

# IGALA



ASSOCIATION USA

Nº 25

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## COLUMBUS 2024

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AFTER:

REFLECTION AND A RENEWED  
VISION FOR IGALA GREATNESS  
HOME AND ABROAD



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04.

#### ANTHEMS

USA NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM IN ENGLISH AND IGALA LANGUAGES.

06.

#### PRESIDENT REMARKS

AS WE STRIVE TO COME TOGETHER, IT SHOULD BE A BURNING DESIRE IN OUR HEARTS AND MIND TO EMBRACE LOVE, UNITY, AND PEACE AMONG ALL MEMBER, IN LINE WITH OUR MOTTO WHICH IS "UDAMACHUKPAHIU".

08.

#### ATTAH IGALAS MESSAGE TO IGALA GLOBALLY

THE ASSOCIATION RECIEVES MEESGAE FROM THE ATAH OF IGALA , AS HE COMMENSURATE WITH HIS CHILDREN GLOBALLY

10.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND EX-COS

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE TASK WILL BE LESS IF WE PULL OUR RESOURCES TOGETHER .



12.  
CHAPTERS

SOME OF THE MEMBER CHAPTERS LISTED AND RECOGNIZED AT THE THIS YEARS CONFERENCE.

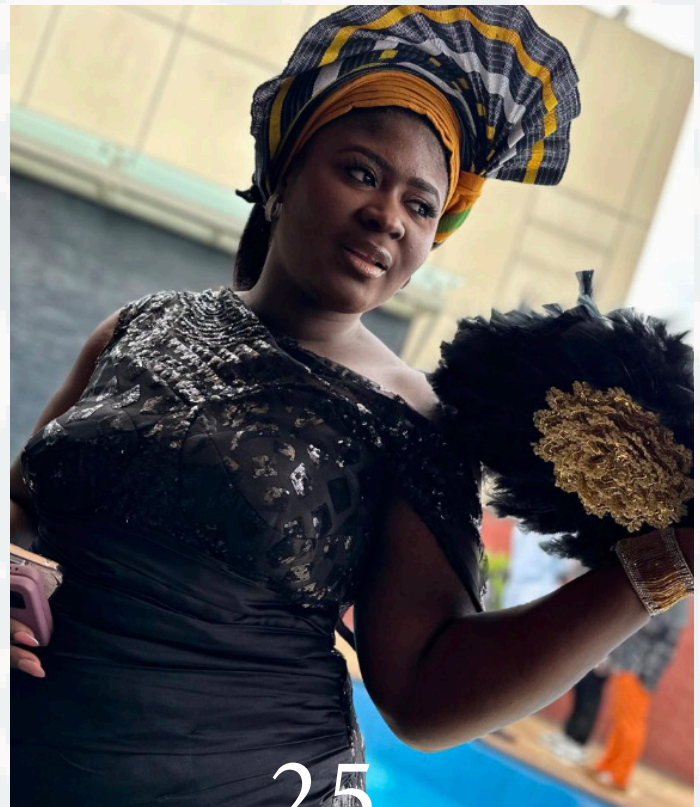
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MORE CHAPTERS

MORE CHAPTERS WITH CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES . MESSAGES OF UNITY RESONATES ACROSS ALL CHPTERS MESSAGES OF PEACE ECHOS BACK AND FORTH AMONG ALL MEMBERS.

16.  
HOUSTON 2023 PHOTO GALLERY

THE GALARRY HIGHLIGHTS THE GLITZ AND GLAMMORE OF THE 2023 CONFERENCE HOUSTON.

18.  
RECOGNIZING OUR PAST PRESIDENTS AND THIER SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY.



25.  
MISS INIKPI AND YOUNG ATTAS

CURRENT MISS INKPI AND YOUNG ATTA SHOWCASE THIER WORK.

