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Career Milestones

With a distinguished career spanning over 3 and half decades in the field of foreign policy and diplomatic practice, Bankole Adeoye has served in various strategic national and continental capacities, including:

- Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the African Union (AU) & UNECA; and Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Republic of Djibouti (June 2017 - March 2020)
- 3-time Chairperson of the African Union Peace & Security Council (PSC): July 2017; April 2018 & April 2019 and Leader of PSC field missions to Lake Chad Basin (2017) & South Sudan (2018)
- Co-Convener, Group of Friends on Children Affected by Armed Conflict (CAAC), in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2017-2020) and Member, Steering Group of the Group of Friends on AU/UN Partnership based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2018-2020)

- Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and Director, Corporate Services Directorate NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, South Africa - now African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) (2010-2015)
- Co-Chair, AU Working Group on drafting the Common African Position on Asset Recovery (CAPAR) as support mechanism on the role of H.E. President Muhammadu Buhari as the AU Champion-Leader of the 2018 continental theme: “Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation” (2018-2020)
- Member representing Nigeria at Ambassadorial level on the AU High Level Ad hoc Committee of Five (C-5) on support for peace & security in South Sudan (2017-2020)
- Chairperson, Ad hoc Working Group, AU Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on Working Methods (2017-2018) and 2nd Vice Chairperson, PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD
- Director, Second United Nations Division (SUND) of the International Organizations Department, Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) covering the UN Economic, Financial, Social, Humanitarian, Human Rights and Cultural matters in the 2nd & 3rd Committees (2015-2017)
- A British Council/Commonwealth Chevening Scholar at the University of Oxford, England - Foreign Service Programme (1990-1991)

Core Areas of Strength & Performance

- African Peace & Security Architecture (APSA) and African Governance Architecture (AGA) Implementation
- Deep knowledge of the inner workings of the African Union, its Organs and bodies including the AU-PSC & processes
- Nexus between Peace, Security & Sustainable Development
- Proficiency in Continental and Multilateral Partnerships

- Institutional Development & Team/Collaborative Leadership
- Rights-based Development Approach/Public Policy Analysis

Higher Educational Qualifications

- **Bachelor of Arts** (B.A Combined Honours) - Political Science & History (Second Class Upper), University of Ife, Ile-Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria (1982)
- **Master of Science** (M.Sc) Political Science, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria (1987)
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Diplomatic Studies** (Distinction) University of Oxford, England under British Council/Commonwealth Chevening Scholarship Award, Foreign Service Programme (FSP) (1991)

Overview of Career Experience

1. Ambassador of Nigeria to Ethiopia and Djibouti; and Permanent Representative to the African Union & UNECA (2017-2020)

Key Performance Areas / Results & Contributions:

Head of Mission in Africa's diplomatic hub; Head of delegation to PSC; PRC; Lead participation in AU processes - Assembly/Summits, Executive Council, Specialized Technical Committees (STCs); UNECA; Bilateral Cooperation with Ethiopia & Djibouti; AU Agenda 2063 Implementation & interlinkages with UN Agenda 2030/SDGs; Strategic interface with AU Commission and ECOWAS Group of Ambassadors in Addis Ababa;

a) Adoption of H.E. President Buhari as the 2018 AU Anti-Corruption, Champion in January 2018

- *Common African Position on Asset Recovery adopted at 33rd AU Summit in February 2020 to stem illicit financial flows (IFF) from Africa, and promote asset recovery and return;*
- *Support for African Youth Congress against corruption held in Abuja in December 2018 and intensified campaign to sign/ratify AU Convention on Preventing & Combating Corruption;*

b) 3-time Chairperson of the AU Peace & Security Council (PSC) within 2 years: July 2017; April 2018 & April 2019

