

# Application For A Sister City Relationship\*

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## APPLICATION ORGANIZATION

Name Milwaukee Action Network, INC

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Website N/A

## PERSON IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION FOR MILWAUKEE

Name Dele Ojelabi

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 Mequon WI 53092

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## PROPOSED SISTER CITY

Name Abuja

Country Nigeria

Population 4.5M

## PERSON IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATION FOR SISTER CITY

Name Hon. Ibrahim Ombugadu

Phone +234-805-270-6311

Mailing Address Olusegun Obasanjo Way, Area 10, Garki,  
 PMB 64, Abuja, Nigeria.

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## Please attach the following information

### Information about the sister city:

- Demographics
- Geographic description
- Historical background
- Governmental structure
- Educational system
- Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the sister city in the areas of culture and business
- Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the existing relationship
- Information regarding the local organizational structure in the sister city that supports the relationship including number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information

### Information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
- Number of members and their professional and business background
- Goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship
- Current activities of the organization in relation to the sister city
- Methods the organization uses to meet the goals of the sister city relationship
- Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange program

*\*Note: Prior to filing an application, a letter of intent to establish a sister city relationship should be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee.*

Number of members and their professional and business background

Dr. Dele Ojelabi – See attached resume/bio.

Mrs. Cordelia Ekwueme - See attached resume/bio.

Dr. Francis Obuseh - See attached resume/bio.

### **GOALS OF MILWAUKEE ACTION NETWORK INC. (MANI)**

MANI's goals revolve around building strong relationships, fostering collaboration, and creating a positive impact in areas of culture, economy, education, civic engagement, and global challenges between the City of Milwaukee (Milwaukee) and the City of Abuja (Abuja).

Our goals are:

1. **Foster Cultural Exchange:** MANI aims to promote cultural exchange and understanding between Milwaukee) and Abuja. This involves facilitating opportunities for residents of both cities to engage in cross-cultural activities, such as educational programs, art exhibitions, music festivals, and cultural exchanges.
2. **Enhance Economic Cooperation:** MANI seeks to strengthen economic ties between Milwaukee and Abuja by encouraging trade, investment, and business collaborations. By fostering economic cooperation, MANI aims to create opportunities for job growth, entrepreneurship, and economic development in both cities.
3. **Promote Educational Exchange:** MANI is committed to promoting educational exchange programs between Milwaukee and Abuja. This includes facilitating student exchanges, academic partnerships, and knowledge-sharing initiatives to enhance educational opportunities, research collaborations, and cultural understanding.
4. **Facilitate Civic Engagement:** MANI strives to promote civic engagement and community involvement by encouraging residents of Milwaukee and Abuja to actively participate in joint initiatives, volunteer activities, and community development projects. By fostering a sense of shared responsibility, MANI aims to strengthen the bond between communities and promote social cohesion.
5. **Address Global Challenges:** MANI aims to address global challenges, such as environmental sustainability, public health, and social justice, through collaborative efforts between Milwaukee and Abuja. By working together, MANI seeks to find innovative solutions and share best practices to tackle these pressing issues.
6. **Promote Technology Skill Transfer and Growth:** MANI recognizes the importance of technology in today's interconnected world. As part of its goals, MANI aims to facilitate technology skill transfer and growth between Milwaukee and Abuja. This involves promoting knowledge sharing, technology partnerships, and collaborative projects that foster innovation, digital literacy, and technological advancements. By facilitating the exchange of technology expertise and resources,

MANI strives to enhance the technological capabilities and competitiveness of both Milwaukee and Abuja, contributing to their overall growth and development.

### **OUR APPROACHES TO MEET GOALS**

MANI seeks to foster meaningful relationships, promote mutual growth and development, and create a solid foundation for long-term collaboration and understanding between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Abuja, therefore we will employ the following approaches to meet the goals of the proposed sister city relationship:

1. **Diplomatic Engagement:** MANI will facilitate diplomatic engagement between Milwaukee and Abuja by fostering relationships with government officials, diplomats, and community leaders. This will involve organizing official visits, diplomatic exchanges, and dialogue sessions to strengthen ties, promote collaboration, and address common challenges.
2. **Cultural and Artistic Exchanges:** MANI will assist in coordinating and organizing cultural and artistic exchanges to promote mutual understanding and appreciation of diverse cultural heritage. This may involve hosting cultural events, art exhibitions, music festivals, and theater performances that highlight the richness of both cities' traditions and foster cultural dialogue.
3. **Educational and Academic Partnerships:** MANI will facilitate the establishment of educational and academic partnerships between schools, colleges, and universities in Milwaukee and Abuja. This will include student exchanges, joint research projects, faculty collaborations, and the sharing of educational resources. By promoting knowledge sharing and academic cooperation, MANI aims to enhance educational opportunities and foster intellectual growth.
4. **Economic Development Initiatives:** MANI will facilitate economic development initiatives by encouraging trade, investment, and business collaborations between Milwaukee and Abuja. This may involve organizing business forums, trade missions, investment summits, and networking events to connect businesses, attract investments, and stimulate economic growth in both cities.
5. **Sustainable Development Projects:** MANI will support sustainable development projects that address common challenges faced by Milwaukee and Abuja. This may include initiatives focused on environmental conservation, renewable energy, urban planning, infrastructure development, and community empowerment. By working together on sustainable projects, MANI aims to promote sustainable development practices and improve the quality of life for residents in both cities.
6. **Youth and Student Exchanges:** MANI will promote youth and student exchanges to foster cross-cultural understanding and global citizenship. This may involve organizing exchange programs, internships, and leadership development opportunities for young people in both cities. By nurturing the next generation of leaders and promoting cultural exchange among youth, MANI aims to build long-lasting connections and promote a shared vision for the future.
7. **Health and Social Welfare Collaborations:** MANI will facilitate collaborations in the field of health and social welfare between Milwaukee and Abuja. This may involve sharing best

practices, knowledge transfer, and joint initiatives aimed at addressing common health issues, promoting well-being, and improving access to quality healthcare services for residents in both cities.

### **CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

Milwaukee Action Network Inc (MANI) has been actively engaged in various activities in relation to establishing the sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Abuja. By undertaking these activities, MANI is demonstrating its commitment to laying the groundwork for future collaboration and fostering a strong bond between the two cities.

Our current activities include:

1. **Research and Planning:** MANI is conducting extensive research and planning to gather information about Abuja, the prospective sister city. This includes studying Abuja's cultural, economic, and social aspects, as well as identifying areas of mutual interest and opportunities for collaboration.
2. **Building Partnerships:** MANI is actively forging partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and community leaders in Milwaukee to garner support for the sister city relationship. This involves networking, attending community events, and engaging in discussions to create a network of stakeholders who can contribute to the success of the partnership.
3. **Advocacy and Awareness:** MANI is raising awareness among the Milwaukee community about the benefits and potential of the sister city relationship. The organization is actively advocating for the importance of international connections, cultural exchange, and economic collaboration, emphasizing the positive impact it can have on both cities.
4. **Community Engagement:** MANI encourages active community engagement by facilitating dialogues, and forums that bring together residents from both Milwaukee and Abuja. These engagements aim to promote dialogue, mutual understanding, and the exchange of ideas between individuals from diverse backgrounds.
5. **Economic Development Opportunities:** MANI is currently exploring the potential economic development opportunities between the two cities, such as trade, investment, and business collaborations. The organization will identify areas where businesses from Milwaukee and Abuja can partner and supports initiatives that foster economic growth and create job opportunities.

