

JOHN AND RAMATU OGAH FOUNDATION

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IDWA for this gathering that aims to unite all Idoma sons and daughters for the sustainable development of Idoma land.

We pray for a united Idoma land.

Signed: John Ogah.



IDOMA DAUGHTERS AND WIVES ASSOCIATION (IDWA)

IDOMA SYNERGY SUMMIT 1



UNLOCKING IDOMA'S COLLECTIVE RISE; DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

DATE: 23RD TO 26TH OCTOBER, 2024.

VENUE: LEACH HOTEL, OTURKPO, BENUE STATE.



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Let us join hands to lead the indigent woman and her children to the light in the horizon.



The Management of

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all Awardees and all IDWA Members for this great gathering that aims to bridge the existing gap between the Idoma people.

Signed: Management



NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria we hail thee, Our own dear native land, Though tribe and tongue may differ, In brotherhood, we stand, Nigerians all, and proud to serve Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol That truth and justice reign, In peace or battle honour'd, And this we count as gain, To hand on to our children A banner without stain.

O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

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NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country.
To be faithful, loyal and honest.
To serve Nigeria with all my strength.
To defend her unity, and uphold her honour and glory.
So help me God.

IDOMA ANTHEM

Alo wi idoma wives and daughters Alo wa'no je gorbu Alo wa'no jole gicho Alo yo' omofu owoicho

We are idoma wives and daughters We have come to build and raise We have come to build the future We have come to build our land

We would raise the banner of hope up high We will give our best for our mother land We have come to build our future home, We have come to build our land

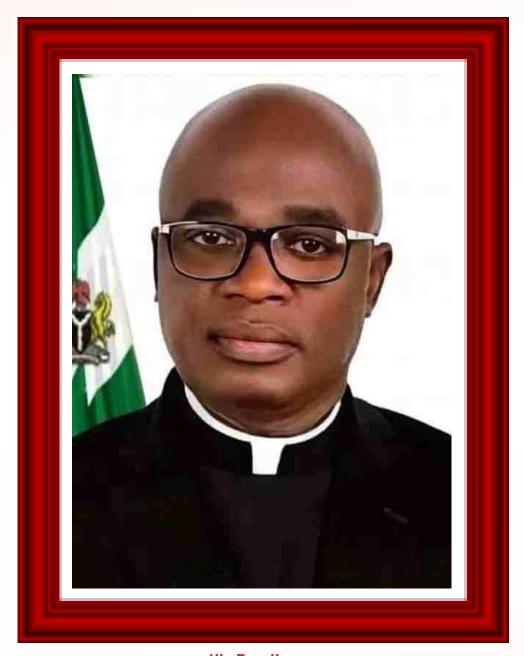
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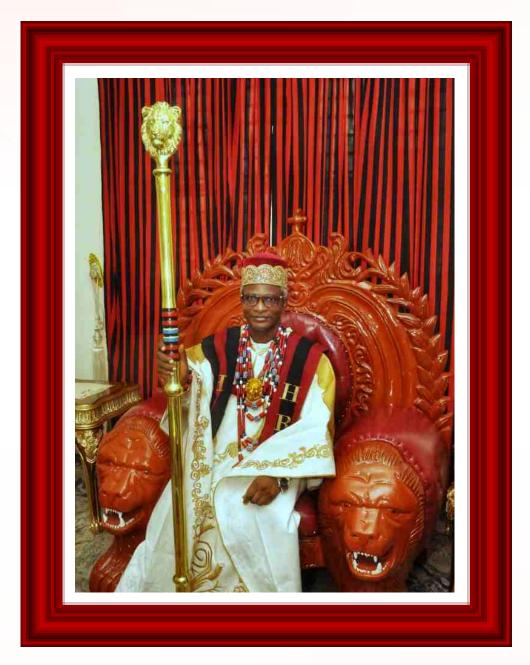
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Executive Governor, Benue State.



His Excellency
Barr. Dr. Sam Ode, mni
Deputy Governor, Benue State.

