



FGC IDOANI
Alumni Association

THAT THE SHIP MAY KEEP SAILING ON THE RIGHT COURSE.



Dear Distinguished Alumni,

Over the past 23 months of the life of our noble Association, that by your mandate and honour I have had the privilege to lead as President, I have enjoyed your support in very immeasurable ways that speak to your commitment to the greatness and continuous advancement of this Association.

This support has been offered in both common and very uncommon, yet most pleasant and encouraging ways, in advice, in participation, in contribution of ideas and finances, in doing the heavy lifting where and when required without us having to look to long for such commitment. This is such as possible only in an environment populated by the best personalities you can find anywhere.

And by this, we successfully began a revamp of the excellence that FGC Idoani Alumni Association has come to be known for over the years.

It has indeed been a period of restoration to the path that leads to Canaan and by the assessments we have received, we are well on course.

Let me sincerely appreciate how you have stood for the identity that we are all most proud of, how you have worked with me and NExCo to reengineer the Association, for your sacrifice and the sincerity with which you have provided honest feedback that have helped us shape what many say has been 2 years of getting back on track. And if there is anything that has continued to fuel our drive, it is your support and the assurance we have that you follow every step we have taken and review with us to keep getting our Association better.

We indeed began a journey 23 months ago; one we intend to continue and even now with greater vigour and determination relying of course on the fact that we are not alone.

It is therefore on the premise of the above and having waited patiently for the Electoral Committee to declare campaigns open, which they graciously did yesterday evening, that I have come to officially declare to you my commitment and to seek your support and votes to continue to serve our Association as President for another term of 2 years.

This of course is not a decision taken lightly nor from a place of complacency; it is one from a renewed vigour to consolidate on what we have been able to do in the last 23 months and more so to break new grounds that continues to elevate our beloved Association.

Reviewing my 10-point program from the 2024 campaign tagged '**Lex Advantage**', if we have come this far, it becomes inevitable to go all the way.

From the **Efficient Feedback Mechanism** which the novel FGC Idoani Town Hall Meetings and the Newsletters and Association Updates from my office, and regular reportage of our visits to various Chapters and places of interest to the objectives of our Association have helped us achieve.

To the **Direct-To-Member Value Delivery** that has been anchored on the successful launch of the FGC Idoani Alumni Association Health Plan (full HMO Health Insurance) which continues to serve members, their immediate and extended families and friends, old (65+) and young.

From the **NExCo Performance Management System** which has engendered every NExCo office reporting activities of their office at NEC meetings and to the Association at large at Town Hall Meetings thereby eliciting direct honest feedback members Association-wide which has helped every office perform at the level they have.

To the focus on the **Viability of Chapters and Sets** which has seen me visit every Chapter in Nigeria about twice in the last 23 months and had consultation visits to some Sets both by their invitation and our request to visit and which has produced and continues to produce tremendous results.

We have also expanded our coast, with the ratification of NEC and warm welcome at the AGM of the new Edo-Delta Chapter, we have given voice to the strength of how truly big and spread we are. It is important to mention that we have commenced preliminary work for other Chapters getting ready to be launched in the course of this next dispensation.

This has also helped extract the **Power of True Human Relationships** as we see our members getting into closer, beneficial relationships with one another, engaging in productive endeavors and achieving greatness together.

It has led to one of our core objectives in **Generational Integration** which in turn has produced mentoring by organic relationships, this indeed provided greater support for the **Entrepreneurial and Career Development and Mentorship** initiatives at both the National level and Chapters with the required level of maturity.

It is important to underscore that against all odds, last year we insisted on reenacting the National Business Grant Initiative which had not happened at the National level of our Association for about 8 years prior to that, it was a jinx we were determined to break and whatever looked like a limitation was never going to matter, we are glad to have done it and paid out the first tranche of business funding support to beneficiaries (who were also assigned mentors) with the second tranche to be paid soon upon the advice of the Business Development Committee.

