



**THE SENATE**

Federal Republic of Nigeria

**COMMITTEE ON INEC**

**REPORT ON THE SCREENING OF  
NOMINEES**

**FOR**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT  
AS NATIONAL COMMISSIONERS IN  
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL  
ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC)**

# REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INEC ON THE SCREENING OF NOMINEES AS COMMISSIONERS FOR THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC).

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

The Senate in plenary on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, referred to the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission the request of Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the confirmation of nominations of the following persons as Commissioners for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):

1. Prof Okechukwu Obinna Ibeanu
2. May I. Agbamuche-Mbu
3. AVM Ahmed Tijani Mu'Azu
4. Mohammed Kudu Haruna
5. Dr Adekunle Ladipo Ogunmola
6. Abubakar Ahmed Nahuche

## 2.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE:

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Senator Abubakar Kyari	Chairman
2.	Senator Olusola Adeyeye	Vice Chairman
3.	Senator James Manager	Member
4.	Senator Hope Uzodinma	Member
5.	Senator Gilbert Nnaji	Member
6.	Senator Abdullahi Gumel	Member

7.	Senator Malam Ali Wakili, <i>mni</i>	Member
8.	Senator Shehu Sani	Member
9.	Senator Ovie Omo-Agege	Member
10.	Senator Mao Ohuabunwa	Member

### **3.0 METHODOLOGY:**

The Committee requested and received from the Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters the following documents of the nominees:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Clearance from Department of Security Service
3. Police Report
4. Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Slip
5. Other Relevant Certificates

### **4.0 SCREENING OF THE NOMINEES:**

The nominees appeared before the Committee on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 for the screening in the Hearing Room 204, Senate New Wing, National Assembly Complex.

### **4.1 FINDINGS:**

In line with the provisions of section 14 (1) and section 14 3(a) of the Third Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended), the Committee studied the Curriculum Vitae of the Nominees along side other relevant documents and subsequently invited them in

persons for the screening. The findings of the Committee on the nominees are as follows:

#### **4.1.1 PROF OKECHUKWU OBINNA IBEANU**

He was born on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1959 in Port Harcourt, Rivers State and hails from Nnewi North Local Government Area of Anambra State. He obtained his West African School Certificate from Dennis Memorial Grammar School, Onitsha in 1976, BSc Political Science from the University of Nigeria in 1982, M.Sc Political Science from the same University of Nigeria in 1986 and a Ph.D (Government) from the University of Nigeria.

He worked as a Graduate Assistant, Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer2, Lecturer 1, Senior Lecturer all in the Political Science Department of the University of Nigeria between 1983 to 2000. The Nominee became a professor of Political Science and member of Senate (University of Nigeria) in 2000, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences 2006 to 2008, subsequently as a Director Institute for Development Studies (Enugu Campus) between 2009 to 2010.

The nominee has worked in several capacities in different organisations amongst which are Chief Technical Adviser to Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), member, Governing Council, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos (NIIA), United Nations Special Rapporteur, Member Coordinating Committee of Special Procedures, United Nations, Visiting Lecturer Conflict, Security and Development group, King's College London, Principal Consultant/Resource Person Presidential Technical Committee Niger Delta, visiting Professor Kogi State University, adjunct Professor of Political Science, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, from 2008 to date.

The nominee's honours, awards and academic distinctions split through the academia both within and outside the country ranging from being best student, best lecturer, fellow of the United Nations University, fellow in refugees studies in Oxford University, International Visitor Grants Washington DC, amongst others from 1982 to date.

The nominee conducted major research and consultancies in Nigerian Election Working Group, ICT at the Independent National Electoral Commission, Research grant for the study on insurgent civil society, Globalization and Social Policy, Ethnicity and Democratization among others.

In the course of the Committee's interaction with the nominee, members were satisfied with his in-depth academic background, wealth of experience, clear knowledge on the job of INEC having been part of the team that conducted 2011 and 2015 General Elections. His administrative skills and sound knowledge of the short comings of INEC is also worthy of commending, as such, the committee finds him suitable for the job.