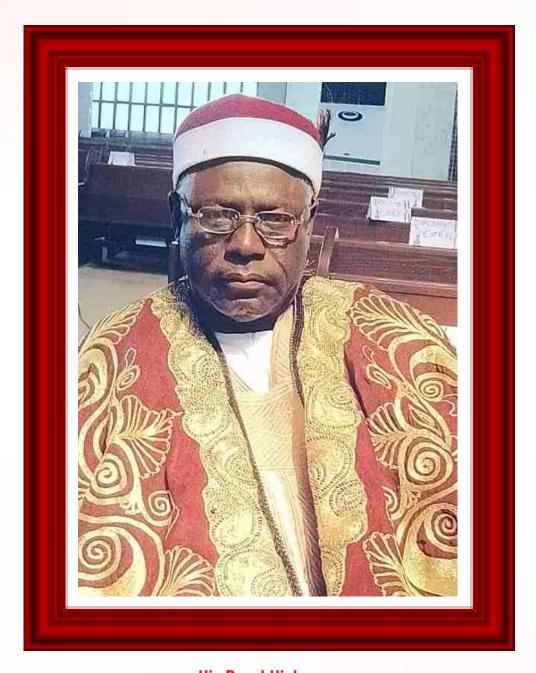


Hon. Mrs. Ann Itodo Benjamin Commissioner for Women Affairs & Social Welfare, Benue State.



His Royal Majesty Dr. John Elaigwu Odogbo Och'ldoma V

Royal Father of the Day

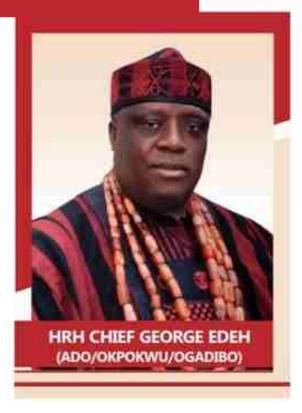


His Royal Highness
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Father of the Day



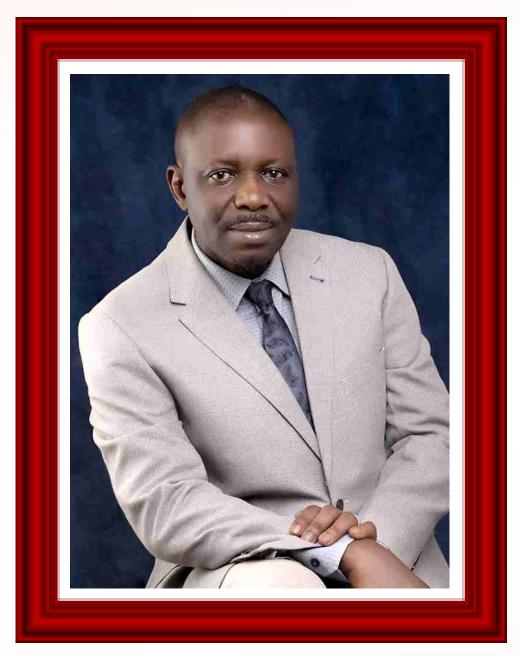
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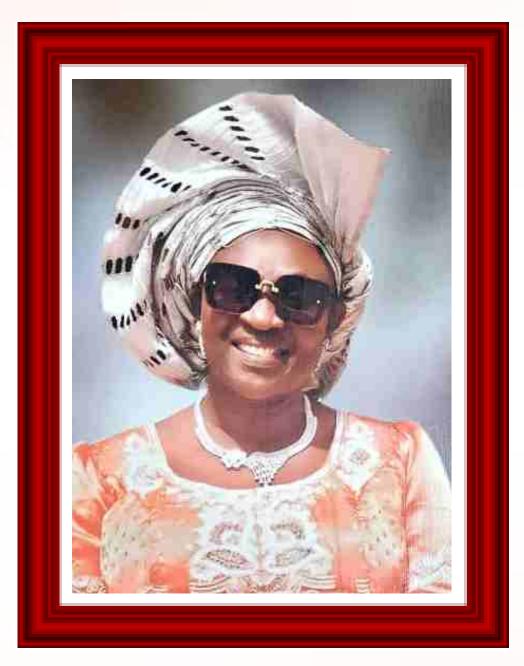




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Chairman of the Day



Her Royal Majesty Mrs. Elaigwu Omabo Martha. Wife of Ochidoma & Chairperson, IDWA Board of Trustees & Royal Mother of the Day



