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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

IGFSA Candidacy for Positions

I wish to express my interest in serving as a member of the Executive Committee of the Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA). I have been a member of the global Internet governance community for over a decade, serving in various capacities and strategic leadership positions both at the National and International levels. I have advocated, nurtured, and influenced the evolution of a sustainable Internet Governance forum and processes successfully in Nigeria, West Africa sub-region, Africa continental, and at the United Nations.

I co-founded the renewed effort on Nigeria Internet Governance Forum in 2012 and served as a pioneering member of the Local Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Group at the National level for many years. I was also a member of the African Union Internet Governance Advisory Group (2016-2018), contributing to the development of the new African Union IGF Charter and the evolution of a reformed Africa Union IGF. I was a technical resource person that actively contributed to the reform of West African Internet governance in the ECOWAS Sub-region in 2016, serving simultaneously as a technical resource person to ECOWAS on state-actor focused cybersecurity policy and Internet Governance for development in the region. I am a fellow of the EU School of Internet Governance (Germany) and have worked closely with eminent leaders within the Internet governance space.

As a member of the Executive Committee, my objective will involve putting my professional and leadership ingenuity and experience to use for the advancement of the IGFSA program in support of Internet governance at the National, Regional and International levels.

I am excited at the opportunity of joining eminent personalities in the Executive Committee and the prospect of re-engaging the global IGF community through injection of fresh insight in the context of promoting and supporting the transformation of IGF in this challenging time of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and at a time the UN Secretary-General is mainstreaming a report on Common Agenda and development of the Global Digital Compact.

In the light of the foregoing, I hope my candidacy will be kindly considered.

Thank you.