ABRIDGED CURRICULUM VITAE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, AMBASSADOR (GENERAL) GODWIN GEORGE UMO

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1.

Ambassador (General) Godwin George Umo was born on 15 August 1956 to the family of late Colonel Cornelius Mfon George.

He hails from Abak Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

He is a past Commander Corps of Signals Nigerian Army. He is currently the Nigerian Ambassador to the Holy See, Vatican.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2.

Ambassador (General) Godwin George Umo completed his primary education at Bishop Clark's Primary School, Abak, in Akwa

Ibom State in 1968 where he obtained his First School Leaving

Certificate with a Distinction. He had his secondary education at
Holy Family College, Abak, in 1969, before proceeding to the Nigerian Military School (NMS), Zaria, in 1970. While in NMS, he
decided to improve on his language skills at the Université de Benin, Lome, Togo, where he got a Diploma in French. He graduated from the NMS in 1974.

3.

The General started his Officer Cadet training at the prestigious Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, in 1975 and graduated in 1977. As a young officer, he attended the Obafemi
Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife from 1978 to 1981, where he
studied Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering. In 1982

he attended a Factory Course on Radio Relay Systems, at Ericsson
Communications, Kista-Sweden. Also, in the year 2000, he participated in an International Standards Organisation ISO 9000 Quality Assessor and Lead Auditor Courses, organised by the Standards Organisation of Nigeria. The General did not stop
at improving on his language skills, but went ahead and attended a
First French Military Course at the French Cultural Centre, Abuja, from 2006 to 2007.

4.
The General also has Advance Diploma in Executive Management, with emphasis on governance and management from
the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON), and Advance Management Certificate from the Governance and Management Systems Institute (United Kingdom). Equally, the General has a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the

University of Ibadan.

5.

During his appointment as the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Holy See, Vatican, he was awarded a "Diploma in Diplomacy of Values", by the Vatican Association "Carità Politica" having undertaken a course in Diplomacy from 2017 to 2018.

6.

The Ambassador also attended a High Level Course on "*A New Diplomacy – The Necessity of Reinventing The Role of The Ambassador*", organized by the IUHEI Crans Montana Institute,
24-25 October 2019, Geneva (Switzerland).

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE

7.

In his quest for self-actualization and accomplishment in his career, General George Umo took deliberate steps to broaden his
professional and intellectual horizons. The General has therefore,
obtained numerous qualifications from several institutions and expertise in various fields, both within and outside the military. He has to his credit, the Signals Young Officers Course Certificate, Equipment Course Certificate and Computer Proficiency Certificate. The General had his Junior Command and
Staff Course at Nigeria's foremost career development institution, the Armed Forces Command and Staff College (AFCSC), Jaji, in 1985, where he won the College's prize for outstanding performance. He also had his Senior Command and Staff Course in the same institution from 1991 to 1992.

8.

Other professional courses the General has attended

include; the Communications Management Course and the Advance

Communications Management Course in 1995 where he won the overall best student award. He also attended the Commanding Officers Course in 1996 in Infantry Corps Centre and School, Jaji, where he won the Commandant's award for Best Service Paper. He attended the Nigerian National War College Abuja from 2002 to 2003 where he was conferred with the Fellow of the War College (fwc). He was also at the Africa Centre for Strategic Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 2007 and Telecom for Non-Engineers Training at the Digital Bridge Institute, Abuja,

in 2008.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

9.

General George Umo's vast experience stems from the numerous strategic appointments he has held in the course of his

35years of service in the Nigerian Army. He was a Senior Instructor (Electronic Systems) in the Nigerian Army School of
Signals (NASS), Apapa, from September 1981 to December 1983.
He was the Military Assistant to the Nigerian Army Signals Corps
Commander, Lagos, from January to December 1984. He commanded the Radio Relay Squadron, 560 Signals Regiment, Lagos, from January to June 1985 before he was re-appointed as
the Military Assistant to the Nigerian Army Signals Corps Commander, Lagos from June 1987 to May 1988.

