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The Executive Governor of Kaduna State.  
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5. Prof. Williams Barnabas Quiris  
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Category: Academic Excellence
2. Prof. Kabiru Dandago Isa  
Professor of Accounting & Visiting Lecturer  
University of Putra, Malaysia  
Category: Academic Excellence
3. Lady Apostle Helen Ukpabio  
President/Founder, Liberty Foundation Gospel Ministries  
Category: Excellent Legacy in Christian Leadership
4. Prof. Usman Ali Awheela,  
Professor of Forensic Accounting  
Registrar/CEO, Chartered Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, Nigeria.  
Category: Academic Excellence
6. Chief Bayo Ajijola,  
Chairman/CEO, Conference for Africa Studies (CFA)  
Abuja, Nigeria – Accra, Ghana.  
Category: Manpower Development in Africa
7. Dr. Mohammed Bello Ibrahim,  
Rector, Kaduna Polytechnic.  
Category: Innovation and Creative Drive
8. Engr. (Dr.) Michael Gbenga Alabi,  
Chairman, MICLAB Group of Companies.  
Category: Entrepreneurship Prowess
9. Alh. Aliko Dangote (GCON)  
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National President – Association of Local Governments (Nigeria)  
Category: National Peace and Development
12. Dr. Sola Omole,  
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Category: Unique Reporting

# ACHIEVING DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES IN AFRICA: adopting inclusive and Integrated Strategies

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## PROFILE/ CITATION OF SOME OF THE AWARDEES

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### PROFILE OF PROFESSOR USMAN ALI AWHEELA

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**P**rofessor Usman Ali Awheela was born on the 10th August 1957 and hails from Chori, Jaba Local Government of Kaduna State, Nigeria. He has many academic credentials to his credit which include West Africa School Certificate between 1972 to 1976 at Government Secondary School, Funtua, (now Government College, Funtua); Diploma in Accounting between 1985 to 1987 at Sussex College of Technology, Sussex, England; Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Management in the year 2000 at University of Calabar, Calabar, Nigeria; Masters Degree [MBA] in Accounting , 2002 at Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria; PhD in Accounting in 2006 at Irish University Business School, London .He had another PhD in Accounting in the year 2009 at Charisma University in Philippines. He later graduated with Ed. Doctor in Higher Education at Charisma University in Philippines. In the United States, he had his DBA in Entrepreneurship and Business Management at California Intercontinental University, Diamond Bar, California, in December 2011 and subsequently completed his M.Sc. in Criminal Justice at Southwest University, Kenner, Louisiana, U.S.A in June, 2012.

Professor Awheela is a Professor of Forensic Accounting at Irish University Business School, London. He is also a Professor of Education Management at Charisma University in Philippines. He is a renowned Educator, Entrepreneur and Business Manager with many accredited organizations in Nigeria which includes the Chartered Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, the Institute of Forensic Accountants ([www.ifa.org.ng](http://www.ifa.org.ng)), the Association of Cost and Management Accountants([www.acma.org.ng](http://www.acma.org.ng)), the Awheela Forensic Accounting Consultants, the Academy of Entrepreneurship, Business Management and the Awheela Schools Limited. He is a member of many professional bodies from many countries which include his Fellow Membership of the Association of International Accountants (FAIA), UK since 2003.

He is a Fellow member of Institute of Financial Accountants (FFA), UK since 2006 and a host of others. Professor Usman Ali Awheela is a busy academician as he also engaged in verification and assessment of candidates for Readership positions at University of Port-Harcourt, Nigeria and also an External Examiner/Assessor at Kaduna Polytechnic, Nigeria. He is an entrepreneur and a Business Administrator .Professor Awheela, besides being a specialist in Forensic Accounting. He is an independent Management Consultant, Independent Consultant on Entrepreneurship and Business Management. He specializes in Organizational development and Human Resource Management. He has devised specialist programmes of training and professional development in Accounting, entrepreneurship and Business Management which he runs for some local and foreign Institutions.

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## PROFILE OF LADY APOSTLE HELEN UKPABIO

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### FAMILY BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION

Helen Ukpabio, the Lady Apostle, was born into the family of Chief Esessien and Atim Akpabio from Mbente in Nkari Clan of Ini Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. Helen Ukpabio attended St. Georges Catholic School Falomo, from where she proceeded to Jinadu Anglican School, Obalende both in Lagos. She also attended Methodist Girls School, Utu Ikpe - Ikot Ekpene, and finally the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Anua Uyo, Akwa Ibom State and later she proceeded to the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Calabar. She answered her call to full time ministry as a well-trained and practicing nurse and midwife. She is married to Dr Elijah Ukpabio and they are blessed with three children and a grandson.

### HER MINISTRY

Liberty Gospel Church is a Pentecostal Ministry with its headquarters in Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria. Like a mustard seed planted in faith and watered by a clear vision of its Founder/President – Lady Apostle Helen Ukpabio, the church which began in 1992 as a house fellowship, at number 46 Murray Street, Calabar has grown into a giant tree with over 250 branch churches within and outside Nigeria. This mission work is complimented with expository books (she has written over 25 books), musical and evangelical home movies. These feats do not come easy without the Lord on her side. She has been a mother to many, a spiritual mentor as well as a positive role model. In the midst of stiff opposition and blackmail from foes, her ministry is waxing stronger as each victory strengthens her for more spiritual exploit.