### **Financial Pledge**

The Board of Directors of Milwaukee Action Network, Inc. are successful professionals who will provide the financial base for the organization. We, therefore, pledge to provide the necessary financial support to ensure the success of the sister city relationship.

**MILWAUKEE ACTION NETWORK INC  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MANDATE**

**1) PURPOSE**

The members of the Executive Committee (the “Board”) of the Milwaukee Action Network Inc. (“Organization” and or “MANI”) have the duty to supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Organization. The Board, directly and through its committees and its Chair shall provide direction to senior management, generally through the Executive Director, to pursue the best interests of the Organization.

The Board shall have the functions and responsibilities set out below. In addition to these functions and responsibilities, the Board shall perform such duties as may be required by applicable law. While the Board maintains oversight of the Organization’s operations, it delegates to the Executive Director and Officers of the Organization the responsibility for day-to-day management of the Organization. The Board discharges its oversight responsibilities both directly and through its committees.

**2) COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND INDEPENDENCE**

Matters concerning the membership and organization of the Board (including: the number; qualifications and remuneration of directors; residency requirements; quorum requirements; and appointment of a Chair) are as established by the Organization’s governing statute and the by-laws and resolutions of the Organization and are conducted in consultation with relevant board committees, as appropriate.

The Executive Director is responsible for recommending candidates for Board membership to the Board, in accordance with the MANI By-Laws. Each director must understand the Organization’s business, operations and financial objectives, plans and strategies and financial position and performance. The Board will also take into account additional qualities and skills in its selection of directors. Directors must have sufficient time to carry out their duties and not assume roles that would materially interfere with such director’s obligations to the Organization.

Because MANI is a nonstock corporation Independent Directors are not required by applicable law.

At least annually, the Board, with the assistance of the Executive Director, shall assess the current composition, organization and effectiveness of the Board as a whole and the committees of the Board in light of applicable requirements, including considering the appropriate size of the Board and its committees, and the effectiveness of individual board and committee members.

**3) RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

The Board shall have the functions and responsibilities set out below and may delegate any such responsibilities to a Committee of the Board. In addition to these functions and responsibilities, the Board shall perform such duties as may be required by applicable laws.

- (a) Ethics and Integrity – On an annual basis, the Board shall: (i) review the recommendations of the Executive Director regarding the adequacy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and compliance with, and any waivers or violations of, the Code by employees, directors or

officers; (ii) satisfy itself as to the integrity of the Executive Director and other officers; and (iii) satisfy itself that the Executive Director and other officers create a culture of integrity throughout the organization.

- (b) Executive Director Position Description – The Board shall develop and approve a position description for the Organization’s Executive Director that includes the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Director, including corporate goals and objectives that the Executive Director has responsibility for meeting, and the basis upon which the Executive Director is to interact with and report to the Board. At least annually, with the assistance of the Compensation Committee, the Board shall review this position description and such goals and objectives.
- (c) Risk Management – The Board is responsible for overseeing management’s implementation and operation of enterprise risk management, either directly or through its committees, which shall report to the Board with respect to risk oversight undertaken in accordance with their respective charters. At least annually, the Board shall review reports provided by management on the risks inherent in the business of the Organization (including appropriate crisis preparedness, business continuity, information system controls, cybersecurity and disaster recovery plans), the appropriate degree of risk mitigation and risk control, overall compliance with and the effectiveness of the Organization’s risk management policies, and residual risks remaining after implementation of risk controls.
- (d) Human Resources – At least annually, the Board shall review, with the assistance of the Compensation Committee, the Organization’s approach to human resource management and executive compensation.
- (e) Succession Planning – At least annually, the Board shall review, with the assistance of the Executive Director and the Compensation Committee, appointment and succession plans for the Executive Director and senior management of the Organization.
- (f) Corporate Governance – At least annually, the Board shall, with the assistance of the Corporate Governance: (i) review the Organization’s approach to corporate governance; and (ii) evaluate the Board’s ability to act independently from management in fulfilling its duties.
- (g) Financial Information – The Board shall, with the assistance of the Audit Committee, review at least annually in connection with the Organization’s Annual Report on Form 990.
- (h) Communications – The Board shall periodically review the Organization’s overall communications strategy, including measures for receiving and addressing feedback from the Organization’s shareholders.

#### **4) COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

- (a) Committees Established – The Board shall establish Committees and subcommittees as may be needed to carry out the business of the Organization.

#### **5) MEETINGS**

- (a) General — The rules and regulations relating to the calling and holding of and proceedings at meetings of the Board shall be those established by the Organization’s governing statute and the by-laws and resolutions of the Organization. Per those rules, all decisions shall be made by majority vote for those directors that are present.
- (b) Secretary and Minutes — The Corporate Secretary, his or her designate or any other person the Board requests, shall act as secretary of Board meetings. Minutes of Board meetings shall be recorded and maintained by the Corporate Secretary and subsequently presented to the Board for approval.

**6) INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES (IF ANY)**

In order to facilitate the Board fulfilling its role, each director is expected to:

- (a) Ethics and Conflicts of Interest — Comply with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and business conduct that governs the behavior of members, directors and officers, including advising the Board of any conflicts, or potential conflicts, of interest in accordance with the Organization’s Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and abstaining from voting on matters in which the director has an interest.
- (b) Attendance and Preparedness — Attend and actively participate in regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and of the shareholders and of any committee of which the director is a member and to have prepared for the meetings by, at a minimum, reviewing in advance of the meeting the materials delivered in connection with the meeting. The attendance record of individual directors at meetings of the Board will be disclosed in the Organization’s proxy circular as required by applicable law.
- (c) Best Practices — Strive to perform his or her duties, including complying with his or her fiduciary duties, in keeping with corporate governance practices adopted by the Organization and the policies of the Organization.

**7) ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PERSONNEL**

In its discharge of the foregoing duties and responsibilities, the Board shall have free and unrestricted access at all times, either directly or through its duly appointed representatives, to officers and employees of the Organization and to the relevant books, records and systems of the Organization as considered appropriate.

**8) INDEPENDENT ADVICE**

The Board may seek, retain and terminate accounting, legal, consulting or other expert advice from a source independent of management, at the expense of the Organization, as it may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for its purposes.

**9) BOARD REVIEW OF MANDATE**

At least annually, the Board shall, with the assistance of the Corporate Secretary and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, review and assess the adequacy of this Mandate and, as necessary, revise the Mandate.