10. He was posted to 51 Divisional Signals, Kaduna as the Deputy
Assistant Quartermaster from May 1988 to December 1989. He

was later appointed the Brigade Major of the same Command from
January 1990 to August 1991. From July 1992 to January 1993, he
was the Grade 2 Staff Officer (Communications) and Acting Camp
Commandant, Headquarters Training and Doctrine Command,
Minna. From February 1993 to March 1995, General George Umo
was posted as a Directing Staff (DS) to impart knowledge at the
AFCSC, where he had graduated only a year earlier, a privilege
reserved for a select few who have excelled at the institution as
students.

11. On completion of his term as DS, he was posted as the
Second in Command 55 Signal Command, Apapa, from March 1995

to December 1995. He later commanded 530 Signals Regiment, Jos, from December 1995 to August 1996. He had his first operational experience as ECOMOG Signals Commander as well as
the Chief Communications Officer of ECOMOG in Liberia from 1996 to 1998 and in Sierra Leone from 1998 to 1999, respectively.
On return from the mission area, he was appointed Chief Instructor, Combat Communications Wing, NASS, Apapa, from August 1999 to July 2001.

12. Owing to his wealth of knowledge, he was posted to the NDA
Kaduna as Principal Staff Officer (Coordination) from May 2001
to August 2002. He was appointed the Commander 53 Division Signals, Jos, from August 2003 to January 2006 and from January 2006 to January 2007, he was the Director of Training

at the Army Headquarters, Abuja. While holding this appointment,
he served as a member of the Presidential Panel on Oil Pipelines
Vandalisation from July to September 2006 and a member of the
Committee on the "Ministry of Defence Integrated Strategic Information and Communication System" from September to December 2006. From January 2007 to January 2008, he was appointed Director of Standards and Combat Readiness at the same Army Headquarters, Abuja. While on this appointment, he was made the Chairman, Nigerian Army Audit Committee on Arms,
Ammunition, Armouries and Magazines in 81 Division Area of Responsibility.

13. The General was later posted to the Defence Headquarters and appointed Director Civil-Military Relations from January to

March 2008. He was later appointed Commander, Nigerian Army
Training Centre, Kontagora. While on these 2 appointments, he was made President of a General Court Martial, Abuja, from January to August 2008. He was also the Director of Communications, Defence Headquarters, Abuja from February to
June 2009 before he was appointed the Commander Corps of Signals, Apapa, Lagos, on 08 June 2009 to 26 September 2010. He was subsequently appointed the Director Armed Forces Simulation Centre, Jaji, from 26 September – 01 March 2011.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

14. Having retired from the Nigerian Army in 2011, the General's intention was to manage the small cottage hospitality industry he was to establish. His people were, however, not contented with the limitation he had placed on himself and therefore called on him to pick up the Senatorial slot in the Senatorial District to represent them at the Red Chamber.

Consequently, Gen Umo was a Peoples Democratic Movement (PDM) candidate for the Akwa Ibom State North West Senatorial
District in the 2015 General Elections.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED
AND
PUBLICATIONS

15. General George Umo is a consummate military professional who, in the pursuit of excellence, has attended conferences, seminars and has several publications to his credit. He has attended Seminar on Radio Frequency Management for the Security Agencies in Lagos State, in 2000, National Dialogue on Civil-Military Relation: Soldiers and Civilians on the Quest for a Durable Democracy in Bauchi State, in 2001, Senior Leadership Seminar on Force Management in Abuja, in 2001 and Repositioning
Commanding Officers for Effective Unit Command in the New Millennium, in Jos, in 2004. In the same year, he attended a

seminar on Sentencing in Court Martial, in Jos. He was a delegate to several peace conferences on Liberia, Guinea Bissau and Sierra
Leone form 1996 to 1999.

