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## IGBO-UKWU WELCOMES THE GOVERNOR OF ANAMBRA STATE

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Olu-Atu-Egwu  
Ndi Igbo



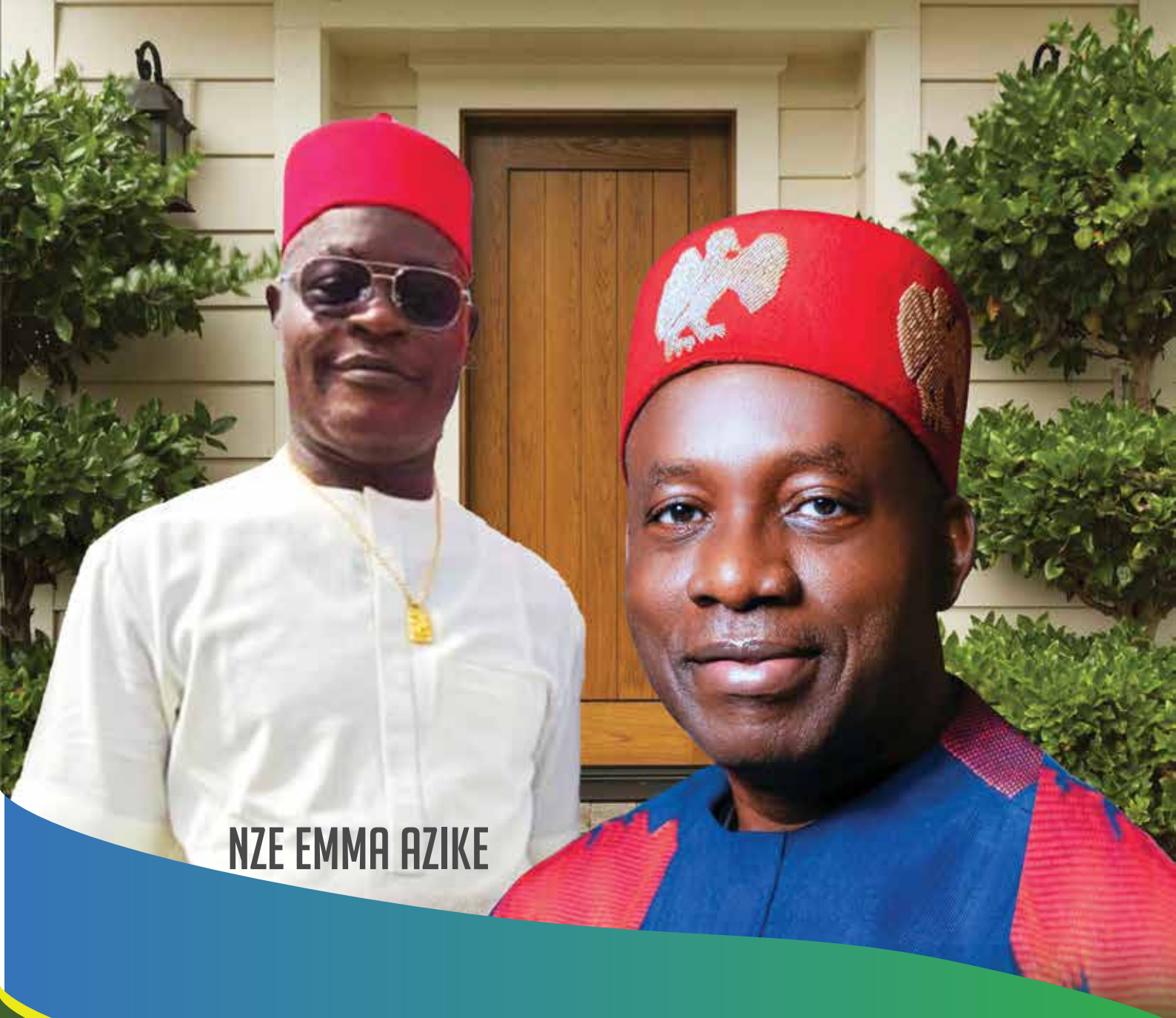
### IGBO-UKWU GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Completes the furnishing of all the offices of IDU Elected Offices  
Begins daily office duties at the National Secretariat of IDU at the Amaehulu Town Hall, Igbo-Ukwu.  
Retains and maintains the IDU Office behind the Post Office Nkwor Igbo Market as an annex.  
Furnishes and opens a separate new office for IDU (Women-Wing) within the IDU National Secretariat.

### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:

Postponement of the Igbo-Ukwu Mass Return Celebration and Odunke Festival to December 2026.  
IDU regrets all the associated inconveniences





NZE EMMA AZIKE

*We Welcome Mr Solution To  
Igbo-Ukwu  
...nnooo*

Signed:  
Nze Emma Azike,  
Eze-Amaluemenwanne na Igbo-Ukwu.



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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, EDITORIAL BOARD, IGBO TRUMPET MAGAZINE!

Dear Cherished Readers,

Once again, it is with deep pride and excitement that I welcome you to another vibrant edition of Igbo Trumpet Magazine-your trusted window into the heart of Igbo-Ukwu and her people, home and abroad.

This edition comes with a rich tapestry of stories that remind us why Igbo-Ukwu remains a beacon of culture, community, and leadership.

We begin with a special spotlight on Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, whose remarkable strides in governance and development within just three and a half years have earned him high praise from Igbo-Ukwu. Our town does not flatter lightly, so when we say "high mark," it comes from a place of genuine appreciation for results seen and felt.

Same thing goes to Ezechinyelugo, Hon. Dom Okafor, FNSE, Member, Representing Aguata in the 10th National assembly, in Abuja, as we cast our eyes on our political gladiators.

Our regular news beats take you through the pulse of our community: from the IDU Warri Branch's activities to events from our quarters, wards, and various groups. It's a reminder that though we are many, we are one people with a shared identity and destiny.

We also beam a searchlight on the ongoing works in erosion control, a vital issue threatening our land, and the Street-Naming Project spearheaded by Aguata Local Government Area in partnership with our community; an initiative that brings order, identity, and history to our streets.

This edition would be incomplete without celebrating our sons who have taken the prestigious Nze N'Ozo title- a revered symbol of honour and service. We therefore heartily congratulate the Ezenwoyes, Nze Ezeofuluzo John Emetu, Nze Arinze Nnabugwu, and Nze Sir Tim Ezeife for stepping up to carry this ancient mantle of dignity.

In a special feature, we unveil the latest inductees into the Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame, celebrated during our Easter Tuesday General Delegates Meeting. These are men whose lives exemplify our core values and whose footprints inspire us all.

We've kept the youth and sports fires burning! From Holy Trinity (Town) Primary School's football triumph, to the inspiring stories of Muna-Star Ubah and Ifenna Okeke, and the exploits of Umudege Champions, to the Zaifa Easter Soccer Tournament and Ezeohamadike Football Cup Season; we salute the power of youth engagement in shaping our future.

Nevertheless, in solemn remembrance, we honour the lives of our dearly departed: Late Eze-Ebubedike Frederick Azuka Okafor, Chief FinbarsOfordumOquism's beloved wife, Ezenwagu Okafor's wife, and Nze John Ezeife. Their legacy lives on in our hearts and in the life of our community.

On governance and administration, Team Eze-Akajiugo has set new benchmarks with the full furnishing of IDU offices, the daily running of the IDU National Secretariat, maintaining strategic annexes, and establishing a dedicated Women's Wing Office. These steps affirm that good governance is alive and well in Igbo-Ukwu.

Finally, we introduce you to the new IDU Task Forces: bodies set up to address critical areas of our community life, including non-compliance with Anambra Homeland Security laws, land sales regulations, debt recovery, and cultural reforms for our masquerades. These proactive measures will help safeguard our heritage, enhance accountability, and foster peace.

As you leaf through the pages of this edition, may you feel the pulse of a community alive with purpose, growth, and unity. This is Igbo Trumpet: loud, clear, and true to our roots.

Thank you for staying with us.

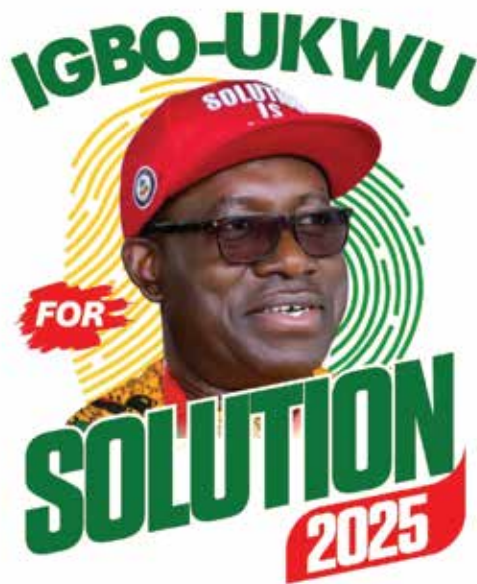
Happy reading!

Arinze Okamelu, Esq.

Editor-in-Chief, Igbo Trumpet Magazine



# IGBO-UKWU ROLLS OUT DRUMS FOR SOLUDO



IGBO-UKWU ROLLS OUT RED CARPET...  
...a Grand Civic Reception Like No Other!

SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025  
Venue: Central School Field, Igbo-Ukwu  
Time: 12:00 Noon

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Transformation meets celebration!

Prof. Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR,  
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Signed: Planning Committee  
For the Igbo-Ukwu Patriots  
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IGBO-UKWU PATRIOTS





## IGBO-UKWU ROLLS OUT DRUMS FOR SOLUDO





# THE EDITORIAL BOARD

IGBO TRUMPET MAGAZINE WELCOMES MR  
SOLUTION TO IGBO-UKWU!



**EZE-AKAJIUGO SIR BARR. (DR) MCK UBABH,**

*President-General of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU & Chairman, Editorial Board, Igbo Trumpet Magazine.*  
Visit our Publications Portal on our Website: [www.igboukwu.org](http://www.igboukwu.org)

Your Excellency,

Permit me to welcome you to Igbo-Ukwu using the transformational story of the once abandoned Obiuno Health Centre and other similar recent transformations in Igbo-Ukwu such as the two roads billed to be commissioned today as reference points. At the end of it all, I must behave like the fabled Oliver Twist who always asks for more...

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL STORY OF THE NEW OBIUNO HEALTH CENTRE FACILITY, IGBO-UKWU AS POWERED BY THE GEORGINA NNABUGWU FOUNDATION (GNF)

Your Excellency,

Your Royal Highnesses, Ladies and gentlemen, today I make bold to say that it was the sheer candour and transformative spirit which always powers the children and promoters of the GEORGINA NNABUGWU FOUNDATION, GNF, that became fully manifested in the time-tested inspirational quote by Ella Wheeler Wilcox that "there is no force, chance, destiny, or fate that can hinder the firm resolve of a determined soul (or people)."

What we see here today seems to have summarized the long-galvanising force and dreams of the founding fathers of Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu to what is today known as the Obiuno Health Centre Facility, a dream come true courtesy of the children of late Ichie Ezeifesinachi Ephraim and Ezinne Georgina Nnabugwu under the aegis of the GEORGINA NNABUGWU FOUNDATION, GNF, a not-for-profit governmental organisation set up in honour and loving memory of their mother.

For the records and for those who do not know, the principal promoters or members of GNF are all the sons of the noble NNABUGWU DYNASTY of Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu notably: Engr Onuora Nnabugwu (Oduigbojeogu), Nze Sir Osondu Nnabugwu (Mmirienweilo), Nze Sir Arinze Nnabugwu, Chief Sir Onyeka Nnabugwu (Alor 2 of Igbo-Ukwu), Nze Sir Obiora Nnabugwu and Nze Sir Ifeanyi Nnabugwu). We must not also forget the fact that their late father, Ichie Ezeifesinachi Ephraim Nnabugwu, was a one-time chairman of Obiuno Quarter back in the years. Indeed, the entire people of Obiuno Quarter and Igbo-Ukwu as a whole are highly grateful as well as indebted to these patriotic sons of our land!

However, the vision to transform the once abandoned Obiuno Health Centre into a modern community hospital was first published in the widely acclaimed "2016-2020 Strategic Action Plan of the Obiuno Quarter Leadership" under the distinguished chairmanship of Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barr. MCK Ubah, who is today the President-Gen-

eral of Igbo-Ukwu. Happily this executive vision met its purpose, fertilisation and fruition in the virile hearts of the promoters of the GEORGINA NNABUGWU FOUNDATION, GNF, who quickly took it up and began to plan for its eventual execution by way of modernization, equipment and total transformation to what is now seen to be a first-in-class community health centre facility, east of the Lower Niger.

In the mandatory all-citizens' December 2018 Obiuno Mass Return Celebrations, the promoters of GNF announced a whopping take-off donation of fifty million naira (N50,000,000.00) for the start-up transformation of the Obiuno Health Centre, a rare feat that received thunderous ovations from the good people of Obiuno Quarter and beyond its shores.

Consequently, this donation stimulated and compelled the executive leadership of Eze-Akajiugo to officially authorise GNF in writing to take over the complete modernization work of the entire health centre estate, namely: to erect more building structures, construct purpose-built medical blocks, landscaping of the hospital estate, sink potable water borehole, put up additional housing quaters for the medics/staff as well as provide medical equipments and drugs etc. Today from what we have on ground, GNF has exceeded its initial promise or mandate to achieve much more in order to completely beautify and make the Health Centre the envy of all. What a rare feat in this part of the world!

Again this awesome huge donation kept reverberating across the community till today even as it has become clear that what has been pumped into this project from that year till today by GNF is far in excess of three hundred and fifty million naira (N350,000,000.00), all for the love of community and humanity.

From what we have on ground today, this new Health Centre Facility can fit into any standard generic General Hospital by all measurement indices! What remains to be done today is for the Government of the day at the State Capital to make a policy pronouncement for its immediate upgrade to a State General Hospital status with all the requisite paraphernalia or credentials to match.

This transformation or upgrade by Mr Governor of Anambra State is what the new Obiuno Health Centre Facility earnestly needs now. Your Excellency, Olu-Atu-Egwu Ndi Igbo, the ball is now in your court!

Our people need to have and enjoy a functional health centre facility nearby. Only our Governor's stroke of his pen is all that remains: And aa God said it earlier in the Creation's Story of the World: 'let there be light, And there was light!' We therefore count on today's special visit of His Excellency,



Prof C.C Soludo, Mr Solution...Olu-Atu-Egwu Ndi Igbo, to experience this new light...

Second:

The Ugwumba Igbo-Ukwu Junction - Amaehulu Town Hall Road Project Attracted by Rt. Honourable Engr Dom Okafor FNSE, Ezechinyelugo Igbo-Ukwu & Hon. Rep of the Aguata Federal Constituency in the Green Chambers of the National Assembly Abuja.

Quite frankly and for the first time in living history, this is the first time this Road, together with its beautiful spur leading down to the Umuezike-Umeazota Village part of Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu that we are having a road network of this layout, beauty and magnitude. Thanks to our Honourable Representative for achieving this feat in our lifetime!