*This Mandate is intended as a component of the flexible governance framework within which the Board of Directors, assisted by its committees, directs the affairs of the Organization. While it should be interpreted in the context of all applicable laws, regulations and listing requirements, as well as in the context of the Organization's Articles and By-Laws, it is not intended to establish any legally binding obligations.*

As approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023



## **Dele Ojelabi**

Dele Ojelabi is the founder and president of Comcentia, a local Mequon WI based IT consulting company that specialize in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system integration, DevOps, and Workforce Solutions.

Dr. Ojelabi has over 25 years of professional leadership and software implementation experience including strategic leadership, project management; software design, development, testing and implementation. He has extensive experience in training technical professionals and conducting technology-training classes for large groups of technology professionals. His expertise is in designing and implementing large-scale software applications and integration of ERP implementations. He is a certified project management professional (PMP) through Project Management Institute (PMI).

A long-term Milwaukee resident, haven moved to Milwaukee from France on a Doctoral exchange and chose to make Milwaukee home thereafter.

Dr. Ojelabi grew up in Lagos, Nigeria and graduated from the University of Lagos, Nigeria before moving to Paris, France for an MBA at the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussees. He also received an Ms in Management Information Systems from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) from Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, England.

Dr. Ojelabi is a member of the Society for Information Management Wisconsin Chapter (SIM), a board member of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Alumni association and a part-time professor of computer science at Maquette University and Carthage College. He is a graduate of the Scale Up Milwaukee, a program targeted at helping the area's fastest growing small business maintain sustainable growth.

Dele is bilingual, French, and English.

# Francis A. Obuseh, DrPH, MPH, MS

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United States CITIZEN

## Summary Statement

Proven ability of successfully leadership in strategic, financial, and operational management, infectious and chronic diseases program development, management, and disaster response. Respected leader, energetic, driven, and highly motivated.

## Area of Expertise

- Infectious diseases
- Maternal and child health
- Health Services
- Epidemiologic analysis and research
- Public health intervention programs design
- Advocating health issues
- Military medicine
- Health Administration
- Program implementation
- International cultural /global competence
- Public health practices
- Data analysis

## Employment History

### RubyRose Oasis LLC

Monona, Wisconsin,

Chief Executive Director

Duties and responsibilities - August 2019 to Present

- Develop high quality business strategies and plans ensuring their alignment with short-term and long-term objectives.
- Lead and motivate subordinates to advance employee engagement develop a high performing managerial team.
- Oversee all operations and business activities to ensure they produce the desired results and are consistent with the overall strategy and mission.
- Make high-quality investing decisions to advance the business and increase profits.
- Enforce adherence to legal guidelines and in-house policies to maintain the company's legality and business ethics.
- Review financial and non-financial reports to devise solutions or improvements.
- Analyze problematic situations and occurrences and provide solutions to ensure company survival and growth.
- Maintain a deep knowledge of the markets and industry of the company.
- Provides preventative medicine program and policy maintenance, improvement and support.
- Coordinates and facilitates functions of multi-disciplinary teams of professional and support personnel in conducting routine and non-routine epidemiologic evaluations.
- Produces products that inform ongoing PM program and policy discussions as well as assist in the implementation of PM programs.

- Reviews and approves all financial reports, budgets, managed care contracts and major expenditures; directs, establishes, reviews, and adjusts charges for services; and maintains accreditation
- Provides expert technical assistance on program evaluation and successful implementation of stakeholder and community engagement with community leaders, providers, and consumers.
- Manages a cross-functional team to produce technical assistance tools and materials for clients; and directs the program management for a client's evidence-based practice portfolio of projects.
- Provides expertise in data analysis, program assessment, and policy development for medical intelligence, chronic and infectious disease prevention programs.
- Collaborates with the governing body in the development of specific annual operating capital budgets and strategic business plans.
- Abides by all policies and procedures and operates with the highest personal integrity and professionalism, to include strict compliance with state and federal based regulations.
- Manage day to day operations and staff so the organization achieves its objectives in all of the following key performance areas

### **Full Spectrum Health Services**

**Madison, Wisconsin,**

**Executive Director / Snr Epidemiologist**

**Duties and responsibilities - July 2016 to Present**

- Coordinates the activities of senior executives and works with them to develop short and long range objectives, policies, and procedures.
- Ensures that policies are uniformly understood and consistently interpreted and administered.
- Establishes the organization hierarchy and delegates limits of authority to subordinates executives; prescribes the specific limitations of the authority of subordinates regarding policies, contractual commitments, expenditures and personal actions.
- Reviews and approves all financial reports, budgets, managed care contracts and major expenditures; directs, establishes, reviews, and adjusts charges for services; and maintains accreditation
- Provides expert technical assistance on program evaluation and successful implementation of stakeholder and community engagement with community leaders, providers, and consumers.
- Manages a cross-functional team to produce technical assistance tools and materials for clients; and directs the program management for a client's evidence-based practice portfolio of projects.
- Provides expertise in data analysis, program assessment, and policy development for medical intelligence, chronic and infectious disease prevention programs.
- Collaborates with the governing body in the development of specific annual operating capital budgets and strategic business plans.
- Abides by all policies and procedures and operates with the highest personal integrity and professionalism, to include strict compliance with state and federal based regulations.
- Manage day to day operations and staff so the organization achieves its objectives in all of the following key performance areas
- Medical staff compliance with regulatory and accreditation guidelines
- Provides expertise in data analysis, program assessment, and policy development for medical intelligence, chronic and infectious disease prevention programs.
- Manages a cross-functional team to produce technical assistance tools and materials for clients; and directs the program management for a client's evidence-based practice portfolio of projects.
- Provide leadership for chronic disease epidemiology for the chronic disease prevention and health promotion programs.

- Serve as a disease epidemiologist and provide epidemiologic support for disease prevention and health promotion programs.
- Disseminate public health and health promotion information to facilitate the active use of data in program and policy development, implementation and evaluation.

**International Health Specialist/Infectious Disease Epidemiologist/Biomedical Scientist  
North & West Africa Region Medical Manager 09/10 — Sept 2016**

Employer: Office of the Command Surgeon, Air Forces Africa, Readiness Division,  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

**Experience**

Subject matter expertise- supported USAFE/AFAFRICA Surgeon General on military/ international health care issues, both military and civilian in Africa; reviewed Theater Security Cooperation medical events and advised planners and country teams on achieving medical Theater Security Corporations objectives.