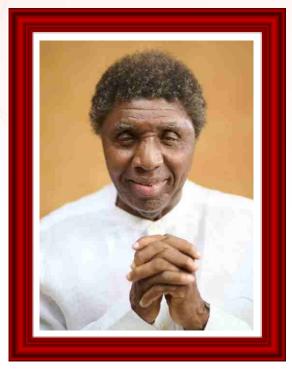
Mrs Jane Ori Moro
Mother of the Day



Dr. (Mrs.) Sarah Ogah-Aduwari, mni IDWA, National President



OUR PATRONS



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SPEAKERS



Prof Patricia Donli Speaker

Prof Patricia Donli is an educationist with career spanning over four decade in the University of Maiduguri and has made immense contributions to education and human development in Nigeria. Her contribution to education is complemented by her contribution to the response to the humanitarian crisis in NE Nigeria. She is a gender activist, and women's rights defender, a mentor of WLOs and WROs in this highly patriarchal society and a diversity manager. She is the Executive Director of Gender Equality, Peace and Development Centre (GEPaDC), a NNGO contributing to the education and protection of children especially girls and women; socio-economic empowerment, increasing their independence, voices, and participation in decision making, community development and defence of their rights. Prof Donli is also a peace advocate (a fellow of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice and Commonwealth Professional Fellow) with expertise in Women Peace and Security.

She is a member of various boards and organizations – CSAG to UN Women; former Board Chairperson Actionaid Nigeria; former member WANEP Regional Board; former member Board of Tertiary Education Trustfund (TETFund); Board member WANEP Nigeria; TWG on NAP in Nigeria.

Rev. Fr. Abel Agbulu Speaker

Topic 1

One Family One Kiosk: Financing "small wills" to activate entrepreneurship across Idoma land

Topic 2
Inspiring Peer-Development Partnership between Locals and Private Sector Potential Investors

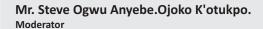




Dr Adiya Odeh. Speaker

Itopic:

DOMA: Politics and the Fierce Urgency of Now







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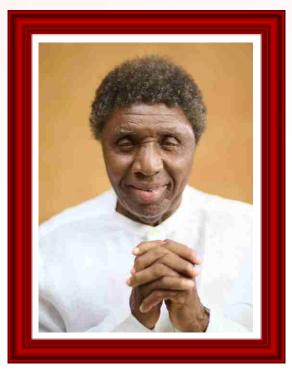
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Lady Diana Ochoga, Ph.D.



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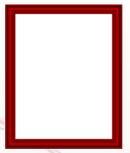
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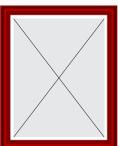


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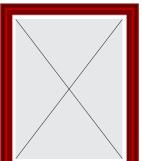
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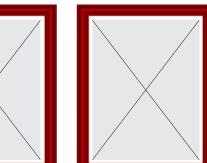


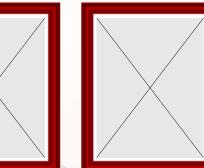
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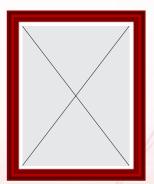


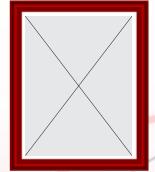
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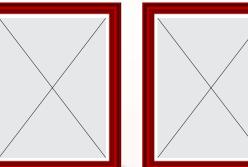












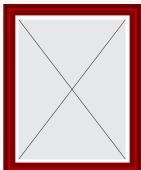


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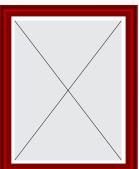


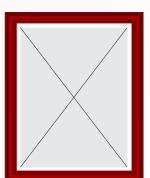
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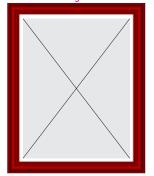


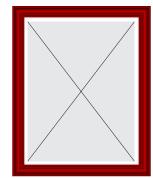
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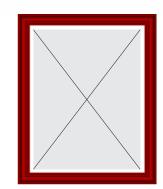




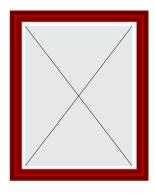
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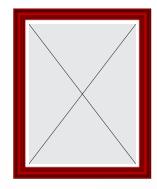