#### **4.1.2 May I. Agbamuche-Mbu**

She was born on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1961 in Kano and hails from Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State. She obtained her Primary School Leaving Certificate from Corona School, Ikoyi in Lagos 1973, West African Examination Council Certificate, in 1978 from St Louis Secondary School Bompai, Kano, LLB (Hons) University of Ife in 1984, call to Bar from Nigerian Law School, Lagos in 1985. She proceeded to College of Law as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1999, LLM University of London 2010, Postgraduate Certificate in Law Westfield College in London 2010. In

further pursuit of her career, she went to the University of London, Queen Mary and Westfield College where she had an LLM, Specialisation in commercial and corporate Law, Post graduate Certificate in law, Post Graduate Diploma in Law. In 2012, she registered for executive scholar program for Non-Executive Directors, FDHL.

During the nominee's working career, she served as Editor of ThisDay lawyer (Editorials) 2014 to 2016, member of Presidential Project Assessment Committee under President Goodluck Jonathan from 2010 to 2011.

In the course of the Committee's interaction with the nominee, members were convinced of her suitability for the job as a Commissioner for INEC.

#### **4.1.2 AIR VICE MARSHAL AHMED TIJANI MUAZU (RTD)**

He was born on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1957 in Gombe, Gombe State. He had his early education in Kaduna, Gombe and Maiduguri between 1964 and 1975. His career progression commenced in June 1976 where he joined the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) as a potential Pilot and Commissioned Pilot Officer Air Traffic Control (ATC) in January 1979. The nominee got a steady promotion to the highest professional rank of Air Vice Marshall (AVM) in 2007 where he voluntarily retired from service in 2013.

During his career, he attended some specialist training courses among which includes Ab-Initio Flying Training at NAF Kaduna between January to September 1977, basic ATC course at the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria between April 1978 to October 1979, and Advanced ATC (Approach Radar Control Cost) Sweden in 1981. As a fully qualified ATC Officer, he held both civil and Military licences with ratings in Aerodrome,

approach Control, and Approach Radar Control Positions. For twelve years of his career (between 1979 – 1991) the nominee was deployed to solely air traffic control duties at the Muritala Mohammed International Airport and the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport.

He undertook the basic military training at the Nigerian Defence Academy from June to December 1976, Junior Command and Staff courses at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji in 1988 where he graduated with a B grade and an Award. He also attended the senior command and staff course in Ghana Armed Forces Staff College Ghana, Teshie, Accra between 1991 to 1992. He finished well and earned a strong recommendation for appointment as Directing Staff from 2003 to 2004, he was a member of the then National War College course 12 (Now National Defence College, Abuja) He obtained M.Sc Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan, in 2005.

The nominee served in various commands and staff appointments within the Nigerian Air force and in Tri-Service establishments which include:

- Directing Staff (Department of air warfare), Jaji between 1996 – 1998
- Military Airport Commandant, Kano 1996 -1998
- Military Assistant to Chief of Defence Staff, 1998-1999
- Chief Instructor, Jaji, 200-2003
- Commander Nigerian Airforce Base, Markurdi, 2004-2006
- Commander, Nigerian Airforce Base ,Kaduna, 2006 -2007
- Director, Recruitment NAF HQ 2007
- Director, Production (Defence HQ) 2007-2008

- Air Officer Inspection (in charge of standard evaluation and safety)  
NAF HQ 2010-2012
- Commandant, AFCSC Jaji 2010 -2012

The nominee was awarded with the following honours:

- Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON)
- Distinguished Service Star (DSS)
- Passed Staff Course Dagger (psc(+))
- Fellow of the War College (fwc)

Having studied the nominee's curriculum vitae, in addition to exhaustive interaction and deliberations with him, members were satisfied with his academic, knowledge and military background, coupled with his wealth of administrative experience which gives him advantage for appointment as a Commissioner in INEC.