- Spearheaded emerging medical threats assessment, conducted medical site surveys and liaised with US Embassies, other governmental, non-governmental, and international organizations. Led humanitarian assistance/disaster relief efforts, medical civil assistance programs with at-risk populations and prioritized US Military Theater Security Cooperation efforts.
- Led DoD Liberia Ebola Advance Medical Team– coordinated the medical unit site selection and the concepts of operations for the Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS) Field hospital for Ebola patients in Liberia – Operation United Assistance.
- Senior Program Manager; Disaster Preparedness Initiative Duty Location: Kofi Anon International Peacekeeping Training Center, Accra, Ghana Dates of Assignment: July 2015 TO March 2016
- Directed the U.S Government funded West Africa Disaster Preparedness Initiative, a 10 million dollars Ebola capacity-building program implemented across 15 West African countries.
- Identified public health problems pertinent to the population and collaborated with others inside and outside the agency to identify the problem and formed recommendations.
- Conducted surveillance activities and designed surveillance for the public health issue under consideration.
- Identified surveillance data needs and recommended priorities of potential public health problems to be addressed.
- Organized preparation of written and oral reports and presentations that communicate necessary information to professional audiences, policy makers, and the military population.
- Led epidemiologic studies, public health programs, and community public health planning and developed community partnerships to support epidemiologic investigations and interventions.
- Consultant Epidemiologist. Established causes of respiratory infections and burden of disease in Kenya Military Recruits. United States Army Medical Research Unit- Kenya (USAMRU-K). July 2012
- Provided technical assistance to countries to develop their National Disaster Management Plans.
- Conducted pre/post assessments of country disaster management structure, collect and analyze data and prepare gaps assessment reports for delivery at Ministers Level.

- Exercise Director for U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) HIV/AIDS course involving 15 countries (12th Annual HIV/AIDS Planning and Policy Development Course “Strategic Planning and Policy Development Course Collaborative HIV and TB Activities – Reducing the Burden of TB among PLWH”) 26 October – 4 November 2012
- Co-Facilitator group sessions for U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) Gender Based Violence (GBV) involving 9 countries (1st Annual Seminar on Gender-Based Violence and Women's Health, MASL D175134-Resident Course”) 4-10 November 2012
- Co-Instructor U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) "Leadership Course in Regional Disaster Response and Trauma Systems Management". The course was presented in conjunction with a U. S. Europe Command (USAFE) large regional exercise in Bosnia entitled "SHARED RESILIENCE BSNIA 2012."
- Workshop Coordinator - Overview and Impact in the African Military 6th SAHARA Conference - “Are we turning the tide on HIV/AIDS?” Social, Political and Economic landscape of HIV prevention and response. 28Nov - 2Dec 2011 Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

**Public Health Dep Commander - Health Management Element Chief; Community and Occupational Health Element Chief; Deployment Medicine and Medical Intelligence Officer 07/07 — 09/10**

United States Air Force, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware

**Experience**

- Developed, planned, and implemented military public health activities.
- Initiated and directed preventive medicine and communicable disease control, chronic diseases, occupational health, food safety, and disaster response programs.
- Established and maintained liaison with medical treatment facility and local public health agencies to ensure an integrated public health program.
- Applied epidemiological and statistical methods to identify and evaluate factors increasing disease morbidity and mortality.
- Directed food safety and public facility sanitation programs.
- Maintained occupational health program. Established procedures to identify personnel requiring pre-placement, periodic, and termination medical examinations.
- Served as technical advisor for planning and presenting occupational health education programs.
- Managed administrative aspects of the fetal protection program for active duty and civilian workers.
- Monitored disease trends and advises on interventions. Advised food service personnel on protection and disposition of food items subject to nuclear, biological, or chemical contamination, and effects of natural and other peacetime disasters.
- Directed contamination control procedures for patients, medical personnel, and medical equipment.

## **Teaching Experience:**

**Adjunct Instructor for: AAS 420-7: Public Health and Medical Issues in African American Communities (3 credits). University of Alabama at Birmingham. 2006 /2007 sessions**

## **Education**

- Doctor of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Master of Public Health, International Health/ Epidemiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Master of Science, Human Nutrition, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- Bachelor of Science, Human Nutrition, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

## **Training**

- Introduction to the SAS Statistical Package, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, July 2012.
- Social Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, July 2011.
- Expeditionary Site Survey Process Course, USAF Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ 08640-5403 (Class 2011A2 AF ESSPC). Jan 2011
- Infectious Diseases and Tropical Pathology for the Military Medical Officer, Tropical and Travel Medicine Unit, Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam, Holland Oct 2010
- Medical intelligence, Defense Intelligence agency/ National Center for Medical Intelligence (NCMI) Fort Detrick, Maryland. Mar 2009
- Public Health Officer Course, Applied Epidemiology, Operational Entomology. Department of the Air Force USAF School of Aerospace Medicine (AFMC) Brooks City-Base Texas Nov 2007
- Nutritional Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, July 2005.

## **DEPLOYMENTS/INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- DoD Liberia Ebola Advance Team Medical Lead – Led the site selection and developed the concepts of operations for the Expeditionary Medical Support Field hospital for Ebola patients in Liberia – Operation United Assistance. Monrovia, Liberia. 16 – 27 Sept 2014
- USAFE Team Lead – Nigeria Defense Forces Medical Site Survey/ Military-Civilian Disaster Preparedness Plan. Abuja, Nigeria. 23 – 30 Aug 2014
- Medical Lead - Nigeria Air Field Site Survey. Medical Logistics and Local Capabilities Assessment. Lagos, Nigeria. 8 – 31 Jun 2014
- Consultant Epidemiologist - Sierra Leone Defense Forces Military Medicine. March 2014 – Present
- Course Director/ Chief Exercise Director - Airlift Support to Disaster Relief Operations Traveling Contact Team for Nigeria Air Force, Abuja, Nigeria. 25 – 31 Jan 2014
- Exercise Director - U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO) HIV/AIDS resident course involving 19 countries (13th Annual HIV/AIDS Planning and Policy Development Course “Strategic Planning and Policy Development Course

Collaborative HIV and TB Activities – Reducing the Burden of TB among PLWH”) 4 - 8 November 2013

- Intern - Family Health Initiative (FHI) Division, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) US Embassy, Benin, Cotonou, Benin. 4 – 30 Sept 2013
- Course Director/ Concept Developer - Aerospace Physiology & Human Performance program for Nigeria Air Force, Abuja, Nigeria. 9 – 13 Sept 2013
- Course Director / Concept Developer - Operational Preventive Medicine/Field Sanitation Symposium/Training for Burkina Faso Armed Forces 27 July – 02 Aug 2013
- Course Director / Concept Developer: Airlift Support to Disaster Relief Operations Traveling Contact Team for Senegal Air Force, 20 – 24 May 2013
- Officer-in-Charge/ Medical Planner - Humanitarian Civilian Assistance - Led the Humanitarian Civic Action (HCA) events during SOUTHERN ACCORD 2012. SOUTHERN ACCORD was a joint exercise intended to enhance U.S. and African forces’ capacities in humanitarian, disaster relief operation, peacekeeping operations and aeromedical evacuation in sub-Saharan Africa. Botswana Armed Forces, Botswana. 29 July to 17 Aug 2012
- US Team Lead – Botswana HIV Outreach Program. Provided over 2,000 Botswanans with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) diagnostic and educational services. Safe Male Circumcisions (SMC) were performed along with HIV education. 12 - 17 Aug 2012
- Facilitator - U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Women health Resident Course involving 18 countries (2nd Annual Seminar on Gender-Based Violence and Women's Health, MASL D175134-Resident Course”) 28 Oct - 1 Nov 2013
- Consultant Epidemiologist - Establishing all causes of respiratory infections and burden of disease in Kenya Military Recruits. United States Army Medical Research Unit- Kenya (USAMRU-K). July 2012 - Present
- Member - International Scientific Committee for the 7th Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA) Conference 2013 at Cheick Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal.
- Exercise Director - Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) HIV/AIDS resident course involving 15 countries (12th Annual HIV/AIDS Planning and Policy Development Course “Strategic Planning and Policy Development Course Collaborative HIV and TB Activities – Reducing the Burden of TB among PLWH”) 26 October – 4 November 2012
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Management". The course was presented in conjunction with a U. S. Europe Command (USAFE) large regional exercise in Bosnia entitled "SHARED RESILIENCE BSNIA 2012."