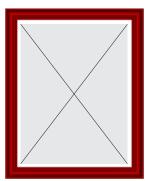


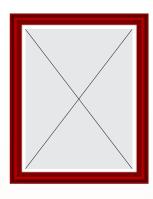


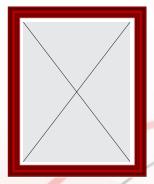
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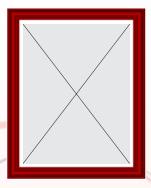


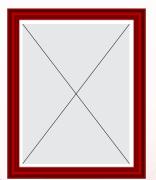


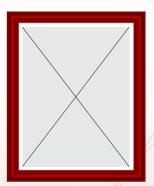














Her Royal Majesty,

Agabanya K'Idoma, Mrs. Elaigwu Omabo Martha.

o my dear Daughters and Wives of Idoma land,

Esteemed Guests, Honorable Delegates, and Cherished Members of the Idoma Daughters and Wife Association, and Great people of Idoma Kingdom

1. It is with great joy and a profound sense of purpose that I extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you on this momentous occasion—the Maiden Edition of the Idoma Daughters and Wife Association on the Economic Development Summit. This gathering signifies not only our commitment to progress but also a celebration of our shared values, traditions, and aspirations as a community.

2. In today's world, the significance of unity cannot be overstated. As we come together under this banner, let us remember that our strength lies in our ability to support one another. Cooperation and collaboration are key pillars that will enable us to face the challenges ahead. Together, we can build a brighter future for our families and our communities and indeed unborn children.

Unity: "How good and pleasant it is for sisters to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

Cooperation: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor" (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

Collaboration: "Let us work together for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7).

Support: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

3. As we gather, it is essential to value our traditional institutions, for they serve as the bedrock of our identity and culture. These institutions remind us of our rich heritage and guide us in restoring hope to the vulnerable among us. It is our duty to uplift those who may feel lost or marginalized, showing them that they are not alone and that brighter days are ahead. Valuing traditional institutions: "Honor your father and mother" (Exodus 20:12).

Restoration of hope to the vulnerable: "Defend the weak and the fatherless" (Psalm 82:3).

4. Furthermore, I want to emphasize the importance of encouraging women's education. Education is a powerful tool that can transform lives and communities. By investing in the education of our daughters, we are investing in the future of our society. Educated women become leaders,

changemakers, and advocates for positive change, ensuring that our cultural values thrive in generations to come. Titus 2:3-5 - "Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women..."

5. In our quest for economic development, let us foster peace in our community. It is imperative that we work hand-in-hand to curb social vices that threaten our unity and prosperity. Our efforts should be rooted in principles that align with biblical teachings, emphasizing love, respect, and harmony among our people.

Peace in the community: "Seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14).

Curbing social vices: "Let us not become weary in doing good" (Galatians 6:9).

- 6. Together, we can create an Idoma
- community that not only honors its past but also embraces the future with optimism and resilience. Let this summit be a stepping stone toward achieving our collective goals and aspirations.
- 6. Furthermore, may we shall leave this gathering inspired, empowered, and committed to the vision of a united and flourishing Idoma society.
- 7. In conclusion, may this summit be a catalyst for economic empowerment, social transformation, and community development. May our womenfolk continue to shine as beacons of hope and resilience.
- 8. I congratulate the organizers and participants of this summit. May God bless our efforts all.

Your Royal Mother Her Royal Majesty, Mrs. Elaigwu Omabo Martha, ACCSA Agabanya K'ldoma



FROM THE **NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

PROTOCOL

Distinguished guests, honorable leaders, esteemed stakeholders, and fellow Idoma sons and daughters.

On behalf of the Board, Exco, and members of Idoma Daughters and Wives' Association, I welcome you to this warmly pivotal gathering, TAGGED: THE IDOMA SYNERGY **SUMMIT 1**, with the theme; "Unlocking Idoma's Collective Rise: Driving Sustainable GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT." Today, we embark on a transformative journey to unleash Idoma's potential, fostering inclusive growth, innovation, and prosperity. As we gather HERE TODAY, we also honor our ancestors' legacies. acknowledge all the efforts of our brothers and sisters before us in Changing the narrative in Idoma land, we also celebrate our collective resilience, and acknowledge the challenges that have shaped our story. We recognize the untapped opportunities, creative energies, and collective aspirations that will propel us forward.