#### **4.4.4 MOHAMMED KUDU HARUNA**

He was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1951, at Ibadan Oyo State. He hails from Bida, Niger State. He attended Tudun Wada Junior Primary School, Kano from 1957 to 1960, Government College, Bida where he obtained WASC in 1969, B.Sc Govt. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1975, Diploma in Public Admin from Glasgow College of Technology, Glasgow United Kingdom in 1980, MSc Journalism, Columbia University, New York, USA in 1984, as well as Harvard Business School, Boston USA (Advanced Management Programme, 1995).



He served in many organisations and acquired vast experience in public service prominent amongst which include: The Chief Press Secretary to the former Head of State, General Abdusalami Abubakar, a Managing Director/Editor in Chief, Citizen Communications Limited, (1989-1994), Managing Director, New Nigerian Newspaper (NNN) Limited from 1985 to 1989, Acting Editor, New Nigerian 1980 – 1981, Syndicated political columnist Daily Trust, The Nation, gamji.com, News Dairy online.com as well as Senior Lecturer, Department of Mass communication, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, between 2008 to 2014.

The nominee has served as board member of African Petroleum, Board Member, News Agency of Nigeria, Board Member of National Oil. He also served as a member of the Federal Government Delegates to United Nations General Assembly, Member, Council of Nigeria Institute of Journalism from 1984 to 1999, Director, Peoples Bank of Nigeria, Member, Vision 2010 Committee, Member, Vision 2020 Committee. He has been a media consultant from May 1999 to date.

While in active service, the nominee received a number of honours among which are:

- Fellow Nigerian Guild of Editors
- Fellow Newspaper Proprietors of Nigeria
- Fellow African Centre for Democratic Governance

After perusing the nominee's curriculum vitae in addition to exhaustive interaction and deliberation, members were satisfied with his wealth of experience in journalism in addition to being a former lecturer, has the

suitability of fitting into the work of INEC bearing in mind that public relations matters in both voter education and candidates relationships.

#### **4.4.5 DR ADEKUNLE LADIPO OGUNMOLA**

He was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1952 in Oyo State. He obtained his Primary School Leaving Certificate from Olivet Baptist High School, Oyo, in December 1969, his WAEC from Government College Ibadan in 1971, his B.Sc Agriculture Hons in Animal Sciences with Second Class Upper Division in 1974, Ph.d in Animal Science (Environmental Physiology) 1981, M.ed Educational Management 1991 and a Diploma in Accounting and Management Information System in 1991.

The nominee served in the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Veterinary Services Division, Kofari, Yola from 1974 to 1975, Oyo State Central School Board between 1975 to 1976, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Fasola Stock Farm, Oyo from 1976 to 1977, Good will Grammar School 1980 to 1981, and Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo from 1982 to 2008. He conducted so many researches and made publications in areas of Physiological Responses, Influence of Temperature and Humidity; Feasibility Report on College Commercial Projects; Effect of Water Sprinkling; Leader Behaviour and Goal Achievement; Teacher Education in Agriculture; Principles of Rabbit Production; among others.

The nominee bagged the following special awards:

- Academic Excellence Award, awarded by National Association of Oyo Student in 1995
- Certificate of Merit in Academic Staff Unionism in 1996
- Justice of Peace (JP) in 2000
- NYSC Meritorious Award in 2002
- Best Provost Award in 2003
- Award of Exemplary Conduct by the Rotaract District 9130 in 2003
- Recognition Award by Oyo State government
- Commander of progress award, among others.

It is worthy to mention here that the nominee is a member of some Professional Associations /bodies:

- Member, Science Teachers Association of Nigeria (STAN)
- Member, and past President National Association of Agricultural Educators in Nigeria Colleges of Education (NAAENCE)
- Member, National Association of Technology Teachers (NATT)
- Member, National Society of Animal Production (NSAP)

The nominee was a former Deputy and Acting Dean of School of Agricultural Education from 1985 to 1990; HOD, Chairman, Member Advisory Study Group; Member of National Commission of Colleges of Education Accreditation Team; Provost and Former Resident Electoral Commissioner (INEC) from (July 2010 -2015) in Lagos and Osun States respectively.

