



## **Chairman**

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### **MR. OLADAPO RAHAMAN OKUBADEJO: HON. COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE/CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER**

Mr. Okubadejo Oladapo Rahaman was born on February 29, 1968 in Ijebu Ode to late Alhaji Musliu Olatunji Okubadejo and late Alhaja Munirat Adewunmi Okubadejo. He attended Moslem Primary School Isoku Ijebu Ode and did his secondary education at Luba Comprehensive High School from 1980 – 1984 and Ijebu Muslim College from 1984 - 1985. He did his university education at the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) from 1985 – 1990 and obtained a Bachelor of Agriculture degree in 1990.

Mr. Okubadejo is currently the Hon. Commissioner for Finance and Chief Economic Adviser to the Executive Governor of Ogun State where he leads the Economic Management team in the formulation and implementation of key economic policies of the Administration. Prior to his appointment as the CEA on 17 July, 2019, He was the Executive Secretary of the Economic Transition Committee of the Governor Elect, Prince (Dr) Dapo Abiodun where he managed the Committee and led the development of the Economic Blueprint for the present administration.

He was formerly a Partner & Africa Head of Deal Advisory & Private Equity at KPMG. He is an expert on Corporate Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), Project Finance, Investments, Private Equity and business transformation. With about 28 years of professional experience, he has acted as Corporate Financial Adviser to many foreign and local investors in Nigeria and across Africa.

He started his professional career in Arthur Andersen in 1992 and spent over a decade where he rose to the position of Senior Manager and consulted for more than 40 companies in oil & gas, consumer goods and financial services on many projects in Assurance, Business Strategy & Planning, Financial Restructuring and Business Transformation.

In 2002, Mr. Okubadejo won the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) Scholarship in 2002, for a fully-funded MSc degree program in the UK. He resumed back at KPMG in 2003 to lead the newly established Financial Advisory service group, which has metamorphosed into Deal Advisory.

In 2006, Dapo was promoted to the KPMG partnership as an Equity Partner and rose to become the Head of Deal Advisory & Private Equity for West Africa and Africa in 2009 and 2012 respectively. He was elected to the KPMG Nigeria Policy Board in 2017.

Dapo is a recognized expert on Africa business and investments landscape and has been invited as a resource person, faculty, panelist and moderator at many international conferences, seminars and fora such as the World Economic Forum, Harvard Business School Africa forum, London Business School Africa, among others. He has written many articles on investment opportunities in Nigeria and Africa, Doing business in Africa and Private Equity in Nigeria and has delivered many lectures on corporate finance, business valuations, IPO and private equity.

Dapo and his team have won many international awards and recognition, the latest of which is the 2018 Global Financial Advisor award by the Private Equity Africa organization for the second consecutive year.

He holds a 2nd Class Upper Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from OAU, Nigeria in 1990 & as a UK FCO Chevening Scholar, holds a Master of Finance degree in International Finance with Distinction from the University of Glasgow, UK in 2003. He is a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) from the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts, USA. He qualified as an Associate Chartered Accountant (ACA) of the Institute of Chartered

Accountants of Nigeria in 1996 and became a Fellow (FCA) in 2006. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria. He is an alumni of the Global Executive Leadership program of INSEAD, France as well as alumni of Lagos Business School, Gordon Institute of Business Studies (GIBS) South Africa, London Business School UK and Harvard Business School USA, where he attended several leadership and management development courses.

His passion includes African contemporary arts, culture, music, horology, community development and technology. He is a member of the Lagos Metropolitan Club and the Musical Society of Nigeria (MUSON). He is married to Funke Okubadejo and blessed with two boys.