On the career development front, we continue to do the best in the circumstances with programs resident in the Welfare Office and championed by the Welfare Secretary, like the Leadership and Digital Skills for Employability Program (LD-SEP), the Career Development and Business Seminars which have held virtually and have now become a regular feature of our annual AGM/Reunion, the Career Development Committee also got job recruitment opportunities for some of our members in the course of these 23 months.

The above in part powered the promise to **Focus on Us for Our Objectives** , we ensured to put the welfare of our members and the continual improvement of our Alma Mater at the center of conversations at all levels, this produced the expected result of caring more for ourselves as a family and improving the cradle from which our greatness was formed, with visits to FGC Idoani by myself thrice, by TACAMS and by the leadership of Akure Chapter under our request, we have kept close contact with the Alma Mater and glad to see that Sets continue to intervene in critical areas of need.

We promised that our Treasury must stop being just a collection pot but that our **Treasury multiplies**, this has seen us invest N7million of the Association's funds which multiplied to N8.4million to date, that sum and the interest accrued has been reinvested. We have moved from collect-to-spend, to collect-to-multiply.

Noteworthy is another giant stride in the reality that we decided that our annual events should answer the name of its size by becoming self-sponsoring, the cost of AGM in Ibadan last year was fully borne outside the purse of the Association, it self-funded. I have to once again thank everyone that contributed in cash and kind to achieve that feat.

We committed to **Corporate Governance and Structure** underscored by the specifics of running the affairs of the Association according to the dictates of the Constitution and we have done that. We appreciate NEC for seeing the necessity in that and supporting every lever that was designed to make it happen.

Our status with the Corporate Affairs Commission has been revived to ACTIVE, this helped us take advantage of Google Not-For-Profit program which has saved us the cost of hosting our email domain as well as given us access to unlimited email accounts that Sets and Chapters can take advantage of using, it has also helped guarantee a level of data integrity, protection and privacy especially with the increasing amount of sensitive personal data we have had to process due to the HMO initiative, we also now have a customized YouTube account and large amount of secured data storage space.

We have appointed, by the ratification of the AGM as stipulated in the Constitution, an external auditor who has begun work on scrutinizing the conduct of our financial matters in the last 4 years as a requirement for statutory returns to relevant regulatory bodies under law. Every decision that the Constitution stipulates requires NEC approval, has been taken only with the approval of NEC without exceptions, in fact, some within the purview of NExCo have also been subjected to the NEC concurrence in recognition of the important place the body holds in our structure.

Our **USOSA Presence** has resumed its strong reputation of the power of purpose, reforms and agility that FGC Idoani Alumni Association was known for, becoming a reference point for what other Alumni Associations love to be even as we also take inspiration from what others do in a manner of collaboration.

Only yesterday (6th August, 2026), I had an interview for the USOSA Podcast sharing our ethos, our nostalgic history and the ideas that have seen us become the greatness that our Association possesses as identity, we will share the recording as soon as published.

Let me thank every member of NExCo, my colleagues, that have believed in this vision and run sincerely and passionately with it in the last 23 months, both that our vision for our Association had intersections as well as those we simply aggregated together as a team. Thank you for serving with me and hopefully being available to still serve together when hopefully we get our people's mandate together again.

It is certain that we have much more to do and I am a strong believer in the reality that the moment you achieve a thing, you automatically open the vista for new dawns to break, we are at that dawn and ready to break it.

The next 2 years in the life of our Association is profoundly important and pivotal to our history, they are years not to toy with because once gone, is gone forever. My friends, 23 months after, it's too late to go back to the gray days. We endured, survived and learnt that our collective liberation is of advantage, and we are not deprived of these simple benefits of a family that speaks as one and decides as one, it is who we are and who we must continue to be.

F.G.C. IDOANI

It is why I have come to say let us do more together so we can be more together, and as always, we do and must do this, for only the best is good enough for us.

Your brother and friend,

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