

AIG-IMOUKHUEDE FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER



Our Year 2021 in review

As we step into a new year, on behalf of everyone at the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation, I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year 2021. We recognise that partnership and collaboration are key drivers to our success, and as we work to achieve our mission to improve public service delivery and access to quality primary healthcare in Nigeria and Africa, we are thankful for the relationships and partnerships that have been developed and strengthened thus far.

We are delighted that our partnership with the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) to support its reform efforts yielded positive results in 2021, in addition to driving the digitalisation of the OHCSF's business process, of which the development of [standard operating processes](#) for all its departments was the first step:

We are also facilitating the OHCSF's ISO certification efforts, advising on the development of in-house capacity-building training projects and working on a culture-change project to align the values of civil servants with the objectives of the new, improved civil service.



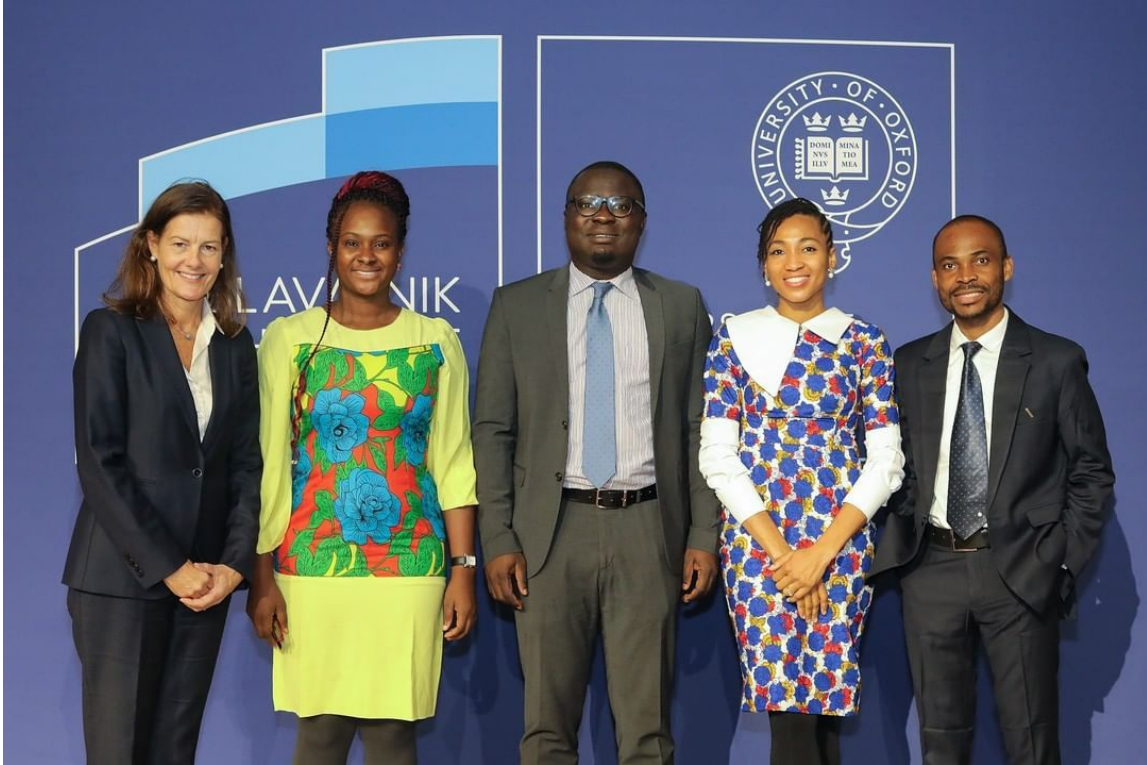
We leveraged our long-standing partnership with the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford to develop our in-country executive education programme for public sector leaders, the AIG Public Leaders Programme, and the inaugural class of 50 promising future leaders commenced the programme in September 2021. Also in



We continued our work with the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), making considerable progress with the Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index, which we are developing in conjunction with the Governance and Institutions Policy Commission of the NESG.