Third:

The IgboUkwu-Ikenga-Ekwulobia Road Project:

Your Excellency, this is another great historical feat of your government in this part of our State. Never in history had we as beneficial communities tasted such a beautiful Road in recorded history. Thank you so much, Mr Solution... Olu-Atu-Egwu Ndi Igbo, the Great!

Now Oliver Twist Asks for More:

Your Excellency, please permit to play Oliver Twist expectedly.

We are eternally grateful to you for this road from Our Lady of Fatima Igbo-Ukwu down to Ikenga Town. We are equally grateful for the ongoing Amanwafor-Ahiagu-Obiuno-Ekwulu-miri in the firm conviction that it's already a done deal.

However, we will failing our people if we do not draw your attention to some other critical inter-towns feeder roads such as listed below:

1. Paul Ezeonu- Girls' Secondary School IgboUkwu down to Azigbo Town;
2. Etiti Village down to Ekwulu-Miri Town.
3. IgboUkwu-Aguluzigbo Road through to Umuona Town. These roads have earlier been captured in our various letters to your office through the Works Commissioner's Office.
4. Erosion Sites at Umudege Village bordering Ikenga Town and Boys' Secondary School Igbo-Ukwu
5. Erosion Sites at Ihuofor and Umunono Villages as aggravated by menacing floods from uptown Nkwor Igbo-Ukwu Market axis.
6. Upgrade of Boys' Secondary School Igbo-Ukwu into a tertiary institution.
7. Construction and modernization of the Nkwor Igbo-Ukwu Market and its road dualization.

On this note, welcome Mr Governor to Igbo-Ukwu!

Signed:

...Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barr. (Dr) MCK Ubah, Chairman, Editorial Board, Igbo Trumpet Magazine, Former Chairman, Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu (2016-2020) & the Current PG of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU (2023 to date).



# GEORGINA NNABUGWU FOUNDATION

WELCOMES MR GOVERNOR TO THE NEW  
OBIUNO HEALTH CENTRE FACILITY,  
IGBO-UKWU.



PROF. CHARLES CHUKWUMA SOLUDO, CFR



ENGR ONUORA NNABUGWU  
(Ugonnia/Oduigwejeogu)



CHIEF SIR ONYEKACHI NNABUGWU  
Okpataozuoora Umeikemba,  
the Alor 2 of Igbo-Ukwu



Signed:  
Engr Onuora Nnabugwu  
For: The Foundation

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WELCOMES

PROF. CHARLES CHUKWUMA SOLUDO, CFR  
TO IGBO-UKWU



**HON. CHIEF SIR ENGR DOM OKAFOR FNSE**

Ezechinyelugo of Igbo-Ukwu  
Honorable Representative of Aguata Federal  
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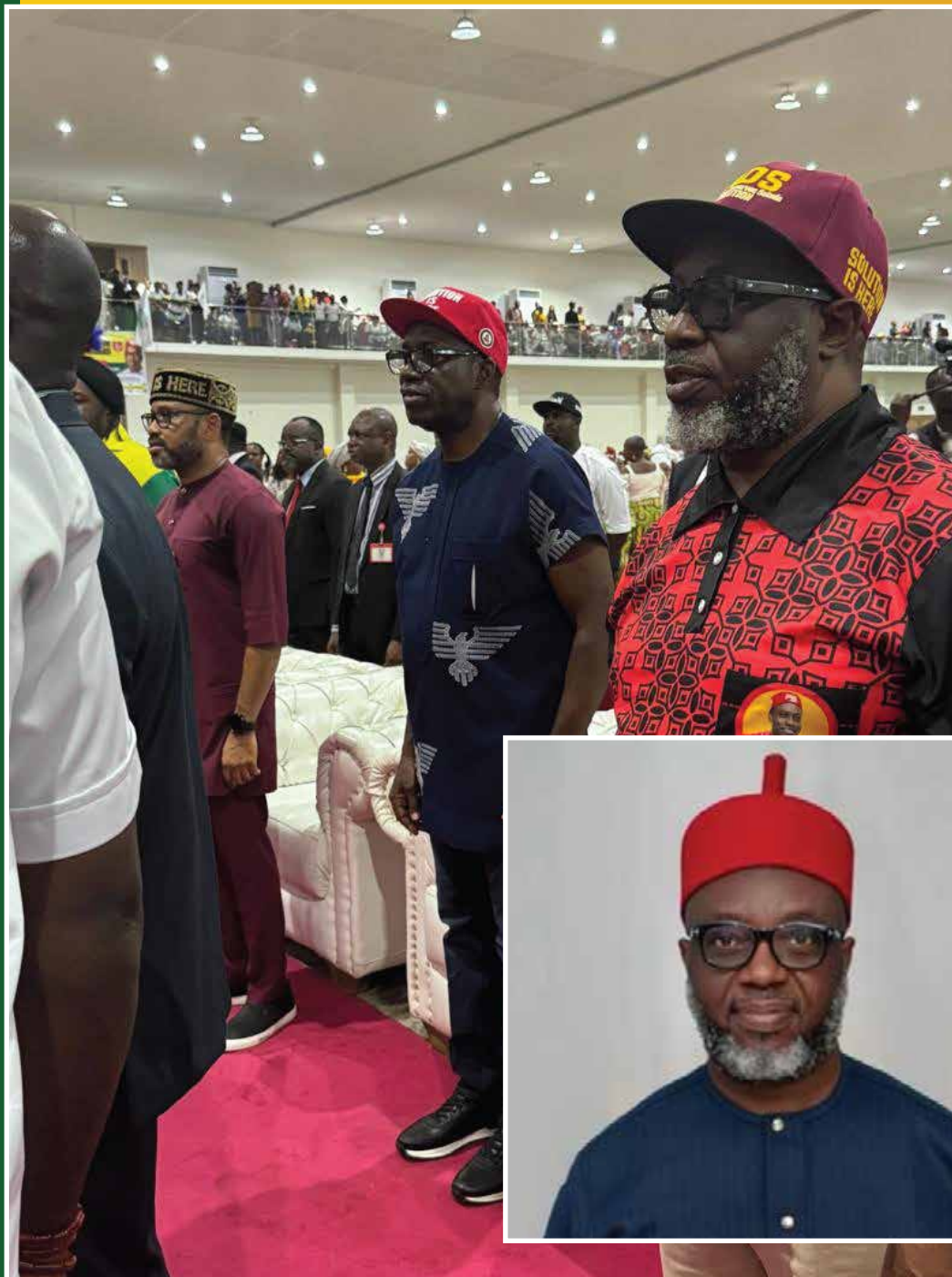


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# NNOO

A portrait of two men, Dr. Greg Ezeilo and Prof. Charles Chukwuma Soludo, wearing traditional red and blue Igbo headwraps and beaded necklaces. They are positioned in front of a green background featuring a faint, aerial view of a village with traditional houses and trees. The large white text 'NNOO' is superimposed over the top half of the image.

## DR GREG EZEILO

EZEUGO OKENWA OKANMUTA  
NA IGBO-UKWU,  
Chairman, Anambra Internal Revenue Service, AIRS, Awka.

## PROF. CHARLES CHUKWUMA SOLUDO, CFR

Executive Governor of Anambra State

# ENGR OBINNA NDUKA

MD/CEO: Anambra Roads  
Maintenance Agency, ARMA.

WELCOMES HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR  
CHARLES CHUKWUMA SOLUDO CFR  
TO IGBO-UKWU







**ANAMBRA STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGENCY**



The vision of Professor Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR, to build a homeland that is the preferred destination in which to live, invest, learn, work, relax and enjoy, is underpinned by a revolution in road infrastructure.

The award of 799 kilometres of roads, out of which 545 kilometres have been completed, is a testament to this ambition.

The beltway concept of linking the four (4) major urban cities in Anambra State (Awka, Ekwulobia, Nnewi and Onitsha) in a 79-kilometre dualised road, is visionary and unprecedented.

Anambra State Road Maintenance Agency (ARMA) encourages Ndi Anambra to imbibe the culture of road maintenance for the durability and sustainability of these roads.

Ndi Igbo-Ukwu and Ndi Anambra at large, are solidly behind the continuity of the Solution Administration.

Ochiri mma, chiri gaba!

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PROF. CHARLES CHUKWUMA SOLUDO, CFR

# SOLUDO'S GAME-CHANGING ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSFORMING ANAMBRA.

BY IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE.

If governance is a game, the skilled, brilliant ones know how to score goals that win the hearts of the people. Yet, true game-changers don't play games. Today, Ndi Anambra has a worthy game-changer in Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, who has turned Anambra into a rocket blazing skyward.

The genuinely exceptional leaders in the world are often those who possess the foresight to anticipate future trends and challenges. They are not merely content with the status quo but actively seek to shape it, often in ways that seem revolutionary or even counterintuitive at a time. Such individuals, just like the Governor of Anambra State, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo and the President General of Igbo-ukwu Development Union Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr Mck Ubah, are change agents, blazing the trail that leads to remarkable progress.

As British statesman Winston Churchill once eloquently stated,

"The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

The maxim supra encapsulates the essence of any visionary leader. They can see beyond the immediate obstacles and perceive the potential within seemingly insurmountable challenges. They act decisively and inspire others to think differently, embrace innovation, and strive for a better future.

Fortunately, Nigeria, Anambra State, and Igbo-ukwu Community can be proud to have a distinctly forward-thinking and impactful leader in the mould of Soludo and Eze-Akajiugo.

Soludo, the man ahead of time, embodies a leadership model that seamlessly blends proactive vision, selflessness, and a progressive mindset with an untiring dedication to fiscal discipline and the courage to make tough decisions. His ongoing first tenure as governor proves what purposeful leadership can achieve, even amidst constrained resources.

Close observers know that Soludo's leadership is marked by an exceptional ability to anticipate future challenges and opportunities. This trait has enabled him to drive Anambra State toward unprecedented development. From the outset, he envisioned a prosperous, liveable Anambra, a state that is not only self-sustaining but also a model of socio-economic transformation in Nigeria. His governance style is guided by strategic planning and foresight, ensuring that every policy and project aligns with his long-term vision for the state.

Perhaps one of the most striking aspects of Soludo's leadership is his choice to forgo a personal salary from day one, the only incumbent governor in Nigeria to make such a decision. This act of selflessness goes beyond mere symbolism; it is a profound statement about his commitment to public service and his belief in the primacy of the collective good over personal gain. In a political landscape often criticised for self-enrichment, Soludo's sacrifice of personal aggrandisement reminds us that leadership is about serving the people, not self.

Going further, Soludo's progressive mindset is evident in his relentless pursuit of innovation and modernisation across all sectors of Anambra State.

In his manifesto, he gave Anambrarians His five-pillar agenda plan viz,

- Security
- Infrastructure
- Health Care
- Agriculture
- Environment
- Education

## IN EDUCATION, 'HIS HOLY GRAIL:

Governor Soludo has hired 8,115 teachers in an unprecedented manner in Nigeria, made public schools free, and spiked enrolment by 18.7% with smart schools sprouting like digital oaks. His administration has revolutionised education by providing free access to public schooling, a policy that has not only improved literacy and and brought the out-of-school children rates down to all time low of 2.9% but also positioned Anambra students to excel both nationally and globally.

His commitment to fostering an educated and skilled youth population is further reinforced by initiatives in ICT skills acquisition and entrepreneurial funding, empowering young people to become active participants in the digital economy. The One Youth, Two Skills programme has produced 5,000 entrepreneurs, seed cash in hand, while 8,700 more train.

The Solution Innovation District churns out 20,000 tech warriors, earning Anambra "Best State in Digital Technology



## IN THE AREA OF INFRASTRUCTURE:

Under his leadership, the state has witnessed the construction of road networks and flyovers that rival the combined efforts of his predecessors over the past 15 years.

Over 739km of roads now slash across the state, 420km commissioned, gleaming with fresh asphalt, stonebased and cement stabilization.

With wallets thinner than a razor's edge, he has avoided needless borrowing. Yet, Flyovers rise like phoenixes, and the Zero Pothole crusade has banished ruts to memory. This is what good governance can engender; it is a revolution, debt-free and defiant.

These infrastructural advancements have significantly improved connectivity within the state, facilitating trade and improving the quality of life for its residents.

Yet, behind these progressive policies lies an incredible work ethic. Soludo's hands-on approach to governance is well-documented; he is often seen personally inspecting project sites and engaging directly with community members. This level of involvement demonstrates his dedication to ensuring that the needs of Anambra citizens are met with efficiency and effectiveness, not empty

rhetoric.

The governor's reputation for fiscal discipline is a cornerstone of his administration. His doing-so-much-with-less practices have not only ensured that every naira is accounted for but have also propelled Anambra to be recognised as one of the most fiscally sustainable and transparent states in Nigeria. Soludo's insistence on strict financial accountability has fostered a culture of prudence within the state's financial apparatus, curtailing corruption and making sure that limited resources are stretched to achieve maximum impact.

No doubt, Soludo's administration is a period of remarkable transformation for Anambra State, particularly in terms of infrastructure development and social welfare.

## IN HEALTH CARE:

Health is on the rise with five new hospitals, 326 upgraded health centres glowing with solar power, 1,000 medical professionals enlisted, and free antenatal care delivering zero maternal deaths. Anambra is now second only to Lagos in under-five survival.

Soludo has championed massive investments focused on making quality healthcare accessible to all. His introduction of free antenatal and delivery services for pregnant women has been a game changer, reducing maternal mortality rates and ensuring that more children are born into healthy conditions.

## IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR:

His commitment to agriculture, as seen in the Farm-to-Feed campaign and the free distribution of seedlings, has revitalised the agricultural sector, empowering farmers and boosting food security.

2 million palm and coconut seedlings were distributed to 130,000 households to revive an agro-empire, aiming to lift 500,000 families from poverty's grip.

## IN THE SECURITY SECTOR:

Eight LGAs once choked by gunmen breathe free, and the newly launched 'Agunechemba' security offensive has driven kidnappers, ritual dealers, and cultists out of town. Onitsha's touts are now ghosts, with traders thriving free.

Governor Soludo's vision extends to the regeneration of urban areas and the redevelopment of slums. His administration has embarked on projects centred on transforming these areas into hubs of economic activity and human habitation, thus addressing long-standing issues of urban decay. Concurrently, his proactive stance on environmental preservation underscores his commitment to combating the twin challenges of gully erosion and flooding, protecting both lives and livelihoods.

What of the New new Government House and the Solution Fun City promises?

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With more still to come out of his prodigious abilities, Soludo's tenure in Anambra State will continue to be a master class in imaginative leadership, combining foresight, selflessness, prudence, and an unyielding commitment to progress. His achievements and impact so far in Anambra State also hold high hopes for Nigeria to get it right. He is indeed a man ahead of his time.



# EZE - AMALUEMENWANNE

## WELCOMES MR SOLUTION TO IGBO-UKWU!

Signed:  
Nze Emma Azike,  
Eze-Amaluemenwanne na Igbo-Ukwu.



