

Application: 5027

Dr. Segun Aina

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Entry Title Dr. Segun Aina
Category M09. Lifetime Achievement Award - Financial Technology
Lifetime Achievement Submission Format Written Answers
a. Provide a short biography of the nominated person (up to 200 words). Required Dr. Segun Aina OFR is a distinguished global banking leader and fintech innovator with over thirty years of experience. His career includes CEO roles in three banks and pivotal positions such as inaugural Chairman of the Global Banking Education Standards Board's Global Council. He has chaired Odua Investment Co Ltd and served as a director of First Atlantic Bank Ghana, contributing significantly to the banking sector's development. A pioneer in fintech, Dr. Aina founded and chairs the Fintech Association of Nigeria (FINTECHNGR) and the Africa Fintech Network (AFN), promoting financial systems innovation across Africa. He is the founding Chairman of the International Digital Economies Association (IDEA) and represents Africa on the board of the Global Fintech Alliance. He supports academic institutions like Obafemi Awolowo University and the Federal University of Technology Akure, fostering talent and innovation. Dr. Aina's academic credentials include executive education from prestigious institutions such as INSEAD, Harvard Business School, and IMD Switzerland. Awarded the Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) in 2010, he holds honorary doctorates from four universities, recognizing his profound impact on banking, fintech, and academia.

b. Outline the nominated person's career of achievement. There is no eligibility window for this category, so you may cite the nominee's entire lifetime of accomplishment (up to 250 words). Required

Achievements of Dr. Segun Aina

1. **Fintech Leadership:**

- Founder and Chairman Board of Trustees of the Fintech Association of Nigeria.
- Founder and President of the Africa Fintech Network (AFN).
- Spearheaded AFN's contribution to the Digital Transformation Strategy of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
- Global Fintech Alliance:

Board Member representing the Africa Fintech Network on the board of the newly formed Global Fintech Alliance.

- International Digital Economies Association: Chairman of the International Digital Economies Association (IDEA).

2. **Global Banking Education:**

- Inaugural Chairman of the Global Banking Education Standards Board (GBESTB).

3. **Business Leadership:**

- Group Chairman of Odu'a Investment Company Limited.
- Chairman of various companies in sectors like banking, agriculture, and technology.
- Chairman of Opolo Global Innovation Ltd in Nigeria and Canada. Opolo Global supports startups and SMEs through incubator and accelerator programs and providing consulting services for digital transformation.

4. **Contributions to Education:**

- Chairman of the Advancement Board, Federal University of Technology (FUTA), Akure.
- Member of the Research & Development Committee, TeTFund.
- Incubators in various universities across Nigeria

5. **Recognition and Awards:**

- Awarded the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) in 2010.
- Multiple honorary doctorate degrees from various universities.
- Multiple recognitions for his work in advancing Africa's Fintech ecosystem. He is often referred to as the 'Grandfather of Fintech' in Africa.
- Numerous speaking engagements across Africa and globally.

c. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible compare the achievements to the performance of other persons in the nominee's industry(s) (up to 250 words). Required

Dr. Segun Aina is a pivotal figure in global fintech and banking education. As Founder and Chairman of the Fintech Association of Nigeria, he has transformed Nigeria into a leading hub for technology investment. His leadership as Founder and President of the Africa Fintech Network spans 40 countries, driving collaboration and innovation. Dr. Aina's initiatives under AFN have shaped the Digital Transformation Strategy of the AfCFTA, promoting financial inclusion across Africa. Globally, he serves on the Board of the Global Fintech Alliance, advocating best practices and collaboration. As Chairman of the International Digital Economies Association, he fosters inclusive financial ecosystems worldwide.

In education, Dr. Aina's tenure as Inaugural Chairman of the Global Banking Education Standards Board emphasizes his commitment to ethics and professionalism. His business leadership includes chairing Odu'a Investment Company Limited and Qpqlq Global Innovation Ltd, supporting startups and SMEs across Nigeria and Canada. Recognized as the 'Grandfather of Fintech' in Africa, Dr. Aina's impact extends through national honors, honorary doctorates, and speaking engagements showcasing his thought leadership.

d. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words). Optional

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