence.html>

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<https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2021/10/16/minister-promises-to-abolish-harmful-practices-against-women/>

<https://punchng.com/well-abolish-harmful-traditional-practices-against-women-says-minister/>

<https://www.pulse.ng/news/local/fg-pledges-to-abolish-traditional-practices-endangering-health-dignity-of-girls/n0vtkjg>

<https://punchng.com/well-abolish-harmful-traditional-practices-against-women-says-minister/>

<https://www.today.ng/news/nigeria/abolish-harmful-traditional-practices-women-minister-394397>

FG to eradicate female genital mutilation by 2030

<https://www.viralnigeria.com.ng/fg-to-eradicate-female-genital-mutilation-by-2030/>

<https://presentng.com/f-g-committed-to-abolishing-harmful-traditional-anti-women-policies-tallen/>

FG to eradicate female genital mutilation by 2030

<https://healthwise.punchng.com/fg-to-eradicate-female-genital-mutilation-by-2030/>

<https://ashenewsdaily.com/general-news/nigeria-pledges-to-abolish-traditional-practices-endangering-health-dignity-of-girls/>

FG to eradicate FGM by 2030 <https://nannews.ng/fg-to-eradicate-fgm-by-2030/>

Nigeria Pledges to Abolish Traditional Practices Endangering Health, Dignity of Girls

<https://africaprimenews.com/2021/10/16/health/nigeria-pledges-to-abolish-traditional-practices-endangering-health-dignity-of-girls/>

Nigeria To Eradicate Female Genital Mutilation by 2030 – Official

<https://africaprimenews.com/2021/10/16/rights/nigeria-to-eradicate-female-genital-mutilation-by-2030-official/>

<https://www.sunnewsonline.com/inec-ngo-sensitise-fct-community-on-gbv-electoral-processes/>

<https://blog.independent.ng/index.php/2021/12/05/inec-ngo-sensitise-fct-community-on-gbv-electoral-processes/>

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<https://ashenewsdaily.com/general-news/inec-ngo-sensitise-fct-community-on-gbv-electoral-processes/>

<https://newsdiaryonline.com/inec-ngo-sensitise-fct-community-on-gbv-electoral-processes/am>

LANGUAGES:

ENGLISH - Native

HAUSA - Native

YORUBA – Native

NUPE - Intermediate

PROFESSIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Nigerian Institute of Architects Biennial General Meetings and Election-2011 till date

Committee on The Status of Women- 2023-till date

78th Session of The United Nations General Assembly - 2023

Town Hall Meeting with the President of The General Assembly- 2023

MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANIZATIONS/SERVICES/ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERING

Nigeria National Technical Committee to End FGM in Nigeria – Member

African Women Leaders Network Nigeria Chapter (AWLN) - Cluster Coordinator

National Council of Women Societies, FCT Chapter (NCWS)

US END FGM Network - Member

Africa END FGM Network - Member

Nigeria End FGM Network - Founder

Zarmai Primary School Alumni - Member

Federal Government College Minna Old Students Association - Abuja Chapter Vice Chair

International Visitors Leadership Program Alumni Member

NASFAT New York Member

NASFAT Abuja Nigeria Member

Osogbo Sons and Daughters Development Initiative Founder

US Exchange Students Alumni

Swedish Institute Alumni

Netherlands Fellowship Program Alumni

Recyclers Association of Nigeria

Waste Management Society of Nigeria

Nigerian Network of NGOs

Global Play Brigade

Fosbys Cooperative Society Limited-Founder

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Microsoft word

PowerPoint

Corel draw

Photoshop