# AJIBOYE CHIJOKE EMEKA WELCOMES MR SOLUTION TO IGBO-UKWU!

*Signed:*

*Ajiboye Chijioke C. Emeka, Member, Igbo-Ukwu  
Hall of Fame and Group Partner, Felicity Solar Inc.*







**An Evening with Chief Dr Greg Ezeilo,  
Okenwa Okanmuta in his Ezigbo Vil-  
lage private residence Igbo-Ukwu.**

Date Was 6th June, 2025



# News From The Government House, Awka: Headquarters of ASTUC.

Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr Barr MCK Ubah, the PG of Igbo-Ukwu, becomes the Chairman - General Assembly Committee of ASTUC!!!!

Date: June 7th, 2025



PG Igbo-Ukwu poses with the Honourable Commissioner of Local Government and Town Unions Affairs, Hon Chief Tony-Collins Nwabunwanne and other PGs during a recent meeting in Government House





# Anambra State Politics: 3 Years of Sterling Stewardship:



Soludo hosts ndi Anambra in Ikoyi Lagos, shares report card of sterling performance  
Date was April 13, 2025.



# TWO YEARS OF IMPACT: HON. ENGR. DOM OKAFOR'S TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP IN AGUATA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

By Barr. Toochukwu Ejeziem (Ochi-na-nwata)



In an era where political promises often dissolve into whispers, Hon. Engr. Dom Okafor, FNSE (fondly known as Ezechinyelugo) stands apart as a symbol of purpose-driven representation and a shining example of transformational leadership. His two-year journey in the National Assembly has not only redefined representation for Aguata Federal Constituency but also restored faith in governance across Nigeria.

Sworn in on June 13, 2023, amid post-election litigations, Hon. Okafor wasted no time proving that leadership is best defined by preparation and action. Armed with a grassroots Needs Assessment Report he personally commissioned before his campaigns, and a comprehensive database of Aguata communities created post-election, he entered the legislature not merely as a first-timer but as a man with a plan.

His competence quickly earned him strategic roles: Deputy Chairman of the House Committee on Delegated Legislation, Chairman of the Nigeria-Norway Parliamentary Friendship Group, Deputy Chairman of the Nigeria-Sweden Parliamentary Friendship Group, Secretary of the Anambra State House of Reps Caucus, and member of 32 other Standing Committees of the House, a demonstration of his private-sector depth and legislative dexterity.

## A LEGISLATOR OF ACTION

Within two years, Hon. Okafor has sponsored seven landmark bills with national relevance, including:

- National Research Institute for Traditional Arts, Culture, and Medicine (Establishment) Bill – Igbo-Ukwu (HB.1030) – Public Hearing
- National Population Commission Act (Amendment) Bill (HB.258)
- Federal Polytechnics Act Cap.F17 (Amendment) Bill (HB.1372) – First Reading
- Federal Polytechnics Act Cap.F17 (Amendment) Bill – Public Hearing (May 15, 2024)
- Federal Polytechnics Act Cap.F17 (Amendment) Bill – Second Reading
- Federal Medical Centres, Aguata Act (Amendment) Bill (HB.2103) – First Reading
- National Technology Hub and Innovation Ecosystem Bill (HB.2104) – First Reading

He also moved six strategic Motions namely:

- Intervention in Aguata's gully erosion (July 2023)
- Call for a national census (November 2023)
- Addressing insecurity in the FCT (February 2024)
- Protection of affected bank customers post-CBN licence revocation (February 2024)
- Investigation into the Binance executive escape (May 2024)
- Mandating completion of critical transmission projects in Umuchu-AguAwka (October 2024)

He has also laid two petitions on the floor of the House, one on behalf of Prof. Fabian Okafor against UNN, and another concerning Value Jet Airline, ensuring that the voice of Aguata resonates within the heart of national deliberations.

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Hon. Okafor's education reforms are tangible and impactful:

- Construction of multiple classroom blocks in Igbo-Ukwu, Aguluezechukwu, Uga, and Umuona
- Re-roofing the laboratory at Girls Secondary School, Igbo-Ukwu
- Sponsorship of secondary school sports and Badminton tournaments
- Commissioning of classroom infrastructure on April 2, 2024

These projects aren't just bricks and mortar — they're investments in futures yet to be written.

## INFRASTRUCTURAL RENAISSANCE

Determined to connect communities and uplift living conditions, Hon. Okafor has delivered key projects, namely:

- Technical survey of erosion sites across Aguata
- Establishment of a Constituency Office in Ekwulobia
- Construction of a 4km rural road linking Agba, Ihuokpala, and Umuchi
- Completion of Amaehulu Town Hall road, Igbo-Ukwu

These projects unlock rural mobility, access to government, and pride of place for communities that have long waited.

## POWERING AGUATA TO GREATER HEIGHTS

Recognizing that access to power drives progress, Hon. Okafor installed:

- 3-in-1 solar streetlights in Umuona (commissioned in April 2024)
  - All-in-One solar streetlights across select communities (ongoing)
  - Electricity transformers, captured in the 2024/2025 budget
- Light now reaches corners once shrouded in darkness, bringing safety, opportunity, and dignity.

## BUILDING PEOPLE, NOT JUST PROJECTS

His human-centered approach includes:

- Support for admission seekers, corps members, and job applicants
  - Visa and flight aid for students pursuing overseas studies
  - Birthday fuel giveaways across 20 wards
  - Organizing the Aguata Harmony Football Tournament
  - Distribution of rice and food items to constituents
  - Facilitated recruitment into the Police, NSCDC, and FCDA
- Through advocacy and access, Hon. Okafor has transformed personal aspirations into community success stories.

## SKILLS AND AGRICULTURE FOR SELF-RELIANCE

Championing economic independence, he initiated:

- A Skill Acquisition and Indoor Sports Multipurpose Complex in Obiuno, Igbo-Ukwu (ongoing)
  - Training of 50 youth in digital literacy with brand-new laptops
  - Empowerment of 100 women with vocational skills and startup capital
  - Distribution of farming tools and yam seedlings across all 20 wards
- His drive isn't just to alleviate poverty but to arm NdiAguata with the tools for prosperity.

## A LEGACY OF VISION

The emotional summit of his service so far lies in his Free Eye Medical Outreach, which gave over 2,000 individuals access to surgery, treatment, and eyeglasses. The elderly regained sight. Traders and students rediscovered clarity. Families found joy in renewed health. That's leadership seen, and felt, in full focus.

## OVERSIGHT WITHOUT BORDERS

Hon. Okafor has represented Aguata with intellectual rigor through:

- Oversight tours to erosion sites, NDLEA, NRC, Sports Commission, and FERMA
- Delegations to the African Union Office and the United States
- Active participation in retreats by AMCON, UBEC, and Peace Summits
- Visits to diplomatic offices and national regulatory agencies
- Participation in town hall engagements, book launches, prison outreach, and community events

His footprint reflects accessibility, inclusiveness, and consistency.

## THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE AWAITS

As we reflect on the exceptional strides made by Hon. Engr. Dom Okafor over the past two years, one truth becomes clear, Aguata has found not just a representative, but a results-driven leader with heart, vision, and dedication. Every motion moved, every bill sponsored, every classroom built, every solar light installed, and every life touched tells a story of commitment to the people. Ezechinyelugo's leadership is not about fanfare, but about impact — visible, measurable, and heartfelt.

As 2027 beckons, the choice before NdiAguata is both simple and significant. In Hon. Engr. Dom Okafor, we have a legislator who has delivered, not just promises,

but progress. His achievements speak louder than any campaign slogan. It is time we reward excellence with continuity, to allow the seeds he has planted to blossom fully. The journey is far from over, and with Ezechinyelugo leading the charge, the future holds even greater promise.

Barr. Toochukwu Ejeziem (Ochi-na-nwata) is a legislative aide of the Honourable Member representing Aguata Federal Constituency, Hon. Engr. Dom. Okafor, FNSE and write from the National Assembly, Abuja.





## NEWS FOR THE PROFESSIONALS...

# NIGERIA SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS, NSE:

The Grand Inauguration Ceremony Aguata Branch under Engr Onwughalu



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**MR JUDE NWOGU**

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**NZE EZEUGORANKOBI PRINCE IRUKA ODUNUKWE**  
The immediate past Chairman, IDU Warri Branch



**AMBASSADOR CHUKWUJEKWU IGNATIUS EZEKOYE**  
Chairman IDU Warri branch

**CHANGE OF GUARDS AT IDU BRANCHES: WARRI AND BAYELSA GET NEW CHAIRMEN**

# HON. ENGR. DOMINIC OKAFOR'S 2ND YEAR SCORECARD SPEECH DE- LIVERED AT THE JDPC-CADEK TOWN HALL MEETING, ON 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

REPORTED BY: IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE FOR TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO



His Eminence, Peter Cardinal Okpalaeke, the Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Ekwulobia (CADEK), Distinguished Stakeholders, Revered Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of CADEK, and My Dear Brothers and Sisters of Aguata Federal Constituency,

I stand before you today with gratitude in my heart, deeply honored to serve as your representative in the National Assembly. This town hall meeting is not just a moment for reflection—it is a moment to reaffirm our shared commitment to growth, development, and the welfare of every citizen of Aguata.

Last year, I stood here with a promise—to work tirelessly in the service of my people, to bring meaningful development, and to ensure that Aguata takes her rightful place in the league of thriving communities. Today, I return with a fulfilled heart and concrete results, a testament to what we can achieve together through unwavering dedication and purposeful leadership.

Over the past year, we have given a **STRONG VOICE** to Ndi Aguata at the highest level of governance. Specifically, we have sponsored the following Motions and Bills which are at various stages:

## MOTIONS:

\* **URGENT NEED TO DIRECT/MANDATE THE CONTRACTOR HANDLING UMUCHU TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION WITH LINE BAY EXTENSION AT AGU AWKA TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION AND AGU AWKA-UMUCHU DOUBLE CCT LINES TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT FOR WHICH MONEY HAS BEEN RELEASED**, Presented on 8th October 2024.

**BILLS THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH 2ND READING Stage:**

\* **NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023 HB.258 DATED 26TH JULY, 2024**

\* **AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TRADITIONAL ART, CULTURE AND MEDICINE, IGBO-UKWU, ANAMBRA STATE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FACILITATING RESEARCH IN NIGERIAN CULTURES, CULTURAL ARTS AND TRADITIONAL AFRICAN MEDICINE AND STANDARDISATION OF MANUFACTURED TRADITIONAL MEDICINE AND FOR MATTERS (HB.1030) SECOND READING DATED 21ST MAY, 2025.**

\* **FEDERAL POLYTECHNICS ACT CAP.F17 (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024. H.B 1372 DATED 17TH DECEMBER, 2024.**

**BILLS AT 1ST READING STAGE:**

\* **FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE AGUATA, (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2025 (HB.2103). DATED 28TH MAY, 2025.**

\* **NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY HUB AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM BILL, 2025 (HB. 2104) FIRST READING DATED 28TH MAY, 2025.**

In furtherance of our legislative intervention last year through a strategic Motion on the erosion menace in Aguata, I led a delegation of the House Committee on Ecological Funds on a fact-finding mission to erosion sites in Aguata Federal Constituency in February 2025.

In our resolve to put Aguata on the global map, we have tackled critical infrastructure challenges head-on. We completed two key road projects, one each in Ekwulobia and Igbo-Ukwu respectively, linking communities and making movement easier for our people and businesses. In Ekwulobia, we constructed the 4km Agba, Ihuokpala & Umuchi village roads. In Igbo-Ukwu, we constructed the 2km Amaehelu Townhall Road.

Street lights now brighten five communities in Aguata, namely Isuofia, Ezinifite, Uga, Umuona and Igbo-Ukwu, thus enhancing security and ensuring that our markets and social life thrive beyond daylight hours.

Education remains at the heart of our mission—because we believe that the future of Aguata belongs to our children. That is why we built modern classroom blocks in primary schools, ensuring that every child has a conducive learning environment that fosters excellence. Specifically, we have completed the following educational projects:

1. Construction of Two (2) Rooms Class Block at Central School, Igbo-Ukwu.
2. Construction of Four (4) Rooms Classroom Block at Community Secondary School, Aguluezechukwu.
3. Construction of Six (6) rooms Class Block with furniture at Primary School Uga.
4. Re-roofing of Laboratory Block at Girls Secondary School Igbo-Ukwu.
5. Supply of Whiteboards, Pupils Desks, Teachers Chairs & Tables to Primary School, Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu.

Beyond this, we have assisted our students seeking admission into tertiary institutions and Corp members wishing to be posted to safer locations for their service year. We have equally assisted a good number of our young ones in visa processing and flight tickets for overseas studies. More so, we have issued Letters of recommendation to numerous members of our constituency seeking for employment in various establishments.

Because we recognize that no society can progress

without stable electricity to drive businesses, innovation, and daily life, we are providing electricity transformers to some communities long deprived of reliable power supply.

Beyond infrastructure, we understand the necessity of human capital development. That is why we initiated the Skills Acquisition and Recreation Centre at Igbo-Ukwu—a project that will train our youth, empower our women, and create lasting opportunities for economic independence. This legacy project is more than bricks and mortar; it is a beacon of hope for the next generation.

Yet, perhaps the most touching of all our efforts this past year is the just concluded **FREE EYE MEDICAL OUTREACH**—a program that provided treatment to over 2,000 people who may have otherwise been unable to access proper eye care. Seeing our people regain clarity of vision, witnessing smiles of gratitude, and knowing that we have restored dignity to so many families makes our work all the more fulfilling.

In Constituency outreach initiatives, we have been deliberate in reaching out to Ndi Aguata through various means and channels. We have opened our doors to every onye Aguata by making ourselves available at all times. We have reached out to our people through courtesy visits, condolence visits, aiding and supporting community and group development initiatives in various ways. All these are aimed at making our people have a feel of belonging in the business of legislative representation.

Our oversight activities under the various Committees of the House have taken us to different parts of the country and we are deliberate about providing robust engagement for the overall benefit of Ndi Aguata.

My dear people, this is just the beginning. Leadership is not measured in words but in actions. I remain committed to serving you diligently, to listening to your needs, and to ensuring that Aguata continues on the path of progress and prosperity.

I thank the Justice, Development, and Peace Caritas Commission for holding us accountable and for creating this platform for open dialogue. My doors remain open to you, my people. Together, we will continue to build an Aguata that thrives, an Aguata that leads, and an Aguata that shines as an example for all.

Thank you, and may God bless Aguata Federal Constituency.

Yours in Service,

Hon. Engr. Dominic Okafor, FNSE  
(Ezechinyelugo)  
MHR, Aguata Federal Constituency



# THE EROSION MENACE IN IHITE IGBOUKWU



By Engr. Edozie Udoka (Secretary-General of Ihite Progressive Union)

Erosion is one of the significant challenges in many towns in Anambra State and Igboukwu has share of this ugly monster tormenting lives and properties with little or not attention paid to it by government agencies and parastatals.

The peculiarity of a erosion in Umudege village of Ihite Igboukwu is that it is man-made and not a natural catastrophe.

It stems from wrong environmental impact assessment of Igboukwu - Ikenga road construction and drainage channelisation from Ohia Udo Ikenga down to Umudege village of Ihite Igboukwu.