# ANTHEMS

## United States Anthem

O say, can you see  
By the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hail'd  
At the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright  
stars

Through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd  
Were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare  
The bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night  
That our flag was still there  
O say, does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave?

## Nigerian Anthem in

Nigeria we hail thee  
Our own dear native land  
Though tribes and tongue may  
differ  
In brotherhood we stand  
Nigerians all, are proud to serve  
Our sovereign Motherland.  
Our flag shall be a symbol  
That truth and justice reign  
In peace or battle honour'd,  
And this we count as gain,  
To hand on to our children  
A banner without stain.  
O God of all creation  
Grant this our one request.  
Help us to build a nation  
Where no man is oppressed  
And so with peace and plenty  
Nigeria shall be blessed.

# Order of Events

## WELCOME TO THE 2024 IGALA ASSOCIATION USA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

### FRIDAY

- 4:00PM -Arrival/Reception Fun Activities.
- 6:00-9:00PM Entertainment

### SATURDAY

- 9:00AM -National Anthem
- - welcoming speech by the chapter President (Mohammed Ibrahim Opaluwa)
- 9:15AM National Presidents speech
- 9:30AM Introduction: Board of Trustees and Board chair's Speech
- 9:45AM Introduction of Members
- 10:15AM Lecture1  
Lecture 2
- 10:45AM - Q&A
- 11:15 AM -Conclusion on Security
- 11:30AM Business Presentation

- 12:00PM to1:00PM -Lunch
- 1:00PM to 5:00PM- City Tour
- 6:00PM to 7:00PM- Miss Inikpi Pageant
- 7:00PM to 11:00PM Gala, Awards and Fundraising.
  - Cultural Dance
  - Presentaion
  - DJ and other Performances
  - Food Drinks
  - Dance, Dance, Dance

### SUNDAY

- 9:00AM -10:30AM- Election
- 10:30AM -11:00AM - Inauguration and handover
- 11AM -12 -AGM





TERESA EDOJA

PRESIDENT REMARKS

Dear Fellow Executives and Members of the Igala Association USA,

It is with great pleasure and honor that I welcome you all to the annual conference of our esteemed association, Igala Association USA, as we gather today, August 30th, 2024, in the welcoming city of Columbus, Ohio. This year marks a significant milestone—our 25th anniversary. As we reflect on our journey since our humble beginnings in 1999, initiated by our beloved elder statesman, xxxx, we take pride in the resilience and unity that have kept us strong despite numerous challenges. Our association, through its various chapters across the USA, continues to serve the over 3 million Igala nationals worldwide, focusing on initiatives that benefit both our immediate community in North America and our compatriots in Nigeria. This conference is the result of considerable effort, especially from our youths, who we are preparing to lead us into the next 25 years. I extend my deepest gratitude to all past presidents and look forward to recognizing them during this program. As we embark on this momentous occasion, I encourage everyone to actively participate, reconnect with family and friends, and enjoy the events as they unfold.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Teresa Edoja  
President, Igala Association USA



