

## **BIODATA ON OJO MADUEKWE, CFR**

<b>NAME IN FULL:</b>	<b>OJO MADUEKWE</b>
<b>DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1945, OHAFIA, OHAFIA LGA
<b>STATE OF ORIGIN</b>	ABIA
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>	MARRIED
<b>EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS</b>	LL.B HONOURS (UNN) – 1972 BARISTER AT LAW, NIGERIAN LAW <b>SCHOOL, 1973</b>
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<b>RECORD OF PREVIOUS HONOURS/AWARD</b>	CFR (COMMANDER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC)

### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

NATIONAL SECRETARY, PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY, PDP (2005)

### **FORMER POSITIONS**

- Federal Minister of Transport (2000-2003)
- Federal Minister of Culture & Tourism (1990-2000)
- Legal and Constitutional Adviser to President (2003-2005)
- Member, National Assembly (Second Republic) (1983 - )
- Member, Constitutional Assembly (1988-1980)
- Member, National Constitutional Conference (1994-1995)
- Adviser to Social Democratic Party (SDP) Chairman (1990-1992)
- Adviser to Minister of Foreign Affairs (1993-1995)
- Member, National Boundaries Adjustment Commission (1997 -1998)
- Elected Senator (1998 )

## PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Nigeria Bar Association
- Associate Member, American Bar Association
- Member, International Bar Association
- Rulling Elder, Presbyterian Church of Nigeria
- Paul Harns Fellow (ROTARY CLUB)
- Senior Partner, Madekwe & Co (Barrister & Solicitor since June 1973)

## AT COMMUNITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Raised **N70 million naira** for a Community Trust Fund in Ohafia which money has tremendously uplifted the development profile of the community through secondary school rehabilitation, civic centre construction, and skill acquisition centre development, in addition to scores of jobs creation and employment.

## AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL

- **44<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary Guest Speaker**
- Was the first Cabinet Minister to design and create an **Anti-Corruption Unit** as Transport Minister 2000-2003, 3 units which became the model for other Ministries and Government Agencies.
- As transport Minister, began and concluded the **First Railway Master plan for Nigeria** to span over a period of 25 years.
- Directed, the **First Master plan for Integrated Transportation Infrastructure for Nigeria** (MFII) spanning over a period of 25 years.
- **Took Nigeria back to International Maritime Organization (IMO) Governing Council**
- Beat all wide to ensure Nigeria made the IMO WHITE LIST without which the entire Maritime Sector would have grounded.

- **Cleaned out the ports of “Wharf rats” and sanitized the Ports Sector** (usually a violent sector) so well that industrial unrest there has become a thing of the past
- Produced in 2000 a new Transport policy for Nigeria
- Initiated and got Federal Government to establish **six Inland Container Depots (ICDS)**
- Partnered with National Assembly to get the historic **Cabotage Act** passed which was aimed at encouraging indigenous participation in global shipping businesses.
- Partnered with Bureau for Privatization to jumpstart **the privatization of the Transport Sector**, especially Port concessioning and modernization of port services to conform with International standards.
- Revitalization of equipment and facilities which greatly decongested the ports to meet the **48 hours cargo clearance**.
- **Improvement of pilotage services** through the rehabilitation of Nigerian Port Authority, non-functional craft vessels, pilot cutlers, and tugboats.
- **Dredging and clearance activities in ports, channels, and approaches to the ports and harbours** including waterways, in order to make them navigable year round.
- **Rehabilitation and construction of jetties.**
- Initiating and hosting **the first African Ministerial Forum on Integrated Transportation (AMFIT)**, this resolved to institutionalize the forum as the Transport arms of NEPAD (New Partnership for African Development).
- **New Railway Lines**
- **Restructuring of Nigerian Railway Corporation**
- **Final Resolution of Nigerian railway Pension Scheme Problem**

- Introduction of Rail Mass Transit (Kano-Nguru-Kano route) and Lagos-Alagbado-Lagos route) on an hourly basis
- Aggressive capacity building in the Transport Sector through agencies as Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria, and the Maritime Academy of Nigeria (MAN) Orun.

**STILL AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL – A CAREER AS CULTURE AND TOURISM MINISTER 1999-2000, RECORDED SOME OF THE FOLLOWINGS**

- **The 1999 Second protocol** on the Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflicts.
- The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) **Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage.**
- **The UNESCO Convention on Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage**
- This Act underpins the brave intents of the Obasanjo Administration to preserve, promote, celebrate and improve the nation's cultural and artistic values.
- **The Government during Ojo Maduekwe's duty post as Culture Minister expedited action towards repatriating works of arts originating from Nigeria from overseas with a view to reconstructing the country's lost cultural values.**
- The establishment of the **National Council on Culture and Tourism**, which was inaugurated in May, 2000.
- The Ministry in through its parastatals participated in several exhibitions locally and internationally, providing opportunity to showcase our rich cultural heritage.
- The Ministry in conjunction with the Embassy of Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, held a comprehensive exhibition of books photographs, arts and crafts Abuja in September, 1999.