Agu Okaforanika axis, another big erosion site in Ezihu village and other mini erosion sites scattered in Ihite Igboukwu must give us great concerns as erosion has a far- reaching implications on residents, infrastructures, agriculture and overall ecosystem health.

## UNDERSTANDING EROSION

Erosion is the process by which soil and rock are removed from the Earth's surface by natural processes such as wind or water flow, and it can be exacerbated by human activities such as deforestation, poor land management, and urbanization. In Ihite Igboukwu, the combination of heavy rainfall, topography, wrong drainage channelization and inadequate drainage systems has led to increased susceptibility to erosion.

## THE IMPACT ON IGBOUKWU

1) Threat to Agriculture: Agriculture is a vital part of the economy in Igboukwu, where many inhabitants rely on farming for their livelihoods. Erosion removes topsoil, which is crucial for crop production, thereby threatening food security and the economic stability of farming families.

### 2) Destruction of infrastructure

One of the visible impact of erosion in Ihite Igboukwu is the damage of roads electric poles, water reservoirs (wells), sewage tanks, wall fences and other critical infrastructures

### 3) Displacement of residents

As the erosion threatened lives and properties, homes and farmlands have been washed away, life of a 6-year-old child has been taken. Residents around Obi Okoye/Ezeokana axes are forced to relocate. This displacement if not checked can lead to a humanitarian crisis in Igboukwu if nothing is done urgently to curb this menace.

### 4) Environmental Degradation

These erosion sites are not only threat to human activities but also to Igboukwu ecosystem. It can lead to loss of biodiversity.

## ADDRESSING THE EROSION CHALLENGES

To combat the erosion menace a multifacet approach is needed.

### 1) Legislation and policy implementation

It is verifiable that the root cause of erosion in Ihite Igboukwu particularly Obi Okoye/Ezeokana axes of umudege is wrong environmental impact assessment of construction of Igboukwu - Ikenga road and and drainage channelization.

Recall there was a public hearing in Abuja tagged "Erosion menace ravaging Aguata Communities" through our Representative in National Assembly, Hon. (Engr.) Dom Okafor, MHR and committee on Ecological Projects and Environment.

That effort is yet to be fruitful, strong environmental policies that promote sustainable practices are critical.

### 2) Collaboration with Experts

Umudege village of Ihite Igboukwu has spent millions of naira to ameliorate this erosion problem using her local methods.

But engaging the environmental scientist and engineers can provide new insights and technological solutions to the erosion problem.

This collaborative efforts can also attract funding and support from non-governmental organizations.



### 3) Infrastructure Development

The involvement of local and state government in providing infrastructural improvement is eminent and essential.

Investing in proper drainage systems, retention walls and erosion control measures can mitigate the effect of erosion.

### 4) Awareness and Sensitization

Raising awareness in the affected part of Igboukwu about the causes and effect of erosion is crucial.

Educational programs can empower residents to adopt a better land use or management practices.

## CONCLUSION

The erosion menace in Ihite Igboukwu presents a formidable challenge that requires immediate attention. By adopting a proactive and collaborative approach, the Umudege and Ezihu villages of Ihite quarter can work towards mitigating the impacts of erosion and safeguarding its future. Ultimately, addressing this issue is not only essential for the well-being of the residents but also for preserving Igboukwu lands.

The time to act is now.

# TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO... THE PACE SETTERS IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

## TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO SETS ANOTHER FRESH RECORDS, CREATES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARDS...

**EZE-ODEBEATU - THE TRAIL BLAZER... PUTTING DOWN LEGACIES FOR POSTERITY!!!**

**...EZE-AKAJIUGO IS SIMPLY TERRIFIC AND UNASSAILABLY UNMATCHED IN DRIVING  
UNCOMMON DEVELOPEMENTAL PROJECTS IN IGBO-UKWU!!!**



**Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barr. (Dr) MCK Ubah,**  
President-General of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union

When Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barr. (Dr) MCK Ubah, the President-General of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, was about to join the prestigious Nze N'Ozo Society of Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu on 23rd November, 2019, the usually difficult or herculean task of choosing the four (4) mandatory titles to be bestowed on him as his Nze N'Ozo titles ahead of the D-Day was just an easy walk-over.

Why? His would-be red-cap chieftaincy titles seemed to have been made in Heaven and tied or configured to his destiny right from birth! As it turned out on that blessed day of the induction, all the heavenly elements were 'so mixed in him that the whole world would rise up to say, in a ground-shaking unison: this is a man in whom we are well pleased!

As the first-in-town and uncommon names were being reeled out by Onyeisi Ebe-Ozo Obiuno, one after the other, all the Angels and Saints in Heaven joined the deafening thunderous ovations of human voices in shouting 'Hallelujah' to the glory of God!

As the evergreen legendary highlife maestro, King Oliver De Coque would say: *agua (abaa) onye afa, Chi ya analu!* Again, Oke Dibia chua aja, odika ewelu ya nye ndi muo na aka... anakwu na nkiti!

Of a truth, these Nze N'Ozo titles bestowed on our PG of Igbo-Ukwu by Ndi Nze N'Ozo Obiuno Quarter and validated by the entire Nze N'Ozo Igbo-Ukwu, were indeed special and uncommon in the whole of Igbo-Ukwu. Now listen and look at his Nze N'Ozo titular names once again:

1. Eze-Ekechukwu: This is a reincarnation of the revered Ozo title once taken by his maternal great grandfather from the royal Obinri Dynasty of

Ora-Eri Town - (an ancient renowned community rich in cultural antiquities, archaeological heritage of the Ancient Nri Cultural Dynasty of Igbo land).

2. Eze-Umeokwonna: a reincarnation of paternal great grandfather's title from the Umu-Nwugo Kindred of Ihuofor Village, Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu.

3. Eze-Odebeatu: a title that originated from his Ward 8 people's acceptance and expression of validity and joy for all the indelible and giant strides of the PG right from birth as conveyed to him publicly by the Ide of Ihumabiam (Ward 8, Obiuno), being one of the most respected longstanding Ides in the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu, Ide Linus Odika, during the first historic Mass Return Celebration (1995) of ndi Obiuno back in the years]. Nobody goes by these Ozo titles around town today. It took many decades afterwards for Obiuno to organise or host another epochal Mass Return Celebration (December 24-28, 2018) and this time under the distinguished chairmanship of Eze-Akajiugo. A visit to Obiuno community today would reveal a large sprinkles of the evergreen legacies of Eze-Akajiugo including the 2-Storey Obiuno Mega Civic Centre and the rejuvenated Obiuno Health Centre (powered by the Nnabugwu sons), all outcomes of Eze-Akajiugo's regime as Chairman of Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu (between 2016 and 2020). Go and verify!



And now hear the last title...

4. Eze-Akajiugo: This title remained one-in-town until late December 2024 when one of the four sons of my late friend - Engr Donatus Umenmuo - Umeakuewulu (from Ngo Quarter), took the title in obvious admiration of the Eze-Akajiugo's long-enduring collateral charisma and brand equity. But before this timeout, nobody in Igbo-Ukwu had ever taken or known by the name or title of Eze-Akajiugo na Igbo-Ukwu! Otua ka odi!

Over centuries, play-writers, dramatists, researchers, and personality psychologists have wondered what really is in a name! "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." (Please see William Shakespeare's play "Romeo and Juliet"). But do we all believe or agree that: a thing is good if it's good, not because it has a good name attached to it. But if



this position is correct, why do some known good men and women avoid the name of Satan or Ekwnsu when choosing names or titles? Well, I leave all that decision up to you!

Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barr. (Dr) MCK Ubah is indeed a trailblazer! Call him Eze-Odebeatu na Igbo-Ukwu, which also fits perfectly to his trailblazing persona. Breaking existing records and setting new records is not new to him, going by his leadership precedents and antecedents starting from Ward 8 and down to Obiuno Quarter leadership. His has been a monumental legacy trajectory. He has never wavered, and it is certain that it's yet morning on Creation's Day!

Welcome to the National Secretariat (Headquarters) of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, Amaehulu Town Hall, Igbo-Ukwu.

This newly furnished and commissioned National Secretariat of IDU is the first of its kind since the founding and establishment of the modern-day Igbo-Ukwu Development Union in 1977.

Before now, the IDU central office was either sitting on a privately rented apartment or tucked away in an obscure location away from the Amaehulu Town Hall estate. The last of such IDU offices is the one currently tucked away by the last IDU regime behind the backyard of Igbo-Ukwu Post Office at Nkwor Igbo Market. Team Eze-Akajiugo has been magnanimous in leadership continuity to have retained the place as an Annexe Office for IDU, which opens on Nkwor market days and one other day for ease of revenue collections or payments. Other days, daily administrative work and services take place in the IDU National Secretariat at Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu.

The IDU National Secretariat now houses all 15-IDU-elected officers, with each officer having an exclusive executive office, including the Office of the IDU Women Wing and a big EXCO Conference Room. Each officer of IDU now has his own private office beginning with the PG's Office (housing a separate office for the Administrative Secretary and other PAs to the PG); the Office of the 1st Vice-PG; the Office of the 2nd Vice-PG; the Office of the Secretary-General of IDU and those of the Treasurer, Financial and Publicity Secretaries (including their Assistants). All these offices are fully furnished and functional.

The icing on the cake of this administrative initiative is that with Team Eze-Akajiugo, all the elected officers of IDU, inclusive of our Women's Wing, no longer wear their offices on their shoulders like the itinerant or roving police officers wearing their ranks about town on their shoulders,



The special Nze N'Ozo title of Eze-Odebeatu na Igbo-Ukwu smells as nice as Eze-Ukwuomak-poluigbo na Igbo-Ukwu...the two titles are one-in-town in Igbo-Ukwu!

going about without any fixed location or addresses, doing 'stop and search'.

Today, we now have our fixed, officially assigned offices to occupy and welcome visitors or other Igbo-Ukwu guests anytime. It's no longer only during the IDU bi-monthly General Delegates Meetings that you can find, visit, or talk with your elected executives of IDU. IDU executive committee members (EXCO member) can now come to the National Secretariat to hold their meetings anytime and any day they choose to meet. The time and era of going to hotels or members' homes to hold sensitive IDU Meetings are gone with the winds forever.

You can now schedule your meetings at the National Secretariat of IDU whenever you want. Our women also enjoy the same rights and privileges. For the first time in history, our women now have a separate executive office they now call their own. We have fully institutionalised them as a Union, putting in place: system, process, discipline, and security of administrative materials and records. Before now, the tenure of each IDU (Women Wing) official ended with her and in her own house with nothing to transmit and hand over to succeeding officers. And no place to keep whatever was transmissible! All that is gone with the winds!

Welcome to a new dawn in the annals of the history of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union IDU inclusive of the IDU (Women-Wing).

At Team Eze-Akajiugo, we are the change others want to see! We set new records and standards for coming generations! History remains the judge of all ages!

In God, we trust!

Long live Igbo-Ukwu!

Long live Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU!

Courtesy of:

Mr Ohazulume Ifeanyi Ijezie

PA to the PG of IDU on

Mass Mobilisation & Enlightenment.

IDU National Secretariat, Amaehulu Town Hall, Igbo-Ukwu.



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## COMMISSIONING OF IDU NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

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The official commissioning of the IDU National Secretariat at the Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu. This is the beginning of the dawn of a new era as Team Eze-Akajiugo Sets New Records in Community Administration. Date: 30th December 2024 as part of the Agenda of our IDU-AGM 2024.

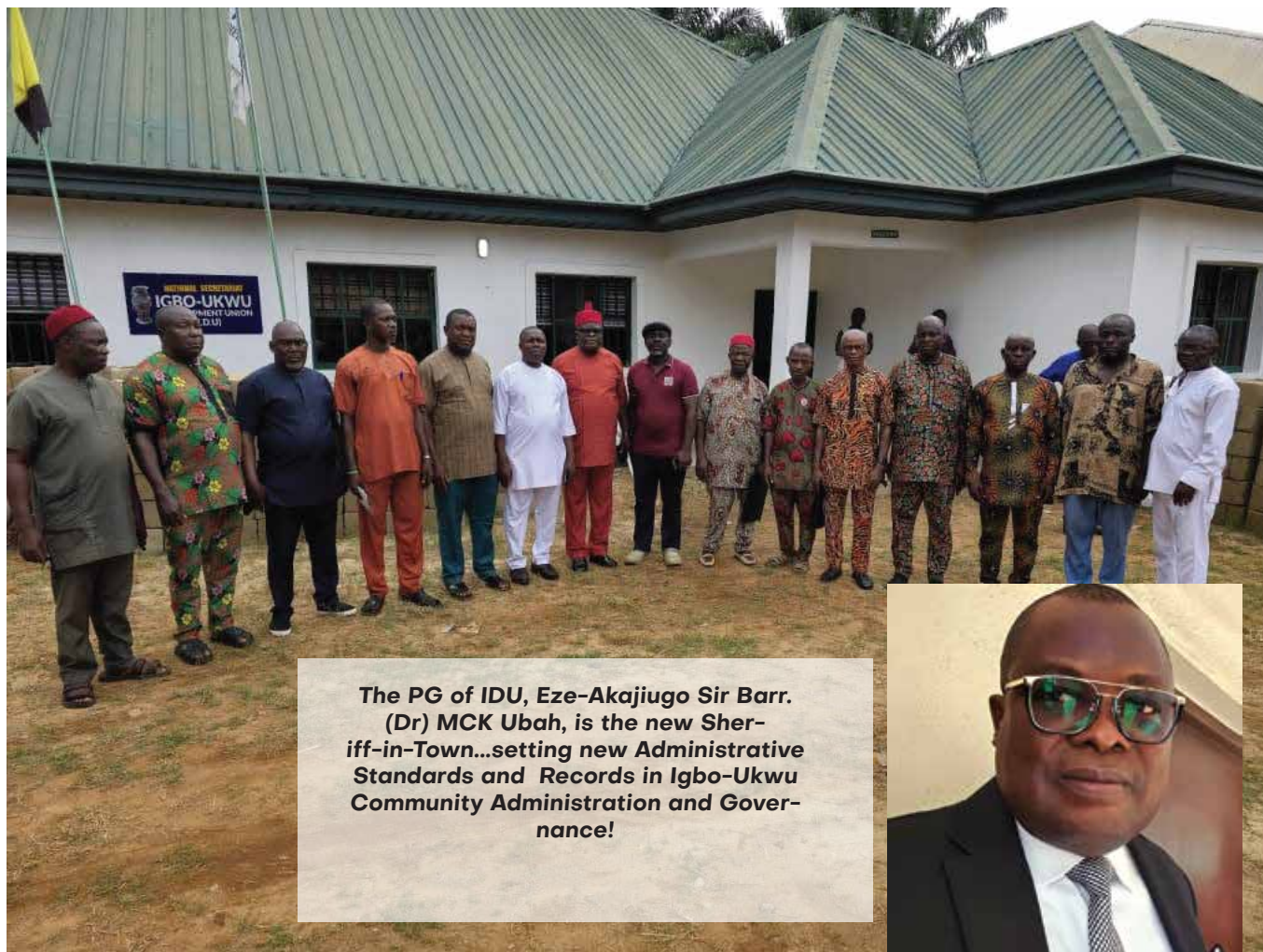


BELOW ARE THE PHOTOS OF THE NEW IDU SECRETARIAT AT AMAEHULU TOWN HALL IGBO-UKWU



From left to right: Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barr. (Dr) MCK Ubah, PG of IDU, Hon. Nzukwe Uwaezuoke (1st Vice-PG) and Nze Ezeohamadike GC Umeanuka (Chairman - Ngo Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu) pose in front of the IDU National Secretariat, Amaehulu Town Hall, Igbo-Ukwu.





