

PROFILE OF GBOLAHAN ADENIRAN



Prior to joining the team of His Excellency, Prince (Dr.) Dapo Abiodun, the Governor of Ogun State, Gbolahan Adeniran served as the Tracking Team Leader at the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, where he coordinated an international effort to locate and apprehend eight genocide fugitives.

In this capacity, he coordinated the activities of a European Fugitive Tracking Task Force set up to support the United Nations in its search for the fugitives. He also worked with countries in Eastern Africa to develop their fugitive tracking capabilities as a region through the Eastern African Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization.

Before this, he was the pioneer Rule of Law Advisor to His Excellency, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. In this role, he advised the Vice-President on anti-corruption, police reform and criminal justice sector reform projects with a view to strengthening the rule of law through enhanced accountability, transparency and fairness of the justice system.

In his capacity as the Rule of Law Advisor, Gbolahan Adeniran worked closely with the Nigerian Correctional Service (formerly known as the Nigerian Prisons Service), the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee, National Bureau of Statistics and development partners to develop a Case Management Module as part of a newly introduced Prison Information Management System (PIMS) to promote the use of a data-driven approach to the management of pre-trial detainees in Nigerian prisons.

Gbolahan Adeniran supported the establishment of and provided technical support to sexual and gender-based violence response teams in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Kaduna, Delta and Osun States among others.

In 2017, as a member of a Technical Committee set up by the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice for the development of a National Policy on Justice, Gbolahan Adeniran contributed to the development of a comprehensive policy document to guide the nation's justice sector from 2018 to 2022.

He served as the Secretary of the Special Investigation Panel on the Recovery of Public Property between August 2017 and October 2018 in the FCT and as a member of the Steering Committee on the Implementation of the Community Policing Programme between September 2017 and October 2018.

He previously served as the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Lagos State on Legal Matters where he helped to promote the Coroners' System Law and Administration of Criminal Justice Law in the State. He was instrumental in setting up the Lagos Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team

(DSVRT), Public Interest Law Partnership, Community Service Unit and specialist units (such as the Legal Advisory Unit and Witness Support Unit) in the Directorate of Public Prosecutions in the Ministry of Justice.

As the Senior Special Assistant on Legal Matters, Gbolahan Adeniran co-drafted the State's Practice Manual and Code of Conduct for Prosecutors and assisted in establishing a training centre for verbatim reporting. In cooperation with an institutional partner, he supervised the development and use of indicators to objectively measure the performance of the Directorate for Public Prosecutions in the discharge of its statutory functions. Gbolahan Adeniran was the Coordinator of the State's Criminal Justice Sector Reform Committee, which was set up to address weaknesses in the administration of criminal justice.

Before serving in Lagos State, he worked as an investigator and a trial lawyer for over eight years at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, The Netherlands, where he investigated some of the world's most dangerous international crimes suspects. He holds an LL.B. from the University of Lagos and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. He is accredited as a mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution and is on the roster for experts of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy and Wayamo Foundation, both based in Germany. He co-edited the book, *International Criminal Investigations: Law and Practice*, and has published several international articles and book chapters.