

## Candidate for IUGS Executive Committee

### Position: Vice President

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**Nominating Organization:**  
Geological Society of Africa (GSAf)



### Biography:

I was born in Iwo, Nigeria on February 3, 1962. I obtained my B.Sc. Geology of the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, August 1982. M.Sc. In Mineral exploration from the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria (1991) and PhD in Economic Geology of the University of Ibadan, in 2001. I worked for the Geological Survey of Nigeria, between 1983 and 2002 and rose to the position of Chief Mining geologist. I was involved in geological mapping and exploration for Rare metals, Gold, Phosphate and Lead -Zinc mineralization in addition to other geological assignments. I joined the University of Ibadan as a lecturer in April 2002 and became full professor of Economic Geology in October, 2011 and head of the Department of Geology from 2020 till date.

I have served as a Special Adviser (Mineral Assessment) to the Director General of the Nigerian Geological Surveys Agency (NGSA) from 2006 to 2013 and currently chairs the Mining Road map Implementation Strategy Team (MIST) for the Government of Nigeria. I also the coordinated the Solid Minerals, Mines and Steel Technical Working Group (TWG) for the development of the Federal Government of Nigeria Medium Term National Development plan (2021-2025). I chaired the technical committee of the board of Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) a subset of the global EITI.

Currently a member of the minerals group of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) expert working group for the development of the United Nations framework for minerals and Energy Resource systems (UNFC/UNRMS). A member of the African Union (AU) Expert working group for the development of the African Mineral Resources Classification and chair of the committee for the writing of Pan African Resource and Reserve code AMREC-PARC and also a member of the African Union Commission, expert working group on development of policy frame work for Artisanal Mining and Mineral Governance in Africa. I also currently serve as a board member of the

PANAFGEO, a collaborative training initiative of the EUROGEOSURVEYS and the Organisation of African Geological surveys (OAGS)

I am currently the President of the Geological Society of Africa, Past President of The Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society, and Vice President for Africa, Association of Geoscientists for International Development (AGID .all active affiliates of the IUGS. I am a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, Fellow amongst other professional bodies' fellowships,

**Statement:**

My main motive for desiring and indicating to serve as the Vice President of International Union of Geological sciences (IUGS) is that I have long enjoyed international collaborations, as is obvious from the international scientific and professional organization I belong to, the goals they accomplish, the useful output, and the attendant friendly relationship that develop with them. I enjoy and get fulfillment in working with others across the globe in finding solutions to problems and issues that will lead to developing international beneficial geoscientific agenda and develop new initiatives that will advance the profession and vision of IUGS across all strata and in different continents of the world