16. The General participated in the Africa Endeavour Capacity Building Workshop, in July 2007, at Wanderboom, in South Africa. He also attended Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism Seminar, Organized by the Centre for Civil-Military Relations, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, in Abuja, Nigeria, in September 2006, Seminar on Transforming to a Modern and Knowledge-based Armed Forces, National War College, Abuja, Nigeria, in September 2006, Senior Leader Seminar, Africa Centre for Strategic Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from February to March 2007. He also attended the Defence Retreat on Transformation of the Nigerian Armed Forces in 2008.

17. The General equally attended an ICT workshop held in

Johannesburg, South Africa, from 29 August to 04 September 2009 and was the Chairman of the Nigerian Army (NA) inspection
team that visited Saab Grintek Communications Factory in Centurion, South Africa from 30 September to 05 October 2009.
He also attended Nigerian Army Law Seminar 2009 in Abuja on "Challenges to Effective Discharge of Nigerian Army Responsibilities in Line with the Rule of Law and Human Rights Regime" from 12 to 15 October 2009. The General attended a Telecommunications Conference/Exhibition 2009, organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Department of Telecommunications, from 03 to 04 December 2009 in New Delhi, India. As a member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the General also attended an ITU Conference in India, from 24 May to 04 June 2010; and attended another episode of the ITU Conference in September-October 2010 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

18. The General attended a factory inspection of CODAN equipment facilities in UK, from 13 – 19 June 2010. He was for the
Nigerian Army Seminar on Attitudinal Change at the Command Mess II, Arakan Barracks, Apapa. He was also for a summit on ICT Intervention in National Security Emergency held in Golden
Gate Paradise, Glover Road, Ikoyi, Lagos, on 07 September 2010.
He conducted a Factory Acceptance Test in CODAN Communications limited Factory in Australia from 20 – 25 September 2010 and also attended a summit for the Celebration
of 50 Years of ICT in Nigeria held at Sheraton Hotels Lagos, on
30 September 2010, where he delivered a lecture on "*ICT and the*
Military: Modern Warfare Imperatives". Ambassador Umo was

named as one of the first 50 ICT professionals in Nigeria in 2010.

19. Appointed by Mr President, Muhammadu Buhari, on 23 June 2017 and accredited on 09 December 2017 as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Holy See, His Excellency Ambassador (Gen) Godwin
George Umo OON has attended a sizeable number of Conferences
organized within the diplomatic circle. These include:
International Vatican Association "Carità Politica", Course "Diplomacy of Values", Rome 18 October 2017.
Conference/Working Lunch on Modern Slavery, organized by the British Ambassador to the Holy See, Mrs Sally Axworthy, Rome 31 October 2017.
Nigerians In Diaspora – Europe (NIDOE) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and NIDOE Housing Summit, Lisbon (Portugal), 09-11 November 2017. He made a presentation.

Conference "*100th Anniversary Restoration of Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Georgia, 1917-2017*", co organized by the Embassy of Georgia to the Holy See and the Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome 13-14 November 2017.

32nd International Conference "*Addressing Global Health Disparities*" with His Eminence Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson, 8 Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican City 16-18 November 2017.

International Conference on "*Integral Human Development: Challenges to the Sustainability and Democracy*", Gregoriana Pontifical University, Rome 24 November 2017.

International Conference "*The Dialogue Between Cultures and Religions in the Promotion of Peace: 800 Years of St. Francis' Presence in the Holy Land*", Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome 21 December 2017.

Conference "*European Academy of Religion*", launched by the

Italian Embassy to the Holy See, Rome 16 January 2018.

Conference "*Priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of EU 2018*", organized by *Le Cercle des Ambassadeurs à Paris*, Rome 19 February 2018.

Conference "Approach to Values" by the International Vatican Association "Carità Politica", Rome 21 February 2018.

Meeting "*Europe, Italy and the World Politics*" with Hon. Antonio Tajani, President of the EU Parliament, organized by Link Campus University, Rome 01 March 2018.

Annual Conference "*European Academy of Religion*", Bologna (Italy) 05-08 March 2018.

Conference "*Christianity in the Chinese Society: Impact, Interaction and Inculturation*", Gregoriana Pontifical University, Rome 22-23 March 2018.