ORIGIN OF IDWA

The saying that a thousand miles' journey begins with a step is the reality of this IDWA movement. We took the baby steps in 2018 when the discussion started amongst some of us in Portharcourt. The first Idoma elder we visited to inform about the idea was Capt Ejeh, rtd. He encouraged us with very useful advice together with his cabinet members. IDWA was officially inaugurated by the catholic Bishop of Otukpo diocese his Lordship Bishop Michael Apochi in 2020. The rest, they say, is history. Here we are, moving stronger to the glory of God!



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GROWTH AND EXPANSION:

Since our inauguration, we have tried to locate and identify Idoma daughters outside Benue and in Benue and other places outside the shores of this country. Presently we have members in Port Harcourt, Abuja, Lagos, Kaduna, Makurd i, Nassarawa, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom. We are still moving. Our vision is for all Idoma daughters and wives everywhere in the world to identify with us for the sustainable development of Idoma land.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES EXECUTED SO FAR.

Over the years through our individual efforts, and support from our brothers and husbands, we have been able to make our contribution to the development of Idoma land. We firmly believe that citizens participation is key to the fast and even development of a people. We have embarked on Operation Feed the Hungry during covid-19; training on sanitizer making; annual charity outreach; annual youth seminars and workshops: established IDWA teen teams in secondary schools; renovation of a classroom block in St Mary primary school; renovation of the well at Egwanokwu in Ohimini Local Government Area; IDWA Cooperative Society 2022; and this year the commission of 3 wells built by Portharcourt branch in Otukpo, Abuja branch in Agatu, and Lagos Branch in Igumale; DONATION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL AT OTUKPO.

CHALLENGES:

Has the journey been smooth? Of course not! We have had instances when we asked ourselves if it was worth all the effort being excerted? Today we make bold to say a loud yes. We may not see the change we desire immediately but we strongly believe that we have created a ripple that will lead to positive change in Idoma land.

Our challenges are numerous but major ones include:

- 1. The lack of trust amongst out people.
- 2. Funding.
- 3. Lack of zeal to render selfless service by some of our people.

IDWA AND THE FUTURE OF IDOMA LAND

This summit represents a call to action, convening diverse voices of every Idoma son, and daughter, to think of the good of Idoma land first before taking any decision or action. A pertinent question that should be asked and answered by us all is; "what is the Idoma dream?", what is our vision of a safe, economically viable and united Idoma land? How can we bring this dream and vision to life? As Myles Munroe said, "When purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable".

This brings to mind the story I read about a little boy in South West Nigeria that visited a 'seer' to find out what the future held in prospect for him. The 'seer' looked at the boy with deep concern and used a practical approach to show the boy what the future held in stock for him. The 'seer' then brought out chalks from his mystic bag and drew two big circles -one with a white chalk and the other, with a black chalk. He told the boy that he would bring out a cockroach from his bag and throw it on the



floor, that if the cockroach crawled into the big white circle, it meant that he would have a bright future, but if the cockroach crawled into the big black circle, it meant that his future will be bleak.

So, with much anxiety, the boy looked as the 'seer' threw the cockroach on the floor and immediately, the cockroach began to crawl towards the big black circle. But the boy quickly got up and redirected the cockroach towards the white circle.

Just like the boy in the story who got up and redirected the cockroach toward the destiny he wanted, we all must rise to take actions that will lead us towards actualizing our identified collective dream. As mothers we strongly believe that our destiny is in our hands and we must each take deliberate actions that will lead us to our manifest destiny. The government alone cannot solve all our problems. Yes, they have a role to play, but our actions will either lead to the manifestation of our desired result or mare it. What legacy are we as a people leaving for our future

generation? This is a question each Idoma man and woman must strive to answer. Are we leaving a legacy of our young growing in ignorance as they navigate through life, or are we going to provide them with a template that will act as a guide so that they do not make the same mistakes that we made, or are making? As Vitalis Uchenna, in his book, "Nigeria's Manifest Destiny", said, 'it is not good enough that each generation of humanity must find its way to success through trials and errors while the basic principles of success could be made a science that anyone could apply and become successful in any endeavour of his or her choice."