IDU EXCO poses in front of the IDU National Secretariat





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## LAUNCHING OF IDU WOMEN'S WING OFFICE

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Team Eze-Akajiugo launches a new beautiful Office for the leadership of IDU Women's Wing inside the IDU National Secretariat at Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu. Date: 27th June, 2025



Official Representatives of IDU Women's Wing

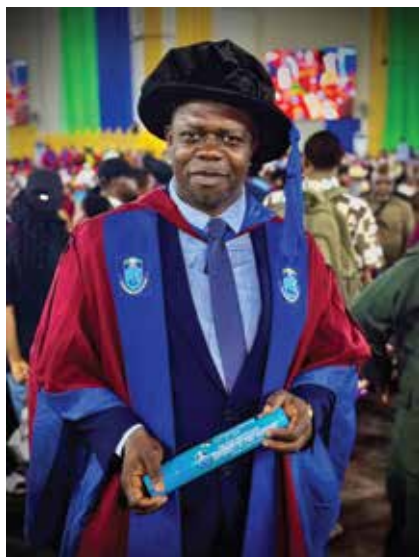


A joint session of IDU EXCO and that of the IDU Women Wing in front of the IDU National Secretariat. Date: 27th June, 2025





## THE NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING BOARD (NCDMB) PROMOTES DR. OBINNA EZEObI AS THE ACTING GM CORPORATE COMMUNICATION



### OBINNA EZEObI

*Team Eze-Akajiugo congratulates Dr Obinna Ezeobi on his PhD Graduation from the University of Port-Harcourt!*

The Dawn And Rise of Ezeobi, Energy Communication Scholar, And Foundation Staff At NCDMB's Corporate Communications Department Since May 2010'

The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) has announced the promotion of Obinna Ezeobi, Ph.D. as the acting general manager, Corporate Communications Division.

Ezeobi's promotion was announced in a letter on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, as a part of the move to build on the achievements by the board in the area of strategic communication.

His predecessor, Esueme Kikile, also a renowned strategic communication specialist, has been redeployed while Ezeobi, who bagged a Ph.D. in communication at the University of Port Harcourt takes full charge.

"The NCDMB has been a model in Nigeria in terms of unprecedented performance and engaging in strategic communication around its achievements. With the appointment of Dr. Obinna Ezeobi, who is a round peg in a round hole, we have a heightened expectation that the board will not only retain its spot as the number one, but also be taken to a new level.

DR. OBINNA EZEObI is a Senior Energy Communications Professional, with extensive knowledge and experience across specialist fields of Oil and Gas, Public Relations, Advertising and Journalism. He has over two decades of practice experience, specifically in Oil and Gas, Corporate Communications and Media Sectors.

In his 15 years working at the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Obinna has conceived and delivered several successful communication campaigns that shaped NCDMB's reputation, which includes

- the agency's first engagements with stakeholders after establishment in May 2010.
- Commissioning of Nigerian Content Tower by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2020.
- Inauguration of four NCDMB Governing Councils
- The launch and remodeling of the Nigerian Content Intervention Fund
- International and national oil and gas conferences and exhibitions and conception and management of NCDMB

media platforms.

Dr. Obinna Ezeobi is highly skilled in communication policy development and modelling, strategy development, media relations, crisis communication, community relations, stakeholder management, leadership communication and energy communication.

Prior to joining NCDMB at inception in 2010, Obinna was a high flying journalist, and worked for leading media organisations like PUNCH Newspapers and New Age Newspapers. In his media career, he covered beats like Energy, Economy, Marketing Communications, and Sports. He had a knack for breaking stories and writing analytical features.

He had major experiences covering OPEC Meetings at Vienna, Switzerland, Offshore Technology Conferences (OTC) at Houston, United States of America, All Africa Games Competition, African Nation's Cup qualifying matches, Nigerian Football league matches and many other exciting events.

In April 2025, Obinna unveiled his first book titled "Nigeria's Local Content: A Journey of Strategic Communication and Economic Transformation."

The book was endorsed by notable personalities in the Nigerian and Energy sectors and enjoyed wide reviews in the media.

Dr. Obinna's career dream was to be a journalist and till date, he gets a special thrill seeing his byline on any publication.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Manager, Media & Publicity, Corporate Communications,  
Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Jan 2023-date



### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lead, Best Group Project at NCDMB 2022 Chief Officers' Transition Programme, at China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), Lagos.
- Overall Best Participant at NCDMB 2015 Supervisors Transition Programme, at Emerald Energy Institute, (EEI), University of Port Harcourt.
- Started NCDMB's Corporate Communications Department in May 2010.
- Spearheaded the development of NCDMB's Public Communication and Stakeholders Engagement Policy Document.
- Provided communication and stakeholders management support for Board's key programmes over the past 14 years.
- Contributed to the effective and positive portrayal of NCDMB in national and international media, leading to the success of Board's initiatives.
- Championed communication and stakeholders management plan for key initiatives of the Nigerian Content 10-year strategic roadmap.
- Executed communication and stakeholders management programmes to effectively promote Nigerian Content policies, regulations and guidelines, engendering stakeholders' awareness and understanding.
- Implemented effective Media Relations programmes that created positive share of voice (SOV) and stellar reputation for NCDMB.
- Collaborated with DDDs to execute programmes that engendered stakeholders' collaboration, awareness, and understanding of the NOGICD Act.
- Supervised empirical evaluation of NCDMB's communication programmes, to ensure effectiveness and

improvements.

- Provides Strategic Advisory to top management on Board's reputation and the impact on key operations.
- Supports Board's planning and hosting of major conference and participation in international workshops.
- Launched and supervises NCDMB's media platforms- Local Content magazine, weekly TV programme and social media platforms.
- Mentors younger colleagues.
- Chief Supervisor, Corporate Communications, Jan 2020 - Dec 2022.
- Supervisor, Corporate Communications, NCDMB, Jan 2015 - Dec 2019.
- Senior Officer Public Affairs Department, NCDMB, June 2010 - Dec 2014.
- Senior Reporter, Punch Newspapers, Lagos & Abuja Feb 2016-May 2010.



- Covered and Reported stories on Oil and Gas, Power, Mining, Economy, Industry, Marketing Communications.
- Reporter New Age Newspaper, Lagos- Jan 2003-Jan 2006.
- Covered and Reported stories on Sports, Marketing Communications

- \* Public Relations Assistant -Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria (APCON)- Jan - Dec 2002 (NYSC).
- \* Managed APCON's library, drafted press releases on the agency's operations, contributed to APCON's magazine.

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D Energy Communications, University of Port Harcourt, 2024.
- M.A. Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, 2015.
- \* B.A Mass Communications, University of Nigeria Nsukka, 2000.

### SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

- \* Leadership
  - \* Peoples skills
  - \* Excellent communication skills.
- PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: NIPR, ARCON

Team Eze-Akajiugo is looking to tap from the wealth of experience and resources of Dr. Obinna Ezeobi for a better development of Igbo-Ukwu



IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE



**EZEAKUEZUMKPA SIR TIM EZEIFE JOINS THE PRESTIGIOUS NZE  
N'OZO SOCIETY OF EZIHU VILLAGE, IGBO-UKWU**





**NZE MAYOR EZECHIBUIKEM UCHENNA & HIS BROTHER NZE  
UMEKAJIOFOR EZENWOYE JOIN THE PRESTIGIOUS NZE N'OZO  
SOCIETY OF NGO IGBO-UKWU**

**ON THE 26TH OF APRIL 2025**





**NZE UMEONONOB I EMMA EZENWOYE TAKES OZO TITLE ON THE  
23RD APRIL, 2025**







# THE COLOURFUL NZE N'OZO TITLE-TAKING CEREMONY OF NZE SIR ARINZE NNABUGWU OF OBIUNO IGBO-UKWU ON EASTER 21ST APRIL, 2025.



Late Mr Emma-Emma Ezeokonkwo of Ihuofor Village, Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu goes home. His immediate family and kinsmen mourn his painful death as Team Eze-Akajiugo also visits to condole them.

On the right after Eze-Akajiugo is Mr Nnamdi Ezeokonkwo Emma Emma's younger brother, next to him is Emma Emma 2nd son from the 2nd wife and next to him is Mr Ugochukwu, Emma Emma's 2nd son from the 1st wife. Then next to Ezeohamadike is Emma Emma's 1st son from the 2nd wife. Others are well known personalities from Igbo-Ukwu.



EZE-AKAJIUGO AND FRIENDS OF NZE EZE-OFULUZO JOHN EMETU OF BIG FISH RESTAURANTS & BAR LTD GATHER ON THE EVE OF HIS OZO TITLE-TAKING CEREMONY AT HIS EZIHU VILLAGE RESIDENCE IGBO-UKWU TO SHARE LOVE AND KINDRED BONDING...CONGRATULATIONS!





**BEHOLD GLAMOUR, PANACHE AND GRANDEUR AS EZE-OFU-LUZO JOHN EMETU & NOONO JOIN THE PRESTIGIOUS NZE N'OZO SOCIETY OF EZIHU VILLAGE IGBO-UKWU..**





—THE IGBO-UKWU—  
**HALL OF FAME**

SPECIAL INDUCTION OF 5 GREAT SONS  
OF IGBO-UKWU INTO THE PRESTIGIOUS IGBO-UKWU  
HALL OF FAME, AMAEHULU TOWN HALL IGBO-UKWU!

Date was 22nd April, 2025.





—THE IGBO-UKWU—  
**HALL OF FAME**





—THE IGBO-UKWU—  
HALL OF FAME





## TOWARDS 2025 IGBO-UKWU NEW YAM FESTIVAL AND OTHER MATTERS



Eze-Akajiugo poses with the chairmen of the three Quarters of Igbo-Ukwu: Ezeohamadike GC Umeanuka (Ngo), Nwaezefunamba Hon Leonard Lithraco Ogbonnia (Obiuno) and Mr Ifeanyi Onyeka (Ihite) during the April 22, 2025 IDU General Delegates Meeting at the Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu





# IGBO-UKWU DEVELOPMENT UNION (IDU)

## 2025 Constitution Review Committee

### A CALL TO DUTY: SHAPING OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURE THROUGH THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW PROCESS



The Igbo-Ukwu Development Union (IDU) Constitution Review Committee warmly invites all sons and daughters of Igbo-Ukwu, home and abroad, to participate in a pivotal moment in our community's history—the comprehensive review and update of the IDU Constitution.

This endeavor is not merely administrative; it is foundational. The Constitution is the moral and structural compass by which Igbo-Ukwu governs itself, promotes peace and unity, safeguards tradition, and advances development. To ensure that this vital document truly reflects the aspirations, values, and dynamism of our people, the Committee is committed to pursuing a broad, inclusive, and participatory process.

#### Who Should Contribute?

We are reaching out to all stakeholders, including:

- The Three Quarters of Igbo-Ukwu
- The Thirty-Six (36) Wards
- All IDU Branches in Nigeria and the Diaspora
- All Kindreds, Traditional Institutions, Religious Bodies
- Youth Organizations, Women's Groups, Socio-Cultural Associations
- Civil Society Bodies, and all Interested Individuals and Community Advocates

#### What to Submit?

We seek well-considered memoranda, proposals, and specific recommendations on any aspect of the Constitution that you believe warrants inclusion, amendment, or removal. Contributions should be:

- Clear and constructive
- Directly related to governance, culture, community service, leadership, dispute resolution, or other relevant thematic areas
- Where possible, reference specific articles or sections of the existing constitution

#### How to Submit?

Please forward your submissions by email to:

- [idu.constitution2025@gmail.com](mailto:idu.constitution2025@gmail.com) and

- [fabian.okafor@gmail.com](mailto:fabian.okafor@gmail.com)

Or submit the hard copy to the Committee via the IDU Secretariat, Amaehulu Townhall, Igbo-Ukwu

#### Submission Deadline?

All memoranda must reach the Committee on or before 30th August 2025.

#### Care to Join?

Time is of the essence. Let us seize this opportunity to shape a constitution that echoes the heartbeat of Igbo-Ukwu and holds relevance for generations to come.

#### Our Commitment

This Committee is deeply committed to transparency, inclusivity, and excellence. We are inspired by the belief that true progress arises when all voices are heard, and when governance flows from the people upward. Every contribution, no matter how brief or elaborate, will be accorded thoughtful consideration.

We thank you, our brothers and sisters, for your anticipated support, and urge you to spread this message throughout the town, online platforms, and beyond.

#### Signed:

Prof. Fabian Okafor  
Chairman, Constitution  
Review Committee

Barr. Toochukwu Ejeziem  
(Ochi-na-nwata)  
Secretary, Constitution  
Review Committee





# MEET THE NEW IDU TASK FORCES:

Meet the New IDU Task Forces:

1. Task Force on Non-Compliance By Non-Indigenes To Anambra Homeland Security Management and Finance Committee Laws 2025 And Other Non-Indigenes Offences
2. Task Force on Igbo-Ukwu Land Sales and Development Commission.
3. Task Force on Debt Recovery and
4. Task Force on Igbo-Ukwu Masquerades Reforms and Cultural Compliance



Team Eze-Akajiugo Inaugurates Task Force on Igbo-Ukwu Non-Indigenes' Domestic Compliance to the Anambra State Homeland Security Laws 2025



Inauguration of the Force on IDU Lands' Agents, Sales and Development Commission by Team Eze-Akajiugo and its 1st inaugural meeting.

# GLORIOUS SALUTE TO OKEIDE IGBO-UKWU

BY IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE



CHIEF ERIC NWAFOR NWOBİ,  
Okeide Igbo-Ukwu,

Okeide Igbo-Ukwu, Chief Eric Nwafor Nwobi, is indeed a man of no mean achievement, the type of solid personality the celebrated nationalist and pan-Africanist, late Chief KO Mbadiwe, Agadabachiriuzo of Arondizuogu, would describe as 'a man of timber and caliber!'

A UNN graduate of Economics, an ex-Shell staff, boardroom guru and super businessman, Okeide Igbo-Ukwu took the bull by the horn early in life that today clearly stands him out of the crowd! One can safely describe him as our own Nostradamus (the man who saw tomorrow) to the effect that even at age 75 years when he authored his autobiography, "Living Out A Pledge", it seemed as if William Shakespeare had him in mind when he said:

"His life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up  
And say to all the world, THIS WAS A MAN!"

Indeed Chief Eric N. Nwobi, a man with an uncommon calm demeanor, is no new comer to sterling personal achievements with particular emphasis on Igbo-Ukwu's recorded giant development strides! Here are some few examples below.

