

Engr. Ebele Okeke - Biography



Engr. Ebele Ofunneamaka Okeke graduated from the University of Southampton, England with BS (Hons.) in Civil Engineering.

She also holds an MBA from the University of Nigeria Nsukka and an Honorary Doctorate degree in Technology Management by the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi Nigeria.

She began her career as a:

Public Health Engineer with Sanford Fawcett Wilton and Bell, Consulting Engineers, London.

Highways and Transportation Engineer with Obiukwu Okeke Associates and Gifford and Tolefe Consulting Engineers,

Deputy Director Water Supply,

Director Rural Development,

Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Water Resources of Nigeria and

Head of the Civil Service of the Federation of Nigeria.

Professional Qualifications

Fellow of Nigeria Society of Engineers,

Fellow Institution of Civil Engineers of Great Britain & Ireland,

Fellow Nigeria Academy of Engineers and

Fellow Nigeria Institution of Civil Engineers/Agriculture.

Engr. Ebele Okeke is the First Nigerian Female Civil Engineer and the First Nigerian Female Head of the Civil Service of the Federation.

She holds two prestigious Presidential awards – Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) and Commander of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFR). She is the recipient of several professional and social honours.

Engr. Okeke is passionate about addressing the Sanitation challenges in Nigeria and Africa. **She was a founding member of the WSSCC (Water Supply, Sanitation and Collaborative Council) and was appointed the WASH Ambassador for Nigeria by WSSCC in 2010.**

She was elected a Lead Spokeswoman on the Sanitation and Water For All (SWA) Steering Committee (2011-2014).

She had served as a member of different international groups on Water, Supply and Sanitation, which includes:

- Nigeria's Representative on Committee on Co-operation in Development (COCODEV) of the International Water Supply Association (IWSA) (1980 to 1988)
- Member Advisory Committee of the International Water Supply Association (IWSA) Foundation for the transfer of knowledge, (1989 to 1992).
- **Member Core Group on Information, Education and Communication for Water Supply and Sanitation of WSSCC (1993 to 1995).**
- **Member Working Group on Applied Research of Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, WSSCC (1993 to 1995).**
- **Co-coordinator Working Group on Water Supply and Sanitation Development in Africa of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council. WSSCC (1995 to 1998).**

She is currently in private practice as the CEO of Chantaly Engineering Services.