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Born 26th October, 1958, in Odoni, Sagbama Local Government Area of Bayelsa State. Recruited into Nigeria Customs Service on 27th November, 1984; put in 34 years of meritorious service and retired on 26th October, 2018. While in service, I was promoted Assistant Comptroller General of Customs (ACG) on 1st January, 2016, Comptroller of Customs on 1st January, 2010; Served as Commandant at Customs Command & Staff College Gwagwalada, ACG - Human Resources Development, Zonal Coordinator - Zone A (South West of Nigeria), Customs Area Controller in the following Commands: Apapa Area Command, Murtala Mohammed International Airport Area Command, Tin Can Island Port Area Command, PTML Area Command, Controller Post Clearance Audit Zone A, Controller Joint Task Force - Customs, EFCC & ICPC. I also served in Jos/NA/B Area Command, Kaduna Area Command, Customs Headquarters, the Eastern Ports, Valuation, O/C Terminal (Kwajafa Terminal Apapa, Adekunle II Terminal Apapa, Bull Nose Terminal Apapa). I was at some points the O/C valuation, Lillypond Area Command, O/C Valuation, KLT Area Command and an officer in Post Clearance Audit – Zonal Headquarters, Apapa.

Post retirement; I am currently serving as an Area Pastor (overseeing 4 parishes) in Lagos Province 34 under the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

COMMAND AND CONTROL POSITIONS HELD:

- 1. Commandant, Customs Command and Staff College Gwagwalada, Abuja.**
(March 2017 – October 2018)
 - Carried out major restructures and reform in the College.
 - Undertook a 9 - day work-study at Armed Forces Command & Staff College, Jaji to assist in curriculum designs and development.
 - Drew up study curriculum for Junior and Senior Courses.
 - Retrained certified trainers and selected officers to become the pioneer directing staff of the College.

- Midwifed and successfully held 1st & 2nd Junior and Senior Courses in the College

Organized 1st ever Graduation of Junior and Senior courses in the College, graced by the Vice President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo (SAN), Federal Cabinet Ministers and Service Chiefs.

2. Assistant Comptroller-General of Customs (ACG), Human Resources Development

NCS Headquarters, Abuja

(Jan. 2017 - March 2017)

**3. Zonal Coordinator,
Zone 'A' (South-West of Nigeria)**

(January 2016 - December 2017)

Under my leadership, my colleagues and I collected **₦728,802,436,599.83** (i.e. **\$2,028,847,048.05 @₦359.22/\$**) (in 14 Months) representing **81%** of the National Collection.

4. Customs Area Controller (CAC)

Apapa Area Command *(May 2013 - December 2015)*

Under my leadership, my colleagues and I collected **₦737,759,776,449.00** (i.e. **\$3,834,510,272.60 @₦192.4/\$**)

5. Customs Area Controller (CAC)

MMIA Area Command *(January 2012 - May 2013)*

Under my leadership, my colleagues and I collected **₦46,343,088,755.68** (i.e. **\$294,615,948.86 @₦157.3/\$**). Anti-Smuggling Efforts - Between January and July 2015, One Hundred and Fifty-Nine (159) detentions were made. Six (6) of the detentions were seized, condemned and forfeited to FGN

6. Customs Area Controller (CAC)

TCIP Area Command *(June 2011 - January 2012)*

Under my leadership, my colleagues and I collected **₦134,935,878,892.53** (i.e. **\$876,776,341.08 @₦153.9/\$**).

Anti-Smuggling Efforts - Seized arms & ammunitions, explosives, used cloth, used compressors, used fridges, used furniture, used tyres, etc. (52 x 40, 17 x 20 Containers, 22 Vehicles and DPV = ₦2, 024,859,744.96)

7. Controller, Customs, EFCC and ICPC Joint Task Force (JTF)

(Dec. 2010 - June 2011).

Collected **₦4,035,903,787.21 (i.e. \$26,224,196.15 @ ₦153.9/\$)** through issuance of Demand Notice (DN).

Anti-Smuggling Efforts - Various Prohibited and Concealed items were seized: 115 Containers, 39 Super Jumbo bails (Estimated at 10 Containers) and Detained 5 Containers.

8. Customs Area Controller (CAC)

PTML Area Command (April 2010 - Nov. 2010)

Under my leadership, my colleagues and I collected **₦26,086,657,963.00 (i.e. \$173,563,925.24 @ ₦150.3/\$)**.

Anti-Smuggling Efforts - We also made nine (9) seizures comprising of arms and ammunitions, furniture, canned juice, used cloths, used shoes, used tyres, fridges, rugs and carpets (6 x 40, 2 x 20 Containers and 2 vehicles).

9. Head of Operations, Customs Duty Investigation Team (CDIT) Yaba. (June 2009 - April 2010); issued Demand Notice (DN) and collected ₦9,595,629,722.56 (i.e. \$63,758,337.02 @ ₦150.3/\$).

TOTAL = ₦ 1.687 Trillion (i.e \$7,298,296,069.00)

EDUCATION

2002 – 2005	University of Lagos, Akoka Master of Public Administration (MPA) With emphasis of Policy Analysis and Evaluation Unpublished MPA dissertation work; Capacity Building and Utilization in Nigeria Customs Service
1979 – 1982	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Bachelor of Arts Degree (Hons) History

1997 – 1998	The Redeemed Christian Bible College Postgraduate Diploma in Theology Unpublished Postgraduate diploma dissertation: Child Evangelism
2009	Redeemed Christian Church of God: School of Disciples

TRAINING/ COURSES

- Basic Customs Training at Customs Training College, Ikeja, Lagos
- World Customs Organization, Valuation Training
- World Customs Organization, Post Clearance Audit Training
- World Customs Organization, Classification course
- World Customs Organization, Destination Inspection Course
- Multidimensional Leadership Training at Toronto Canada
- Senior Management Course at Toronto Canada
- Senior Management Course at Customs command and Staff College Gwagwalada, Abuja.

