

Press release

The Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation announces The Emily Aig-Imoukhuede Memorial Award for Excellence in Public Service.

[Lagos, Nigeria – 18 August 2022] The Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation has announced The Emily Aig-Imoukhuede Memorial Endowment Fund, which will provide annual awards of N500,000 each to the top 43 performing civil servants in the country. The endowment fund is a memorial to the late Pastor Emily Aig-Imoukhuede, who served in various roles in the public service, reflecting the way her values and her life positively impacted the people and organisations she was involved with.

The first recipients of the award, who received their prizes at a ceremony hosted by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) and the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation in Abuja on August 18th, represent the very best of the civil service. The top performing civil servants, who were selected by the Permanent Secretaries overseeing the country's various ministries after a transparent internal nomination process, were announced during the annual Civil Service Day celebrations in June. They were chosen based on criteria tied to the core values of the Civil Service which are: loyalty, accountability, meritocracy, efficiency and professionalism.

The award was established in furtherance of the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation's mission to drive public sector transformation for improved public service delivery in Nigeria. Speaking at the event, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, Chairman of the Foundation, said, "We recognise the crucial role the civil service plays in national development and how high performing public servants can improve the living standards of Nigerians. It is therefore necessary that we recognise and reward those civil servants who diligently carry out their duties for the benefit of all Nigerians. We hope that this award will incentivize all civil servants to strive for professionalism and excellence in their work."

The endowment that funds these cash awards for top performing civil servants forms part of the multi billion Naira funding commitment the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation is financing to support Nigerian Public Service reform. As part of a partnership with the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, it is also currently facilitating the digitalisation of the Civil Service and is providing strategic support for a culture change campaign, which seeks to inculcate positive values in civil servants. Additionally, the Foundation also is building the capacity of the civil service workforce by offering scholarships to University of Oxford post graduate programs both in England as well as in-country.

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ABOUT THE AIG-IMOUKHUEDE FOUNDATION

The Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation is a public sector-focused philanthropic organisation founded by Aigboje and Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede to improve the lives of Africans through transformed public service delivery and access to quality primary healthcare.

The Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation accomplishes its mission by supporting the reform initiatives of public sector entities, providing financing, consulting support, and capacity-building programmes and resources for the public sector workforce. The Foundation provides funding and strategic support to drive the work of affiliate organisations such as ABC Health, the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN), the Nigerian Solidarity Support Fund (NSSF) and others.

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