Back in the years, Chief Eric Nwafor Nwobi earned his solid one-in-Igboland chieftaincy title of OKEIDE IGBO-UKWU when he single-handedly built and donated that landmark Post Office edifice located at Nkwor Igbo-Ukwu Market to the use and benefit of ndi Igbo-Ukwu. Only late Chief Tanu Umeweni immediately followed suit with his accompanying donation of that earliest edifice known today as the Igbo-Ukwu Museum.

## @ 83 !!!

That singular act of philanthropy earned him another solid chieftaincy title of IKENGA IGBO-UKWU! Oh how time flies!

Okeide Igbo-Ukwu loves anything associated with Igbo-Ukwu, his ancestral homeland. He is very passionate about Igbo-Ukwu; he dreams and wakes up with Igbo-Ukwu in his mind. Not too long after adorning his well-deserved title, he later became one of the most remarkable President-Generals of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU!

Among other notable achievements as the PG of Igbo-Ukwu, he was the founder and first Chairman of the Editorial Board of the now most attractive and bestselling community News-Magazine, east of the Niger: The Igbo Trumpet Magazine, the official newsletter of Ndi Igbo-Ukwu! In this exciting mood of the moment, we at the present Editorial Board of the new "Igbo Trumpet Magazine" join the rest of Ndi Igbo-Ukwu to wish Okeide Igbo-Ukwu a happy birthday!

Perhaps following after the footsteps of late Ogbuefi FO Onyekwelu and other earlier community pathfinders who first had a successful convocation of 'Igbo-Ukwu Leaders of Thought' that founded or birthed our modern day 'Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU' in the mid-1970s, Okeide Igbo-Ukwu dreamt and birthed what eventually became the February 2018 'Igbo-Ukwu Renaissance Retreat, IRR' that held at the popular Dannic Hotels Enugu between 23rd and 25th February, 2018.

Though the then acting leadership of IDU under Eze-Omenyirioha Basil Osuokwu later became IRR's foster father and midwife, it got recorded in both the sands of history and the Minutes Book of IDU as another successful convocation of some great Igbo-Ukwu Leaders of Thought who made rare sacrifices maka odinma ndi banyi. It's still hoped that both the outcomes and impact of this retreat would be felt in the years to come now that Team Eze-Akajiugo has courageously exhumed the comatose IRR Document maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu!

Still on Okeide Igbo-Ukwu and Igbo-Ukwu's progress is his successful assemblage of some great Igbo-Ukwu scholars and philanthropists that founded the Igbo-Ukwu History Project which later birthed the epochal book titled "Igbo-Ukwu: The Igbo Cradle." This book remains the most authoritative and well researched mouthpiece that challenged some

contrary mainstream historical narratives that hitherto undermined the place of Igbo-Ukwu in Igbo history. Okeide Igbo-Ukwu was one of the pillars behind the conception and actual writing cum publication of this forceful voice from Igbo-Ukwu that final restores the stolen and bruised dignity and pride of place of Igbo-Ukwu as the cradle of the Igbos of the lower Niger.

One can go on and on to celebrate Okeide Igbo-Ukwu as a formidable development icon of Igbo-Ukwu. As a leading member of the egghead group of the Igbo-Ukwu Establishment Group, Okeide Igbo-Ukwu is behind most successful institutions in our modern day Igbo-Ukwu including the successful story that is our today's Igbo-Ukwu Microfinance Bank Ltd and the Apex Medical Group. In his younger years as an entrepreneur, he had brought down the manufacturing arm of Ricco Furniture Company Ltd, a division of his group business called Niger Holdings Ltd with headquarters in Lagos.

Chief Eric Nwafor Nwobi is a successful family man, darling husband of Chief Mrs Edna Nwobi, Ugwu Ndi Ike. He is a loving father of many equally successful children and a super grandfather!

Consequently, we at the Igbo-Ukwu apex leadership of today feel this compelling necessity to celebrate Okeide Igbo-Ukwu at 83 years as he continues to age gracefully! May God continue to be there all your beautiful years ahead! Happy birthday to you Sir!



IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE



# IGBO-UKWU SHINES

AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM & MONUMENTS LAGOS.

DATE: 21ST MAY, 2025

Again, Igbo-Ukwu shines at the Culture & Arts Day of Chrisland Group of Schools, VGC, Lagos.



BY IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE

At the National Commission for Museums and Monuments, Onikan Lagos, the name of Igbo-Ukwu resonated loudly as the Commission rounded off its 2025 National Exhibition and Trainings.

The highpoint of the event was the presentation of well-researched papers by selected Departmental Heads, Curators from across the Commission's museums nationwide, extant University Scholars, Art Collectors and enthusiasts from across the Commission after which followed departmental tours of the Lagos Museum.

The moment of honor for Igbo-Ukwu came when members of the Commission and highly esteemed guests got to the Igbo-Ukwu Artifacts Section of the Museum while on the exhibition tour which showcased various archeological discoveries or artifacts by Prof Thurston Shaw between 1959 and 1961, including the famous iconic 'Igbo-Ukwu Roped Pot (9-10 AD)' among other highly intricate works.

Igbo-Ukwu was specially invited to this year's national exhibition on account of its strategic historical relevance and rich track record of collaboration with the Commission. Recall that in 2024, HRH Igwe Alexander Ejikemeuwa Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu and Eze-Akajiugo Sir (Dr) Barr. MCK Ubah, the PG of Igbo-Ukwu led a team of some other carefully selected Igbo-Ukwu folks to this Lagos Museum where they joined a host of other communities, institutions and corporate sponsors including the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and the Factum Foundation from London.

In this year's colorful event, Igbo-Ukwu was ably represented by the PG of Igbo-Ukwu, Eze-Akajiugo Sir (Dr) Barr. MCK Ubah, the Chairman of IDU Lagos Branch, Mr Chuks Anigbogu and the 1st Vice Chairlady of IDU (Women's Wing) Noono Ugodiya Obialunamma Pamela Onyemenam, who stood in for the Chairlady of IDU (Women's Wing), Noono Nkechi Asjay Umeobi.

In his Special Message to the highly distinguished audience during the event, the PG of Igbo-Ukwu who was earlier assigned the singular role of breaking the ceremonial 'kolanut', spoke extemporaneously harping on the place of Igbo-Ukwu in history and archeology with particular reference to Igbo-Ukwu being the undisputed cradle of the Igbo of the lower Niger of Nigeria. He paid tribute to late Prof Thurston Shaw who through his research and archeological discoveries placed Igbo-Ukwu in the map of the world. He also called on the audience to visit Igbo-Ukwu at [www.igboukwu.org](http://www.igboukwu.org) or follow the Amazon link to buy the epochal book, "Igbo-Ukwu: The Cradle" It was indeed an event like no other in the Center of Excellence!

Date: 21st May, 2025

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**EZE-AKAJIUGO RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS TITLE OF 'IFEADIGO N' IGBO' FROM THE IDU WOMEN (ABA BRANCH) DURING THEIR COLOURFUL WOMEN'S DAY AND LAUNCH OF THE NEW TOYOTA COASTER BUS TO MARK THE OCCASION!**



Enyimba City of Aba went agog, as the IDU Women Wing led by the ever-beautiful and hardworking Chairlady, Mrs Esther Obiageli Udoh, in conjunction with the IDU Men and Aba high society made a ground-breaking outing with the launch of another brand new Toyota Coaster Bus for the utilitarian use and benefit of the members and residents of the Enyimba city.

The occasion was well attended by the high and mighty as well as Igbo-Ukwu's who-is-who.

The President General of Igbo-Ukwu, Eze-Akajiugo Sir (Dr) Barr. MCK Ubah was ably represented by the Chairman of IDU, Aba Branch, Hon William Chiagbaizu.

HRH Igwe Alex Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu was ably represented by Ichie Eze-Okunmadu MCE Offor, a top ranking member of Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu.

While Hon. Engr Dom Okafor Ezechinyelugo, the honourable Rep for

Aguata Federal Constituency in the Green Chambers, Abuja, was ably represented by Nze GC Umeanuka, Eze-Ohamadike.

The Chairlady of IDU (General Women's Wing), Mrs Akwaugo Kate Okenu was also honoured by the women.

The ceremony was so remarkable and significant in the life of IDU Aba Branch because it serves as a rallying platform for kindred conviviality and Community development.

***The Award of IFEADIGO NA IGBO-UKWU to the digital Pee-Gee of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barr (Dr) MCK Ubah. Date: 25th May, 2025 at Aba, Enyimba City***



## IGBO-UKWU BROTHERS FORUM HONOURS EZE-AKAJIUGO



The Chairman Igbo-Ukwu Brothers' Forum, Onitsha from Ward 27 Ezihu, Mr Chima Ezeonyenwe, who is also the Chairman of Ifeadifo Age Grade, Ihuakaba-Ezihu, along with Mr. Obidike Johnpaul, the founding Secretary of Igbo-ukwu Brothers' Forum Osha and the immediate past Secretary Ugogbuzue Age Grade Obiuno. He is currently the IDU Financial Secretary (IDU-General Assembly)



# PRESIDENTIAL GUESTS:

Eze-Akajiugo hosts the Kojo Motors Group Family in his Castle of Praise private residence in Lagos. Deepens Family ties and friendship. Also in the house were Hon Chuks Anigbogu, Chairman of IDU Lagos Branch and Chief Engr. Law Ibekilo from Oraeri, a first cousin of Eze-Akajiugo based in the USA. Date: 11th May, 2025





## PRESIDENTIAL GUESTS AND HOSTINGS: THE PG & HIS NOONO IN IGBO-UKWU:

The immediate past and the newly elected Chairmen of Ilorin Branch pay the PG an official visit alongside friends. Date: 25th April, 2025.

The Homs Group Family hosts Eze-Akajiugo and his Noono to a breakfast buffet in their serene private residence in Umudege Village Igbo-Ukwu. Date: 24th April, 2025



The outgoing chairman of IDU Ilorin Branch, Hon. Poly Umennuihe and his Successor-in-office, Ezechitubelugo Chekwubechukwu Okeke, pay official visit to the PG of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah in his AkajiugoGraceVilla Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu. This is a good sample of smooth continuity of leadership. This is how it is supposed to be! Kudos to IDU Ilorin Branch, Kwara State.



# Eze-Akajiugo hosts his Ward 8 Ihumabiam Kinsmen in his Lagos Private Residence

(The Praise Castle) Date: 13th April, 2025





**Eze-Akajiugo and Friends Visit Mr Peter Nwankwo in his Ezihu Village private residence to condole him on the death of his dear mother.**  
**Date: 24th June 2025**



## Igbo-Ukwu Street-Naming and house numbering Projects by Aguata LGA

The Power and Authority to number houses and name streets still belong to the Local Government Council in collaboration with the Town Union Government. The process flow is from the ward through the Quarters to the PG Office from where it goes to the LGA Office for final validation. Any deviation from the above will be sanctioned severely. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse.





# Homage to Kojo.   Presents 4th Edition of Igbo Trumpet Magazine to him.



## NOW OPEN!

HRH IGWE ALEXANDER EJKEMEUWA AZIKE IDU 3 OF IGBO-UKWU FACILITATED THE OPENING OF THE IGBO-UKWU DEPOT OF TRANSPORT COMPANY OF ANAMBRA (TRACAS) ON WEDNESDAY 26TH OF JUNE 2025.

It was an epoch making event which puts an end to the challenges that our people are facing due lack of a modern Government transport company, capable of significantly improving the quality of lives in Igbo-ukwu while promoting economic growth and sustainability.

Before now, our people must go to Ekwulobia before they get bus to any major city except Nnewi and Onitsha, but with the presence of the 'TRANSPORT COMPANY OF ANAMBRA STATE (TRACAS)', our people can now stroll to Nkwo Igbo, behind the post office and beside the Igbo-ukwu micro finance bank to board buses directly to places like, 'AWKA, NNEWI, ONITSHA, ABA, LAGOS, ABUJA, ECT'.

In his opening remarks, the Managing Director of Tracas Chief Chike Obiakor, appealed generally to the High net individuals in Igbo-ukwu to support the new Tracas Depo by bringing in vehicle that Tracas will manage for them. These vehicle will help to empower the youths and ensure the sustainability of the 2 in one Tracas Depo opened today in Igbo-ukwu.

Special thanks to Chief Ezeonyebuchi Okoye of the Gucci wine and Gucci Gold Fame and Nze Emmanuel Azike (Eze-Amarueme nwanne) who made sure that this wonderful idea of IDU 3 for Igbo-ukwu saw the light of the day.

Special thanks also to

- Team Eze-Akajiugo ably represented by the 2nd Vice President General, Hon Engr. Ebere Obodokwe.
- Chief G.C Umeanuka (Ezeohamadike).
- Ichie Ezechukwu Umeokwonna.
- Ide Oforkaja J
- Hon Nnamdi Agwuncha (Councilor Igbo-ukwu ward 1 and house committee chairman on Transport).
- Hon. Onyedika Okoli (Councilor Igbo-ukwu ward 2 and house committee chairman on IGR)
- Dpo Igbo-ukwu and his team



The attached picture and videos completes the story.

Ifeanyi Ohazulume Ijezie reporting for Team Eze-Akajiugo  
• [fabian.okafor@gmail.com](mailto:fabian.okafor@gmail.com)

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Signed:

Prof. Fabian Okafor  
Chairman, Constitution Review Committee

Barr. ToochukwuEjeziem (Ochi-na-nwata)  
Secretary, Constitution Review Committee



# Aguata Council of Knights

Lagos Branch hosts Bishop Ezeofor, holds midyear General Meeting in the private residence of Sir Sunday & Lady Ngozi Okoli in Amuwo-Odofin Lagos on the 8th of June, 2025. To God be all the glory, Amen!



**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. Inauguration of the 2025 New Yam Festival Committee Members including the QUARTER CHAIRMEN as shown in the picture above. Therefore, the Igbo-Ukwu New Yam Festival holds on the 1st and 2nd August, 2025.

2. IDU August General Delegates Meetings holds on August 4, 2025.





# classic weddings

Engr Banabone's Daughter weds in Lagos in a grand style.

Miss Chioma Banabas-Udoeye weds Mr Jephthah Bello Abu in Lagos. Date was 14th of June, 2025





## classic weddings

PRETTY MMESOMA, DAUGHTER OF EZE-AKUNWATA BARR. IFEANYI & PROF (MRS) NNEKA OLI, MARRIES HANDSOME CHINEDU, SON OF THE HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL NNOBI FAMILY OF LORD DR. MIKE & PROF KATE OMENUGHA RECENTLY IN A BESPOKE MARRIAGE CEREMONY. Date was 19th July, 2025. Team Eze-Akajiugo was fully represented in the event!





