



## COMPANY PROFILE

### OVERVIEW

Afrigate Forensic Consults & Training (Afrigate Ltd) is a tripartite entity offering services in the areas of forensics, human resources development and educational information and technology (IT) development. Situated at the heart of the city of Abuja, Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory, Afrigate came into existence on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and immediately flung its gates open to business on 29<sup>th</sup> October same year. Our Office is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Last) Floor of Anbeez Plaza, 16 Ndola Square/Crescent, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja.



#### The Afrigate's Office Environment

Afrigate's intellectual, professional and practical resources are deployed towards the development, acquisition, deployment and application of tools, technologies, solutions, virtual and onsite learning resources, conduct of consultancies on professional, ethical, corporate intelligence, safety forecasting, skills development and management of social space, workforce and workplace safety-risks minimisation measures. These include conduct of training consultancy on various aspects of forensics, including the safety, background checks, and the science and methodologies of forensics and criminology. FACT's focal clients are the banking, financial, educational, insurance, judicial, human resources, and safety-risk sectors, focusing on their governance due diligence, organisational due process, protocol and ethical compliance and integrity mechanisms as well as social protection of systems- private or public and communities or persons.

### KEY EVENTS

Since commencement of business, we have undertaken very strategic steps in actualizing our dream. Apart from establishing friendly working relationships with public and private organisations in Nigeria, we have carried out the following:

#### **Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Diwala, a Norwegian/Ugandan Tech Company for the Purposes of Credentialization**

**Afrigate Ltd** and **Diwala AS**, a private limited liability company incorporated in Oslo, Norway signed an MoU on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. **Diwala** with registration number org. nr. 920 180 485 whose office address is Postboks 4604 Sofienberg, 0506 Oslo, Norway, is a technology company that provides a digital platform backed by blockchain technology which allows institutions and organizations to safely and efficiently issue digital certificates to trainees; recruiters or employers to quickly verify these certificates online, and trainees to easily access their verifiable certificates online anywhere at any

time whether or not they have smartphones. The signing of **Distributorship Partnership** MoU was initiated by Diwala's Africa Office in Uganda. One of Afrigate's Consulting Advisors, [Prof. Lina Zuluaga](#) of George Washington University, Washington DC, referred us to Diwala. Together, we aspire to promote digitalization and credentialization of documents thereby deepening the culture of seamless, safe and secure digital-based transactions, processes and operations across the globe. We at Afrigate Ltd are pleased to work with Diwala on this partnership.

### **Hosting a Basic Social Safety and Human Security Intelligence Skills and Reporting Training Course (April 4-6, 2022)**

The training course was inspired by the need to engage all stakeholders in the safety, environmental, security and intelligence community in promoting a consciousness of the goings on in communities and workplace environments. The **3-day course** aimed at indexing and promoting social, community and personal safety and national development. Participants were drawn from a wide range of fields, such as social and environmental safety institutions. The course was delivered by internationally-acclaimed speakers, made of seasoned academics and professional experts. A full report of the training course is available at our website.

### **Asylum-Seeking Assistance in Canada (February, 2022)**

Afrigate's legal/court-assisted services is expanding. In February 2022, we provided such service to **Hadekel Shams s.e.n.c.r.l./LLP**, Montreal (Quebec), Canada. Afrigate is poised to assist lawyers, advocates, judges, magistrates, prosecutors, defendants, plaintiffs and private individuals with the necessary professional expertise in their effort of resolving disputes in order to get or deliver the justice they deserve or are expected to. Forensic background checks are therefore, a veritable means of attaining this goal.