- USAFE AFAFRICA representative – The 2012. International Military HIV/AIDS Conference - Served as. May 7 – 10, 2012. Maputo, Mozambique
- Keynote Presenter and Workshop Coordinator - Overview and Impact in the African Military 6th SAHARA Conference - “Are we turning the tide on HIV/AIDS?” Social, Political and Economic landscape of HIV prevention and response. 28Nov - 2Dec 2011 Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- Exercise Director - U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) HIV/AIDS course involving 13 countries (11th Annual HIV/AIDS Strategic Planning & Policy Development Course“ HIV and Human Rights”) 4-10 December 2011
- Course Director - Organizational Wellness and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) Symposium/Training for Liberian Armed Forces 4 – 10 June 2011
- Facilitator and Co-coordinator - U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) HIV/AIDS course involving 35 countries (10th Annual HIV/AIDS Planning and Policy Development Course “*Planning for Sustainability*”) 4-10 December 2010
- Site Survey Director - Operational Preventive Medicine in Support of Southern African Deploying Forces. 13 – 17 November 2010
- Deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), March – May 2010
- Instructor - U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO's) "Leadership Course in Regional Disaster Response and Trauma Systems Management" to 26 senior-level physicians representing Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan. The course was presented in conjunction with a U. S. Central Command (CENTCOM) large regional exercise in Tajikistan entitled "REGIONAL COOPERATION 2009."
- Fellow - NIH/ Minority International Health Research Opportunities MIRT: Research: Morbidity Rates and Leading Causes of Diseases in the Ejura District, Ashanti Region of Ghana – 2001 to 2002
- Team Member - Nigerian team invited to the office of the Secretary of State (U.S.A) in 1997, played a critical role in advocating America’s continued presence in Nigeria at the time America had threatened to withdraw all its international agencies in relation to the dictatorship and human right abuse by the late General Sanni Abacha.

#### **HONORS/AWARDS/DECORATIONS:**

- United States of America Meritorious Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Sept 2016
- United States of America Meritorious Service Medal June 2016
- United States of America Meritorious Service Medal United States Air Force, Nov 2015
- West African Disaster Preparedness Initiative (WADPI) Ebola Outbreak Management Award The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), in collaboration with the Kofi Annan



Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) and the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) of the Republic of Ghana, Aug 2016

- United States Army Achievement Medal, July 2012
- United States Air Force Commendation Medal, July 2010
- United States Air Force Achievement Award, July 2010
- Public Health Officer of the Year 2009 - Air Force Medical Services/USAF Air Mobility Command
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) of the Year 2009 – Dover Air Force Base, 435 Medical Group, Dover, Delaware
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) of the Year 2009 – 435 Dover Air Force Base Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) 2nd quarter 2009 – 435 Dover Air Force Base Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) 2nd quarter 2009 – 435 Dover Air Force Base Medical Group, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) 2nd quarter 2008 – 435 Dover Air Force Base Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) 4th quarter 2008 – 435 Dover Air Force Base Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) 2nd quarter 2008 – 435 Dover Air Force Base Medical Group, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware
- Sr Company Grade Officer (CGO) 4th quarter 2008 – 435 Dover Air Force Base Medical Group, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware
- Student Excellence Award (2006) - Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society. One of 19 students selected from all School of Public Health to present at the 2006 Delta Omega annual meeting 134th Annual Meeting (November 4-8, 2006) in Boston, MA.
- Excellence Award in International Education/ Research. Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society for Scholars BETA NU CHAPTER March 10<sup>th</sup> 2006
- Young Investigator Travel Award - 46th Annual Meeting of the Teratology Society, June 24 - 29, 2006 Tucson Arizona
- Young Investigator Travel Award - 45th Annual Meeting of the Teratology Society, June 25 - 30, 2005 Trade Winds Island Grand Resort St. Pete Beach, Florida
- First Place Award - Research poster won first prize in the Clinical Research category of the Cancer Research Training Program poster session at the Summer Institute, July 22-23, 2004.

- Young Investigator Travel Award - 44th Teratology Society Annual Meeting, 26 June to 1 July 2004 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Award - National Institute of Health (NIH)/ National Cancer Institute (NCI) Fellowship award in Cancer Research fellowship through Cancer Prevention and Control Training Program at UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. 2004-2007
- Maternal and Child Health Training Award. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Maternal and child health. August 2003 – September 2004.
- National Institute of Health (NIH) Minority International Research Training Program (MIRT) award - International Health Research in University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. 2002
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) scholarships Award to Case Western Reserve University 1998 for the Global Excellence in Management Program (Global Change and Social Innovation).
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) scholarship Award to Center for Development and population Activities (CEDPA) 1997 for the Institution Building: Strategic Planning for Organization Effectiveness Program.
- Rapid Project Fund Award: Developed and managed programs on nutrition and reproductive health for the Liberian refugees in Nigeria under CEDPA/USAID 1997/98.

### **Publication/Presentations**

Has authored or coauthored more than 21 publications on a variety of topics, including:

1. Cline JM, Obuseh FA, Butler D. U.S. Medical Support in a Developing World Health System - a Partnership Made in Africa for a "New Normal" Strategy. *Mil Med.* 2016 Apr;181(4):294-6.
2. Obuseh FA, DrPH, MPH, MS, Cline J, MD MPH, Robert M., Impact of HIV/AIDS in the African Military: Approaches to Integrating Prevention in Care Setting. Presentation during the AMSUS (The Society for Federal Health Professionals) Annual Continuing Education Meeting to be held 2-5 December 2014 in Washington, DC (abstract for Oral Presentation)
3. Obuseh FA, DrPH, MPH, MS, B. Blagooee, MD MPH PhD, Resuscitating Food Safety Inspections through Technological Infusion. Presentation during the AMSUS Annual Continuing Education Meeting to be held 2-5 December 2014 in Washington, DC (abstract for oral presentation)
4. Obuseh FA, DrPH, MPH, MS, R. Fleming, M. McClurkin, B. Blagooee, MD MPH PhD, Identifying the characteristics of truck and bus drivers with chronic disease status. Presentation during the 137th APHA Annual Meeting (October 27-31, 2012) in San Francisco, CA.
5. Obuseh FA, Jolly PE, Kulczycki A, Ehiri J, Waterbor J, Desmond RA, Preko PO, Jiang Y, Piyathilake CJ. Aflatoxin levels, plasma vitamins A and E concentrations, and their association with HIV and hepatitis B virus infections in Ghanaians: a cross-sectional study. *J Int AIDS Soc.* 2011 Nov 11; 14:53

