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Note from the Vice-Chair

Welcome to the second edition of the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation Newsletter. It gives me great pleasure to present highlights of our activities over the past month.

We are delighted to have commenced work on the Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index, which we are developing in collaboration with the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG).

The Index seeks to measure the impact of public sector activities on the overall productivity and economic growth of the Nigerian economy and the wellbeing of its citizens. Our goal is to create an Index with global legitimacy and national and regional acceptability, that will lead to improved public sector performance, increased government accountability and deeper citizen engagement.

The residential week of our executive education programme, the AIG Public Leaders Programme held in October. Participants found it an intense but highly rewarding experience, with the excellent faculty of the Blavatnik School of Government, the University of Oxford leading lectures, classroom discussions, practical exercises and simulations.

The 27th Nigerian Economic Summit themed “Securing Our Future: The Fierce Urgency of Now” was held on 25th & 26th October 2021. I was privileged to moderate a panel entitled “Urgency and Audacity of Public Sector Reforms: Driving Change and Accountability”. During the closing ceremony of the Summit, the Foundation signed an agreement with the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) to formally mark our collaboration to digitalise the work of the OHCSF. The signing ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency, the Vice President of the Federation, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, and several Federal Permanent Secretaries.

Finally, our Chairman, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, donated proceeds from his book, *Leaving the Tarmac*, towards the Adopt-a-Healthcare Facility Programme. Watch the [highlights](#) from the event.

Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede

Executive Vice-Chair, Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation.

Programme Update



Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index

The Foundation successfully organized a working session that brought together academics, public sector and development experts, civil society leaders and think tanks to deliberate on the focus, scope, and methodology of the Public Sector Performance Index.

The Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation convened a deliberative workshop at which robust discussions on the scope and methodology of the proposed Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index were held. Discussants included representatives from the World Bank, African Union, National Bureau of Statistics, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, BudgIT and the Cabinet Office of the Federation.

The output from the workshop and contributions from other stakeholders we have engaged with will enable the Foundation to develop an Index with local acceptability and global legitimacy that will provide a credible measure of the impact of public sector activities on the overall productivity and economic growth of the Nigerian economy and on the wellbeing of its citizens. Our vision is that the Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index will promote public sector performance improvement, accountability, and citizen engagement with the government.

Update from Past Events



AIG Public Leaders Programme Residential Training

The residential week of the inaugural AIG Public Leaders Programme, delivered in partnership with the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, was held in Abuja between 25th October and 29th October 2021. This executive education programme, aimed at mid-level public servants, seeks to equip participants with the skills they need to build transformative cultures of excellence, effectiveness and integrity within the ministries, departments, and agencies they lead.

The experience was intense and demanding, with the faculty from the Blavatnik School of Government engaging participants in lectures, classroom discussions, practical exercises and simulations, and group work.



A highlight of the residential week was the 'In Conversation' series, designed to provide programme participants with in-depth insight into the work and vision of leaders in the public and

private sectors. Participants were privileged to hear from three visionary leaders, Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan, the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Mrs Bola Adesola, Chair of the Board, EcoBank Nigeria/Chair Lagos State Employment Trust Fund and Mr Uche Orji, MD/CEO Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority.



Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan and Professor Christopher Stone



Mrs Bola Adesola interacting with programme participants



Mr Uche Orji with programme participants

27th Nigerian Economic Summit themed “Securing Our Future: The Fierce Urgency of Now” held from October 25 – 26, 2021

Considering the role that the public sector plays in executing the plans, policies, and programmes of the government, there is a need for public accountability and trust between the public sector and the citizens whose lives and livelihoods are impacted by its activities.

The Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index, led by the Foundation in partnership with NESG, was duly recognised during the 27th Nigerian Economic Summit as an innovative approach that will promote accountability by measuring public sector performance while fostering citizen engagement for institutional improvement.

During the Summit, our Executive Vice Chair, Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede, moderated a plenary session entitled “*Urgency and Audacity of Public Sector Reforms: Driving Change and Accountability*” with panellists including Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan, Head of Civil Service; Ambassador Adeyemi Dipeolu, Special Advisor to the President for Economic Matters; Dr Joe Abah, Country Director DAI International Development and former DG Bureau of Public Service Reforms; Oluseun Onigbinde, Director/Co-Founder of BudgIT and Nkem Iloh- CEO, Public and Private Development Centre (PPDC).

Key issues discussed during the plenary include the inefficiency of the civil service; the slow pace of public sector reforms, lack of understanding by the private sector and civil society of how the public sector works, and the resultant lack of trust and collaboration between the different parties. Proposed solutions proffered were the establishment of a more efficient civil service structure, strengthening political will for the implementation of reforms and establishing accountability mechanisms across MDAs and improving collaboration between the public and private sectors.

It was agreed that the proposed Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index will play a key role in increasing government accountability and citizen engagement. In conclusion, the HoS reaffirmed the commitment of the Nigerian Civil Service to work with the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation, other civil society organisations, the private sector and other stakeholders to promote openness and transparency in the public sector.



Enterprise Content Management Signing Ceremony

On 26th October 2021, the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation signed an agreement with the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF), to formally mark a collaboration to digitalise the work of the OHCSF with the implementation of an Enterprise Content Management Solution (ECMS).

The ECMS solution will create efficiency and effectiveness in the OHCSF and ensure the integrity of processes and their outcomes, as well as reposition the Federal Civil Service for better performance and improved quality of service.

The signing ceremony took place during the closing ceremony of the 27th Nigerian Economic Summit and was witnessed by His Excellency the Vice President of the Federation, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, with Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan, Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, signing on behalf of OHCSF and Mr Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, signing for the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation. Present at the ceremony were the Executive Vice-Chair of the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation, Mrs Ofofwe Aig-Imoukhuede, as well as several Federal Permanent Secretaries.



Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede Donates Proceeds from his book, Leaving the Tarmac towards the Adopt-a-Healthcare Facility Programme

With over 11,000 copies of Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede's book Leaving the Tarmac sold since March, The Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation handed over a cheque of fifty million naira (₦50,000,000) to the Adopt-a-Healthcare Facility Programme of the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PHSAN) in a formal ceremony in Lagos on 29th October 2021.

The Adopt-a-Healthcare Facility Programme seeks to deliver at least one global-standard primary healthcare facility in each of Nigeria's 774 local government areas. The initiative is aimed at forming a coalition of private-sector stakeholders who will work with the government to effect profound change in the health system of Nigeria.

Please click [here](#) for more information on the Adopt-a-Healthcare Facility Programme.

You can watch the highlights of the event [here](#).



In November, the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation founders, Aigboje and Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede hosted a lunch with HRH Muhammadu Sanusi Lamido II and the 2021/2022 AIG scholars. It was an invaluable opportunity for the scholars to learn about the challenges and successes of His Highness' time as Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, get his views on public sector leadership and obtain advice on their plans for working in the public sector after they complete their degrees at the University of Oxford.



Features



2020/21 AIG Scholar Folashade Osho reflects on her time as an MPP student at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford.

Read the full article [here](#)



The Foundation's Executive Vice-Chair Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede was profiled in [Business Day's Women in Business](#) and [Guardian Woman](#)



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