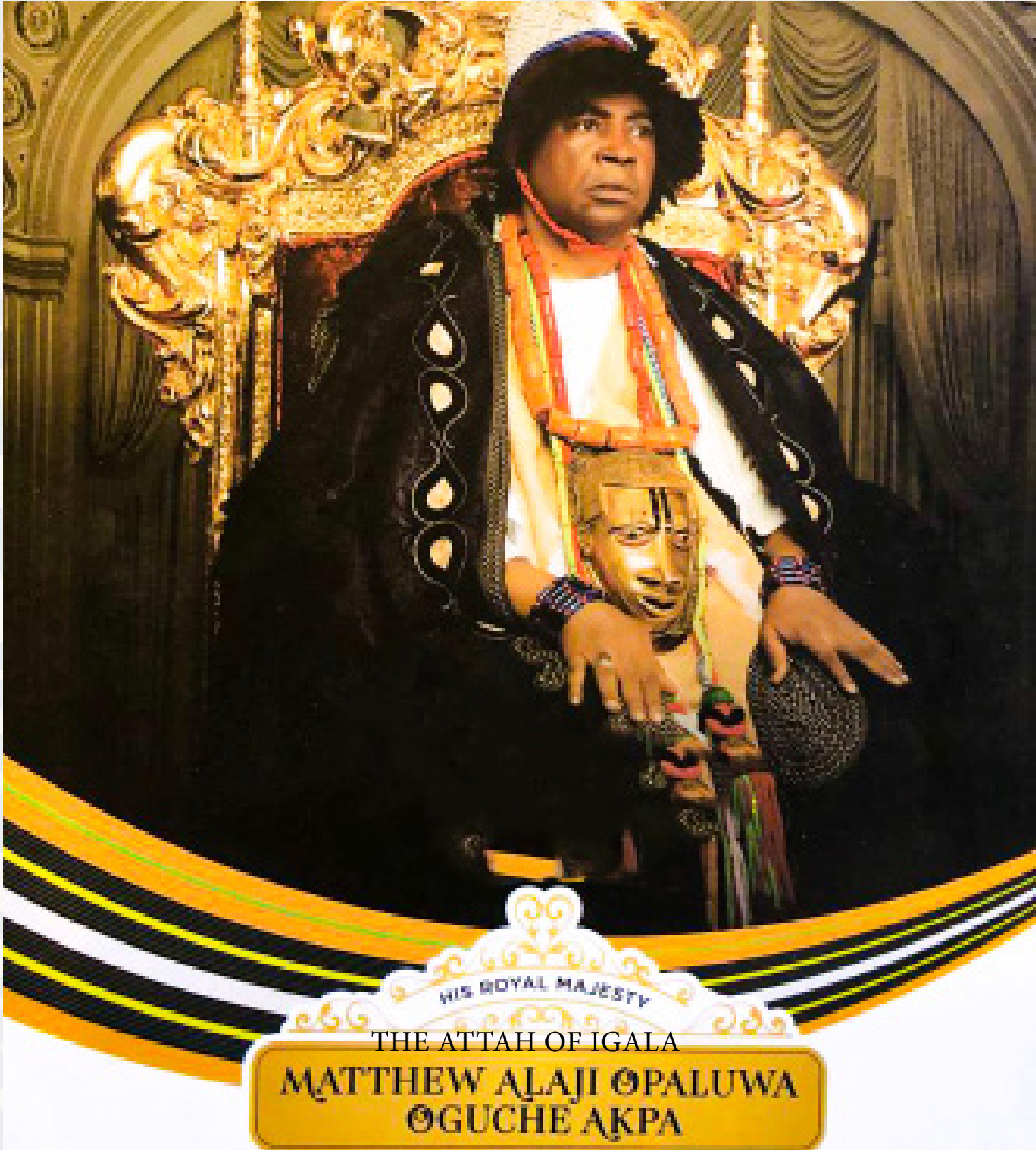
**Bola Ahmed Tinubu  
(GCFR)**

President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



His Excellency  
**ALHAJI AHMED USMAN ODODO**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, KOGI STATE





CHIEF MRS. AMINA  
ONALO OSAGIE  
"OMI AKELE ATTAH"

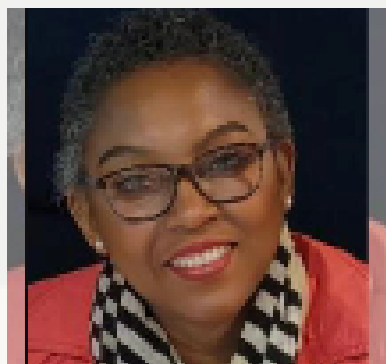


CHIEF SUNDAY  
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EJU ATTAH "EBIJE"