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7. Francis Obuseh, Andrzej Kulczycki, John Ehiri, John Waterbor, Chandrika Piyathilake, and Pauline Jolly Association between the Exposure to Aflatoxin and Micronutrient Status of HIV Infected Adults in Ghana. Doctor of Public Health Dissertation University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2007
8. Yi Jiang, Francis Obuseh, William Ellis, Chandrika Piyathilake, and Pauline Jolly Association of vitamin A deficiency with decrease in TNF- $\alpha$  expressing CD3-CD56+ NK cells in Ghanaians. Nutrition Research, 27 (7), p.400-407, Jul 2007
9. Beverly Mulvihill, Francis Obuseh, Cathy Caldwell. Differences Among Health Care Providers Satisfaction in a State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Matern Child Health J. 2007 Jun 6
10. Francis A. Obuseh, Benjamin Blagoege, Tolulope Aduroja and Russell S. Kirby "Adolescents Pregnancy, Premature Rupture of Membranes and Neonatal Mortality in Twin Births" selected for Poster presentation during the American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting & Exposition (November 4-8, 2006) in Boston, MA.
11. Beverly Mulvihill, Francis A. Obuseh and Julie Preskitt " A Survey of Youth with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) in Alabama: Does it Matter Who Completes the Survey?" Presentation during the American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting & Exposition (November 4-8, 2006) in Boston, MA.
12. Beverly Mulvihill, Francis A. Obuseh and Julie Preskitt "Disability Type, Health Care, Insurance, Health Status, Social Activities and Future Plans of Youth with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) in Alabama" Birth Defects Research Part A: Clinical and Molecular Teratology Volume 76, Issue 5, Pages 380 – 388. (Abstract).
13. Joann Petrini, PhD, MPH, Russell S. Kirby, PhD, MS, Charlotte Druschel, MD, Robert Meyer, PhD, Lowell E. Sever, PhD, Samara Viner-Brown, MS, Francis Obuseh, MS, MPH DrPHc, Cara Mai, MPH, Larry Edmonds, MSPH Quantifying the overlap between prematurity and birth defects. American Public Health Association 133rd Annual Meeting & Exposition December 10-14, 2005 Philadelphia, PA. (Abstract).
14. Muktar H. Aliyu, MD, DrPH, Francis Obuseh, MS, MPH DrPHc, Hamisu M. Salihu, MD, PhD, Louis G. Keith, MD, PhD, John E. Ehiri, PhD, MPH, Pauline Jolly, PhD. High Parity and Fetal Morbidity Outcomes American Public Health Association 133rd Annual Meeting & Exposition December 10-14, 2005 Philadelphia, PA. (Poster presentation)
15. Russell S. Kirby PhD, MS, Joann Petrini PhD, Robert E. Meyer PhD, Lowell E. Sever PhD, Sam Viner-Brown, Cara Mai MPH, Francis Obuseh MPH, MS\*, Larry D. Edmonds MSPH, Maternal Characteristics Influence the Association between Prematurity and Birth Defects. Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research annual conference, 2005.

16. Pauline Jolly, PhD, MPH, Yi Jiang, MD, MPH, Francis Obuseh, MPH, William Ellis, PhD, Richard Awuah, PhD, Jia Sheng-Wang, PhD, Timothy D. Phillip, PhD, Curtis Jolly, PhD, and Jonathan H. Williams, Determinants of Aflatoxin (Hepatocarcinogen) and Health Effects in Ghana PhD Vol. 37 2005 Proceeding of The American Peanut Research and Education Society, Inc. Meeting Portsmouth, Virginia July 12-15, 2005 Publication date February 2006

17. P.E. Jolly, Y. Jiang, F. A. Obuseh, W.O. Ellis, R. Awuah, J.S. Wang, T Phillips, C. Jolly and J. Williams Entitled “Determinants of aflatoxins levels and health effects in Ghana”. Minority Health a Research day April 18 2005. Minority Health Research Center. (Paper presentation.).

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19. Obuseh FA, Salihu HM, Aliyu ZY, Pierre-Louis BJ, Druschel CM, Kirby RS, “Omphalocele and Gastroschisis: Black-White Disparity in Infant Survival". Birth Defects Research Part A: Clinical and Molecular Teratology Volume 70, Issue 5, Pages 287 – 323.

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21. Obuseh, F.A.C and Atinmo, T. Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice (KAP) of Rural Women Affecting the Intake of Vitamin A Rich Foods (VARF) Department of Human Nutrition, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. 16th International Congress of Nutrition, July 27th – August 1st 1997 Montreal, Canada (Abstract)

22. Adeyefa, Iyabode, Omololu, Femi and Obuseh, Ayo. Policy Implications of Nigerian Female Adolescents’ Nutritional Needs. Department of Human Nutrition, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. 16th International Congress of Nutrition, July 27th – August 1st 1997 Montreal, Canada (Abstract)

### **Professional Organizations/Affiliations**

- American Public Health Association (APHA), 2002 -
- Teratology Society 2003 –
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, 2008 –

**Hobbies:** Photography, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Soccer

## **Professional Bio-Cordelia Nwandu-Ekwueme, MBA, MSc, CPA**

Ms. Cordelia Nwandu-Ekwueme is a highly accomplished executive with over 25 years of solid management experience and quantifiable achievements in accounting and finance, aviation management, mortgages and real estate, government and non-profit sectors.

### **Professional Background**

#### **Business Consulting and Loan Brokerage**

Ms. Ekwueme is currently the CEO of Livewell Financial Services, LLC - an accounting and finance, business consulting and loan brokerage firm that provides access to capital for businesses.

As Chief Executive Officer, Alpha XP & C Ltd. Lagos, Nigeria, a business consulting firm, she advised CEOs on development of business strategies, financial models, strategic revenue stream development, business lines and strategic partnership identification.

#### **Real Estate and Mortgages**

She founded and managed Cornerstone Mortgage & Financial Services, LLC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She provided complex mortgage products for residential, construction and commercial mortgage loans and also developed a comprehensive knowledge of the real estate market.

#### **Aviation Management**

As Managing Director, Associated Aviation Limited, Lagos, Nigeria, she provided leadership in strategic and operational policy formulation and directing all aspects of the airlines policies, objectives and initiatives.

#### **Non Profit /Financial Management**

She was the Chief Financial Officer/Sr. VP Finance, OIC-GM, Milwaukee. At OIC-GM, she managed and directed diverse operations including Finance and Accounting, Information Technology and Telecommunications, Facilities, Procurement and Administrative Services departments and provided leadership in all areas of strategic and financial planning, companywide reengineering. and reorganization.

## **Government**

She was the Administrator/Director with the District of Columbia Government, Office of Finance and Revenue. She managed a major State program and formulated policies relating to the administration of the statewide compliance program involving legislation, regulations, audit programs, and procedures and directed deployment of field audit professionals.