Symposium "*Women Religious on the Front Lines*", co organized by the US Embassy to the Holy See and the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), Rome 11

April 2018.

Seminar-Workshop "*Consumerism: Push and Pull Factors in Human Trafficking*", organized by Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission. His Excellency Amb Umo delivered a lecture titled "*Consumerism: An Unobtrusive Catalyst For Push-and-Pull Factors In Human Trafficking*",

Rome 18 April 2018.

Conference *Le Cercle des Ambassadeurs à Paris* by HE Aleksey Meshkov, Ambassador of Russia to France, Paris 18 April 2018.

Nigerian Priests and Religious in Rome (Niprels) Cultural Fiesta "*Nigeria's Cultural Heritage: God's Blessing and Gift to*

Us". Ambassador Umo delivered a lecture titled "*Diversity in Nigeria's Cultural Heritages and Values: A Divinely-Designed*

Mosaic", Rome 29 April 2018.

Presentation/book launch "*The 4th Lateran Council,*

Institutional Reform and Spiritual Renewal", organized by the
Pontifical Council for Historical Sciences, Vatican City 04 May 2018.

Event for *Europe Day 2018*, organized by the EU Delegation, Rome 09 May 2018.

International Conference "*Eradicating Poverty Through The Agriculture and Plantation Industry To Empower Peace and Humanity*", co-organized by the Embassy of Indonesia to the Holy See, the Embassy of Malaysia to the Holy See and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Rome 15 May 2018.

Conference "*Human Rights for All for Overcoming Extreme Poverty*", organized by the Seventh Meeting of the International Committee for October 17, Rome 17 May 2018.

Roundtable "*Energy and Climate: A View to 2040*". A Conversation with Exxonmobil, and Examination of Catholic

Social Teaching, organized by the US Embassy to the Holy See, Rome 17 May 2018.

Conference "*Immigration at cross roads: Way out. The proposals of Opera Don Bonifacio*", organized by Opera Don Bonifacio – Azione Verde and hosted by the Regional Council of Basilicata Region, Potenza 03-04 June 2018. H.E. Amb Umo presented a paper on "*The Inevitability of Transborder Migrations*".

International Vatican Association "Carità Politica", Course "Diplomacy of Values", Rome 13 June 2018.10

TomorrowLand Conference "*Being Digital, Estonia as a Digital Transformation Model*", Rome 19 June 2018.

Symposium "*Defending International Religious Freedom: Partnership and Action*", co-organized by the US Embassy to the Holy See, Aid to the Church in Need and the Community of Sant'Egidio, Rome 25 June 2018.

Crans Montana Forum 29th Annual Session, "*Prospects For A Global Governance: Improving the cohesiveness of an*

increasingly fractured World", Brussels (Belgium) 27-30 June

2018.

Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development, International Conference "*Saving our common home and the*

future of life on earth", organized by His Eminence Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson, Vatican City (Vatican City State) 05-06 July 2018.

University of Ibadan, UI Alumni Global Network Conference, Roundtable on "*State of Education in Africa*" and Seminar on "*Higher Education and Demographic Growth in Africa*", London

(UK) 18-21 July 2018.

Diaspora Global Development Conference, London (UK) 26-28 July 2018.

Rimini Meeting, "*Meeting for Friendship among Peoples*", Rimini

(Italy) 24-25 August 2018.

Conference on "*20th Century Martyr and Theologian St Grigol Peradze*", co-organized by Embassies of Georgia and Poland, Rome 12 September 2018.

Seminar "*Europe and Holy See*", organized by the Embassy of Italy to the Holy See, Rome 19 October 2018.

Seminar on "*Countering Transnational Crimes*", co-organized by the Embassies of Indonesia, Korea, Turkey and Australia accredited to the Holy See, Rome 25 October 2018.

International Conference on "*Enhancing Third World's Human Development Index (HDI) Through Economic and Techno Scientific Re-engineering*" convened by Ambassador Umo, Vatican City, Vatican, 30 October 2018.11

Conference on "*Diplomacy of Values and Development of Energy and Mining Resources*", organized by Carità Politica – Vatican Association, Rome 07 November 2018. On this occasion, Ambassador delivered a lecture on "*Nigeria's Solid*

Minerals Sector: Challenges And Investment Prospects".