- *APSA, African Solutions to African Problems (ASAP); Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism especially in the Sahel, Lake Chad Basin, Horn of Africa; AU Regional Stabilization Strategy for Lake Chad Basin; Annual renewal of MNJTF mandate by PSC; African Standby Force (ASF); Conflict Prevention & Mediation*
- *Re-election of Nigeria to the AU-PSC in 2019 for 3-year term*
- *Sustaining Nigeria's active role in PSC being the only continuous PSC member in AU system, representing the ECOWAS region, since the Council's establishment in 2004; Environmental Sustainability & Peace*
- *Adoption of LCBC Inter-Water Basin Transfer initiative as an AU flagship program by 32nd AU Assembly (February 2019);*
- *Strengthening the partnership between AU-PSC and UN Security Council and EU Political and Security Council; Human Security;*
- *Promoting the operational take-off of the AU Humanitarian Agency*
- *Facilitated Nigerian support for revitalizing the AU Peace Fund and election of Nigeria's Minister of Finance, Budget & National Planning as the Fund's Chair of Board of Trustees*
- *Re-energizing Nigeria's role on peace process in Sudan, following the military takeover of 11 April 2019; and South Sudan via the AU High Level Ad-Hoc Committee of Five (C5) on South Sudan,*
- *Concept of Regional Horizon Scanning in the PSC; Democracy and Elections; Common African Position on the financing of AU Peace Support Operations (PSOs) through UN assessed contributions*
- *Durable coalitions with AU Member States with the formation of Group of Friends on CAAC and AU/UN Partnerships*

c) Nigeria's signing of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement in Niamey, Niger Republic, July 2019;

- *Support for NOTN as Chair of Negotiating Forum and Nigeria's position on AfCFTA from Kigali to Niamey AU Assembly extraordinary sessions*
- *Implementing the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM)*

d) AU Institutional Reforms & Strengthening Nigeria's interface with AU Organs/Entities towards the realization of AU Agenda 2063, Pan Africanism and African Renaissance

- *Driving Nigeria's commitment for AU institutional reform especially the 0.2% levy on eligible imports towards sustainable financing of the Union endorsed by the Federal Executive Council in 2019;*
- *Nigeria's membership of the Ministerial Committee of 15 on Finance (F15) to coordinate the budgetary scheme of the Union*
- *Stronger Nigerian engagement with ACHPR; AfCHPR; AUDA-NEPAD; APRM; AU-ABC; PAP; AU Peace Fund; ACERWC;*
- *Delivery on AU themes: 2017 (Youth demographic dividend); 2018 (Anti-Corruption); 2019 (Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement); and 2020 - Silencing the Guns;*
- *Smart partnerships with senior leadership of AU Commission /. official visits by AUC Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson to Abuja in October 2017 and October 2018 respectively towards achieving regional and continental integration; including Human Security;*
- *Support for Nigerian Candidatures in the AU and global systems*

e) Strengthening Bilateral cooperation with Ethiopia & Djibouti

- *2nd Nigeria-Ethiopia Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) convened in December 2017, Abuja, after 10 years of inaction*
- *State visit to Ethiopia undertaken by H.E. President Muhammadu Buhari to Ethiopia in February 2020*
- *Renewal of political, economic and cultural ties with Djibouti*

2. Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Director, Corporate Services and Coordinator (Partnerships & External Relations), NEPAD Agency, South Africa - now African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) (2007-2015) – Secondment

- *Coordination/Interface of NEPAD governance structures with AU Assembly, EC & PRC, i.e. Steering Committee; NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) & AU Summits (9th-25th Ordinary Sessions)*

