

CITATION OF BLESSING NGOZI OSAKWE-OGO (JP), MBA, M.Sc., MNIM, CMILT, MinstTA, CFA, FCDA, FCA

Mrs. Blessing Ngozi Osakwe-Ogo (Nee Ndokwu) was born into the family of Pa Oputa Ndokwu and Madam Cecilia Ndokwu (both late) of Umudei Royal village Oguta, Imo State.

Blessing Osakwe-Ogo has built an illustrious career defined by integrity, professionalism, and service with experience spanning public-sector finance, private-sector management, and logistics. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and a Chartered Forensic Accountant.

Educational Qualification:

Mrs. Osakwe-Ogo attended Oguta Girls Primary School, and St. Michael's Secondary School, Orsu-Obodo Oguta.

She worked as a clerk with Nigerian Ports Authority for a period of 1 year and six months before gaining admission into Rivers State University of Science and Technology in 1984, where she graduated as the best student in Bachelor of Science in Physics (Physical Electronics Option) in 1988.

After graduation, she Proceeded for her National Youth Service and did her primary assignment with Radio Niger, Mina and later with Mikes Electronics, Lagos.

Mrs. Blessing Osakwe-Ogo desiring to be independent began a business immediately after her NYSC. She was the Managing Director of Ngo-Charles Ventures Limited. In addition, while in business, she registered for ICAN examination. The only examination that not only humbled her, but also brought her closer to God. She chartered in 2005, was admitted as an Associate member in 2006 and she became a Fellow in 2017.

Furthermore, in 2005, she was admitted as a full member of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered).

Due to unfriendly business climate, Mrs. Osakwe-Ogo decided to go into paid employment. She joined Nigerian Shippers Council in 2003 where she works until date.

Reading being a hobby to her, she enrolled for her Master's Degree with Lagos State University where she obtained Master Degree in Business Administration (MBA Marketing) in 2009. She went further:

- In 2014, she became a Chartered Forensic Accountant (CFA).
- In 2020, she obtained Advanced Diploma in Logistics & Transport, (CILT), London.
- In 2021, Chartered Institute of Transport Administration, CIOTA
- In 2023, MSc in Project Management in Lagos State University.
- She is currently pursuing her doctorate Degree in Project Management at Lagos State University.

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE:

Since she qualified as a Chartered Accountant, Mrs. Osakwe-Ogo has proved to be a very active member in the activities of the Institute both at the ICAN, District and Society of Women Accountant (SWAN) levels.

She has served in various committees in ICAN such as:

- * Publication and Image Committee (PIC) - 2010 to 2013 & 2016-2017
- * ATSWA –Accounting Technicians Students of West Africa - 2017-2018
- * Student Affair Committee - 2018-2019
- * Annual Accountants Conference (AAC) - 2013 to 2016 & 2019-2024
- * The Institutes Professional Exams committee for years and is currently a Team Lead and Invigilator.

AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL:

Mrs. Blessing Osakwe-Ogo became a member of the ICAN Lagos Mainland & District Society (LMDS) in 2007 and served the District in different capacities:

- In 2010/2011, as EXCO Member
- In 2011/2012 as Assistant General Secretary,
- In 2012/2013 as Financial Secretary,
- In 2013/2014 as Financial Secretary
- In 2014/2015 as Treasurer
- In 2015/2016 as General Secretary
- In 2016/2017 as the Vice Chairman and

Eventually her services in the various years climaxed with her being elected as the 23rd Chairman for 2017/2018.

SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA (SWAN):

As a member of the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria since 2006, her services have been consistent and impactful. She has served in various capacities, including:

- Financial Secretary (2013 – 2017)
- Treasurer (2019 – 2021)
- Ex-Officio (2017 – 2019)
- National 2nd Vice Chairperson (2021 – 2023)
- National 1st Vice Chairperson (2023 – 2025)

And today, 10th September 2025, she is set to assume the role of the National Chairperson of SWAN for the next two years (2025 - 2027)

Committees and Initiatives:

Her leadership zeal has extended to numerous committees and initiatives. She co-chaired the 2009 programme on Preparing Women for Retirement and Networking for Professional Women with the late SWAN Chairperson, Mrs. Folake Onabolu. She has chaired committees such as the Sexual Harassment seminar (2017), Agriculture Seminar (2019), Accounting for Non-Accountants (2018), and the SWAN Presidential Luncheons of 2019 and 2020, SWAN Health Talk in 2023. She has also been an active member of committees focused on charity, community service, newsletters, entrepreneurship, open days, including SWAN at 40.

She brought innovation, excellence and accountability in all she did. No wonder, Dame Onome Adewuyi, past ICAN president, past SWAN Chairperson/Grand patron adjudged the presidential luncheon of 2020 anchored by Mrs. Osakwe-Ogo as the best so far in the history of SWAN.

Working Experience:

Blessing's professional career spans both the private and public sectors. From 1989 to 2003, she served as Managing Director of Ngo-Charles Ventures Limited in Lagos, a business outfit that was into Distributorship for Guinness, CFO and PZ, while having one of the largest super markets in Olodi Apapa as a base. In 2003, she joined the Nigerian Shippers' Council, where she steadily rose through the ranks. She worked as:

- * Senior Finance Officer in the Cargo Defence Service Unit from 2003 -2015,
- * Assistant Chief Finance Officer in the Public-Private Partnership Unit between 2015 and 2016,
- * Chief Internal Auditor 2017 - 2018,
- * Chief Finance Officer in the Pension Unit from 2018 – 2019,
- * Assistant Director in the Investment Unit (2020 – 2022),
- * In February 2024, she was promoted Deputy Director and presently, the Warri Port Officer.

Volunteering and Community Engagement:

Blessing's commitment to service extends beyond her profession. From 2010 to 2013, she was Chairman of the Parent-Teachers' Association of S-TEE Schools, Festac, Lagos. She has also served as Secretary of the Onitsha Women Progressive Association in Lagos and Financial Secretary of the Oguta Community in Amuwo Odofin, Lagos as well as the Auditor to her Estate from 2014 to 2023.

Blessing Ngozi Osakwe-Ogo is an embodiment of excellence, accountability, and service. Through her tireless dedication and steadfast commitment, she has made outstanding contributions to the accounting profession, governance, women's empowerment, and community development.

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES/AWARDS:

Mrs. Osakwe-Ogo's leadership qualities are very evident. Little wonder she was made the prefect of her school's junior extension in Form 2.

Others include:

- She became the Assistant Senior Prefect in senior Secondary
- She was elected as the PTA Chairperson of S-TEE primary schools in 2010. Due to her outstanding achievements and leadership qualities, when her son moved to the Secondary section, both PTAs were merged and Mrs. Osakwe-Ogo was unanimously re-elected as the PTA Chairperson of the entire school. A post she held until 2013 when her son moved to S-TEE Cambridge Schools from SS1.

Awards:

- Best female student from St. Michael's Secondary school, Orsu-Obodo, Oguta
- Best Graduating Student in Physics, Physical Electronics Option from Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, 1988
- An Award for outstanding performance as PTA Chairman from S-TEE Schools

- She is very reliable as exemplified from the Testimonial awarded to her by the Principal of St. Michael's Secondary School, Oguta.

Mrs. Osakwe-Ogo, was married to Late Engr. Charles Uchenna Osakwe-Ogo. The marriage is blessed with a son, Chukwuebuka James Osakwe-Ogo.

With honour and distinct pleasure, I present to you, the 12th National Chairperson of SWAN, ***Mrs. Blessing Ngozi-Osakwe Ogo, FCA***