

## *Resume*

### **Prof. Francis Nwonwu**

#### **Qualifications:**

**B.Sc.** (Agricultural Economics and Extension), University of Ibadan (1974)

**M.Sc.** (Forest Economics and Marketing), Iowa State University, Ames, USA (1981)

**Ph.D.** (Forest Economics and Marketing), Iowa State University, Ames, USA (1983)

**Nationality:** Nigerian

#### **Work Experience**

Chief Research Specialist and Head: Sustainable Development Research  
Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA), Pretoria  
Republic of South Africa

The main focus of the Sustainable Development Unit at AISA is to investigate the social, economic and environmental dimensions of human activities as they influence and affect sustainable development. The Unit uses as a point of departure, Africa's performance in two key global agendas namely the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation following the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in 2002.

#### *Formerly*

Executive Director of own Consultancy Company -*Forestry for Sustainable Economy and Environment (FORSEE)*. (January 1997-January 1999).

#### *Teaching*

Have been involved in teaching and research in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics in several universities and institutions in Africa and beyond, which include:

1. University of the Free State, Bloemfontein (June 2001-June 2003)
2. National University of Lesotho, Lesotho (February 1999 - May 2001),
3. Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya (Sept. 1991-June 1997)
4. George August University in Göttingen, Germany as Research Fellow (Sept. 1993 Dec 1993).
5. Egerton University, Njoro Kenya (January 1990-Sept. 1991)

6. University of Science and Technology in Port Harcourt, Nigeria (January 1987-December 1989)

Formerly, Head of Economics and Sociology Division, Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria, Ibadan, Nigeria (Dec1983-Dec 1986).

### *Consultancy*

African Development Bank (AfDB), Agriculture Division, Abidjan on project appraisals, supervision and management for the East African Region (Nov 1996-July 1997).

International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, Regional Office in Nairobi on “Poverty and Environmental Degradation Linkages” and “Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact of the Neem tree (*Azadirachta indica*) in Kenya.

The African Academy of Sciences on the “Feasibility of Setting up a Forestry Research Network for Africa” (AFORNET) and “On Capacity Building in Forestry Research in Africa”.

World Bank and African Development Bank’s Project on “Forest Revenue Systems in Nigeria” 1988.

FAO study on “Tropical Forest Management Systems in Africa” in 1988.

### *Studies*

Participated in an FAO/African Forestry Research Network (AFORNET)/The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry sponsored study on “Lessons Learnt on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in Africa. Co-authored the Volume dealing with Lessons Learnt on Commercial and Small-Scale Plantation Establishments in Sub-Saharan Africa ( February 2004).

### **Publications**

Well published in local and international journals. Have contributed to several books. Have just completed two book manuscripts on “Economic Analysis of Agroforestry Projects” and “Indigenous Knowledge Applications to Agriculture in Southeastern Nigeria”.

Currently working on two edited books on:

1. *African Political Elites: The Search for Democracy and Good Governance* (Awaiting Printing)
2. *Africa’s Prospects in Meeting the Millennium Development Goals.*

**Travels**

I have traveled fairly wide to the following places on business including academic missions:

The United States of America, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland and virtually the four cardinal points in Africa.

**Languages**

I speak Igbo and English very fluently and understand a little bit of French and Kiswahili.