

## RESUME

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### Summary

Highly accomplished Agricultural Economist and Policy Expert with over 40 years of experience in teaching, research, and development services. Proven track record of influencing agricultural policies and promoting food security, agriculture and rural development in Nigeria and Africa. Skilled in quantitative and qualitative economic analysis, policy advocacy, and leadership.

### Education

- PhD (Agricultural Economics), University of Ibadan, 1988
- MSc (Agricultural Economics), University of Ibadan, 1983
- BSc (Agriculture), University of Ife, 1979

### Work Experience

#### 1. Academic Positions

- Professor, Agricultural Economics, University of Agriculture Makurdi (1988-2009)
- Visiting Professor, Kogi State University (2008-2011)
- Joint Visiting Scholar, Iowa State University, USA (1996)

#### 2. Research and Policy Experience

- Policy Advisor, USAID REFORM Project (2007/2008)
- Policy Economist, International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC) (2003-2006)
- Consultant, World Bank, FAO, and other organizations (1990-2023)
- Secretary, Nigerian National Merit Award (2014-2016)

## **Key Achievements**

- Initiator, Advocate and Promoter of Nigeria's Right to Food and Food Security Act (#34 2023)
- Developed National Fertilizer Policy for Nigeria (2006)
- Led policy research and advocacy for agricultural development and food security
- Established Farm and Infrastructure Foundation (FIF) for policy influencing and advocacy

## **Research Interests**

- Agricultural policy analysis and advocacy
- Food security and human rights
- Agricultural commodity value chains
- Rural infrastructure and development

## **Publications**

- Books: *Essays on the Agricultural Economy* (2018); *My Days in Court* (2018)
- Over 100 articles, book chapters, and technical reports.
- *Nigeria Agriculture Digest*

## **Skills**

- Agricultural policy analysis and advocacy
- Quantitative and qualitative economic analysis
- Leadership and team management
- Research and development
- Policy influencing and stakeholder engagement

## **Professional Memberships**

- Fellow, Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists (NAAE)
- Member, African Agricultural Economics Association (AAAE)
- Member, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE)
- Agricultural Society of Nigeria (ASN)

## **Contribution to Knowledge and Society**

- Sponsor of the “Deathly Embrace” theory of two sector (Agriculture-Industry) Economy.

- Founder/President – Farm and Infrastructure Foundation (FIF – [www.fifnig.org](http://www.fifnig.org)), an organization for policy influencing and promoting policy best practices in food security, agriculture and rural development.