Conference "*Governing A Common Good: Access To Drinkable*

Water For All", organized by the Dicastery for Integral Human

Development, Rome 08 November 2018.

Working-level conversation on "*Agricultural Biotechnology – A*

Moral Imperative To Care For Humanity And The Environment",

organized by the USA Embassy to the Holy See, Rome 13 November 2018.

FAO Conference for WORLD FISHERIES DAY, "*Labour rights*

are human rights: working together to ensure the rights of

fishers and strengthening the fight against trafficking and forced labour within the fishing sector", Rome 21 November 2018.

Conference "*The Nobility of the Czech Lands in the Diplomatic Services at the Sovereign Order of Malta*", organized by the Embassy of the Order of Malta to the Holy See, Rome 22 November 2018.

NIGERIA-ITALY FORUM, organized by the Embassy of Nigeria to Italy, 26-27 November 2018.

Vatican Meeting on "*Rondine Campaign – Leaders for Peace*" with His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican 28 November 2018.

International Conference on "*Drugs And Addictions: An Obstacle To Integral Human Development*" by His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson, Vatican 29-30 November to 01 December 2018.

Seminar on "*Talitha Kum in Africa: Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery*", co-organized by the Embassies of Ireland and UK accredited to the Holy See, Rome 03 December 2018.

ACTON Conference on "*Freedom, Virtue and the Good Society:*

the Dominican Contribution", Rome 04 December 2018.12

Panel discussion on "*At the Crossroads Between Faith and Communities*", organized by the British Embassy to the Holy See, Rome 07 March 2019.

Seminar on "*Fake News, Hoaxes and Food Labeling. How Free*

From Mislead Consumers", organized by Competere, Rome 21 March 2019.

FAO Seminar on "*The Indigenous People, Guardians of Nature:*

Pope Francis' Laudato Si and Sustainable Development Goals'',

Rome 28 March 2019.

Symposium on "*Stand Together to Defend International Religious Freedom*", organized by the US Embassy to the Holy See, Rome 03 April 2019.

Conference on "*Management For Sustainability: The Challenges and The Common Good*", organized by the Embassy of Italy to the Holy See, Rome 04 April 2019.

International Conference on "*Education For Action – The Urgency of Interreligious Leadership For The Global Good*", organized by the John Paul II Centre, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome 07 May 2019.

Conference on "*Economy, Security and Immigration*", Turin 10 May 2019.

EXCO 2019 – The International Cooperation Expo, Rome 15 May 2019.

Discussion on "*800 Years of Magna Charta: The Church, Peace Making and Human Rights*", organized by the British Embassy to the Holy See, Rome 16 May 2019.

Talk on "*Humanitarian Diplomacy in Challenging Situations;*

From Sierra Leone To South Sudan", organized by the Irish Embassy to the Holy See, Rome 21 May 2019.

Caritas Internationalis 21st General Assembly on "*One Human Family, One Common Home*", Rome 23-28 May 2019.

Workshop on "*Social Media: From Confrontation To Community*", organized by the British and Hungarian Embassies

to the Holy See, Rome 04 June 2019.

International Vatican Association "Carità Politica" Meeting, H.E. presented a lecture on "*Ecology, Justice and Human Brotherhood*", Rome 05 June 2019.

Seminar on "*The Interreligious Dialogue: Perspectives from Asia*", organized by the Asian Ambassadors to the Holy See, Rome 18 June 2019.

Crans Montana Forum, 30th Annual Session, "*Have Peace, Development & Stability Become A Dream?*", Geneva (Switzerland) 26-29 June 2019. His Excellency Ambassador

Umo delivered a Lecture on "*Women's Leadership In Africa*

–

An Inspiring Evolution For A Global Change"; another

Lecture

on "*Building Africa As a New 21st Century's World Power*

–

Global Security in Perspective" and also on "*Building Africa*

As

A New 21st Century's World Power – Investment Climate

In

Perspective".