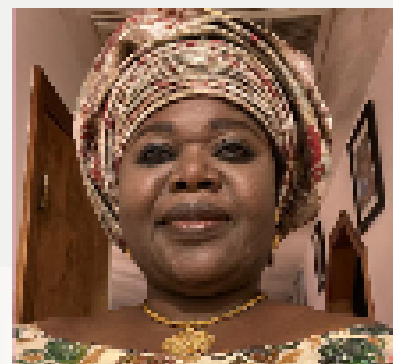
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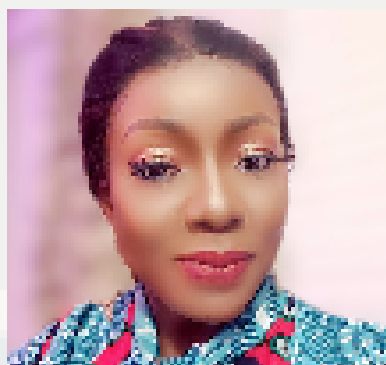
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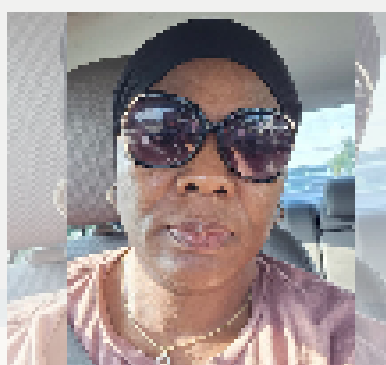
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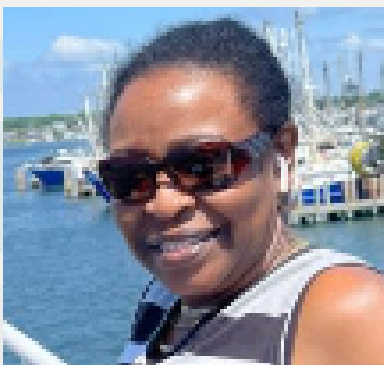
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Auditor



Engr Bob Alfa



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Engr. Bob was an engineer who worked on board ship and ashore. He rose to be a managing director of the company.





# OHIO CHAPTER

## HOST CHAPTER

On behalf of the host chapter here in Columbus, Ohio, it is with great joy that we welcome you all to our city for the 25th Anniversary and annual conference of the Igala Association USA. We are honored to host such a significant gathering and to have our brothers and sisters from around the world join us in this momentous celebration.

As we come together to mark this milestone, we look forward to engaging in meaningful discussions, strengthening our bonds, and sharing in the rich culture that unites us as Igalas. We hope you enjoy your time in Columbus and that this conference serves as a platform for growth, unity, and progress for our community.

Welcome!

Samuel Edogbnya  
Chapter President

# Member



The Houston chapter of the Iglala Association USA joins the Iglalas in the diaspora to celebrate her 25th annual conference.



## HOUSTON CHAPTER

MR. GODWIN ILABIJA, PRESIDENT

# Chapters



## MISSOURI

REV. PATRICK ADEJO



## DALLAS/FORT WORT CHAPTER

MR. AROME ELE OYIBO



The Chicago chapter of the Igala Association USA felicitates with the Igalas in the diaspora to celebrate her 25th annual conference

## CHICAGO CHAPTER

MOHAMMED IBRAHIM OPALUWA







Cheers to you all Igalas in the diaspora.  
Congratuitions on your 25th anniversary and conference. Enjoy the windy city and have a successful stay.

## INDIGENOUS IGALA USA

INDIGENOUS IGALA PEOPLE  
ONU ABBA NIZAR, UFEDOJO AGULA  
LORI JOHNSON



ATLANTA  
GEORGIA  
CHAPTER

IGALA COMMUNITY  
IN GEORGIA CON-  
GRATULATES IGALA  
ASSOCIATION USA  
ON THE SUCCESS OF  
ITS 2024 CONVEN-  
TION.