### MISCONCEPTIONS

Severally, The Lady Apostle has been blackmailed and slandered. However, the most remarkable one happened recently when The Stepping Stones Foundation by Garry Foxcroft in partnership with CRARN, a Nigerian NGO claimed that Lady Apostle Helen Ukpabio accused children of witchcraft and further maimed and tortured these children. They also claimed that she collected money from people in an attempt to cast out witchcraft. They were able to raise huge sums of money from governments, companies and individuals to fight a non existing cause. After a thorough investigation by the Nigerian Security Agents and state government, it was discovered that the Akwa Ibom State Child-Witch Scandal was nothing but a scam. With the manifestations of her unique giftings, especially the “descendent of spirits”, The Lady Apostle has continued to preach the word of God with so much power and signs following as the Holy Spirit give utterance.

PROFILE OF PROF. DR.  
**KABIRU ISA DANDAGO**

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Kabiru Isa Dandago holds B. Sc, M. Sc (Accounting), MBA, PhD (Economics) degrees. A Chartered Accountant, Chartered Tax Practitioner and Management Consultant, he is currently a Visiting Professor of Accounting at the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). He served as the Chair, Bayero University Consultancy Services Unit (July 2008 to July 2012); as the Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences (June 2004-June 2008) and as the Head, Department of Accounting of the same University (April 2002-April 2006).

Professor Dandago joined the services of Bayero University in 1990 and rose to the rank of Professor of Accounting in 2007, at the age of 44 years. He also occupies the professorial chair on Taxation endowed by the Federal Inland Revenue Service, in 2012, at the Kogi State University, Anyigba, Kogi State, Nigeria. In the course of his 24-year academic life in the University system, he has authored, co-authored and edited 25 books in the areas of Accounting, Finance, Management and Economics. He has published 57 articles in national and international journals and books of readings. He has supervised 15 PhD holders as first or second supervisor and 20 M Sc. holders as first supervisor. He has conducted Viva Voce on 7 PhD Holders and 44 M Sc holders from different Universities in Nigeria; and he has served/ is serving as External Examiner to 10 Universities and 6 polytechnics across the country. He has participated in 14 accreditation exercises of Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics organized by NUC, NBTE or ICAN, as team leader or team member. He has been a Senate member of Bayero University from 2002 to date; and he sat on the Governing Council of the University, representing the Senate. He also served on 26 Committees of the University at different times, either as Chair or Member. Professionally, he sat on the Governing Councils of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers of Nigeria (CISN), and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN). He also served as a Member of some Council Committees of these professional bodies, as well as the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM).

Prof. Dandago is widely travelled and regularly attends conference both home and abroad. He is married and blessed with children.

## PROFILE OF ENGR. (DR) MICHAEL GBENGA ALABI

Engr. Michael Gbenga Alabi's humble beginning and subsequent lifting is a perfect example of the journey from grass to grace. He was born on 23 April, 1964 to the humble family of Mr. and Mrs. Idowu Alabi in Abeokuta, Ogun State. After struggling financially to complete his secondary education at Nawarudeen Secondary School, Abeokuta, he went into apprenticeship training in Civil/Structural Steel Engineering at Ranak Construction Company to maximize his potentials.

He started off in entrepreneurship with a welding shop. Though he had five apprentices, only one was able to endure the condition as at then. Through dint of hard work, efficient and dynamic leadership as well as the help of God, he rose up to become the MD/CEO of Miclab Structural Steel, Kaduna which has staff strength of one hundred and fifty workers.

The company is a dynamic civil/structural steel engineering firm that started operation in the 90's. Duly incorporated with the CAC as a limited liability company in the year 2000, the company has also been accredited by TOTAL and OANDO Plcs as one of their major manufacturers of trailer tankers for its appointed transporters/dealers. Also, the company is an accredited transporter with CONOIL Plc for haulage of petroleum products.

As a way of enlarging his tentacles, he has founded Samrada Petroleum Ltd, and Samrada transport Ltd all based in Kaduna and Lagos respectively as subsidiaries of Miclab Structural limited. Engr Alabi has received recognition for excellence from various institutions. He has been conferred with an honorary doctorate degree from the West African Christian University, Sango Ota, Ogun state. He is also widely travelled. He is married to Mrs. Comfort Kofoworola Alabi. A graduate of Kaduna Polytechnic, she serves as the Executive Director of Miclab Structural Steel as well as the MD of Samrada Petroleum Limited. The marriage is blessed with five children

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## PROFILE OF MOHAMMED BELLO IBRAHIM

Dr Mohammed Bello Ibrahim was born in Zaria on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 1961. His academic qualifications are: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) ABU Zaria 2001, Master of Science (M.Sc), University of Jos 1990 and Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) (Hons) ABU Zaria 1984.

Presently, he is the Rector of Kaduna State Polytechnic. His academic career began in 1986 and he has steadily risen through the ranks. Also, He was the Assistant Director of PTI Efurun, Delta State. He holds membership of over 10 professional bodies, some of which are: Nigerian Institute of Safety Professionals (NISP) – Member; American Society of Safety Engineers – Member; Institute of Industrialists and Corporate Administrators – Fellow.

He served in committees such as: Coordinator, National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) PTI upgrade in 2004-2012; Member, PETROSEARCH Journal Editorial Board, PTI in 2004 - 2012; Member, Departmental Committee on Change of Nomenclature in 2005 and Member, Governing Council of Global Maritime Academy, Warri, Delta State in 2013 to name a few.

He has published over 39 papers and 3 books. His present research interest is in: Application of biosurfactants for enhanced oil recovery using genetically enhanced microbes. He has received several awards and accolades in the course of his academic service and administration. He is widely travelled and is blessed with a beautiful family.