International Organization for Migration (IOM), Conference on

"*International Relations and Interreligious Dialogue in The*

Light of The Abu Dhabi Declaration on Human

Brotherhood",

Rome 08 July 2019.

"*Rome Launch of Independent Review on Persecution of*

Christians", organized by the British Embassy to the Holy See,

Rome 15 July 2019.

40th Edition Rimini Meeting, "*Your Name Was Born From What*
You Gazed Upon", Rimini (Italy) 18-24 August 2019.

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), Conference on "*The Strategic Role of Cultural Diplomacy in The Geopolitical Scenario*", Rome 12 September 2019.

St. Egidio Community, International Meeting "*Peace With No Borders*", Madrid (Spain) 15-17 September 2019.

USA Embassy + Secretariat of State, Symposium on "*Pathways*
To Achieving Human Dignity: Partnering With Faith-Based
Organizations", Vatican (Vatican City State) 02 October 2019.

Pontifical University Antonianum, Conference on "*Voices of Amazonia: Earth, Peoples and Religions*", Rome 05 October 2019.

2019 Festival of Diplomacy – 10th Edition, Opening Ceremony,

"*The Two Faces of Giano – The Transition to a New World*",

Rome 16-25 October 2019.

FAO, Conference on "*Healthy Food and Human Dignity*",

FAO

HQ, Rome 17 October 2019.

2019 Festival of Diplomacy, "*Geopolitics, Conflict Prevention and International Cooperation*", Rome 18 October 2019.

Vatican, Seminar on "*The Challenges of The Pan-Amazonian Region: Necessary Cooperation Between International Organizations and the Catholic Church and Ethical Leadership*",

Vatican (Vatican City State), 19 October 2019.

2019 Festival of Diplomacy, "*Artificial Intelligence, Ethics and*

Algorithmic Biases", Rome 21 October 2019.

Embassies of Italy/Switzerland/France to the Holy See,

Meeting on "*Amazon: New Paths For The Church and For An*

Integral Ecology", Rome 21 October 2019.

Crans Montana Institute (IUHEI), High Level Course on "*A New Diplomacy – The Necessity of Reinventing The Role of The Ambassador*", Geneva (Switzerland) 24-25 October 2019.

Symposium on "*Cultural Diplomacy, Global Peace and Shared Prosperity*", convened by H.E. Ambassador Godwin George Umo, Rome 31 October 2019.

Embassy of Belgium, Conference on "*20 Years With The Catholics in Japan: Reflections on The Evolution of The Catholic Church in The Empire of the Rising Sun*", Rome 08 November 2019.

Crans Montana Forum, African Women's Forum "*African Women Embody Universal Values*", Brussels (Belgium) 14-16 November 2019. H.E. Ambassador Umo presented a Paper on "*Digital Transition And Transformation; And Transmedia – New Sectors For Women's Leadership In Africa*".

Conference on "*Andrea Montezemolo – Architect and Herald of Papal Diplomacy*", hosted by His Eminence Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Rome 18 November 2019.

FAO World Fisheries Day 2019, Workshop on "*Social Responsibility in the Fisheries Value Chain*", FAO HQ, Rome 21 November 2019.

International Congress "*From Maximum illud to Evangelii gaudium – on the Urgency of the Missionary Transformation of the Church*", Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome 27 November 2019.

Conference on "*Religions, History, and Peace*", Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences, Teutonic College (Vatican) 29 November 2019.

