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ENGR. DR. ERNEST NDUKWE, OFR

MR TELECOM



Ernest Ndukwe, OFR, is a prominent electrical engineer renowned for his transformative role in Nigeria's telecommunications sector. With a degree from Obafemi Awolowo University and advanced training in satellite communication, he served as Executive Vice Chairman and CEO of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) from 2000, leading the "Telecommunications Revolution" and establishing the NCC as a globally respected body.

Currently, he chairs MTN Nigeria and Openmedia Group, leads the Centre for Infrastructure Policy, Regulation and Advancement at Lagos Business School, and serves as a Non-Executive Director at Access Bank Plc. His career is distinguished by multiple honorary doctorates and fellowships.

FEMI PEDRO

Fintech Guru



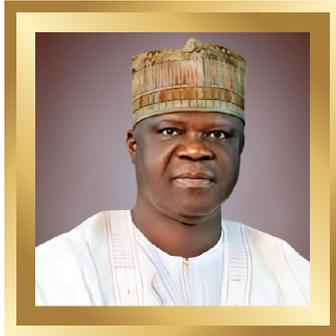
Femi Pedro is a key figure in Nigerian fintech, known for his groundbreaking contributions. After joining First City Monument Bank in 1988, he co-founded Guaranty Trust Bank in 1989, establishing it as a major financial institution in Africa. At First Atlantic Bank, he introduced Nigeria's first internet banking system and the mobile money platform "Flash Me Cash" in the late 1990s. His strategic partnership with Infosys and the launch of first@atlanticonline in 2000 further solidified his role as a fintech pioneer,

revolutionizing digital banking in Nigeria.

Pedro transitioned to politics as the Deputy Governor of Lagos State from 2002 to 2007 under Governor Bola Ahmed Tinubu. His tenure was marked by a significant increase in Lagos State's internally generated revenue and the implementation of the PSP waste management model. He also played a key role in establishing the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

COL. AIYEBENI PETERS

THE BOSS



Colonel Aiyegbeni Aaron Peters (rtd) is a distinguished Nigerian Army veteran who was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1973 and served as Director of Telecommunications before retiring as Colonel.

Colonel Peters, also called *THE BOSS* has a history of consistency, innovation, passion and dedication in the Nigerian ICT Industry. He has contributed immensely to the improvement of customer service across the West African coast

through the introduction of SMAT Numbers by Alpha Technologies.

Alpha Technologies is undoubtedly a customer-centric, value adding pioneer in Nigeria's Special Numbering space. Indeed, from its humble beginning in 1990, Alpha Technologies is today a leading Tech brand connected to ALL the major telecommunications services providers in the country.

The company's services have made telephony a lot easier and much more convenient by enhancing the efficiency of the primary network operators.

Beyond telecommunications, Alpha Technologies' influence extends to the branding, visibility and advertising space.

Col Aiyegbeni Peters is also the Chairman of Hydropolis Investments Limited, OIDE Limited, and the OIDE Foundation, and serves on the boards of Mainstream Energy Solutions Limited and Mainstream Foundation, as well as the Statutory Audit Committee of MTN Nigeria Communications Plc.

Colonel Peters is also an avid swimmer, golfer, and musician, reflecting a balanced and an accomplished life

CHRIS UWAJE

THE ORACLE



Chris Uwaje (FNCS, FSP) is a visionary leader who has been instrumental in shaping Nigeria's IT landscape. He is renowned for crafting the nation's first National Information Technology Policy (2000-2002), which set the groundwork for the creation of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA).

A key member of the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) and co-founder of the Institute of Software Practitioners of Nigeria (ISPON), Uwaje's career spans over four decades, during which he has made significant contributions in IT strategy, policy consulting, and software engineering. He is the founder and Chief Software Architect of Mobile Software Solutions and Connect Technologies Limited and was instrumental in creating Nigeria's first Science & Information Technology Park and Akwa Ibom State's IT Policy (2003-2005).

AUSTIN KWESI OKERE



Austin Kwesi Okere is a serial entrepreneur and thought leader. He serves as an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Columbia Business School, New York, and has facilitated programs at the United States International University in Kenya and consulted for the Sustainable Development Goals Africa Centre in Rwanda.

Austin has been appointed to the Business Practices Council of AACSB International and the Advisory Board of the Global Business School Network in recognition of his contributions to business education and knowledge transfer in Africa. His company, CWG Plc, which he founded, has been recognized as a 'Global Growth Company' by the World Economic Forum and is the largest security listed in the Technology Sector of the NGX.

Currently, Austin runs the Ausso Leadership Academy, an institution dedicated to mentoring business leaders and entrepreneurs to expand their businesses and enhance job creation, thereby fostering shared prosperity.

TIM AKANO



For leadership role in introducing the fint institution to introduce International biometric certification programme in Nigeria which was timely in the light of the adoption of biometric technologies by the Central Banks of Nigeria (CBN).

He is actively involved in in establishing IT centres in secondary schools and tertiary institutions across Nigeria for the further the IT training and positioning the Nigeria youth for the digital future. Tim is passionate about traching, instruction and

impacting knowledge about IT.

What more, He is a tireless advocate of IT in education, a strong campaigner for revision of the curriculum to reflect the importance of IT and a campaimer for making Nigeria a technology driven smart nation.