

## **Scholar of the Month: May, 2010**



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Dr Alabi, a Nigerian born in Cote d'Ivoire, was educated at the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) and the University of Ibadan, both in Nigeria. He has B.Sc. (1984), M.Sc. (1988) and Ph.D (2000) degrees in Political Science. He also has LL.B. (1989), B.L. (1993), and LL.M. (2006) in Law, and has been a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria since December 1993. He currently pursues a second PhD (Law) at the University of Leicester, UK. Academic laurels to his credit include: Professor David Ijalaye Prize for the Overall Best Student in Masters of Laws (LL.M.) for 2005/2006 Session, Obafemi Awolowo University; Postgraduate Fellowship Award, Obafemi Awolowo University, 1985-1988; African Fellowship Award, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 1986/87 (not utilized); and the Best Overall Student in Political Science, University of Ife, 1984.

Alabi has a background in academics, and had taught Political Science, Public Administration and Public Law in three Nigerian universities, starting with his Alma mater - Obafemi Awolowo University. He was, until his present appointment in CAFRAD, a Senior Lecturer/Head, Department of Political Science and Associate Lecturer, Department of Public Law, both at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria.

Dr Alabi's research and consultancy activities have focussed on the reform of governance institutions, particularly the role of the judiciary and the legislature in facilitating good governance. He has done some work on federal-state relations, judicial administration, legislative processes, human rights, public policy analysis, constitutionalism and the rule of law, electoral reforms, technology transfer and the digital divide, regional integration, local government administration, and rural development. He is the author of *The Supreme Court in the Nigerian Political System 1963-1997*, has over 20 articles in learned journals and books, and several other seminar and public presentations. His latest (co-edited) publication, *Perspectives on the Legislature in the Government of Nigeria*, was released during the Spring 2010.

Dr Alabi has attended over 25 academic/learned conferences, and participated in over 50 leadership/management workshops, seminars, retreats and conferences in Nigeria, Morocco, United Kingdom, Republic of South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, The Gambia, Namibia, and Australia. He is registered as a Consultant on the data base of the Africa Development Bank (ADB) and the Department of Technical Cooperation in Africa (DTCA), and is on regular consultancy work for Actionaid International Nigeria (AAIN), an international NGO. At CAFRAD, he heads the Parliamentary Capacity Building Programme, and has developed, organized and served as resource person in several workshops, seminars, conferences and training programmes on human capacity development in the areas of governance, law and human rights, public sector reforms, gender, performance budgeting, results-based management, change management, and civic society engagement, among others. He is a Fellow of the *Journal of Alternative Perspectives in the Social Sciences*, serves/has served on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution*, *Ilorin Journal of Business and Social Sciences*, *Ife Social Sciences Review*, and currently edits *CAFRAD News*.

Dr Alabi has held many leadership and management positions. At the Obafemi Awolowo University, he was the Chairman of the Examinations Committee of the Department of Political Science (1996-1998), Representative of the Dean of Social Sciences and of the Head of the Department of Political Science on the Faculty Board of Law (1986-1998), and a Member of the Editorial Board of the *Ife Social Sciences Review* (1996-1998). At the University of Ilorin, he was the Course Organiser for the Master in International Studies (MIS) Programme (March 2006-August 2008), a Member of the Postgraduate Committees of both the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Law, a Member of the Editorial Board of of the *Ilorin Journal of Business and Social Sciences*, and a Member of the Faculty Board of Law and of the Faculty of Law Annual Conference Planning Committee. He also served on the University Strategic Planning Review Committee.

At the governmental level, he was the Secretary to Ejigbo Local Government in Osun State, Nigeria (January 1991-November 1993), and Speaker of the Osun State House of Assembly (May 1999-May 2003), both of which positions gave him further exposure in the management and working of public services and state institutions.

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A specialist in Africa's regional security studies, Mr. Badmus has over 10 years' experience in the field of research, training, administration, and documentation. He has strong leadership and management experience having fully involved (at the Centre for Social Science Research and Development, Lagos, Nigeria) in the coordination and execution of a project on "Understanding and Promoting Positive Leadership in Nigeria", a nationwide study supported by a Grant from the Ford Foundation, New York between 2002 and 2006, etc.

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