20. The General's publications include Electronic Warfare in the
Nigeria Army – An Appraisal; Civil Wars and Refugee Problems in
Africa – Causes and Solutions; Strategy for the Effective
Maintenance of the Nigerian Army in Foreign Operations, Wireless
Telecommunications in Rural Development: Prospects for Nigeria,
Cyber Threats: Implications for Nigeria's National Interests,
amongst others.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

21. In recognition of the General's outstanding contributions to the
Nigerian Armed Forces and national development, he has been
decorated with several medals and awards. He has a national
award

of the Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON). His decorations
include the Forces Service Star (FSS), Meritorious Service Star
(MSS), Distinguished Service Star (DSS), Grand Service Star (GSS).
Having taught at the prestigious AFCSC, he was awarded Passed
Staff College (Dagger). Others are the ECOMOG Medal, Member
Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered), Fellow of the War
College (fwc), Member Institute of Management Consultant, Liberian
Independent Elections Award, Coordinator (South/South-South)
Society for Peace Studies and Practice, Member Africa Centre for
Strategic Studies and Corps Medal of Honour (CMH).

22. The General was conferred with the Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Obafemi Awolowo University by the Lagos Chapter of
the prestigious learning citadel. He was honoured with the EJIARA
ABAK Chieftancy title by the Abak Council of Chiefs at Abak in Akwa
Ibom State on 12 September 2009. He was awarded the Star Category of the African Merit Award for Dynamic Leadership through Diligence and Quality Service Delivery, on 13 May 2010, by
Lead Times Africa Magazine. He is the Jagun of Ilowa Ijesa (Osun
State) as well as the ITUEN EKONG ANNANG. He was inducted into
the Annang Hall of Fame as a LEGEND at a ceremony held at the
Woodlands, Texas, USA in 2014.

23. During his appointment as the Nigerian Ambassador to the Holy

See (Vatican), H.E. Amb Umo was also conferred with the University

of Ibadan 70th Anniversary Outstanding Alumnus Award,

London, UK,

21 July 2018 and the Nigerian Diaspora Hall of Fame Award,

London,

UK, 28 July 2018.

SOME MODEST ACHIEVEMENTS

24. Some of the achievements of the General Umo include:

a.

Established the first certificate-awarding French

School for the Nigerian Army Signals Corps, with the

assistance

of Alliance Française, when he was the Brigade Major of 51

Division Signals.

b.

Thermodynamics and Modern Physics are generally

considered impossible subjects by most students; but, General

Umo, while teaching at the Nigerian Army Signals School,

devised

simple teaching methods that helped the students comprehend

them.

c.

The Academic and Military Branches were at war, each

claiming to be superior to the other. The Principal Staff

Officer

(Coordination) [POS Coord] was created to resolve the conflict;

General Umo was specifically posted as the pioneer PSO Coord

to

resolve the conflict, which he did.

d.

Impressed with the speed the conflict was resolved,

the Commandant appointed General Umo Chairman to revitalize

the Nigerian Defence Academy Consultation Unit

(NDACONSULT)

that had gone comatose. Shortly, NDACONSULT began making

profit for the NDA.

e.

As Director of Training (Army) several deficiencies

were noticed in examinations, training and operations, which

needed to be remedied to enhance military professionalism.

The

panacea was the birth of 3 levels of competitions- "The Combat

Proficiency Competition", "The Warrant Officers and Senior

Non-commissioned Officers Competition" and "The Corporals &

Below Competition" solely

designed by Gen Umo to stem the problems.

f.

The Rukuba Cantonment was completely cut off from

the rest of the world communication-wise. Gen Umo restored

telephone communications to the Cantonment using a wireless

digital platform to link NITEL Exchange in Jos town with the

Cantonment.

g.

The first Nigerian Army Division to have Internet

facility was 3 Division. This was made possible by the General.

h.

Units and formations evaluation yardsticks were not

uniformly applied thus making evaluation report subjective. As

Director of Standards & Combat Readiness, the General

designed

a "Standards Assessment Matrix", which gave units and

formations a level playing field.

i.

The NATRAC Demonstration Pavilion was destroyed by

storm a few months after completion. The COAS tasked Gen

Umo

to build a new one. The Pavilion was not only built in record time,

it

was done with direct labour, which saved the Nigerian Army

some

cost. No storm has succeeded in destroying it 17 years after.

j.

With internally-generated resources, Gen Umo built an e-Learning Centre for the Nigerian Army Signals when he commanded the Signals Corps.

k.