A pain staking study of the nominee's curriculum vitae by the committee indicates that members were satisfied that the nominee's academic and social standing in addition to his experience of being a former Resident

Electoral Commissioner make him suitable for nomination as a Commissioner.

#### **4.4.6 ABUBAKAR AHMED NAHUCHE**

He was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1953 in Zamfara. He obtained his Primary School Certificate from Daura 2, Katsina State in 1966, West African School Certificate from Government Secondary School Katsina in 1971, A level Certificate in (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) in 1973 and, B. Eng (Electrical Engineering) in 1976, both from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and M.Sc (Electrical Engineering) from Rochester Institute of Technology, New York, in 1978.

The nominee attended some relevant courses amongst which are:

- Digital switching and transmission systems design in the United Kingdom in 1989
- ITU's sponsored fibre optic system planning in Malta
- Effective management of organisation
- Advanced public enterprises management course in ASCON

The nominee military courses include:

- Six direct short service course at Nigeria Defence Academy, Kaduna in 1979
- Jungle warfare and combat survival course from Nigerian School of Infantry, Jaji in 1980
- Junior staff college course at Command and Staff College, Jaji in 1981

He is a member of some professional organisations amongst which include:

- Nigerian Society of Engineers
- Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Association of Corporate Planners of Nigeria

He worked as Project Manager in Nigerian Army fixed Communication Projects in 1978 to 1981, served as Military Assistant to Commandant Corps of Signals between 1981 to 1983, Assistant Chief of International Relations 1983 to 1984, Special Assistant to former Minister of Communication; Chairman, working Committee for Regional African Satellite Communication, Deputy Director Transmission Planning 1986-1999; General Manager, North-East Zone of NITEL in 1993; Executive Director, (Long Distance Communication) until April 2000, Vice President, Northern Operations in Intercellular Telecommunication Limited in 2001 and Chief Executive Officer, Transcorp PLC 2007 to 2008, Where he voluntarily resigned and formed a private communication outfit with his business associates **Metronet Communications Concept Limited**.

The committee took an in-depth study of the nominees Curriculum vitae along side his working experiences. Members observed that his wealth of experience in ITC will be of immense benefit to the Independent National Electoral Commission.

#### **5.0 OBSERVATION:**

The Committee observed that the nominees have all been cleared by the relevant security agencies; the Police, the Department of Security Service and the Code of Conduct Bureau. It was glaring that the nominees possessed the

requisite academic and administrative experience in addition to being professionals and outstanding in their areas of calling.

#### **6.0 RECOMMENDATION:**


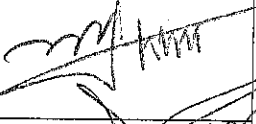


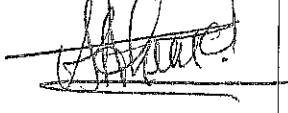

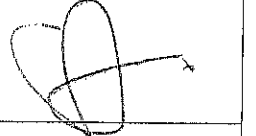
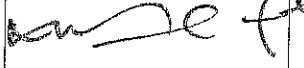
After a thorough scrutiny of all the relevant documents of the nominees, members of the Committee were satisfied with their qualifications, experiences and suitability. The Committee, therefore recommends that the Senate do confirm the appointments of:

1. Prof Okechukwu Obinna Ibeanu
2. May I Agbamuche-Mbu
3. AVM Ahmed Tijani Mu'Azu
4. Mohammed Kudu Haruna
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As National Commissioners for Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

We so recommend.

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1.	Senator Abubakar Kyari	Chairman	
2.	Senator Olusola Adeyeye	Vice Chairman	
3.	Senator James Manager	Member	
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Philip Fayam  
Committee Clerk