Idoma land is endowered with extraordinary talents in all works of life and a rich deposit of intelligent and talented youths. However, Idoma land cannot come to her full potential until there is a unity of purpose anchored on a shared common mission and dream, which will propel the rich deposit of talents to work together towards our common good. Until our individual thoughts are aligned with the shared vision, we cannot move forward actual ise our dream.

Today also, we will recognise some of those who have solidly stood by us all these years, as well as recognise some trail blazers who have been promoting our culture with their art. We have received support from so many of you and we are indeed grateful.

It is our hope and prayer that this synergy summit will become an annual event. However, it must not be hosted by IDWA alone, it should be a forum where we can gather to analyse and evaluate decisions reached and make appropriate corrections on the trajectory of the Idoma nation. It is an avenue that will foster collaborative leadership and community engagement.

Once again, I welcome you all and hope that the discussions that we will have today will further unite rather than widen the existing gap amongst us.

Thank you

Dr.Sarah Ogah-Aduwari, mni National President, IDWA.





STEM GIRL PROJECT:

The number of girls in science continues to be low and a point of concern, Hence TWD-Women took action to strengthen the education of Girls in STEM to expand and develop the STEM workforce with the full participation of the less privileged girls through the STEM girl Tuition Assistance Program through collaboration with Federal University of Science and Technology Otukpo.



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Chief (Mrs.) Josephine Bongos Ikue
First BOT Chairperson of IDWA

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Zainab Ladi Adeyemi



Mrs. Emateyi Agbo









Mrs. Ayegba Grace Agbonzebeta Mrs. Ada Cecilia Owolabi Mrs. Mary Omosi Charles-Onum. Lady Naomi Ijimbiya Oche Mrs. Ochanya Regina Dan-Ugo



Mrs. Veronica Ameh-Akpa



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Mrs. Helen Onyibe & Mrs. Betty Odah



Pauline Ene Itodo



Mrs Vivian Ene Uloko



Betty Ochanya Odah



Mrs. Elizabeth Evelyn Agom, Patron/BOT Member



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Gloria Klomoso. Secretary Abuja branch



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Member



Ochanya Ogwuche.

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Sonia Aladi Adole Member



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Pauline Ene Itodo Member



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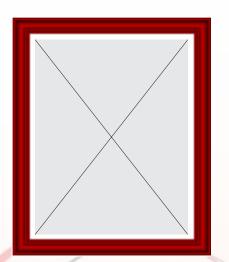
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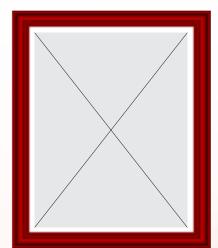


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Victoria Ogbu

Comfort Ameh

JOS BRANCH



Assumpta Ethel Umele



NASSARAWA BRANCH



Ogbadibo Chapter of Home Branch



Okpokwu Chapter of Home Branch





IDWA TEENS TEAM IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

To be further more effective, the idea of taking the youth program to schools came and it was accepted by many so we commenced with a few secondary schools in Otukpo before extending wider.



















IDWA Projects

Since the Inception of IDWA in 2019, IDWA has embarked on programs and projects that touched our people's lives directly.

When COVID struck, though we were still mobilizing membership and preparing for inauguration, IDWA moved swiftly and provided palliatives to representatives from all the local government areas in zone C.

Hand sanitizers were in high demand, IDWA organised a training session for men, women and youths where they were thought how to make hand sanitizers.

OPERATION KEEP OTUKPO CLEAN

It has been our custom to pay homage to our Royal father each time we come home for program so in 2021 when we announced the need to keep our environment clean, we exemplified by cleaning the whole surroundings of the then Och'Idoma Palace with the support of Otukpo Lions Club.

SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION

Education in all forms is very critical to development hence the provision of scholarship running for some secondary school students from JSS 1 to SS 3.

Yearly youth conference/seminar to educate and enlighten our youths.

Development of school infrastructure with a pilot program at St. Mary's primary school Otukpo where we renovated a block of classrooms.

ANNUAL HEALTH OUTREACH

in 2021we reached out to the less privileged with check tests and administration of drugs.