- *Institutional growth, Coherence of management systems with AU practices; Design of NEPAD Policy Guide on Young Professionals Programme; Strategic planning for program budget, systems/policies;*
- *Management support to the NEPAD CEO in overseeing day-to-day operations; Strategic coordination of partnerships with UN, bilateral development and global bodies; Cross-cutting programs of Capacity Development, Gender & ICT;*
- *New NEPAD Organizational Structure; Operational modalities for Senior Management Team; Capacity Needs Assessment; Support to APRM's Organizational reform;*
- *Lead Coordinator for NEPAD-UNECA Study on Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) in Africa and Dakar Financing Summit (DFS) for Africa's Infrastructure, Dakar, Senegal 2014 under the auspices of NEPAD HSGOC Chairperson. H.E. President Macky Sall of Senegal*
- *Input to the "Guidelines on the Roles and Responsibilities of the NEPAD Coordinating Structures and Focal Points"; to strengthen the capacity of NEPAD Focal Points*
- *Support for the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) promoting Financing for Development, South-South Cooperation & Capacity Development (CD) in partnership with the NEPAD CD Programme, AUC and UNDP*
- *Lead drafter of the Rules of Procedure for NEPAD Governance Structures adopted by the 21st AU Assembly*
- *Member, Change Management Team & Oversight of institutional transition from the NEPAD Secretariat to NEPAD Agency*

3. Outline of Career at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria

a) Appointment as Foreign Service Officer

- *Appointed Third Secretary (GL.08), Foreign Affairs Officer Grade VIII in February 1984 and served in various capacities at headquarters and Nigerian Missions abroad as well as on secondment;*
- *Promotions earned from 1987 and rose to the position of Director (FAO-Special Grade) on January 2011 & subsequently nominated as Ambassador-designate in June 2016;*

b) Director, Second United Nations Division (SUND) in the International Organizations Department (IOD)

- *UN Economic, Financial, Social, Humanitarian, Human Rights and Cultural matters in the 2nd & 3^d Committees (2015-2017) including UN Human Rights Council;*
- *Co-Chair, Nigeria-Switzerland Human Rights Dialogue and Interface with UN Special Rapporteurs on Sale of children, Child pornography, & Contemporary Forms of Slavery,*
- *Implementation support for Nigeria's SDGs/UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development & Paris Agreement on Climate Change of 21st UNFCCC / Conference of Parties (COP21)*
- *Coordination of Nigerian participation at High Level Segment at the United Nations General Assembly (2015/2017);*
- *Member, Local Organizing Committee (LoC) & Co-Chair of Program, Drafting & Outcome Team for Nigeria's hosting of the 35th Annual General Meeting/Symposium of Shelter Afrique and Africa Regional Conference for the UN HABITAT III in Abuja, under Federal Ministry of Works & Housing*
- *Member, MFA Committee on Rationalization of Nigeria's Diplomatic Missions (2015/2016), setup by the Permanent Secretary;*
- *Member/Coordinator, Inter-Ministerial Working Committee on Status of Nigeria's Membership of International Organizations & Associated Financial Obligations (2016/2017) co-chaired by Permanent Secretary (MFA) & Permanent Secretary (Political & Economic), SGF's Office;*

c) Highlights of Diplomatic Career Postings

Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Nigeria, Brasilia DF, Brazil & Assistant Director at HQ (2003-2007)

- *Coordination of Nigeria's economic and cultural relations with Brazil and concurrently with Paraguay & Bolivia; Negotiations with Brazilian Government on Nigeria's debt restructuring; Closer cooperation with Brazil on alternative energy (ethanol) and Head of Chancery; State Visit of Nigerian President to Brazil in 2005:*

- *Member, Working Group on MFA Institutional Reforms setup by the Permanent Secretary and Implementation Task Force, in the Office of the Permanent Secretary*

Senior Counsellor, Africa & Americas Desk, International Economic Cooperation Department (Bilateral Economic Cooperation) (1998-2003)

- *Nigeria/South Africa Bi-National Commission (BNC) & BNC Special Implementation Committee (Office of Special Adviser on Economic Affairs to Vice President of Nigeria); Nigeria/USA Joint Economic Partnership Committee; Negotiation of legal & institutional instruments of cooperation e.g. Air Services Agreements/Open Skies*
- *Member, MFA's Organizing Committee, State Visit to Nigeria by US President Bill Clinton & US/Nigeria Business Forum*
- *Global entrepreneurship and Nigerian SMEs in partnership with NEPC; Development Assistance; Emerging Economies/African Partnerships*

