

PROFILE OF DR. KENNETH ONYEWUCHI OPARA, FCIB

Ken Opara is the General Manager & Head, Ikeja Mainland Regional Bank of Fidelity Bank Plc.

Ken's extensive experiences over the last 23 years in key positions include Branch Banking/Regional Management, Consumer Banking, Electronic Banking, Retail Banking and SME banking. He is a transformational leader known to have developed and nurtured new Business start ups from scratch to enviable heights. He has attended several local and international programs including: Havard Business School, Kellog, Wharton, Euro Money Programmes etc.

He has a B.Sc Finance, Second Class Upper, MBA and PhD in Credit Management. Ken is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria as well as Governing Council Member of the Institute. He is also an Associate member of the Institute of Certified Pension of Nigeria as well as Associate of the Chartered Institute of Credit Administration. He served as a member of the CBN Committee that developed the current N220 billion MSME Funds.

Services to CIBN

- Current 2nd Vice President 2018 – to date
- Chairman, Disciplinary Tribunal 2018 – to date
- National Treasurer 2016 - 2018
- Chairman, Finance & General Purposes Committee, F&GPC 2016 – 2018
- Chairman of Board, CIBN Press 2016 – 2018
- Governing council Member 2014 – 2016
- Vice Chairman/Ag. Chairman, Membership Development and Services Committee 2014 – 2016
- Appointed to represent CIBN at the Association of Professional Bodies of Nig. 2015 – 2016
- Got elected as the Chairman of Finance Sub-Committee of APBN 2015 – 2016
- Member, Audit Committee 2015.
- Member, Investigating Panel 2015.
- Member, Sub-Committee on Linkage Programme 2015.
- Vice Chairman, Annual Bankers Dinner 2014.
- Chairman, CIBN Fidelity Bank Chapter 2013 - 2016
- Member, CIBN Annual Consultative Committee 2012 & 2013
- Member, Consultative Committee Annual Banking & Finance Conference 2012 - 2013.
- Member, CIBN Lagos Branch Bankers Nite Organizing Committee 2012.
- Lecturer, Law, Ethics & Corporate Governance 1999 – 2011.

Contributions to CIBN

- Headed Membership Mobilization Development drive that grew membership by 50% in 2013
- Recommended and got Governing Council approval for introduction of Group Life Insurance Policy for members.

- Got Fidelity Bank Plc to approve automatic second level position for fresh ACIB holders, as Chairman of the Bank Chapter.
- Got all Senior Management staff of Fidelity Bank to be certified Honorary Senior Members.
- Got Fidelity Bank to be the bank with the highest number of staff that attended CIBN training programmes in 2014.

National Assignments

- Member, Central Bank of Nigeria Mobile Collateral Registry Committee (2014 – 2017).
- Member, Central Bank of Nigeria N220 billion MSME Development Fund Review Committee (2014).
- Member, Sub-Committee on Capacity Building for SMEs by National Council on MSME