In 2022 the health outreach focused on the maternity ward at the Otukpo general hospital with the donations of wheelchair, hospital supplies and handling out sanitary ware to women

in the maternity ward.

WATER

Provision of water by sinking wells or boreholes in areas with water challenges. We will be commissioning three wells in different locations in the course of this program

IDWA COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

This was launched In 2023 where 100 women were empowered with soft loans to enable them start a small scale businesses. The repayment was made very simple and spread over a very long period.

In Conclusion,

IDWA aspires to empower women, men and youths of Idoma land with the necessary knowledge/skills required to fast track the sustainable development Idoma land dearly needs.

This is a clarion call to all illustrious sons and daughters of Idoma land scattered all over the world, it is time for us to unite and together leave foot prints in the sands of time.

Operation keep Otukpo clean

Commissioning of renovated classroom block in memory of out pioneer BoT Charperson, Chief Mrs Jo Bongos Ikwue



Commissioning of Renovated Classroom Block in Memory of our Pioneer BOT Chairperson, Chief (Mrs.) Jo Bongos Ikwue



Visit to Otukpo General Hospital



Charity Items





Commissioning of our First Well Project





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Projects and Activities









Official Inauguration of IDWA Teens Team (Club)







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MO770: OPIATOHA, OGOBU ML'OJEGICHO

(UNITY PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT)

3rd October, 2024

GOOD WILL MESSAGE

The entire members of Oochetoha K' Idoma, Abuja, warmly felicitate with the Idoma Daughters and Wives Association (IDWA) on the occasion of IDWA's maiden IDOMA SYNERGY SUMMIT-1, with the theme, 'Unlocking Idoma's Collective Rise: Driving Sustainable Growth and Development'. The programme is no doubt a worthy one, with a potential to enhancing needed human and infrastructural development in Idoma land.

We therefore deeply identify and share in IDWA's aspirations and dreams toward the Idoma cause.

The Oochetoha k'Idoma heartily wishes IDWA a very successful summit.

Congratulations!

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Agada Alex (Och'ojila) - 13 Robert

Engr. John Edache Aboje (Omalotokpa).



Barrister Aida Nath

Simply an Idoma Daughter



Congratulates

the IDWA Board of Trustees, Members & Planning Committee on the successful hosting of

2024 IDOMA SYNERGY SUMMIT 1

THEME: UNLOCKING IDOMA'S COLLECTIVE RISE;
DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.



Brief History of The Idoma Nation

The Idoma people are an ethnic group located primarily in the North-Central region of Nigeria, specifically in Benue State. Here's a brief history:

Pre-Colonial Period (Before 1800s)

- 1. Origins: Idoma people migrated from the Congo area around the 14th century.
- 2. Settlements: Established settlements along the Benue River, including the present-day Idoma homeland.
- 3. Agriculture: Developed expertise in farming, particularly yam cultivation.
- 4. Culture: Rich cultural heritage, including traditional music, dance, and art.

Colonial Period (1800s-1960)

- 1. British Colonization: Idoma land became part of the British Colony of Nigeria.
- 2. Christianity: Introduced by European missionaries, leading to widespread conversion.
- 3. Education: Establishment of schools and educational institutions.
- 4. Economic changes: Shift from subsistence farming to cash crops.

Post-Colonial Period (1960-Present)

- 1. Nigerian Independence: Idoma people became part of the newly independent Nigeria.
- 2. State Creation: Benue State was created in 1976, with Idoma people as a major ethnic group.
- 3. Cultural Revival: Efforts to preserve and promote Idoma culture.
- 4. Economic Development: Challenges and opportunities in agriculture, industry, and infrastructure.

Notable Idoma Figures

- 1. Ochinya Oyigo (19th century): Famous warrior and leader.
- 2. Ajegwu Idakwo (20th century): Renowned politician and statesman.
- 3. Joseph Tarka (20th century): Politician and former Governor of Benue State.

Idoma Culture

- 1. Language: Idoma language spoken by approximately 1 million people.
- 2. Traditional attire: Unique clothing, including the "Ate" (decorated cloth).
- 3. Music and Dance: Rich musical heritage, including the "Ogede" (drum-based music).
- 4. Cuisine: Popular dishes include "Akpu" (fufu) and "Egusi" soup.

