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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 13th August, 1954
Place of origin: Isanlu-Isin, Isin LGA,
State: Kwara State:
Permanent Address: Ile-loke, Isanlu-Isin, Isin
LGA, Kwara:
Contact Address: No. 1, Akogun Close,
Off Eastern Water Reservoir Road,
Tanke, Ilorin, Kwara State.
Mobile No.: 0803 714 7948
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Marital Status: Married, One Wife,
Five Children.
Religion: Christianity,
Current Office: Principal Partner,
IYIOLA OYEDEPO & CO.
President/CEO
Nations Leadership Institute (NLI).
No. 1, Adelodun Road,
Flower Garden Area,
GRA, Ilorin, Kwara State.

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EDUCATION

1983-1984 Barrister at Law (BL) Nigerian Law School,
Victoria Island, Lagos
1980-1983: Bachelor of Law LLB (Hons),
University of Lagos, Nigeria
1976-1979: B.Sc. (Hons) Political Science,
University of Ibadan, Nigeria
1974-1976: G.C.E. Cambridge,
Kwara State College of Technology, Ilorin
1970-1974: WASC: Playfair Memorial College,
Oro-Ago, Kwara State.
2003: Intensive Advanced Leadership Course,
Haggai Institute,
Maui, Hawaii, USA.
2019: Training In Legislative And Democratic Studies,
Leadership School, Arlington, USA
2021: Basic And Advance Trainings At Centre For
Management Development, Abuja

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- * PRESIDENT/CEO
Nations Leadership Institute - 2010- Present
- * IYIOLA OYEDEPO & CO
Legal Practice - 2003- Present
- * IYIOLA OYEDEPO & CO
Legal Practice - 1994-1999
- * IYIOLA OYEDEPO & CO
Legal Practice - 1990-1992
- * OYEDEPO, OLAITAN & CO
9, Festing Road, Sabon Gari, Kano.
Legal Practice -1987-1991
- * SANYADHU BAABA & CO
4, Audu Bako Way Road, Kano.
Legal Practice - 1985-1987
- * MAGNUS EGIN ATIE & CO.
11, Sarkin Yakin Road, Kano, *Legal Practice* -1984-1985
- * ST. FINBARR`S COLLEGE, AKOKA, LAGOS.
Teaching - 1980-1984
- * GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL,
CREEK-TOWN, CALABAR,
Cross River State. NYSC (*Teaching*) - 1979-1980

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POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

- * FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, ADO-EKITI
(*Chairman, Governing Council*) - 2021-2023
- * PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY
(*Kwara State Chairman*) - 2014-2018
- * ACTION CONGRESS OF NIGERIA
(*Kwara State Publicity Secretary*) - 2008-2011
- * KWARA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
(*Member and Chief Whip*) - 1999-2003
- * ALL PEOPLES PARTY
(*Deputy National Legal Adviser*) - 1998-1999
- * DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NIGERIA
(*Kwara State Chairman*) - 1996-1998
- * KWARA STATE GOVERNMENT
(*Commissioner For Commerce, Industry &
Co-operative*) - Nov. 1992 - April, 1993
- * KWARA STATE GOVERNMENT
(*Commissioner For Agric & Natural Resources*)
- Feb. 1992 - April, 1993
- * SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Irepodun Local Government, Kwara State
(*Party Legal Adviser*) - 1990-1992

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**SOCIO / CULTURAL POLITICAL
ORAGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- * STUDENTS' AND YOUTH ACTIVISM
- * SECRETARY YOUNG UNITED CLUB,
ISANLU-ISIN, 1972-1980
- * MEMBER STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, NIGERIA, 1978
- * SECRETARY, KWARA STATE STUDENTS' UNION,
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, NIGERIA. 1978-1979.
- * FOUNDER AND SECRETARY,
ISANLU-ISIN STUDENTS' UNION, 1976-1977.
- * FOUNDER AND SECRETARY,
LATER PRESIDENT, ISIN YOUTH MOVEMENT, 1978-1984

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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- * **SECRETARY EGBE OMO IGBOMINA,
KANO BRANCH
1985-1989**
- * **FOUNDER AND SECRETARY,
ISANLU-ISIN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
1990-1992.**

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COMMUNITY:

- * Along with others established Isanlu-Isin Students' Union in 1976. The foundation secretary and published the first Magazine of the union, called Isanlu o kun oo , 1978.
- * Facilitated the organizing of the first Isanlu-Isin Day as the then Commissioner in the government of Kwara State, 1993
- * Facilitated the establishment of Isanlu-Isin Community Bank, 1995
- * Mobilized the sum of Five million Naira (N5,000,000.00) for the construction of Oke-Onoigbin- Isanlu-Isin Road, 1996
- * Influenced giving of two Transformers to Isanlu-Isin by NEPA in 1992
- * Made the government of Kwara State to reconstruct the massive damages caused by rain storm to the buildings of Isanlu-Isin Comprehensive College (IICC), 1993.
- * For the first time in history caused the Oke-Onigbin-Isanlu-Isin Road to be mentioned in the state budget for construction and was given to a consultant for design in 1993.
- * Was responsible for conversion of three indigenes of Isanlu-Isin from teaching appointments to administration in the state civil service and facilitated employment for many others in the service of Kwara State and military services.
- * Organized the second Isanlu-Isin Day in the month of November, 2002
- * Ensured the supply of a transformer to Isanlu-Isin Baptist Grammar School, 2002.
- * Facilitated continuous grading of Isanlu-Isin roads whenever he was in government.
- * Established about fifteen co-operative societies and one Co-operative Union in Isanlu-Isin and also in the communities of Ijara-Isin, Iwo, Odo-Eku, Olla, etc.
- * Influenced Kwara State Government for sending the late Olusin of Isanlu-Isin, Oba Solomon Bolarin, Arepokeye 1, to Jerusalem on two occasions.
- * Served as Chairman of Isanlu-Isin Summit in 2011 and 2019, to reposition the Isanlu-Isin Development Association (IIDA) as an instrument of community development.