September, the 5th cohort of AIG Scholars arrived in Oxford to begin their master's degree in public policy, bringing the total number of AIG Scholars we have sponsored up to 27.

In addition, we have commissioned the NESG to conduct in-depth research on the history of public sector reforms in Nigeria, which we will leverage to develop.



Our work would not be possible without the support of the wonderful Panel of Advisors of the Africa Initiative for Governance, who started this journey with us six years ago. We are thankful for their unwavering commitment to our mission and delighted that they have all agreed to serve on the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation Leadership Council, which we will constitute in early 2022.

In 2022, we are excited to build on our achievements of the past year and to scale our work for greater impact. We hope we can continue to rely on your support as we work to achieve our vision of closing the gap between Africa and the rest of the world.

I wish you all a wonderful festive season and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Vice-Chair, Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation.



AIG Scholars spotlight

The article discusses how the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) can serve as a tool for a greener and more resilient Africa, especially within the context of Covid-19 and the continent's focus on trade liberalisation.

In the main report, the authors identified how



the African Union's Green Recovery Action Plan and AfCFTA can, together, support resilient and sustainable recoveries in African countries. In the policy brief, they summarised these policy issues and recommendations for policymakers. In the case studies, they deep-dived into six African countries (Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda and South Africa) to understand the extent to which their Covid-19 recovery initiatives are both environmentally and economically resilient, vis-à-vis their nationally determined commitments. Access the publication [here](#)

2020/21 AIG Scholar Uchechukwu Nwokediuko co-authored a research article while interning with the Africa Center for Economic Transformation, in conjunction with the Overseas Development Institute and the Africa Trade Policy Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.



Future policy leader learns the tools needed to improve energy policy in Nigeria



For 2021/22 AIG Scholar, Ujunwa Ojemeni (MPP 2021), the first few weeks of classes pushed her to think logically through the policy questions raised by the faculty and her classmates; to communicate her ideas coherently; to negotiate with her classmates; and to manage her time well to get the most out of her year at Oxford.

In addition to building expertise in policy formulation and analysis, the Master of Public Policy degree at the Blavatnik School of Government is structured to ensure that students develop the soft skills required to make impactful changes in policy.



Applications for the 2022 AIG Public Leaders Programme opens this January

The next round of applications for the AIG Public Leaders Programme – a unique executive education training programme offered by the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation, in partnership with the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford – will open in January 2022.

The 2022 AIG Public Leaders Programme will afford 100 exceptional men and women working in the African public service a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in seven weeks of immersive leadership training delivered by an accomplished faculty of expert facilitators and teachers from the University of Oxford.

More details will be made available soon. Follow us on social media for updates.



Leaving the Tarmac intern spotlight

Following the release of his book *Leaving the Tarmac* earlier this year, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede selected five young graduates to join his organisations as part of a one-year Leaving the Tarmac Mentored Internship Programme, allowing the interns to learn from him and his management teams and to receive advice and counsel as they embark on their professional journeys.

Read more [here](#).

This month, we feature one of the outstanding interns, **Jeremiah John Enoch**.

Jeremiah is a first-class law graduate from Bowen University who was admitted to the

Bar in Nigeria in 2019.

Even though he practised as a lawyer for one year, he had always been interested in entering the development space.

Following a short internship at the West Africa Civil Society Institute in Ghana, he was selected as a Leaving the Tarmac mentored intern.