- Fashion exhibition of the Pan African Historical Theatre festival (PANAFEST 1999). The Festival took place in Ghana from 30 July – 8 August 1999 and was led by the Honourable Minister of Culture and Tourism, chief Ojo Maduekwe who presented a seminal paper titled **“Moving Africa Beyond Song and Dance – from Entertainment to Empowerment”**.
- Nigeria participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference of UNESCO held between 26<sup>th</sup> October-7<sup>th</sup> November, 1999, at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.
- The Ministry was a member of the Planning Committee for Hanover Expo 2000 which took in Germany. Expo 2000 aimed at offering all nations the opportunity to show to the world how they have grappled with challenges posed by problems of global system and scientific development. The ultimate goal for organizing the event was for all to achieve some level of sustainable development through Culture, Science and Technology;
- The Ministry under the Honourable Minister led a delegation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Marakesh, Morocco, where Sukur Landscape in Adamawa State was officially included in the World Heritage list;
- The Ministry also prepared inputs and participated in the National Summit on African at Washington DC from 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February, 2000;
- The Ministry organized an exhibition of drawing, printing, paintings, sculptures, textiles and crafts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nigeria-China Art and International Exhibition in Lagos from October 25 to 29, 1999. It was aimed at bringing the government, corporate bodies and individuals in Nigeria and China together to build friendship and cooperation in all fields of human endeavour;

- The Ministry, along with fifty-two other countries from all over the world, celebrated the Festival of the “Judges Theatre De Gaitage” in Tunis from November 17 to 21, 1999. Yemoja, “Nigeria’s representative at the Festival was highly praised by a large audience in Tunis.
- The Ministry prepared a 54 man contingent along with 31 other countries that participated in the African International Lightening Carnival held at the Archaeological Theatre in Sabratho (A world Heritage Site) in Libya. The Carnival took place from September 5, to 14, 1999 and was used to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Col. Muammar Gaddafi assumption of power;
- The Ministry stressfully co-hosted the Iranian Film Week from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2000. It also launched and inaugurated the Culture of Peace by the President.
- The Ministry in collaboration with UNESCO organized a Conference on Inter-Religion issues and ethnicity;
- The Ministry organized and celebrated the 1999 WORLD Tourism Day on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1999. The event sought to create necessary awareness of the role of tourism in the economics of member-states in terms of job creation, foreign exchange earning, rural-urban integration and promoting mutual understanding among the peoples of the world.
- The Ministry through its parastatals participated in major tourism fairs and exhibitions such as
  - (a) London-Travel Market, London, United Kingdom
  - (b) International tourism Base (TIB), Berlin Germany
  - (c) Borse International Tourism (BIT) Milan, Italy,
  - (d) The American Travel Market, Orlando, USA
  - (e) ECOWAS Travels/Tourism Fairs, and

- (f) Arab Travel Markets, Cairo, Egypt.
- Artifacts were exhibited for the World Youth Soccer Championship tagged "Nigeria '99" at Enugu, Ibadan, Lagos, Kaduna, Calabar, Port-Harcourt and Kano Museums;
  - The Ministry through the National Troupe attended the World Song Festivals in China. Nigeria was first and only African country to be invited for the World Festival of Songs and was awarded the Vase of Honour and Merit in 1999.
  - The Ministry in collaboration with its parastatals and international agencies worked on in the enforcement of copyright Laws to protect and guarantee creation and production of these works of art from being exploited.
  - The Ministry also participated in the Summit in Malta and London, and the Black Heritage Festival in Badagry which was co-hosted with Lagos state Government and 26 Afro-American and Caribbean Majors were in attendance.
  - The Ministry in collaboration with its parastatals participated in the Osun Ogbogbo Festival;
  - The Ministry signed protocol agreements and memoranda of understanding (Culture and Educational Cooperation) on behalf of Nigeria with the following friendly countries/international organizations:-
    - i) Germany in December, 1999
    - ii) Jamaica in 1999
    - iii) Venezuela in July, 1999
  - Rehabilitation of Tourism attractions. Complete fencing of Mary Slessor's tomb Site, Calabar, Cross River;

- Completion of the First phase Museum of United “in Enugu and Ibadan;
- Renovation works on the National War Museum, Umuahia, and the old Katsina Teacher’s College in the months of April and May 2000;
- The Zoological Garden in Jos where endangered species of birds and animals were kept was fenced;
- Commissioning of Aina Ultra Modern Studios, Lagos, on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1999. The studio provides works space for sculptors partners ceramists and textile designers
- The main Gallery of Modern Art, Lagos was re-organized in 1999. New paintings, sculptures, ceramics and graphic works were introduced. Many of the exhibitions housing the art works of the masters were completely re-arranged and beefed up with a number of newly acquired monumental works;
- The construction of the office Block of Gallery of Modern Art at Umuahia, commenced in 1999.
- The Ministry resuscitated the publication of Nigeria magazine, which went into oblivion for some years. A special edition and a tribute to late Dr. Garba Asiwaju, a former Director of Culture and Editor of the Magazine were launched in 2003.
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