### **The February 4, 2022 Strategic Stakeholders' Sensitization Workshop in Collaboration with the National Institute of Police Studies (NIPS)**

Afrigate Ltd and NIPS Abuja jointly hosted this very crucial sensitization workshop. This came on the heels of the increasing devastations occasioned by the covid-19 pandemic, forcing alternative strategies not only on coping with work (from home) but due to how criminality has taken new dimensions and forms in various states. Various parts of the world are affected differently and the responses to the pandemic also vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Nonetheless, collaborating entities all agreed that cybercrimes and global terrorism are the unrelenting threats to businesses, countries and institutions today. The world has continued to limp in the attempt to finding sustaining solutions to the issues of terrorist attacks and counter-terrorism measures. This calls for sincere collaborative efforts based on well-designed intelligence sharing plans all around the world. Participants were drawn from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), NIPS, Federal Ministry of Justice, universities and civil society organisations (CSOs), among others.

### **Hosting the International Conference on Africa Safety Escalation Strategy (ASESC) 2021**

The conference converged participants, scholars, business owners and administrators from across the globe, physically and virtually. Speakers and commentators made critical inputs on the theme of the conference, addressing issues of food security, forensic examination of gender and development, governance, agriculture, IT, cybercrime and Africa's coping skills, among others. Participants were

drawn from Canada, South Africa, UK, United States and Nigeria. The conference lasted between 13 & 14 December, 2021 with virtual certificate of participation issued to all participants and presenters.

### **Partnership Training with JJTC Consulting and IICFIP**

This was **4-day** practical training covered DNA evidence, crime scene investigation, fingerprint evidence and questioned document examination. It was an opportunity to provide hands-on experiences for trainees who were drawn from various sections of the public and private services with facilitators coming from Nigeria and Ghana.

### **The unveiling of the Office Complex**

The official unveiling of the registered Office of Afrigate Ltd took place on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The cutting of the tape was performed by a distinguished Professor of Police Studies and Director-General of the National Institute of Police Studies (NIPS), Life camp, Abuja-Nigeria, Prof. Olu Ogunsakin. He was assisted by a number of friendly experts in various fields of research and development training, such as Rev'd John Kalma and Dr. Musa Babawo, among others. Goodwill messages at the occasion were received from the Country Director of IICFIP, Dr. Stacy Ann Nwodo, the National Vice-President of IICFIP Nigeria and President of International Academy of Forensics, Dr. Damilola Fagboro and Brigadier-General Chima Ekeator, Nigerian Army (NA), among others.



**A cross-section of participants at the official unveiling of the FACT Office (Prof. Olu Ogunsakin is 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right-hand side of your screen).**

## **CONSULTING ADVISORS**

The achievements of Afrigate Ltd, present or future, is anchored on the tremendous encouragement, inputs and support of her cream of Consulting Advisors. They are carefully chosen to foster a sense of confidence in us, because of their established positions and professional experiences. Meet our Consulting Advisors.

### **Professor Emeritus Esosa Bob Osaze**



Professor Emeritus Bob-Osaze taught at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria between 1973 and 1983 and joined the University of Benin, Benin City in 1983 and became a Professor of Finance and Emerging Capital Markets in 1987. He was the United Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc Professor of Finance, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, 1991 – 1993; The Stock Exchange Professor of Capital Markets, University of Benin, 2009 – 2013; and Emeritus Professor, University

of Benin, 2019 to date.

He has been Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences (2006-2010) and Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies (2011-2015) of the University of Benin. It was on his latter position that we met

at the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) at a Committee of Deans of Schools of Postgraduate Studies (CDSPS) in Nigerian Universities Meeting that he sowed the seed of forensic professional skills in me. He is the brains behind the adventure and results we are seeing today.

**Prof. Sola Akinrinade**



Prof. Sola Akinrinade is the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Osun State University Nigeria and pioneer Provost of the Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN)- the training arm of the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). Prof. Sola Akinrinade is an academic, public servant and administrator as well as trainer and Independent Consultant with interest in public policy, higher education, good governance, anti-corruption, ethics and integrity. He teaches

African Diplomatic History and International Relations at the Obafemi Awolowo University.

**Prof. Lina Zuluaga**



Dr. Lina Zuluaga is presently at Georgetown University, Washington DC-Baltimore Area. Dr. Lina believes in the transformative power of education and her passion is to connect talent with economic opportunity. She has 18 years of experience bringing innovation to traditional sectors. She has held advisory and managerial positions in the government; news media; international development banking; higher education; and non-profit organizations. Dr. Lina is a recognized leader and a frequent speaker at international conferences on the connection between education and technology and its impact on economic development, including: the impact of technology in education and the future of jobs.

