

PROFILE



DR. OGBONNA, DON, FCIB **POSITION: NATIONAL TREASURER**

Dr. Ogbonna's unbridled quest for knowledge, credible and innovative leadership saw him bagging a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree in Development Finance from Edinburgh Napier University, UK while holding an MBA IN Financial Management and also being a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (FCIB). His doctoral research investigated the impact of bank funding on the growth of Nigeria's Manufacturing sector using the endogenous growth theory and underpinning it on critical realism philosophy. Don is a publisher with his work available on the Amazon.com platform and other academic journals. He has received significant finance and executive leadership trainings and exposures locally and internationally, from the prestigious Harvard University, USA Cranfield University UK and Lagos Business School in Nigeria amongst others. Don's cerebral gift earned him best graduating student award at high school, undergrad and distinction at masters degree and Practice of Banking diet of The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria examination. His doctoral thesis was recognized by Lap Lambert Academic Publishers of Germany and published in several world languages today.

His over 25years distinguished banking career cuts across Zenith Bank Plc, United Bank for Africa Plc and Guaranty Trust Bank Plc from where he took a bow at the Senior Management level as the Divisional Head of the Bank's geo-political South East and Delta State businesses by late 2014, to pursue his doctoral research at Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland, United Kingdom. He worked in all key area of banking covering business development in the Retail, Commercial and Public Sector markets; also involved in Product Marketing, Treasury management, Credit Risk Assessment & Management, Branch Operations Coordination and Corporate Banking & Finance. Don has strong skills and experience in developing leadership, economic and strategic blueprints for banks, large private sector organisations and public sector institutions. He excelled in his portfolios in Guaranty Trust Bank which earned him strong recognition and career progression.

Dr. Don is presently the Country Group CEO of Spur Panarottis Nigeria, an international restaurant and pizza franchise. He is the founding Chairman and leads a team of consultants at Ideal Dabsters Consultants which serves as management consultants to private and government institutions. Ideal Dabsters cliental base cuts across Federal and State government MDAs including FIRS, NSITF and strong national corporates, including GTBank.

Dr. Ogbonna, in recognition of his strong credentials and contributions to the Nigeria's financial services industry is currently serving as a governing council member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria. As a Council member, he serves in the Institute's two committees, the strategy and Advocacy Committee and the Adhoc Committee for Monitoring of the President/Chairman of Council's FUTURE Agenda. Don also was a member of the award winning Consultative Committee on the 16th Annual Banking and Finance Conference 2023 at Abuja. Don has continued to passionately make her contributions and bring value in the affairs of our dear Institute.

In public service, he belongs and has led some of the following professional and social organisations for good governance and social-political development. A few of these include Class President, Lagos Business School SMP 35, Member Governing Council, LBSAA, Member, Governing Council, Salem University, Lokoja and Grand Patron, Citizen for Good Governance, Imo State. He also hold the highest award as the Life Patron of the Imo State Towns Development Association (LSTDAL). Dr. Don was also one of the Lagos Business School volunteers to Federal Government's initiative on improvement of ease of doing business in Nigeria, NASBER. He is also a Rotary Club award winner for significant contribution to the banking industry and the Nigeria economy.