HONOURS/AWARDS

1. Integrity Man of the Year 2017

Given by the Association of Nigeria Christian Journalist at Lagos Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja - May, 2017.

2. Distinguished Service Award (DSM) awarded at the CGC's Conference 2013.

3. Best Behaved Cadet

Customs Training College, Ikeja 1986

4. Award for Excellence & Distinguished Public Service Career

Ijaws Professionals Association (IPA), 2013

- 5. Award of Honorary Fellowship of the Institute of International Logistics and Administration – 15th May, 2011**
- 6. Excellence Award – Customs Area Comptroller of the Year Award**
Presented by the Quest Media Group 25th July 2015
- 7. Customs Area Controller of The Year 2015 Award**
Presented by the Maritime Watch – 2nd September, 2015
- 8. Best Customs Area Controller in Revenue Generation Award 2010**
- 9. National Evergreen Merit Award for Customs Area Controller of the Year 2013**
Presented by Peoples Forum Newspapers 27th march 2014
- 10. For his Vision, Leadership and Partnership with Industry since his Appointment as Apapa Customs Area Controller**
Presented by APM Terminal Apapa January, 2014
- 11. Most Innovative Customs Comptroller**
The Quest Media Group, 19th July 2014
- 12. Excellence Award, The best Revenue Collector of the Year**
Presented by Ports Gist (On TV) 29th October, 2014
- 13. The Most Outstanding Customs Comptroller of the Year Award 2014.**
Presented by MSC Network against Crisis and Corruption, an amalgam of Lagos Network Newspapers, 12th February, 2015
- 14. Award for Excellent Administrative Stride in Customs Revenue Generation**
Presented by League of Maritime editors, November,2016

15. National Evergreen Merit Award for Customs Area Controller of the Year 2015.

For forthrightness and contribution to trade facilitation –September, 2015

16. A Living Legend of Nigeria Maritime Industry Award

Presented by Maritime Media Limited on October 26th 2010, in Appreciation of invaluable contribution to the Maritime Sector

17. Elected a Fellow (FPTM) of Port and Terminal Management Academy of Nigeria

For promoting Port and Terminal Management Practice in Nigeria 4th August 2011

18. A letter of commendation from MIC-SAGE Communication International for Diligence Integrity, Anti-corruption traits, dedication to duty, high sense of responsibility, outstanding professionalism, operational tenacity since assumption as Customs Area Controller (TCIP). As evidenced in Revenue Collection and anti-smuggling efforts -5th October, 2011.

19. Gold Award for Outstanding Service of the Year 2011

Maritime Watch 10th Anniversary & Awards for Distinguished Personalities in the Maritime Industry – 23rd September, 2011.

20. Nomination for National Honours by MIC-SAGE Communication

International dated 4th January 2012; sent to His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan the Executive President Federal Republic of Nigeria.

21. Peace Award

Presented by Frontline Media International 2012

22. Plaque Given to CAC in Appreciation for Partnership

NPA – Customs Appreciation Week, 2003

23. Award of Excellence

Presented by the Association of Nigeria Licensed Customs Agents (M.M.Int'l. Airport Chapter), 2013

24. Global Leader of Integrity Merit Award

Presented by Proven Integrity Communication Networks Ltd, Publishers of Integrity International Magazine

25. Excellence Award for Consistent Contribution to the Development of Customs & Maritime Sector

Maritime reporters Association, 12th December 2013

26. 2014 Diamond Excellence Leadership Award

Presented by African Children Rescue Foundation (ACRF) May, 2014

27. (Honour), for Exemplary Leadership, Commitment & Dedication to NCS & NCCF. 2014

28. Gold Award for Outstanding Performance of the Year 2014

Presented by Maritime Watch Saturday 20th September, 2014

29. 2015 Diamond Excellence Leadership Award

Presented by African Children Rescue Foundation (ACRF) May, 2015

30. Appreciation Award

Presented by African Children Rescue Foundation (ACRF) May, 2015

31. Exemplary Service Award

Presented by Global Business Edge Magazine – August, 2015

32. (Award/Honour), in Appreciation of Your Support For Non Oil Export Development in Nigeria

Presented by Nigeria Export Promotion Council, Lagos Zone – September 2015.

33. LEADS (league of African development students) Africa merit award of excellence 2016).

Distinguished Africa's Patriot Series

34. Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)

2016 ICT Unit Training Merit Award for Interest and Contribution
Towards ICT

35. Award for Excellent Administrative Stride In Customs Revenue Generation

Presented by League of Maritime Editors – November, 2016

36. National Evergreen Merit Award for Customs Area Controller of the Year 2015

For his forthrightness and contribution to trade facilitation –
September, 2015

37. The most Resourceful Leadership Award

Presented by Gospel Friends Association while serving TCIP December,
2011

38. (Award), in recognition of Exemplary Leadership Commitment

And Dedication to duty Both to Nigeria Customs Christian Fellowship
and Nigeria Customs Service while serving as Customs Area controller
Port Terminal Maritime Limited (PTML) presented by Nigeria customs
Christian Fellowship (NCCF) 2010.

**39. (Award), In recognition of your contribution to safe, innovative,
efficient and environment friendly;**

Presented by Nigeria Maritime Business Award Initiative, 9th December,
2010

HOBBIES

- 1. Reading**
 - i) The holy bible
 - ii) Christian literature and
 - iii) Customs literature
- 2. National and International Affairs**
- 3. Photography and Swimming**
- 4. Nature on TV**
- 5. A minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Redeemed Christian Church of God)**