

Curriculum Vitae of Ambassador Olugbenga Ayodeji Ashiru

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 27th August, 1948
Place of Birth: Ijebu-Ode
State of Origin: Ogun State
Nationality: Nigerian
Profession: Foreign Service Officer
Marital Status: Married
Spouse: Dr. (Mrs.) Omokehinde Adebola Ashiru (nee Dina)
Children: Four Boys

Previous Appointments

October 2005-September 2007: High Commissioner Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of South Africa, the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Kingdom of Swaziland.

March 2002-September 2005: Under Secretary (Regions and International Organisations) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maputo Street, Wuse, Abuja, Nigeria

March 1999-March 2002: Director of Regions Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria.

May 1991-March 1999: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

October 1988-March 1991: Deputy Director (European Affairs Department) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria.

December 1985-September 1988: Minister Plenipotentiary : Nigeria High Commission, London, United Kingdom.

August 1984 - November 1985: Charge d'affaires, a.i. of Nigeria to the Central African Republic, Bangui.

October 1982-August 1984	Minister Counsellor/ Acting Head of Department: (American Affairs Department) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja. Nigeria.
August 1979-September 1982:	Senior Counsellor/ Head of Chancery Embassy of Nigeria. Stockholm. Sweden.
August 1977-August 1979:	First Secretary. (Administration Department) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lagos, Nigeria.
June 1974-July 1977:	First Secretary Embassy of Nigeria. Tokyo, Japan, Nigeria
June 1972-May 1974:	Third/Second Secretary, (African Affairs Department) Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Lagos. Nigeria.

General National Assignments

As Pioneer Under Secretary (Regional and International Organisations), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador O. A. Ashiru had the privilege to handle the following national assignments:

- Handled the responsibilities of managing the Bilateral Relations between Nigeria and all the countries with which Nigeria maintains diplomatic relations in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Middle East and the Americas Regions of the world.
- In essence, he was managing relations with the whole world except Africa.
- Handled issues such as plea for Debt Relief/Cancellation from our Creditor Nations.
- Plea for Repatriation of stolen funds.
- Attracting Foreign Investments into Nigeria.
- Good political image for Nigeria abroad and sustaining cordial Diplomatic Relations between Nigeria and all countries in those Regions of the world.
- Managing relations with the United Nations Organisations as well as all the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations.
- Defending and articulating all issues of importance to Nigeria and the rest of Africa in the United Nations e.g. problems of under-development, poverty alleviation, fighting HIV and AIDs, Human Rights issues, Finance and Development, etc.
- Managing and arranging all Presidential or Heads of Government State and official visits (Incoming and Outgoing).