First Secretary (Political & Economic), Embassy of Nigeria, Cairo, Egypt (1992-1998)

- *Promotion of Nigeria's relations with Egypt, Arab League and concurrent coverage of Lebanon in its immediate post-conflict period; Coverage of Middle East Peace & Security; and African & global engagements hosted in Egypt*

Second Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Department Trade & Investment Division, (1988-1990 / 1991-1992)

- *Southeast Asia's Newly Industrializing Countries (NICs) and Export Promotion as pioneer staff member of the newly established Division towards Nigeria's practice of Economic Diplomacy*

Third Secretary, (Western Europe) European Affairs Division, Regions Department (1984 -1986) & In-Service Training (1987-88/1990/90)

- *Policy analysis of European political & economic integration*
- *Participant at the Nigerian Foreign Service Academy, Lagos*

- *British Council/Commonwealth Chevening Scholar at the University of Oxford, UK (Major courses: Diplomatic Practice, International Law; International Trade & International Politics)*

Conferences' Participation / Engagement – Summary

Conversant with the inner workings of regional and international systems, particularly the UN & AU, Bankole Adeoye, has garnered vast experience through close interaction with global political policy inter-governmental processes at all levels. Here below is a summary of major partnership engagements that I officially participated in:

a) AU Level - Peace & Security, Conflict Prevention/Resolution & Post-Conflict Reconstruction & Development & Agenda 2063

- *AU Assembly (2007-2015 & 2017-2020); PRC-AUC Retreat on Partnership Evaluation; Specialized Technical Committee on Defence, Security & Safety (STC-DSS); Cairo African Committee of Experts on Rights & Welfare of the Child; PSC field missions to CAR, DRC, Darfur/Sudan, South Sudan, Lake Chad Basin (Northeast Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon) Lesotho, The Gambia, Horn of Africa,*
- *Annual AU-PSC/UN Security Council and PSC/EU Political & Security Committee Consultations; AU-EU Summits (Tripoli 2011 & Abidjan 2017); High Level Retreat on AU Peace Fund; PSC Retreat on APSA Implementation; Tana High Level Forum on Peace & Security;*
- *2018 AU Election Observer Mission to Zimbabwe; PSC Ministerial Meeting on National Reconciliation, Restoration of Peace, Security & Rebuilding Cohesion in Africa;*
- *Launch of the AU-NEPAD Continental Business Network (CBN) on Africa's Infrastructure Financing; Ministerial Meeting of the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative, Dakar; NEPAD- Spanish Fund for African Women Empowerment; Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) Summit, Durban; Nairobi AU PRC Executive Diplomatic Seminar & PRC Retreat with the African Commission on Human & Peoples Rights (ACHPR)*

- *10th NEPAD Anniversary Colloquium in Addis Ababa (2011); Accra & Busan High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (2008/2010); Global African Diaspora Summit, Johannesburg (2012); Africa Partnership Forum & Africa Global Partnerships Platform (AGPP) (2007-2014); G8-Africa Partnership Outreach; Dakar Financing Summit for Africa's Infrastructure; AU-NEPAD/Germany/GIZ Negotiations (2009-2013);*

b) UN / Global Level – Sustainable Development

- *UN General Assembly Sessions (2007-2019); UNFCCC Paris and Marrakesh (CoP21 & CoP22); UN Commission on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice (CCPCJ); UN Human Rights Council; UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND); Doha Follow-Up International Conference on Financing for Development; Paris Commitments & Principles on the Protection of Children in Armed Conflict (10th Anniversary – 2017);*
- *Yokohama Tokyo International Conference on African development (TICAD VII 2019) and 2018 Beijing Forum for China Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summits; UNECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Economy & Planning; UN Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM);*