Through his philanthropic outfit- The Reverend George Udo Umo Memorial Foundation- scholarships have been awarded to indigent but brilliant students, both at secondary and tertiary levels; and, people have been sponsored for vocational training in various fields. The George Umo Memorial School was established by General Umo, with the assistance of Bishop AT Usoroh, to educate indigent pupils, thus eradicating illiteracy in the community

l.

The General is currently the Chairman of Angellyne

Guest House and Pareto Smartworkx Security Ltd, providing employment to some people that would have otherwise been jobless.

m. Gen Umo was the Deputy Elections Coordinator for Liberia in 1997. He designed a special communications network that facilitated the speedy collation of elections results, which enabled results to be announced in less than 72 hours. A feat the Jimmy Carter Foundation and the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) described as unprecedented. Gen Umo got a Liberian award for this outstanding performance.

n. As the Commander Corps of Signals, the General supervised and delivered the Nigerian Army Wide Area Network Infrastructure (NAWANI) used for video conferencing, amongst others.

o.

The General is the First 2-star General in Annang Land

and the Second to Command a Corps, the First being his father,

Late Colonel CM George-the pioneer Nigerian Commander of

the

Nigerian Army Education Corps.

p.

General Umo remains the longest-serving Nigerian

Commander in a war theatre, having commanded the ECOMOG

Signals Command during the wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone;

and,

designed the communications network for the ECOWAS

Interposition Force in Guinea Bissau, from 1996-1999,

unbroken.

q.

The General's humane disposition towards the people

of Virginia, during the Liberian War, endeared him to their

hearts; consequently, he was made the Honorary Mayor of

Virginia.

r.

General Umo loves Tennis not just because he plays it well, he invented the "Agwo System" over 40 years ago. That perhaps explains why he is popularly known in Tennis parlance as "Number 1" or "Agwo System" or " The Pro" or "The Champ". The Agwo System is a terrific and phenomenal pattern of play which gives an unprecedented spin to the Tennis ball, causing directional change and making the ball to recede towards the person that played it. The receiver would have to make a spirited dash to be able to hit the ball before it bounces twice- most times to no avail. The General demonstrated the Agwo System in Adelaide Tennis Club, Australia, where Australian Tennis Great, Llyeton Hewitt, cut his Tennis teeth, to the consternation of even the coaches there. Many local and international Tennis players now play the Agwo System.

s.

He organized the first ever international conference by the Embassy of Nigeria to the Holy See themed "*Enhancing Third World's Human Development Index Through Economic and Techno-scientific Re-engineering*", 30 October 2018, Rome, Italy.

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The Ambassador organized a milestone Symposium by the Embassy of Nigeria to the Holy See themed "*Cultural Diplomacy, Global Peace and Shared Prosperity*", 31 October 2019, Rome, Italy.

25. General Umo is also a Fellow of Akwa Ibom State College of Education (FACOE), Fellow Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (FCLIT) and PHD (h.c.) Prowess University, Delaware, USA.

SOCIALS AND HOBBIES

26. General George Umo was the Captain NMS Lawn Tennis Team from 1973 to 1974 and Captain of 1 Division Lawn Tennis Club from 1990 to 1992. He was later appointed the Chairman of 1
Division Lawn Tennis Club from 1994 to 1995. While on Peace Support Operation in Liberia, he captained the Lawn Tennis Section of the Virginia Golf–Tennis Association, Monrovia, from
1997 to 1998, member of Hill Station Club, Freetown, Sierra Loene and Darts Champion Hill Station Club, Freetown, Sierra Leone. In 2004, he was the Singles Champion in Lawn Tennis of 3 Armoured Division Sports Competition in Bauchi. He is currently a
member of the IBB International Golf and Country Club, Plateau
Club, Jos, and Ikoyi Club 1938, Lagos. He is also a member of the

Forum Sports Centre, Rome, Italy.

27. The General loves playing Lawn Tennis, travelling and nature watch. He is married and blessed with children.