

PROFILE OF MRS. ONITIRI, RAFIAT, ACIB

Rafiat Onitiri is the Managing Director/Chief Operating Officer of ATHROL EMPOWERMENT SOLUTIONS LIMITED. A Retail Microcredit Lending Outfit situated in the suburb of Lagos Mainland.

Prior to setting up the aforementioned, she retired from the defunct Skye Bank Plc now renamed Polaris Bank Nigeria Limited. She was saddled with the responsibility of supervising a head office commercial banking team focused on charting new course for the bank's new vision of developing a critical mass of small, medium scale enterprises in the Nigerian commercial banking space. Before taking up the latter assignment, she worked at various senior management positions spanning across Retail; Commercial; Private; Branch and Regional Banking. These endeavors are the culmination of her 22 years in the banking and financial services industry which have enabled her to develop core competences in leadership leading to various levels of success.

Rafiat is excited at the opportunity of giving back to her professional body through the prospect of serving at the council level and contributing to an Institution of unparalleled professionalism and high ethical standards in the Nation's Banking and Financial Industry. The skills and experience she has acquired both in her academic and professional endeavors, she believes will enable her add real value to the Institute.

Her academic pursuit includes the recently completed Master of Business Administration (Chartered Banker) from the University of Bangor, leading to her admission as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland and an Associate of The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria. Prior to this period, she had obtained a Master's degree in Marketing Management from the Lagos State University, she is also an Alumni of the Lagos Business School (LBS) a Pan Atlantic University - having completed an intensive Senior Management Programme.

Rafiat mentors as an Associate member for (WIMBIZ) (Women in Management and Business. Recently upgraded to the post of 1st Honorary Secretary of the Association of Professional Women Bankers. (APWB) And also a Council Member of the Business Club - Ikeja

Being a go-getter and an excellent relational capital driven individual whose strength lies greatly in achieving results, and in her quest for humanitarian service, she was nominated the Student Representative for the African Continent during her Chartered Banker MBA programme in Bangor - Wales and was commended for her excellent participation thereby branding her as CIBN Ambassador

Rafiat enjoys mentoring, adventuring, reading as well as traveling