**BOSTON**  
**NEW ENGLAND**  
**CHAPTER**

KEEP HAPPY AND LETS  
HAVE A GREAT CONVENTION

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
IGALA ASSOCIATION USA



**IGALA**  
SOCIATION

**DM**  
**VP** INC



## HOME CHAPTER

The Igala Association of Delaware, Maryland, DC, Virginia, and Pennsylvania extends warm wishes to the entire Igala Association USA on this joyous occasion of your 25th Anniversary. As a pioneer chapter, we are filled with immense pride and excitement to see this day come to fruition. Our joy overflows as we celebrate this milestone alongside all the other chapters.

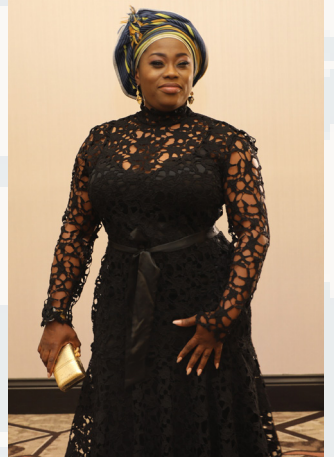
Happy Anniversary!  
Bishop Moses Adejoh  
Chapter President

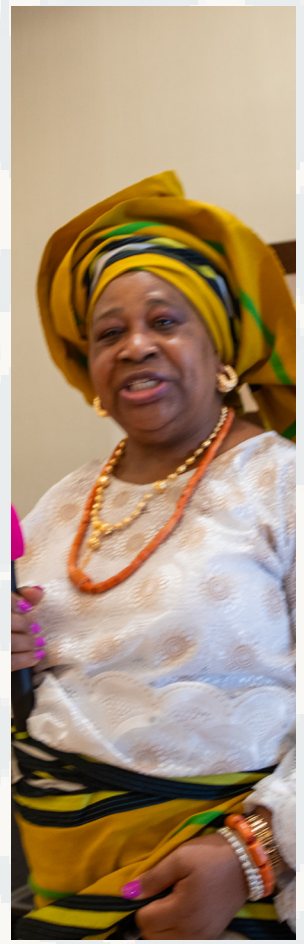
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# HOUSTON 2023















MR. & MRS. ALOYSIUS A. OCHENI



# DR. & MRS. MIKE ABALKA ADAJI & FAMILY

## CONGRATULATIONS IGALA ASSOCIATION USA



The family of Dr Michael Adaji congratulate Igala Association ( USA ) INC for successfully organizing and hosting the Inaugural conference. Wishing you a fruitful deliberation. Long live Igala Kingdom ! Long live Igala Association ( USA ) !! Federal Republic Of Nigeria !!!! Long live the United States Of America !!!!!





Late Francis Akumabi  
Agbali

Family of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Agbali of Augusta, Georgia congratulates the President, Exco and members of Igala Association USA on the 2024 conference. Getting back together , may we find strength in unity



## SUNNY ONOJA & FAMILY

Congratulates IGALA  
ASSOCIATION USA on  
the occasion of her 25th  
Anniversary.





**THE FAMILY  
OF DR.  
AUGUSTINE  
AND CHIEF  
MRS. AMINA  
OSAGIE**

Warmly welcome to  
Igala in North America  
and around the world.  
Columbia-Ohio, as Igala  
Association USA proudly  
celebrates 25 years of great  
service to our community  
in the diaspora and abroad.

Long live the great Igala  
nation  
Long Attah Igala!  
Ami deju!!!

# Gold

# Mathew




We are the Light,  
We are stars, We are  
the present and we  
are the future of the  
IGALA Kingdom...  
Together in our  
Yellow and Green  
ID we shall take the  
beautiful culture of  
the Igala people to  
World... do not let  
anything dim your  
light because Now is  
our time!!!!!!!!!!

Abomi'igala  
megba....

