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SHORT PROFILE

Prof. Babajide Alo was educated at the University of Ibadan where he obtained the Upper Second Class in B.Sc Hons. Chemistry in 1974 and followed it up directly with a PhD in Chemistry in 1979. He spent an Intercalation Year on the PhD at the University of Bristol School of Chemistry. He undertook extensive postdoctoral work and served as Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada from 1983-1987. And has undergone training at the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank (now WBI), Washington on the Political Economy of the Environment from 1994-1995. Prof. Alo has taught and carried out extensive research in Analytical Heterocyclic Chemistry and the role of Organic Toxicants in the Environment.

He is a Fellow of the Chemical Society of Nigeria (FCSN)-1998, Fellow of the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria (FIPAN)-1999, and Fellow of the Nigerian Environmental Society, (FNES) - 2000. He is the former Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, University of Lagos, Nigeria 1999-2003, former Managing Director of UNILAG CONSULT and currently Head, Department of Chemistry, University of Lagos.

Professor Babajide Alo has served as:

- Past National President, **Nigerian Environmental Society (NES)**, 2001-2004
- **Chair, World Health Organisation - IFCS Forum V Adhoc WG on Heavy Metals**, Budapest, Hungary, and Facilitator of the Global Sept 06 Budapest Statement on Heavy Metals 2006
- **Designated Food And Drug Analyst of the Federal Ministry of Health**
- **Member, Governing Council, Inst. of Public Analysts of Nigeria appointed by Federal Ministry of Health, 2000-2002**
- Chair, FMEEnv-UNDP Task Team for the Development of Environmental Sustainability Indicators for Nigeria, 2004
- Member, Global Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) WG on Mercury, London, 2007-8
- Co-Chair, 102 Nations' United Nations Environment Programme OETLWG (informal session) on ICCM of SAICM, Rome, Italy, October 2008
- Co-Chair, UNEP/Swedish Informal Workshop on Chemicals in Articles and Products, Geneva, Switzerland, February, 2009
- Immediate Past Chairman, Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN), Lagos State Chapter
- Member, (nominated) Lagos State Government Advisory Committee on Environment, 1994
- Member, Lagos State Government Sub-Committee (Technical) on Environmental Matters, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning 1994
- Leader of the NES/NGO Coalition to World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 2003
- Lead presenter and Resource person for the NORDIC Council Committee on Global Mercury Side-event at BASEL Convention COP-8, Nov 2006
- Technical Advisor, Nigerian Delegation to 24th UNEP GC - Feb. 07
- Member, UNIDO/GCLME Delegation to 2nd Global Conference on the Large Marine Ecosystem Conference, Qingdao, China September, 2007

Prof. Alo has served the IPAN as former Vice-President of the Institute of Public (Official) Analysts of Nigeria (1989 - 1992); National Vice President, Nigerian Environmental Society (1992 to 1995) and later National President 2001 - 2004. He is a former Member of Council of the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria (parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Health); Leader of Delegation of Nigerian NGOs to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg (WSSD) 2002, Chair of the 16-country UNIDO African Regional Guinea Current LME TDA/SAP Working Group; Member (Technical Advisor) of several Federal Government delegations to international Meetings on Environmental Treaties and Conventions.

Prof. Alo is a recipient of several academic awards and has served as member of the Regional Coordinating Board of UNEP's Cleaner Production Roundtable for Africa (CPRA) and UNESCO's International Steering Committee for Chemistry in Africa (AUPAC), and has served on the Nairobi-based International Advisory Board for I.D.R.C.'s African Technology Policy Studies Network. He is currently serving as an adhoc Consultant to the Federal Ministry of Environment, Lagos State Ministry of Environment, and had served as Consultant to the EDI of the World Bank, and a member of Nigeria's National Committees on the Implementation of EIA in Nigeria; Implementation of the Biodiversity Convention; Chemical Tracking and Toxic Dump-Watch Programme (Basel Convention Matters), Stockholm POPs Convention, National GHS, National Mercury Project and several other Committees of the Federal Ministry of Environment.

Prof. Alo has served as the Consultant on the FEPA/World Bank Nigerian EMP Project and as a Consultant to the Environment Dept. of the World Bank Institute, UNDP Sustainable Development Programme, UNIDO (more recently on the UNIDO's Gulf of Guinea Large Marine Ecosystem Project), UNSO/UNDP-UN Sahelian Office. These are in addition to having been Project Leader on over twenty oil and gas industry UNILAGCONSULT environmental studies projects in Nigeria.

He has served as Managing Director of UNILAG CONSULT, Chairman of University of Lagos Endowment Committee, and Chairman of University of Lagos Central Research Committee and presently he is now Chairman of UNILAG CONSULT Management Board and Member, University of Lagos Governing Council.

He is also Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry at the University of Lagos and the Centre Director, Federal Ministry of Environment/University of Lagos Linkage Centre for Environmental Human Resources Development.