

THE PROFILE
OF
SIR PAUL CHUKWUKA CHUKWUMA (ONYECHINAZO)

Sir Paul Chukwuka Chukwuma is an International Information Technology Expert, an Entrepreneur and a Consultant. He has unique expertise and experience in scalable biometric and RFID solutions free of fraud and waste for public sectors that is tailor-made to meet the uniqueness of any government. He is also versatile in the design and development of ICT applications as well as the procurement of high definition solutions and services for public-sector security apparatus.

Presently, Sir Paul serves as the Consultant and Regional Representative of Secure ID, Miramar Florida, USA; where he is responsible for the implementation of Sekure ID's Biometric and RFID verification solutions, in some government agencies and parastatals in West African countries (since 2013). Likewise, since 2006, Sir Paul has served as the West African Channel Partner of HID Global (Makers of American Green Cards) Minneapolis, USA; where he is responsible for the provision of Identity Management Solutions/ Services to all government portfolios, in compliance with international best practice. In addition, he also served as the Nigerian Country Representative of IDS-NEXT in Bangalore, India; where he provided expert advisory services and guidance on the design and development of ICT application as well as the procurement of high definition solutions and services for hospitality Industry.

Aside these international expertise and responsibilities, Sir Paul was the Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ValuePlus Group Nigeria for over a decade. At ValuePlus, he designed and supervised a state of the art metro-fiber infrastructure with more than eight base stations to cover the entire business region. As an Entrepreneur, he has also established a few private companies involved in various public-private-partnerships (PPPs) and offering quality service delivery, both locally and internationally.

On qualification, Sir Paul has an extensive academic background. After completing his secondary school leaving certificate at the Holy Ghost Juniorate, Ihiala Anambra State in 1994, he proceeded to obtain his first degree in Philosophy from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where he graduated with a First Class Honours in 2001. He proceeded to attend the 'Owner's Manager Programme-OMP' at the Pan-African University, Lagos Business School and obtained a OMP certificate in Business management in the Pan-African University, Lagos Business School and obtained a OMP certificate in 2006. He is currently undergoing a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) programme at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka; together with an undergraduate degree programme in Law at Baze University, Abuja.

Aside his formal education, Sir Paul has during the last two decades, acquired skills and obtained certification through various trainings, both locally and internationally. His trainings and expertise spread across diverse areas like biometric analysis and certification, surveillance integration, V-Sat and terminal equipment installation and maintenance, security identity systems, artificial intelligence platform, open source software management, systems integration and implementation, to mention a few.

Indeed, Sir Paul offers a history of successful leadership, which is exhibited by his vast array of expertise and professional experience. He is a focused, goal-oriented and self-motivated person. His strategic thinking capacity makes him a person with an excellent problem solving mindset, who with proper application of diverse skills, genuine interest and team building; can achieve practical, sustainable and win-win solutions to every challenge. He has good writing skills and communication competences in public speaking and presentation. There is no doubt that Sir Paul is at home with his role as a leader and this is clearly evidenced in his ability to achieve excellence and sustainable results.

His leadership qualities are reflected in his extensive involvements, service and achievements in the political affairs of our great nation. Undeniably, a glance at the track record of his service and political involvement, display his ability to lead and effectively too. For instance, between January-February 2017, Sir Paul served as the Chairman of APC's Continuous Registration Exercise in Abia State. He simultaneously served as a member of the Youth Mobilization Directorate of the APC Presidential Campaign Council from January

to April 2015 and further served as the Zonal Youth Leader of APC South-East region from 2014. In 2014, he served in a triad set obligations: as Chairman of the APC National Assembly Primary Election Committee in Oyo State, as the Chairman of the APC National Delegate Election committee in Akwa Ibom State and as the Chairman of the APC State congress committee in Imo State.

In addition, in 2013, Sir Paul served as the Secretary of the Accreditation Committee of the ANPP 2013 Merger Convention in Gusau, Zamfara State and as a member of the ANPP Board of Trustees, from 2011 -2013. Furthermore in 2011, he was the ANPP's Federal House of Representatives Candidate for the Anambra East/West Federal Constituency. Sir Paul Chukwuma, in 2017, was one of the APC aspirants for the Governorship election in Anambra State.

Worthy of note, is how his vast leadership skills, expertise and experience; have over the years earned him several awards of recognition on diverse platforms. One of this is the Literati Philosophia Award of Excellence and Recognition, which he obtained in 2015 for his contributions to the development of social and political Philosophy in Nigeria. Another is the Nigerian Red Cross' Philanthropic Award of Excellence, which was conferred on him in 2011 for his numerous philanthropic contributions to the Red Cross projects and activities. The Faculty of Law of the Anambra State University also conferred on Sir Paul, an Award of Recognition for his contribution towards legal education in the institution in 2013.

Sir Paul has empowered his immediate political constituency in more than multiple ways. He built and equipped in 2010 a multi-million naira ICT center in his community for a pro-bono use and training of youths from Anambra North Senatorial Zone and beyond. More than 250 youths have been employed in Federal Civil Service courtesy of Sir Paul Chukwuma. Countless number of the youths in Anambra has gained admission into state and Federal Universities and Polytechnics courtesy of Sir Paul's higher institution Scholarship scheme. A good number of party men and women have been given federal political appointments courtesy of Sir Paul's political reach and philanthropic spirit. Apart

from those employed in Public and Civil Service, Sir Paul has employed over 500 Nigerians in his private business establishments both within Anambra and beyond.

As a grass root politician, Sir Paul believes in 'think home mentality'. He understands the fact that one of the problems facing South-East regional integration and economic development is lack of investment, within the zone, on the part of entrepreneurs and politicians from the zone. Developing other cities and states in total disregard of their states of origin and their zone has been a major issue for the Ibos in both politics and business. In response to this problem Sir Paul has invested heavily in his home state Anambra, where more than 250 Ndi Anambra has been employed under his various private establishments in Anambra State.

Sir Paul is also a member of and/or affiliated to quite a number of the professional and non-professional bodies. A few of these are his membership of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of APC, the Universal African Improvement Association Philadelphia, USA and the National Association of Philosophers. Others include his membership of the IBB Golf Course in Abuja, the Lion's Club International and Umueri Recreation Club. Sir Paul is also the President of the Abuja Chapter of the Universal African Improvement Association and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Victory International Institute of Theology in Abuja. Sir Paul got the title of 'Sir' by virtue of his membership of the Noble and Ancient Holy Roman Catholic Order of Knight of St John's International.

Sir Paul Chukwuka Chukwuma is without any doubt, a high energy, fiscally conscious and goals driven entrepreneur and philanthropist; with a heart, large enough to accommodate all. He approaches issue with a critical eye for details, an intrinsic flair for innovation, creative problem-solving techniques and measured risk taking in achieving long-lasting and sustainable results of set goals. A native of Nneyi Umueri in the Anambra East local government area of Anambra State, born as the second son and the fourth Child to the family of Mr. Titus and Mrs. Florence Chukwuma and married to Fidelia Ifeoma, a Masters degree holder from the prestigious University of Nigeria and a senior civil servant . Their 15 year old marriage is blessed with four lovely children. Sir Paul is indeed a high potential

personality. His hobbies include engaging in community service and growth, reading, travelling, networking and playing golf.