Challenges and Opportunities

- 1. Economic development: Infrastructure, agriculture, and industry growth.
- 2. Education: Access to quality education.
- 3. Healthcare: Improved healthcare services.
- 4. Cultural preservation: Protecting Idoma heritage.



IDWA 2024 Submit 1 Local Organising Committee



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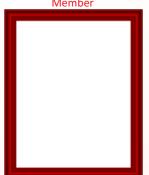
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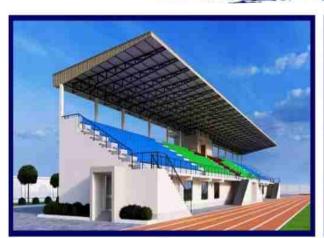




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Our Passionate Visioneer Dr. (Mrs.) Sarah Ogah Aduwari - mni















IDOMA JEWELS FOUNDATION

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Our Ref:

A GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM IDOMA JEWELS FOUNDATION

Dear Idoma Daughters and Wives Association (IDWA),

We extend our sincere congratulations and deep felicitation to your esteemed association for your outstanding work in organising the 2024 Idoma Synergy Summit 1. Your dedication to the unity and progress of the Idoma nation is truly inspiring and worthy of commendation.

Your tireless dedication to bringing together Idoma sons and daughters, leaders and change-makers for a shared purpose is truly admirable. In fostering this synergy, you have become pillars of strength and vision, shaping not only the present but the future of our people. The work you do has far-reaching impact, contributing to the growth and prosperity of our nation in ways that will be felt for generations.

We commend your unwavering resolve and leadership, and we stand with you in your mission to create pathways for a brighter and more unified Idoma nation. As you come together for the **Idoma Synergy Summit 1,** we are confident that this assembly of wisdom, passion, and purpose will inspire further strides toward achieving the goals we collectively cherish.

Please accept our best wishes for a successful and impactful summit. The **Idoma Jewels Foundation** remains committed to supporting initiatives like yours that elevate the values and heritage of our people.

Yours sincerely,

Zainab Agada

President, Idoma Jewels Foundation

Paula Paul-Edeh

Secretary, Idoma Jewels Foundation



ANNUAL IDWA YOUTH CONFERENCE

e cannot strive to develop Idoma land without building and developing the capacity of the youths in Idoma land. The idea to catch them young has been at the crux of IDWA activities from inception with the first IDWA Youth Conference with the theme "Renewing the mindset for harnessing our potentials. This theme we agreed will run for a long time.

AIM - To create an opportunity for our youths to develop skills and their potentials in service to Idoma land beyond self as they prepare for tomorrow.

VISION- To develop young adults, equipped with tools not thought in the classroom to enable them function independently with purpose and zeal in service to humanity with IDOMA land as the pivot.

MISSION - To enlighten, build capacity and chart the right path for our youths to follow through the dedication of the IDWA pool of volunteers. In 2021 we started the Annual youth conference in Otukpo; this year we held it in Ugbokolo and so we will go round all the local government areas in zone C.



Actual Implementation for 2021











Olohimole Women Association Abuja (UNITY WE STAND)

ADDRESS:

No 1C, Benue Street, Byazhin Across Kubwa Abuja Nigeria. TEL: 08037420585, 08188839911, 08133222770

Dear Idoma Daughters and Wives Association(IDWA)Congratulations on your first synergy conference! This is a remarkable milestone, and we wish you all a successful and enriching experience.

May this gathering be a catalyst for empowerment, growth, and unity among our people/

As we come together, remember that our collective voice is powerful, and individual contributions are valuable.

We celebrate your achievements so far,

May this conference be the starting point for greater collaborations, impactful initiatives, and a brighter future for the entire idoma land.Olohimole women Association Abuja chapter,

we are indeed proud of you.

we pray for a productive and memorable conference!

Sign: Mrs. Grace Oyife Andy-Johnson (Chairlady)





Appreciation



On behalf of our Chairperson Board of Trustees, President and members, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all attendees of this special Idoma Women's gathering. Your presence today strengthen our unity and commitment to preserving our rich culture and heritage. We are honored by your support and contributions, which made this event possible and meaningful.

Together, we celebrate the strength, resilience, and grace of the Idoma woman. Thank you for being part of this impactful occasion.

Lady Diana Ochoga ph.D.