

Mr. Baba Kura KAIGAMA

(Nominated by the Government of Nigeria)

Personal Details:

Name - Baba Kura Kaigama
Date of Birth - 5th December, 1949
Nationality - Nigerian
Marital Status - Married
Rank and Date of First Appointment - Assistant Research Fellow, 15th July, 1974

Major Institutions Attended and Qualifications Obtained

- I) 1970-1973 - Ahmadu Bello University (Abu), Zaria, Nigeria, B.Sc Agriculture (1st Class Honours);
- II) 1974-1976 - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. United States of America M.Sc (Agronomy);
- III) 1979-1982 - University Of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, Usa, Ph.D. (Agronomy).

Recent Courses Attended:

- I) 1966 - “Public Finance: Policy and Practice” Ripa International – Royal Institute of Policy and Administration, London, United Kingdom;
- II) 1999 - “Combating Corruption” – Transparency International.

Work Background and Experience

A. Academia

- 1977-1985 - Research Fellow at the Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria;
- 1985-1988 - Senior Research Fellow at the Ahmade Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

B) Public Service

- I) 1988-1994 - Director/CEO, Lake Chad Research Institute, Maidugiri, Nigeria;

- II) 1994-1995 - Director General, Federal Ministry of States and Local Government Affairs;
- III) 1995-1997 - Director General, States and Local Government Affairs, The Presidency;
- IV) 1997-1999 - Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, The Presidency, Abuja;
- V) 2000-2001 - Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry Of Environment;
- VI) 2001-2003 - Permanent Secretary, Ministry Of Defence;
- VII) 2004-2007 - Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;
- VIII) 2007 to Date - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Human Rights Activities

- 1994-1994: As Director-General and later Permanent Secretary in the Presidency in charge of States and Local Government Affairs, handled matters related to civil and political rights at the states and local government levels, especially ensuring the promotion and protection of the rights of minorities as enshrined in the Nigerian constitution;
- 1997-1999: As Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat of the Presidency, handled matters relating to the domestication of human rights conventions and instruments to which Nigeria acceded to and ratified in the 90s i.e. the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), etc;
- 2001-2003: As Permanent Secretary Ministry of Defence, responsible for policy in respect of Nigeria's participation in both UN and ECOWAS peace keeping operations, as well as the educating Nigerian peace keeping personnel in respect of human rights obligations of such personnel in the areas of their operation;
- 2004-November 2007: As Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation: handled matters relating to the Nigerian election process, as well as ensuring the observance of best practices based on human rights by the police, prison officials and the security agencies in general;
- As From November 2007: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: overseeing the observance of Nigeria's obligations and commitments under the UN/Regional Human Rights Conventions and Treaties.

Awards:

- I) Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration (Fipa);
- II) Officer of The Order of the Niger (OON) Since 1988.