**MISS INIKPI USA**



**DR. MICHAEL  
IDACHABA & FAMIL**  
Happy 25th Annivaver-  
sary to the Igala Associa-  
tion USA. 







## MR. AMADE ABALAKA & FAMILY

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the executives and members of the Igala Association USA on this momentous 25th anniversary. The Ocheje family celebrates with all members of the organization and wishes you a successful conference. We are honored to be among you to celebrate the unity of our people and to deliberate on matters that will benefit our homeland.





## DR. PAUL OCHEJE & FAMILY

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**25**  
ANNIVERSARY



Afrique Business Network  
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**TERESA EDOJA**  
& the entire  
**Igala Association, USA**  
on the occasion of their  
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**DOMINIC/  
LUDMILA  
UGBEDAH &  
FAMILY**

wishes the Igala USA  
a successfull 2024  
25th Anniversary .



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Seyi Ilupeju  
PRESIDENT



Felicitate with the  
Igala Association  
USA on their 25th  
Anniversary.



This is a special day for the Igalas in the diaspora. As you celebrate this 25-year milestone, we rejoice with you and wish your community the very best for the future.



**DR. FATIMA ALFA**  
CEO



**DR. SAM ALFA**  
AUTHOR



The management of Integral Services would like to extend their heartiest congratulations to Igala Association USA on their 25th Conference. We are committed to providing an exceptional array of services including accounting, bookkeeping, corporate and individual tax planning and filing, 501(3) filing, business improvement processes, and business development to help you and the general public succeed.

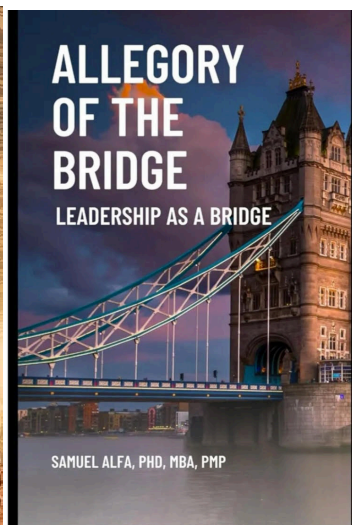
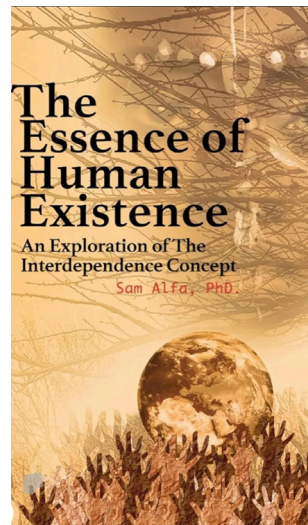
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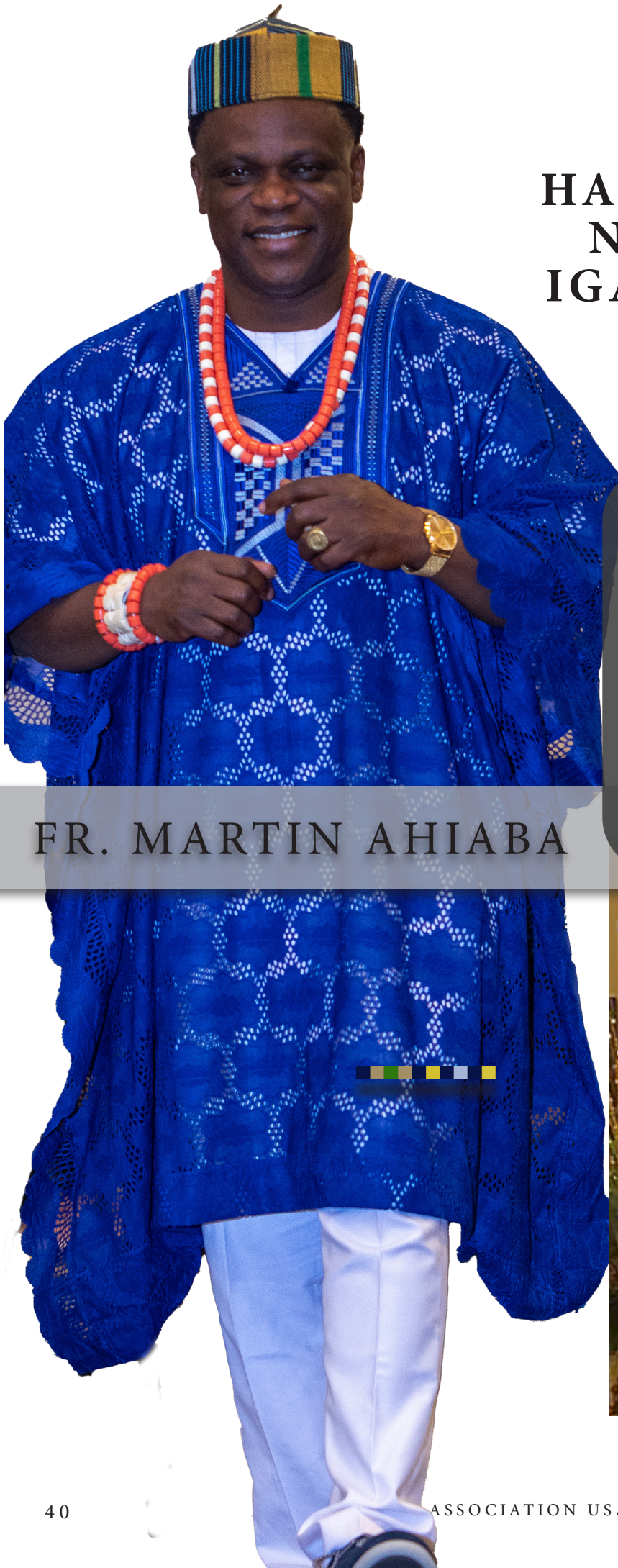
Dr. Alfa decided to explore the concept of the things that human beings cherish a lot and attempted to add color to it by turning it into a more meaningful experience for human existence.