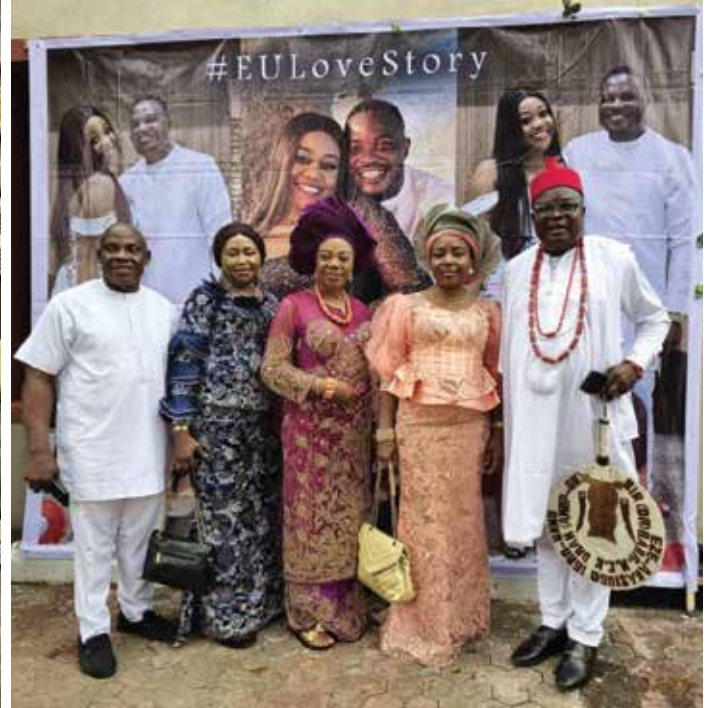
# Traditional Marriage

The traditional marriage of the daughter of Mr Damian Ezewudo of Etiti Village and to the son of Nze De-Joe Ezeilo Eze-Ebuana (Gradually) of Ihuofo Village  
Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu      *Date was 22nd April, 2025*





THE TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE OF THE PRETTY DAUGHTER OF LATE EZEAKPUNWA LEO. IK EZEOKANA ON THE 24TH OF APRIL, 2025 AT UMUDEGE VILLAGE IGBO-UKWU. HERE THE GROOM, MOTHER OF THE BRIDE POSE WITH EZE-AKAJIUGO, AKWAUGO AND EZE-OHAMADIKE



## EZE-OGBOOGU GIVES OUT DAUGHTER IN MARRIAGE (INTRODCUTION)





# Traditional Wedding Ceremony of the pretty daughter of Revd Obiora Ugochukwu of Ngo Igbo-Ukwu

28th of June, 2025

Traditional Marriage



Rev'd Ugochukwu Obiora  
Father of the pretty bride





# SPECIAL TRUMPET NEWS



IDU, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu and SICA Stakeholders meet maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu



PG Igbo-Ukwu and PG Oraifite (Sir Vin Dike) who is the current Chairman of ASTUC pose with PG of Ojoto Town in the Government House, Awka



Special Visit to the King: HRH Igwe Alex Azike Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu by a Special Delegation from Ebe Ozo Obiuno led by its Chairman, Nze Ezeohamadike Felix Chuks Okoye. The PG of Igbo-Ukwu and Nze Eze-Ogboogu Hon Jarvis Adinmuo jp were also part of the delegation. Date: May 15, 2025



PG Igbo-Ukwu, PG Ekwulobia and PG Enugu-Ukwu in a recent event in Government House Awka.



Ide-elect Mr Ezeokoye gets cleared to join the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu by IDU. Date was 22nd February, 2025





Ide-elect, Mr Gabriel Ezenwankwo gets cleared to join the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu by IDU General Assembly at Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu



Inauguration of IDU Constitution (2011) Review Committee headed by Prof. Fabian Okafor.  
Date was 28th June, 2025

## CELEBRATION OF EZE-OJEKAIYI @ 70



It was an overflow of Kindred Bonding and Convivialities at Igbo-Ukwu as Eze-Akajiugo & Friends Celebrate with Eze-Ojekaiyi Engr Tony Osude @70!\*

On Sunday 11th May 2025, Nze Anthony Osude, Eze-Ojekaiyi Na Igbo-Ukwu, the Ngo, IgboUkwu-born American-based Security Consultant celebrated his 70th Birthday Anniversary amidst pomp and pageantry. Many Igbo-Ukwu's who-is-who including friends, families and associates turned out in good numbers to celebrate with Eze-Ojekaiyi in recognition of his quality life of 70 years particularly his sterling contributions to the growth and development of Igbo-Ukwu.

In particular Igbo-Ukwu apex leadership took out time to celebrate this rare and quiet philanthropist who is behind the development and management of the recently launched Igbo-Ukwu website [www.igboukwu.org](http://www.igboukwu.org) by the IDU executive leadership of Team Eze-Akajiugo.

Today, the PG of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr Barr MCK Ubah led some of his close friends including Eze-Ohamadike Eze-Ezinwanne Chucks Felix Okoye of South Africa, Eze-Ogboogu Hon Javis Adinmuo jp; Nze Umeiheonyemetalu Okoye as well as Ohazulume Ifeanyi Ijezie (PA to the PG of IDU) to visit as well as celebrate with Eze-Ojekaiyi in his quiet Ihuwelle Ngo Igbo-Ukwu countryhome. There was this spontaneous overflow of kindred bondings when as these patriots embraced themselves today!

During the visit, Eze-Akajiugo paid glowing tributes to him for his partnership with Team Eze-Akajiugo in bequeathing a robust Internet website to Igbo-Ukwu as well as funding its management.

Some other issues of security interest to the community were discussed particularly providing wider area security coverage using close circuits security networking for Igbo-Ukwu (using cctv). With Eze-Ojekaiyi, it's possible given his expertise and uncommon patriotism. Expect Greatness Ahead!

BY IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE



# HAPPY *Birthday*

GREAT BIRTHDAYS:  
OJEKAIYI NA IGBO-UKWU @ 70





# HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE AWARDS... UNIVERSITY GRADUATIONS AND CALL TO BAR OF SOME IGBO-UKWU FOLKS!



REV. FR. VICTOR O. IJEZIE:

BEHOLD THE YOUNGEST ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST IN IGBO-UKWU FROM THE IJEZIE'S DYNASTY IN UMUILOANYA FAMILY WARD 32, EZIGBO-UMUDIKE, IGBO-UKWU: REV. FR. VICTOR OLUEBU-BECHUKWU IJEZIE. FADA VICTOR IS THE YOUNGEST BROTHER OF MR. IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE, PA TO THE PG OF IDU. HE IS A GRANDSON OF LATE SIMON OHAZULUME IJEZIE (ONE OF THE 7 DEACONS THAT BROUGHT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TO IGBO-UKWU). CONGRATULATIONS!





#### STAGE ONE:

AWARD OF DOCTORATE DEGREE ON ENGR. ERIC OKEKE: IGBO-UKWU CONGRATULATES A HIGHLY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER, ENGR (DR) ERIC OKEKE ON YOUR RECENT CONFERMENT OF AN HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE BY ONE OF NIGERIA'S FOREMOST UNIVERSITIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA!

We are proud of all your high-flying industry cum professional achievements and therefore first-in-class collateral reputation as the MD/CEO of Azura Power West Africa and Non-Executive Director at Fidelity Bank Plc among many others.

This demonstrates a high level of sterling corporate leadership which positions have not only illuminated our power sector but also inspired countless professionals within and beyond our Igbo-Ukwu shores. Once again congratulations! Lots of love from all of us!

#### STAGE TWO:-

##### UNIVERSITY GRADUATION:

CONGRATULATIONS TO NZE EZE-OMENYIRIOHA & NOONO BASIL OSUOKWU ON THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT CUM GRADUATION OF THEIR PRECIOUS DAUGHTER, ARC IFUNANYA HILDA OSUOKWU FROM THE HIGH-BROW UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA! INDEED ANOTHER STAR HAS RISEN IN IGBO-UKWU'S PROFESSIONAL SKY!

For those who may not have known, it's on the marble of history that just last December 2024, Ndi Igbo-Ukwu and other lovers of community progress and education in particular gathered to celebrate the well over 20 years of consistent philanthropy in the education sector by Nze Basil Osuokwu Educational Foundation, an NGO powered by the parents of today's celebrant, Arc IFUNANYA HILDA OSUOKWU. Incidentally, the Team Captain of Team Eze-Akajiugo himself, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq., was the distinguished Chairman of this 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Foundation to the glory of God!

Ndi banyi, for one to graduate in flying colors with an "Upper 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in Architecture" from one of Nigeria's foremost universities, is not a tea party! She deserves our applauds. Our Igbo-Ukwu youths have a role model in IFUNANYA HILDA OSUOKWU!

The Nze Basil Osuokwu Educational Foundation has produced many secondary school and university graduates including Pharmacists over the years and today their own daughter has further reinforced this collateral legacy worthy of emulation by all lovers of community progress and human capital development and investment.

As usual and in line with practice, Team Eze-Akajiugo has rolled out the drums in further celebration of this amazing daughter of Igbo-Ukwu! Congratulations!  
From all of us @ Team

#### STAGE THREE:- CALL TO BAR AT THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL, ABUJA:

Igbo-Ukwu Legal Dynasty Expands As Three New Lawyers Got Called to the Nigerian Bar!

In what can only be described as a moment of immense pride and historic progress, the ancient town of Igbo-Ukwu is once again in the spotlight; this time for its swelling ranks of its lawyers!

Mmesoma Claire Ike, (daughter of the distinguished Ezeigbomankeonyeneme, Dr. (Sir) Kevin and Lady Evangelene

Ike,)

Nduadi Chidiebere Monanu, (son of the late Elder Afam and Mrs. Henrietta Monanu,) and

Henry Akachukwu Uzuke, (first son of Nze Umennanyelugo Kevin and Prof. (Mrs) Chinwendu Uzuke), have all been formally called to the Nigerian Bar as Solicitors and Advocates of the Supreme Court of Nigeria!

These illustrious young minds now join the league of legal luminaries, wearing the wig and gown with pride and purpose, and standing tall on the pillars of discipline, justice, and excellence. Their emergence is not only a personal triumph and a family milestone but also a giant leap forward for the Igbo-Ukwu community, which continues to produce scholars and leaders across professions.

This joyful moment echoes with celebration across families, friends, and well-wishers near and far. Indeed, humanity gains whenever bright, ethical, and courageous minds take up the noble cause of law and justice.

Congratulations to the new wigs, their proud parents, and the entire Igbo-Ukwu community. The future is indeed bright!

Compiled by: Eze-Akajiugo Sir Barrister (Dr) MCK Ubah And Arinze Okamelu, Esq.





# ENTREPRENEURSHIP & OUR HEROES PAST

## CHIEF EZECHENDO EMMANUEL OKOYE

By Ichie Ezechikwado Ik Muo, PhD



Emmanuel Echezonachukwu Okoye, the second child in a family of 7, was born on January 29, 1949, in Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu. After obtaining his Standard Six at St. Barnabas Primary School, Igbo-Ukwu, his father seconded him to his uncle, Dennis Aniemenam, a dealer in bicycle parts, as an apprentice. However, before he completed his apprenticeship, the civil war broke out and like the rest of his kinsmen, he ran for dear life and returned home. He willingly enlisted in the Biafran Army where he was responsible for the co-ordination of Biafran information affairs within the locality. After the war, he returned to Onitsha with his uncle, with the hope of continuing from where they stopped with the bicycle parts business. Unfortunately, on getting to Onitsha, they discovered that there was nothing to start with because there was no money and their shop and wares had been destroyed during the war. It was also difficult to import bicycle parts immediately after the war. With the old stock destroyed and new stock not forthcoming, his uncle was convinced that the bicycle business might not continue to boom as it had been and that it was not wise that two of them, the only breadwinners in the family, should continue in an apparently dying business, with poor prospects. He then advised Echezona to diversify into another form of business.

Luckily for him, his in-law, Chief E O Nnabugwu, was already a big-time liquor merchant in Onitsha and so, he enrolled as an apprentice again. Chief Nnabugwu opened a shop for him at 58 Iweka Road, Onitsha, and by 1975, he was settled and he started his own business. Luckily again for him, another in-law of his, Chief V.C. Agwuncha, was a Senior Manager with Nigerian Breweries, and following his advice and the persuasion of his good friend, Mr. Ben Nwafor, he opened a branch in Lagos in 1976, at 42B, Olumokun St., Amukoko and his company was registered as Echenzona & Alaba Trade Co. Ltd. His business grew in leaps and bounds and in addition to Nigerian Breweries, he established further business relationship with other companies, including, Guinness (Stout), CFAO (Maltex)

Associated Breweries and Sona Breweries. He was so good at the business that he was dubbed 'the liquor master'. He also established a branch, the Land Park Stores in Igbo-Ukwu, which was also a beehive of activities, in terms of liquor distributorship.

Somewhere along the line, he believed that a hotel business would complement his beer distribution enterprise and that was how he came up with the idea of establishing a hotel. The hotel project started in 1980 and was completed in November 1982 and that was the birth of Land Park Hotels Ltd. Without any hotel management experience, he took LandPark to enviable heights and it was among the best known hotels in that part of Lagos then, as an event center, relaxation spot and for lodging. He also decided to diversify further and established a cosmetics industry, leading to the emergence of Land-Park Industries, makers of Banana brand of cosmetics. Ochendo's business flourished and on two occasions, he won the coveted Nigerian Breweries Best Customer of the Year Award. In 1993, he was invited to Dublin by the Guinness family as one of the best dealers in Guinness. He was also invited in Canada in 1994 by a manufacturing conglomerate to strategise on the distribution of wine, another form of diversification from dealing in just beer and malt.

Beyond his flourishing businesses, Ezechendo was a sociable person, who also was interested in community building. He was the founder of Obiuno Progressive Union, which metamorphosed into the Obiuno Development Union, and mobilized Obiuno people for the rural electrification project. He hosted the meeting of IDU Lagos Branch for years at Land Park Hotels and before his death, was its chairman, during which the IDU hall became operational. He also represented Igbo-Ukwu in Aguata Progressive Union and Association of Anambra State Town Unions. He was a staunch member of Union Club Igbo-Ukwu, Odiri Social Club, Peoples Club and was first non-Nnewi indigene to be admitted into Anaedo Social Club of Nigeria. He died in 1997

### Post Script

Ezechendo was a gifted entrepreneur who set the standards in his own sphere of business and who continued to seek for further opportunities because he believed that anahụ an ofuebeenemmonwu (you don't get the best by watching a masquerade from the same spot). He moved from bicycle parts to beer business, moved from Onitsha to Lagos, saw the linkage between beer distributorship and hospitality business and delved into manufacturing so as not to put all his eggs in one basket.

His story has a repertoire of entrepreneurial lessons including the following:

- i) He did not yield to despair due to the disruption of the civil war, which thwarted his apprenticeship and forced him to start afresh.
- ii) He and his uncle read the environment very well, seeing that bicycle business had little prospects. They were engaged in environmental analyses, even though they did not appreciate what they were doing.
- iii) Other people play key roles in peoples' entrepreneurial odyssey. His uncle, Chief Nnabugwu, his inlaw, Chief Agwuncha and his friend, Mr Nwafor were people through whom his entrepreneurial path was cleared.
- iv) He successfully adopted the diversification strategy and that was how he moved from liquor to hospitality (related diversification) and manufacturing.
- v) He took the bull by the horns, establishing a hotel without any formal training in the hospitality industry and was able to raise it to an enviable standard before his untimely demise.