**Prof (Bishop). Emmanuel Musa Jatau**



Prof. Jatau is a strong believer in the people and the Nigerian dream, which encompasses universal quality education, good governance and equity. He is a transformational leader, philanthropist and advocate for change whose life has impacted thousands of other lives both home and abroad; a passionate nation-builder with traceable antecedents and impacts in uplifting and uniting people, and revered as a truth and peace ambassador. He has had extensive experiences in research and training across Africa and the rest of the world.

As the Founder & Presiding Bishop of Faithhill Ministry, he is the Founder & President of Faithhill Help Network (FHN) through which he is engaged in organising, managing and supervising, and funding philanthropic and community services and aid for the poor, the less privileged, widows, orphans and the disabled in Abuja, states in Nigeria and other African countries.

### **Dr. Damilola Gabriel Fagboro**



Dr. Damilola Gabriel Fagboro is regarded as the Father of Forensics (“Baba Forensics”) in Nigeria due to his antecedence as the forerunner to the development and application of the profession and practice of forensics in national development. He is a Fellow of the International Institute of Certified Forensic Investigation Professionals (IICFIP), Inc. USA. He initiated and co-ordinates Professional Training and Certification Programme in Forensic Investigation and Criminal Intelligence at the University of Lagos, Nigeria. The Programme is designed to deliver a Strong and Credible Foundation that emphasises the practical aspects of Scientific Investigation of any Form of Crime. He presently teaches at the University of Lagos, where he also serves as the National Vice-President, Nigeria (IICFIP) and Chairman, International Academy of Forensics (IAF).

### **Dr. Stacy Ann Nwodo**



Dr. (Mrs.) Stacy Ann. C. Nwodo is a scholar-practitioner and holds a doctorate degree in Forensic Accounting and Audit from the prestigious Charisma University, Turks and Caicos Islands UK, and another PhD in the field of Security and Strategic Studies from Nasarawa State University, Nigeria. A quintessential administrator as she is, Dr Stacy is the current Country Director of International Institute of Certified Forensic Investigation Professionals (IICFIP) Nigeria, the Director Operations and Strategy (DOS) of the International Academy of Forensics (IAF) and the Lead Managing Consultant for JJTC Consulting Ltd and International College of Disaster Management and Forensic Studies (ICDMFS). She is committed to good governance, gender education and the promotion of transparency and accountability for the good of the society. She is skillful in training and coaching and has participated in various National and International Professional Seminars, Conferences and Academic Research. Dr Stacy is a fellow of the International Institute of Certified Forensic Investigation Professionals (IICFIP) USA, and a fellow of the Association of Forensic Researchers (AFAR) Nigeria, among others.

### **MEET THE CEO/CHAIRMAN PROF. SAM O. SMAH**



Prof. Sam O. Smah is a trained Sociologist with extensive experiences and familiarity with development issues, who through the past three decades has made tremendous contributions with high level of versatility in programme conception, design, implementation and project execution and evaluation. He has worked for several national and international organisations, such as universities, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Institute for French Research in Africa (IFRA), Pan-African Institute for Development, West Africa (PAID-WA) and many donor organisations with demonstrable skills and exemplary outcomes. He belongs to several professional associations, including membership/fellowship of the International Institute of Certified Forensic Investigation Professional (IICFIP), USA, International Academy of Forensics (IAF), Nigerian Sociological Society (NSS), and the Chartered institute of Management (*fcim*), among others. Dr. Sam Smah’s field expertise is in research, methodology, theory, management and quality assurance control. His research interests are in organisational and public governance systems, organisational protocol compliance systems, business ethics, policing, safety-security nexus, anti-corruption, migration, policy and development. He has held several managerial, advisory and quality control positions in formal and informal sector organisations.

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