The Alfás are delighted to extend their congratulations to the Igala Association USA on their landmark 25th conference. The progress and achievements of the Igala people globally and in North America in particular, are truly praiseworthy.





# HAPPY 25TH AN- NIVERSARY TO IGALA ASSOCIA- TION USA

Congratulations Fr. Martin Ahiaba on your 50th birthday. What a great opportunity to stop and reflect on how much you have achieved so far in life. You are an inspiration to all of us. May your future be bright and full of many blessings. Agala Community

FR. MARTIN AHIABA







THE IDAKWOJI'S OF CALIFORNIA



## DR. JOHN OJIH & FAMIL

Members of Igala Association USA, on behalf of the entire family of Ojih, we thank you for your continued moral support for this great Association. With our unselfish dedication and hope, we shall thrive and regain our full strength and looking forward to a better tomorrow. Remember "The test before us as a people is not whether our commitments match our will and courage, but whether we have the will and courage to match our commitments [LBJ].



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On behalf of DTS Lux Transport. Congratulations to the Igala Association USA on its 2024 Annual Conand 25th Anniversary. Wishing you the best in all your endeavors.

Ernest Aduku  
CEO



kandamart

Brothers and sisters of Igala descent. I congratulate you all on your 23rd anniversary and conference. Indeed it is 23 years of togetherness.

or 25 years we have shared comon values , intervned in matters of impotance , we recognize that, we are all one big Igala family living in a foreign land. Through the love we share with one another, we have become a formidable force, Brothers and sisters of Igala descent,

I congratulate you all on our 25th anniversary and conference. Indeed, it has been 25 years of togetherness.

We must embrace the power of togetherness, for it is the path to social and economic growth.

Sylvester Omeje

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