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Was the Chairman of the Committee that drafted the current constitution of Isanlu-Isin and served as the its fund mobilization organ for many years and through him community levies were easily collected for the development of the community.

- * Served with distinction as the chairman of 2024 annual Ajokogun Day which was improved on previous efforts and provided a template for future organization of the events. He also brought the highest external donor to the event.

AKOGUN AS A COMMISSIONER

For the first time in history, Oke-Onigbin-Isanlu-Isin road was mentioned in the budget of the state in 1992 and in the course of the year awarded for design in preparation for the award of the contract for construction.

He fought at the Cabinet level, for seven indigenes of his then Irepodun Constituency who were teachers and got them converted to the administrative cadre in the State Civil service.

As the Commissioner for Agriculture, it was under him that 200 units of Tractors were to be bought under a Tractor Subsidy Scheme Policy, but 100 of the tractors were bought and delivered before he left the Ministry in the month of April 1993.

He was able to influence supply of vehicles to some secondary schools in his Irepodun Communities, building/repairs of blown off roofs in some secondary schools, etc.

As the Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Co-Operatives, his emphasis was in strengthening the Co-operative system as an instrument of rural empowerment and development. He made a tour of the whole of the state, encouraging people to establish Co-operative societies and unions. During his era, the numbers of co-operative societies and unions increased exponentially in Kwara State.

The Co-Operative system was so strong that a plan was mooted to establish a Co-operative Bank, the committee of which he chaired before he left the Ministry.

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AKOGUN AS A LEGISLATOR

He established Legislator/Constituent Interactive Forum made up of traditional rulers, representatives of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Isin branch, League of Imams, Isin branch, Chairmen and Secretaries of all the Community Development Associations (CDA) from the Constituency, representatives of youths and women, etc. He quarterly interfaced with opinion leaders of his constituency through this forum.

As a legislator he saw that the only viable way of economic empowerment was through establishment of Co-operative societies and Unions. He took a tour of the whole of his constituency urging them to form co-operative societies. He appointed a co-operative officer who was to put them through the process of registration, which he paid for. Several co-operative societies were formed which later developed to unions.

He was able to dig ten open wells for community in his constituency before he left office. All he did during that time was from his earnings as legislator as by then there was no constituency allowance/projects.

He drafted and sponsored an amendment to the Traditional Rulers law of Kwara State. The bill was passed by the House and signed by the Governor. The law democratized the traditional institution in Kwara State to the extent of the creation of Local Government Traditional Council whose chairmen are now members of the State Traditional Council. All such chairmen of state Traditional council was later promoted to first class status.

He vehemently resisted the then Governor's insistence in creating a Maaro Local Government Area consisting of a portion of Asa LGA and Ilorin South LGA. He stood his ground on creating a local government within the existing local government without encroaching into the land of another local government areas. The Maaro that was thus created was a local government within Ifelodun LGA in Kwara South with Ganmo as the headquarters.

AKOGUN AS A PARTY MANAGER

As the PDP chairman for four years, though he inherited a party that was more or less an empty shell, except the name; he turned it to a Party strong enough to win elections. The party had no functional secretariat, staff,

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operational vehicles, stationaries, elected officials when he was elected to head it.

Within few months of his Chairmanship, he breathed life into the party by organizing a fund-raising, the proceeds of which was used to purchase 20 vehicles for the sixteen LGAs, the 3 Senatorial Districts and the State Secretariat. Part of the proceeds were used to rent and equip the secretariat of the Party.

He was the first politician in the State to embark on aggressive political sensitization of the people on the radio. He did this through the establishment of PDP Gboode on Harmony FM, Radio Idofian, every Thursday between 10-11am. He later extended the sensitization on the radio to Royal FM, Ilorin, Sobi FM, Ilorin Harmony FM, Bida, Niger State and a radio station at Paraque, Benin Republic. He got the program transferred to APC when he and others left the PDP to APC. The program and the hour is still maintained by that party till today.

He essentially led the Otoooge revolution that led to the change of government in Kwara State in 2019.

AKOGUN AS GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

He was a Chairman of Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti for about two years and introduced measures that could make the Polytechnic self-reliance as a result of economic Summit he caused to be held. He believed that an institution of more than 20,000 population if innovative and develops its entrepreneur skills can be self-reliant.

He ensured crisis free environment especially between the students/labour unions and the Polytechnic authority during his tenure.

He organized a most transparent selection of the Rector of the institution which remains a landmark in the institution.

Assisted some kwara indigenes for employment at the Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti

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AUTHOR OF SIX BOOKS

Akogun Iyiola Oyedepo is a writer and currently has six titles to his name, namely:

- * Shonga and the Looting of Kwara State. (Published 2006)
- * Letters to the Emir. (Published 2015).
- * Twenty-One Political Lies in Nigeria. (2021)
- * Politics, Politicians and Christianity. (2024)
- * Otooge: Kwara Aborted Revolution (to be out in June)
- * Path to Kwara Freedom and prosperity (to be out in August)

Apart from his books, he is a public affairs commentator from his university days featuring in many regional and National Newspapers. He also presents categorical positions on radio, television and social media platforms.

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CONFERENCES, CHIEFTAINCY TITLES, HOBBY

CONFERENCES

Attended Several Conferences on Leadership and Legislative Training within and outside Nigeria.

CHIETAINCY TITLES

Apart from his main title of AKOGUN, he holds not less than fifteen other titles in some communities of Kwara South.

HOBBY

Golfing, Reading and Travelling.