**Ichie Ezechikwado  
Ik Muo, PhD**



## IGBO-UKWU'S GREAT LIVING LEGENDS: TRIBUTE TO IGBO-UKWU'S ACTIVE CLUB OF OCTOGENARIANS, NONEGENARIANS & CENTENNARIAN!

ON A NOTE OF GRATITUDE TO GOD ALMIGHTY, IGBO-UKWU IS RICHLY BLESSED WITH A LOT OF INSPIRING LIVING LEGENDS OF OVER 80 YEARS AS WELL AS MORE UPCOMING JOINERS!

Sweet felicitations from Team Eze-Akajiugo





# CONDOLENCES

**EZEHAMADIKE GC UMEANUKA, CHAIRMAN OF NGO QUARTER OF IGBO-UKWU BURIES ELDER SISTER IN A GRAND STYLE AS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND POLITICAL ASSOCIATES GATHER TO CONDOLE HIM. TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO AND TEAM EDO WERE VISIBLY PRESENT.**





# EZE-AKAJIUGO BURIES COUSIN, LATE MR EMMA IBEKILO OF ORA-ERI (UMUDIKE).

DATE WAS 15TH OF MAY, 2025.

Late Emma Ibekilo's mother was the immediate elder sister of Eze-Akajiugo's mother, late Ezinne Esther Mgbeke Ubah (nee Ekechukwu of Obinri Village), Ora-Eri Town.





# EZENWAGU IGBO-UKWU

CHIEF ANTHONY OKAFOR, IGBO-UKWU  
PEACE AMBASADOR BURIES WIFE:

Date was 24th April, 2025

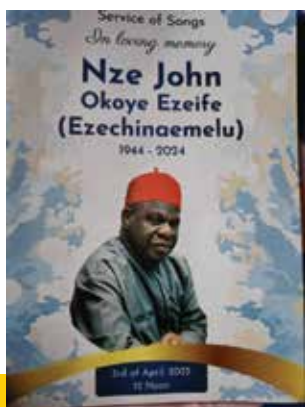


Some Members of the Igbo-Ukwu Merit Chiefs Council; the IDU apex leadership of Team Eze-Akajiugo; HRH Igwe Alex Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu; IDU (Women Wing) and other Igbo-Ukwu Stakeholders were among some Very Important Personalities that witnessed this high profile Burial of late Noono Ezinne Ezenwagu Okafor on the 24th April, 2025. May her gentle soul continue to rest in the bosom of the Lord and as she continues to live in our hearts forever, Amen!



# NZE JOHN EZEIFE'S FINAL BURIAL AT IGBO-UKWU

DATE WAS 25TH APRIL 2025



## MORE PHOTOS FROM LATE NZE FRED OKAFOR'S BURIAL:



Eze-Akajiugo & Friends pay condolence visit to the family of Umeonylonas during their mother's burial, Ezinne Umeoyilona, at Umueche-fu-Obiuno. Date 25/4/25



# **FREDERICK AZUKA OKAFOR**

## **GOES HOME**

The Eldest Brother of Rt. Honourable Chief Sir Engr Dom Okafor FNSE, Late Eze-Ebubedike Frederick Azuka Okafor goes home in a Grand Style: Below are Sights and Sounds from the Burial Ceremony which took place in their Countrhome, Umuezike-Umeazota Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu between the 5th and 6th of June, 2025.





**THE BURIAL OF  
LATE MRS NONYE - OQUISM OFORDUM  
ON THE 26TH OF JUNE, 2025 AT IHUOFOR VILLAGE,  
OBIUNO IGBO-UKWU**







# GRAND ROYAL CONDOLENCE

To HRH Igwe Orazulunye Sir Obiora Anachuna,  
Traditional Ruler of Nkwelle Ezunaka

Royalty & Inter-Community Marriages as HRH Igwe Orazulunye Sir Obiora Anachuna, Traditional Ruler of Nkwelle Ezunaka, buries Mum (Late Ezinne Theresa Anachuna) As Ichie Umechimdumaga Joe Umeibe of Ward 2 Umueche-fu-Obiuno, the Queen's father, pays a grand royal condolence visit to HRH Igwe Nkwelle Ezunaka. Eze-Akajiugo and friends including Ezeagunchemba Cletus Onyemenam and Eze-Ogboogu Hon Jarvis Adinmuo jp join him





# YOUTHS & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT.

## SUSTAINING SPORTS TOURISM IN IGBO-UKWU AND THE ROLE OF IDU IN ACHIEVING THE TARGETS



**Emeka Igwilo**

President, Igbo-ukwu Football Association (IFA)

Whenever the name of Igbo-ukwu is mentioned, those who are familiar with the archeological discoveries always think of the Roped Vase and other works of art. Today, the story is changing and rapidly changing for good.

The beauty about of this tremendous change is that the younger generation have taken up the challenge of not only being part of the history but also leading in the effort to re-write and control the narratives.

From the Igbo-ukwu Development Union, down to the Village Unions and Kindred families, everyone is becoming more aware and getting more interested on how they are governed and how the administration carries on their duties. As an egalitarian society, the people of the Archeological city both at home and in diaspora now have more opportunities to follow the trends of development, compare notes and also get involved. Kudos to the Shaw Institute for Cultural Art (SICA) group and others that have demonstrated visible interests in the renaissance. Thanks also to the wave of the social media platforms and the initiative of IDU to connect people online, to be part of the meeting processing.

My area of concentration in this write-up will also be on the way the Igbo-ukwu Sports Tourism is rising and how IDU can help steady and propel the ship from different angles.

From the days of the Igbo-ukwu Town Union, to Igbo-ukwu Improvement Union (IIU), to Igbo-ukwu Progressive union (IPU) and today, Igbo-ukwu Development Union (IDU), the idea of the development has always centered on physical construction, conflict resolutions, Land matters, Rights and agitations of Quarters and Wards. Less attention is always given to human and youth development. In fact, in estimation, ninety-nine percent (99%) of all the discussion at the IDU level centers on one project or the other, while only one percent (1%) is given to issues of Youth and Sports which are the driving force for every society, like ours, predominately dominated by the youths.

A clue from the international bodies will show how the United Nations, the African Union and Countries do not neglect or fail to create enabling environment for Youths and Sports activities to thrive. Over the years, most of the youth activities and sports programmes organized by the youth in the community is propelled by individuals (with minimal involvement by the IDU). Thank God that the current wave of the

individuals committing to the youth and sports programme is yielding fruit and boosting the Town's Sports ecosystem.

One group that has defied all odds, and projected Igbo-ukwu sporting network is the Igbo-ukwu Football Association (IFA), a body that was founded in 1959 by sports volunteers and Teachers.

A deep dive into the sports profile of IFA, shows the wonderful exploits the Association has made. They include:

1. Total reorganization of Igbo-ukwu League system from the days of Late Chief F.O. Onyekwelu cup to the present Eze-ezinwanne Ezeohamadike cup. By December 2025, IFA will be completing the 62nd edition of the Premier League with Transition of 9 major cup tenures : Chief F.O. Onyekwelu cup (1959 – 1995), Niger Optical Services Co. Nig. Ltd. (NOSCO Cup: 1996 – 2002), Chief Christopher Okonkwo (Ezeakudo Cup : 2003 – 2009), Nze Christian Okoli-Udeafor (Kotraco cup : 2010), Hon. Ikem Uzoezie cup : (2011 – 2014), Amara Iheme Trophy (2015), Engr. Bart Nwibe (Ugo Igbo-Ukwu Cup (2016 – 2019), IFA Cup (2020) and Nze Chucks Okoye (Eze-Ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup (2021 – Date).

2. Introduction of an all-year-round competitions in Igbo-ukwu. These include IDU South Africa Branch Cup Primary schools and the Zaifa Cup by Nze Ukwuomakpoligbo Chukwudi Ezeife organized during the Easter Period. Eze-akaomajideaku Cup for Primary schools in August. The famous Igbo-ukwu Premier League for Eze-ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup held during the Christmas Period by Nze Chucks Okoye and the Super-4 cup by Okenwa Okamuta Greg Ezeilo during the New-year.

The 2024 Cup winner, IDU Lagos Branch Team will be expected to defend their trophy come December 2025 while Umudege Football Club will in 2026 defend their Zaifa Cup. Onitsha 2 is the winner of the Super-4 cup while Central School holds the title for the IDU South Africa Branch Cup for the Primary schools, 2025.

3. Apart from the above cups, there are Multi Sports Secondary School Sports competitions sponsored by Engr. Ikenna Okonkwo (ACOMEF) and other Igbo-ukwu personalities. The ACOMF event flows beyond Igbo-ukwu and is a multi-community sports fiesta covering Athletics, Football, Volleyball and other sports. There are also other events in other sports.

4. Introduction of Women football and inauguration of a Committee to handle women football. Igbo-ukwu has never produced a National Women's team that represented the town. Today, the Igbo-ukwu Bronze Queens have not only taken part in several championships but have participated in the Anambra State Women's Football Championship with outstanding records. The Team is currently handled by an IFA Local Organizing Committee (LOC) that also has female members, as a way of encouraging gender inclusivity.

5. Mobilization of support for the Teams that fly the Town's flag at the Local Government and State Competitions. Through the effort of the IFA leadership, funds have been mobilized for the Men's, Women's and Primary school teams that represented the Town at the Local Government and state levels. Today, we celebrate the victorious outing of the Town School in both football and other sports. Igbo-ukwu Men's Team came second in the Governor's Cup some years ago. The space will not be enough to mention names of all those that have supported the development of sports in the community in various ways.

6. Sensitization of the Branch and Village Sport Committees. Through the progress made in the sports circle, many Branches and Village Unions Sports committees are springing up with well-defined responsibilities. Some have gone extra mile to also organize events to prepare them for the future community competitions.

Igbo-ukwu Development Union (IDU) as a big stake holder in national



development need to do more than just showing presence and supporting the activities. Through quality policies and initiatives, the Eagle can soar higher. To achieve more, the IDU can assist in doing the following:

1. Taking sports as a key component of development and investing in it

All over the world, Sport is taking as a key component of human development. The World body (United Nations) through the support to FIFA and International Olympic Committee (IOC) make the World cup and Olympics a global event. The Africa Union (AU) also supports the African Games.

This therefore raises the need for a deliberate attempt by IDU to always support sports development in Igbo-ukwu. Through sports, the energy of the youth in every society is harnessed and utilized positively.

2. Full Participation of the IDU Branches in the community events

Every affiliate Branch of IDU must be seen to be part of the activities of the Town union. Many Branches registered with IDU that have the capacity and number most often do not have clear cut obligation of their roles and responsibilities. Many have never gotten involved in the activities of the community and neither do they deeply connect to the community's events. Affiliation to IDU is beyond showing presence at meetings.

What is witnessed by IFA for over two decades now is the springing up of individually sponsored and Community football teams. This is a welcome development and the saving grace. If IFA had not thought outside the box and allowed individual clubs to register and compete, the almighty Annual Igbo-ukwu football championships, which started with the Branch participation, and comes up every yuletide, would have collapsed.

3. Streamlining our cultural activities and controlling the excesses of some individuals and groups

In the past, IDU used to moderate how people organize their personal functions during the Christmas and other festive periods. IDU used to

have Calendar designed to help our people recreate especially during Christmas. Now that we have gone past the days of IDUSHIP and IDU leadership tussle that posed as challenges, the Administrative organ (IDU) and the Traditional Institution (IDU Cabinet) need to take back the authority and 'panel bit' all the cultural activities back to shape. Thank God the State Government has taken the lead, and every community need to sustain that effort. Culture is sweet when it is also controlled and not left in the hands of those that will abuse it.

Thank God the Igbo-ukwu Cultural Day is been reorganized. More need to be done to make it super attractive in line with the international best practices. The cultural day is a goldmine that can be harnessed to attract both young and old from within and across the globe.

The missing gap is that there is minimal control and order, which is also caused by infiltration of outsiders and our people that cross the red lines. Worst of all are the individuals that indiscriminately fix their Ofala during the Christmas period. Restoration of law and order also covers indiscriminate movements of Masquerades in the villages and on the Highways. These do not give good image to the ancient community of Igbo-ukwu. There is urgent need also to dialogue with the Masquerade groups and their leaders on how to restore the dignity and sanctity of our culture.

4. Supporting and attracting more events in the community to boost our Tourism

Igbo-ukwu Football Association (IFA) has been approached by the organizers of the Anambra State Women's Football competition for the community to host the next edition of the Tournament. Whereas discussion is still on the table, it would be great that IDU throws its weight behind this development once it materializes as this would provide a very big opportunity for the Town, Corporate Bodies and Individuals to key into the Sports Tourism industry which is aimed at promoting and projecting the good image of Igbo-ukwu community beyond the Bronze city.

Emeka Igwilio

President, Igbo-ukwu Football Association (IFA)

## ANNUAL SOCCER COMPETITIONS AS IDU SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES ITS SPONSORSHIP OF IGBO-UKWU PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION. Below are the faces at this year's Easter Edition (April 2025) at the Holy Trinity School Field, Igbo-Ukwu.





# SPOTLIGHT ON ANAMBRA SPORTS

## SOLUTION INITIATIVE (ANSSI)



Igbo-ukwu Town School represented Anambra South Senatorial Zone which was a successful outing with their runner-up second position achievement in boys football category of the tournaments, it was a great achievement for Igbo-ukwu Town School and the entire Igbo-ukwu Town.

In another great achievement Igbo-ukwu Town School represented Anambra South Senatorial Zone at Awka on the 2025 UNDER 12 BOYS & GIRLS 2021 SUBEB/UBEC INTERVENTION SPORTS COMPETITION where the Igbo-ukwu Town School won the cup on boys football category of the competition to represent Anambra State at the federal level in Abuja, Igbo-ukwu Town School won total of 7 medals in various games of the competition.





## SPOTLIGHT ON EZE-EZINWANNE OHAMADIKE CUP 2024:



The Igbo-Ukwu December football league 2024 which was hosted by Nze Chucks Okoye (Eze-ezinwanne) tagged Eze-ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup to uplift brotherly love and community development was a huge success which IDU Lagos branch was the winner of the tournament through their defeat to Onitsha in the final and became currently the defending champions of the Eze-ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup the tournament futures IDU branches team and some individuals club owners, Onitsha 11 were the runner-up second position while IDU Aba branch won the third place position

Edochie Nkannebe  
Secretary Igbo-ukwu Football Association.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ZAIFA EASTER SEASON SOCCER TOURNAMENT:

Zaifa Igbo-ukwu inter village football competition 2025 which was sponsored by Nze Chukwudi Ezeife was a thrilling tournament! Umudege village on back-to-back wins retrained the champions and Ezihu village on a great runner-up with the second position of the tournament while Ezigbo village secured the third place of the tournament

Edochie Nkannebe  
Secretary Igbo-ukwu Football Association.









# Zaifa Easter Seasons Soccer Tournament at the Holy Trinity Field Igbo-Ukwu

Date was April 20, 2025





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