Contributions/Reviews//Presentations - Institutional Documents

- a) Review of the AUC Comprehensive Study on the Implementation of the African Peace & Security Architecture from 2002 - 2018 conducted by the AU PSC in Cairo, October 2018
- b) Paper presented as Ambassador/PR on the Selection Criteria for ECOWAS Representation in the AU-PSC to the Annual Retreat Addis Ababa ECOWAS Group of Ambassadors in January 2020
- c) Special presentation on “*The history & transformational milestone of the NEPAD ideal*” at the AUDA-NEPAD Visioning High Panel Session in Johannesburg, February 2019
- d) Review of the Manual of AU-PSC Rules of Procedure compiled by the AUC Peace & Security Department and conducted by the PSC at its Retreat in Marrakesh, Morocco in June 2019

- e) *“Maximizing the ‘Beyond Aid’ Approach: Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Africa’s Transformation”* - Article by Bankole Adeoye, published in the ‘Great Insights’ of the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) - 2014
- f) *“Dakar Agenda for Action: Moving Forward the Financing for Africa’s Infrastructure”* - Lead coordinating author of main outcome document of the Dakar Financing Summit (DFS) for Africa’s Infrastructure (2014)
- g) *“Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Implementing NEPAD national and regional programmes and projects: Africa Looks Within”* – Special Policy Study published by NEPAD & UNECA (2013-2014)
- h) *“Delivering Results toward ending AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria in Africa: 2nd AU-NEPAD Accountability Report on Africa-G8 Partnership Commitments”* - Lead contributions as Coordinator for AUC-NEPAD-UNAIDS Editorial Group (2013)
- i) *“Africa’s Position and Consensus on Development Effectiveness”* - Contributions to the development of the Position in preparation for the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (2011-2012)
- j) *“Africa’s Decade of Change: Reflections on 10 Years of NEPAD”* - A publication of 10th NEPAD Anniversary as Coordinator and Lead Editor, Technical Team (2011)
- k) *“AU-NEPAD Accountability Report - Assessing Africa-G8 Partnership 2001-2010”*: Compilation of the Report under the leadership of the NEPAD CEO and AU Commissioner for Economic Affairs and formally presented by African Leaders to the G8-Africa Partnership Outreach Summit in Deauville, France
- l) *‘The Relevance of United Nations’ Specialized Agencies to Africa’s Development - A Case Study of World Bank Projects in Nigeria’* - Post-Graduate Thesis for M.Sc. at the University of Lagos (1987)

Professional Memberships & Associations / Awards

- Numerous Commendation Awards including ECOWAS Ambassadorial Award of Distinction (2019); Commendation Letter by AUC Chair etc.
- Founding Member, The Foreign Service Club of Nigeria (FSC)
- Member, Igbobi College Old Boys Association (ICOBA)

- Member, Group of Friends on Children Affected by Armed Conflict (CAAC), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Professional Courses & Training

- Certificate of Completion on Negotiations of Financial Transactions 2006 & Certificate of Completion on Capital Market Development and Regulation (2005) - Online courses by the United Nations Institute for Training & Research (UNITAR), *Geneva*
- Certificate in Intensive Public Management Training Programme (2002) - Course organized by Office of Head of Nigerian Civil Service
- Certificate on the German Political and Economic Principles (1990) - Emphasis on Cooperation between Germany & Developing Countries issued by the German Foundation for International Development
- Certificate of Nigerian Foreign Service Academy 1988 - Successful completion of academic and professional courses at the Nigerian Foreign Service Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Lagos, Nigeria*
- Certificate of completion of Nigerian National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), *Kaduna, Nigeria* (1983) - Marketing Assistant, TEXACO Oil Nigeria Limited, Kaduna, *Kaduna State, Nigeria*

General Skills

- Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, PowerPoint)
- Languages Spoken: English and Yoruba
- General Interest: Tennis, Reading, Golf and Squash.

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