## **Education & Certification**

- Post Graduate Diploma in Aviation Management, University of Geneva/IATA, Switzerland
- MBA in Finance and Management, Howard University, Washington DC, USA
- MSc in Technology, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK
- BS Honors in Chemistry, University of Lagos, Nigeria.
- Certified Public Accountant

## **Professional & Civic Associations**

Ms. Ekwueme is a member of various professional associations and actively involved with several civic organizations. She has held/holds board positions with:

WICPA Educational Foundation

Legacy Redevelopment Corporation

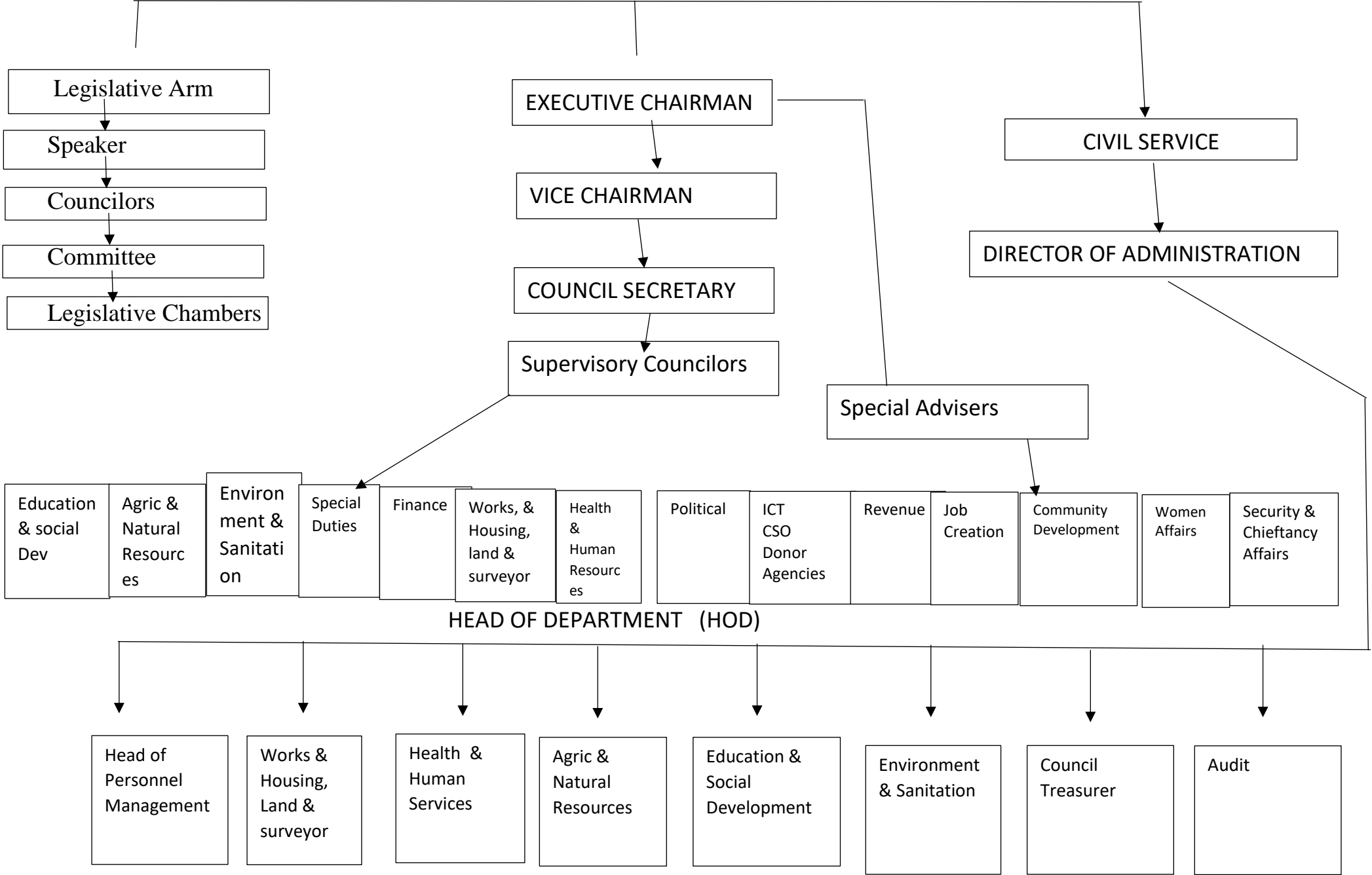
Founding President, Milwaukee African Women's Association.

President, African Stakeholders Group

Director, Milwaukee Action Network, Inc.

Director, Angelic Assistance Community Care Co.

**AMAC GOVERNMENT FCT NIGERIA  
EXECUTIVE ARM**



**Demographics:** AMAC is located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) of Nigeria, with its administrative headquarters in Garki Area 10. The estimated population of AMAC is around 4.5 million people.

**Geographic Description:** AMAC is situated in the central part of Nigeria, specifically within the Federal Capital Territory. It covers a land area of approximately 1,360 square kilometers. The area council is bordered by Bwari Area Council to the north, Gwagwalada Area Council to the south, and Kuje Area Council to the east.

**Historical Background:** Abuja Municipal Area Council is an integral part of the Federal Capital Territory, which was established on October 1, 1984, with the purpose of relocating Nigeria's capital from Lagos to Abuja. The Federal Capital Territory was created to provide a new capital city that would be more centrally located within the country. Since its establishment, Abuja Municipal Area Council has played a significant role in the development and administration of the capital city. The Original habitants of AMAC are Gbagyi, Gwandara, Gade, Bassa.

**Governmental Structure:** The Abuja Municipal Area Council operates under a local government system. The Council is divided into 3 arms which are the Executive, Legislative and Administrative. It is headed by the Executive Chairman who is democratically elected by the residents of the area council. The Executive Chairman is responsible for overseeing the administration of the council and implementing policies and projects for the development of the area. The Legislative arm is headed by the Honourable Speaker who is an elected councillor. While the director of administration oversees the civil service. The council is further divided into wards, each represented by a councillor who serves as a representative of the people at the grassroots level.

**Educational System:** The educational system in Abuja follows the 6-3-3-4 structure. It consists of six years of primary education, followed by three years of junior secondary education, three years of senior secondary education, and four years of tertiary education. This system aims to provide a comprehensive and balanced education for students in Abuja. AMAC is home to several educational institutions, including primary schools, secondary schools, and tertiary institutions. These institutions provide education to the residents of the area council and contribute to the overall educational development of Abuja. Some notable schools in the area include government-owned schools, private schools, and international schools, offering a range of educational programs to cater to the diverse needs of the population.

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#### **Educational Exchange Program:**

Establishing an educational exchange program between Milwaukee and Abuja can foster cultural understanding and knowledge sharing. This program can facilitate student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, and curriculum development focused on climate change and



sustainability. For example, students from Milwaukee can collaborate with Abuja universities and schools.