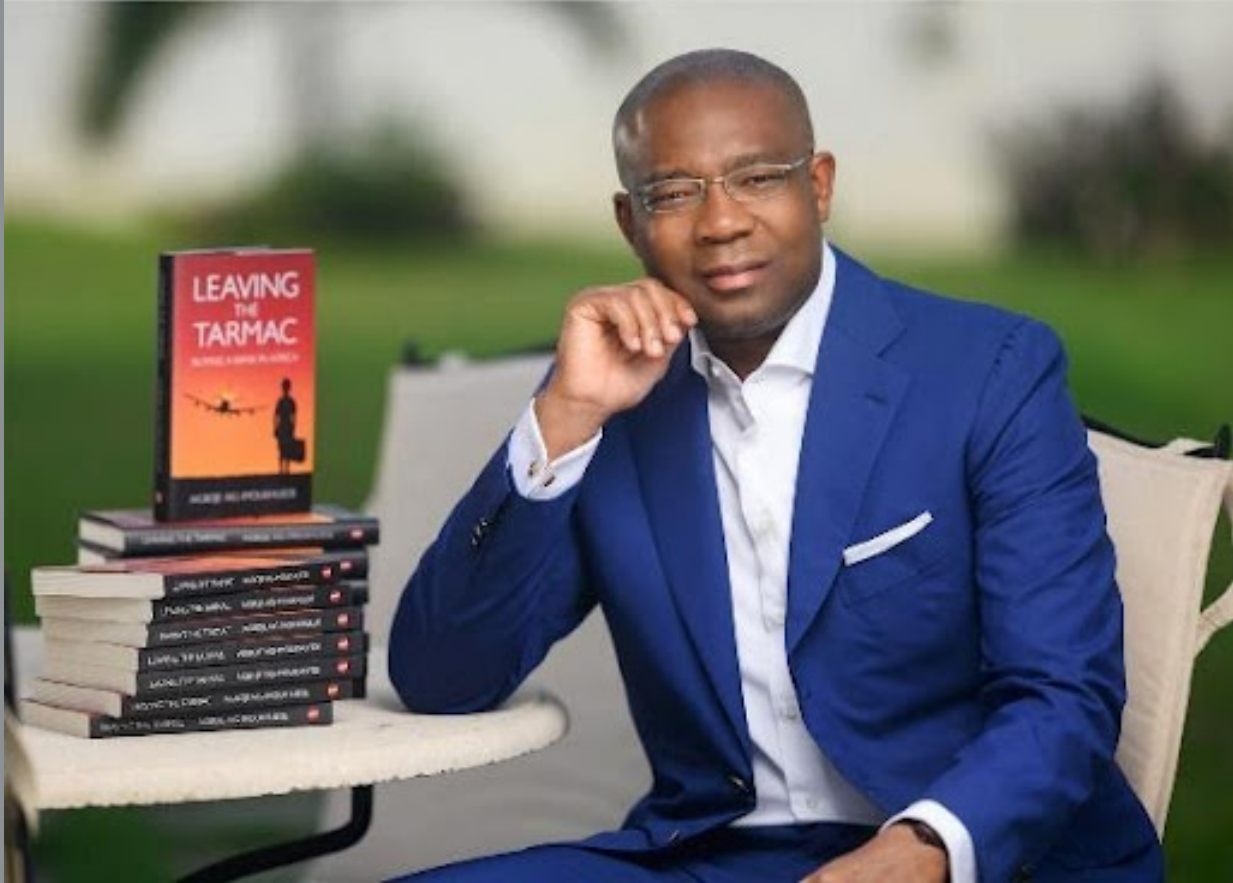
He was assigned to work on the Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index, where he is a research assistant, conducting objective assessments on public sector institutions. He has found the internship very exciting and rewarding.

“Both of my mentors have given me great insights on how to plan my life and my career. Mr Aig-Imoukhuede made me understand the importance of being intentional about everything I do. He disclosed that there is an opportunity cost to every action that I take and understanding this cost will determine how far I can go in life. It is so inspiring to learn from someone who has done and seen it all. My direct supervisor is the index project manager, and she is very knowledgeable about how the



public sector works. She is teaching me the intricacies of public sector management and reform, and I am learning a lot from her,” Jeremiah says.

He has found the internship experience eye-opening and has learned a great deal in the three months since he joined the Foundation. He says he has no regrets about his decision to apply for the position and has high hopes for his future.



The gift that keeps on giving

It's the season of joy and gifting. Are you looking for the perfect gift for your friends and family this new year? Why not get them the gift that keeps on giving – **Leaving the Tarmac: Buying a Bank in Africa**.

Proceeds from the book will be [donated towards the Adopt-a-Health Facility programme](#) to help it reach its target of bringing quality accessible primary healthcare to all Nigerians.

[Purchase a copy in Nigeria and globally](#)



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