### **Real Estate Development for Civil Servants:**

Utilizing AMAC's land in Kurudu, Abuja, a comprehensive real estate development plan can be implemented to provide affordable housing for civil servants. A key aspect would be the integration of green building practices, incorporating energy-efficient designs and renewable energy systems to minimize environmental impact and reduce carbon emissions.

### **Power Generation and Distribution:**

Leveraging the Nigerian government's Electricity Act provisions, Milwaukee-based companies can enter into Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) to establish renewable energy generation projects in Abuja. This can involve the development of solar or wind farms, promoting clean and sustainable power sources, thereby reducing reliance on fossil fuels and combating climate change.

### **Waste Management:**

Partnering with Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), Milwaukee can provide waste management expertise through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. This collaboration can involve importing waste collection trucks, establishing recycling facilities, and implementing waste sorting programs to reduce landfill waste and promote recycling, thereby mitigating the environmental impact of waste disposal.

### **Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Initiatives:**

Building upon the federal government's dedication to tackling WASH issues, Milwaukee can collaborate with AMAC to develop public toilets and bathrooms using PPPs. These facilities can incorporate water-saving technologies, promote hygiene education, and generate revenue through user fees, thereby contributing to improved sanitation while addressing climate change adaptation and sustainable water management.

### **Public Transport Systems:**

Introducing public buses, electric bicycles, and leasing taxis to potential drivers can enhance Abuja's public transportation system. This initiative would reduce reliance on private vehicles,

leading to lower carbon emissions. It would also encourage the adoption of electric vehicles, further contributing to sustainable urban mobility and combating air pollution.

### **Fertilizer and Blending Plant:**

Establishing a fertilizer and blending plant can enhance agricultural productivity in Abuja. This plant would produce eco-friendly fertilizers, incorporating organic and sustainable practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with conventional fertilizer production. It would also support climate-smart agriculture and promote sustainable farming methods.

### **Cultural Exchange Programs:**

Promoting cultural exchange programs between Milwaukee and Abuja can foster mutual understanding and cooperation. Such programs can include art exhibitions, music festivals, and cultural workshops that highlight the importance of environmental conservation and climate change awareness through artistic expressions.

### **Health Sector Investments:**

Investing in Abuja's health sector can focus on climate change-related health challenges. This can include establishing medical facilities equipped to address climate-sensitive diseases, conducting research on the impact of climate change on public health, and implementing sustainable healthcare practices to reduce the sector's carbon footprint.

### **Urban Infrastructure Development:**

Collaborating with AMAC, Milwaukee can assist in the development of sustainable urban infrastructure, including green buildings, pedestrian-friendly streets, and cycling lanes. This would enhance energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote climate-resilient urban planning in Abuja.

### **Training and Retraining Civil Servants:**

Developing training programs for civil servants in Abuja can enhance their capacity in addressing climate change issues. Workshops and seminars can focus on climate change adaptation, sustainable development, and green practices, enabling civil servants to integrate climate considerations into their decision-making processes and policy implementation.

## **TEAM MEMBERS**

Hon Christopher Zakka

Executive Chairman AMAC

Hon Ibrahim Ombugadu

Special Adviser on ICT, CSO and donor agencies to the Executive Chairman AMAC.

Ibrahim Attahiru Yakubu

Director of Administration AMAC

Hon Emeka Joseph Orji

Chief of Staff to the AMAC chairman

Rt Hon Mathew Danjuma Yare

Hon Speaker AMAC legislative chamber.

AKWA IBOM STATE ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA - AKISAN

**AKISAN – MILWAUKEE**  
2026 N. Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53202

July 11th, 2023

Sister Cities Committee  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E. Wells St., Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**Subject: Letter of Support for Milwaukee Action Network Inc (MANI)**

Dear Chairperson  
(City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Relationship),

AKISAN – MILWAUKEE wishes to express its support for the work being done by MANI to develop a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Abuja, Nigeria.

AKISAN represents a community of Nigerians within “NCIM” in Milwaukee, and we believe that a sister City relationship between Milwaukee and Abuja will have a positive impact in the lives of so many individuals both in Milwaukee and Abuja.

We believe that MANI is deserving of our support, and will encourage individuals, businesses, and organizations in the Nigerian community in Milwaukee to rally behind MANI’s mission. This sister city initiative has the potential to create a ripple effect of positive outcomes in the relationship between Milwaukee and Abuja, and for Nigerians and Americans here in Milwaukee.

We are happy to provide this letter of support for MANI.

Sincerely,

*Dan Inyang*

Daniel Inyang AIA  
President  
AKISAN-MILWAUKEE

Sister Cities Committee  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E. Wells St., Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Subject: Letter of Support for Milwaukee Action Network Inc (MANI)

Dear Chairperson (City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Relationship):

The Nigerian Community in Milwaukee (NCIM) wishes to express its full support of the Milwaukee Action Network, Inc. (MANI) on its initiative to establish a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the City of Abuja, Nigeria.

The Nigerian Community In Milwaukee (NCIM) represents all Nigerians in Milwaukee and its environs. We believe that a sister city relationship between the City Milwaukee and the City of Abuja will provide a valuable platform for international cooperation and collaboration, promote mutual understanding, and create opportunities for social, cultural, and economic growth. This partnership, we believe, has the potential to create a ripple effect which would have a significantly positive impact on the lives of so many individuals and businesses in both communities.

We believe that MANI is deserving of our support, and will encourage individuals, businesses, and organizations within the Nigerian community to rally behind this initiative to ensure that it becomes a reality.

Without reservation, we recommend approval of this sister city relationship as a gateway to a long-term partnership between our two communities. If you have any questions, please email me at [Didacus.udeoji@ncimusa.org](mailto:Didacus.udeoji@ncimusa.org)

Best Regards



Didacus Udeoji.  
President, NCIM.



Dr. Edward Diei  
Board Chairman

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*The Goals of NCIM include - to exercise leadership in educating and promoting better understanding of Nigerian and African culture, Art, Heritage activities, as well as provide positive contributions to the overall development of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin.*

**CITY Of Praise Inc.**  
**5214 West Luebbe Lane**  
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**Sister Cities Committee**  
**City of Milwaukee**  
**200 E. Wells Street; Room 205**  
**Milwaukee WI 53202**

**July 6, 2023**

**Subject: Letter of Support for Milwaukee Action Network Inc (MANI)**

Dear Chairperson (City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Relationship);

I am writing this letter on behalf of our church, **CITY OF PRAISE**, to express our support for the work that's being done by MANI to develop a sister city relationship between Milwaukee and Abuja; the Federal Capital of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. As a leader in the Nigerian community in Milwaukee.

I am familiar with the positive impact a sister-city relationship with Abuja can have on the lives of so many people both in Milwaukee and Abuja. I believe that MANI deserves of our support, and I will encourage individuals, businesses, and organizations in the Nigerian community in Milwaukee to rally behind MANI's mission.

The sister-city relationship has the potential to create a ripple effect of positive changes between the Milwaukeeans and Nigerians both at home and abroad.

In conclusion, I am happy to provide this letter of support for MANI

Yours Sincerely,

**Signed: Dr. Willie Fola Ojo**

**CITY OF PRAISE**