



**Professor Akpan H. Ekpo** was appointed Director General of WAIFEM effective June 1, 2009. Born on June 26<sup>th</sup> 1954, he graduated from Howard University, Washington, D.C, U.S.A. with a Bachelor's degree (Cum laude – with honors) in Economics. He was in the Dean's List of the University throughout his undergraduate studies and on full scholarship based on his academic performance. In 1975, as the best and honors student, he won the American Economic Association Fellowship to study briefly at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA. He obtained Masters and the PhD in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. He did his post-doctoral continuing education at Harvard University, Oxford University and the World Bank Institute.

Professor Ekpo has advised all levels of government and held several government appointments in Nigeria: He was Non-Executive Director of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) 2005-2009; CBN's Monetary Policy Committee, 2005-2009; National Economic Management Team 2008-2009; Steering Committee of both Vision 2010 and 2020 among others. In 2001, he was honoured with the National Productivity Merit Award by the President of Nigeria; in 2003, he received the Dr. Kwame Nkrumah Africa Leadership Award in Accra, Ghana. He is currently a member of the Board of Economists in the Office of the Chief Economic Adviser of the Federal Government, Abuja.

Professor Ekpo has had an outstanding academic career. He was a recipient of the University of Calabar staff development grant from 1979-1982. He has held several positions in the academia. From 1996-1998, he was Visiting Scholar to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. In 2000-2005 he was appointed Vice-chancellor of the Federal University of Uyo. He is a life member of the Nigerian Economic Society and was its President from 2007-2009. In 2012, he

was conferred with the fellowship of the Nigerian Economic Society. He is also a member of several national and international professional bodies like the Nigerian Statistical Association, American Economic Association, Royal Economic Society, Institute of Public Finance (Germany), African Finance and Economic Association (USA), National Economic Association (USA), among others.

He has published over 200 articles in refereed national and international journals, chapters in books and other scholarly outlets. He has written five books and edited three.

Professor Akpan H. Ekpo has also served in several boards of companies and Non-governmental organizations. He was a member of the board of Vmobile (now Airtel); he is a member of the African Heritage Institution in Enugu, Nigeria, African Population Health and Research Centre in Nairobi, Kenya and the Bamanga Tukur Centre for International trade in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Professor Ekpo is married to Njeri and they are blessed with children and grandchildren. For details of his CV see: [www.akpanhekpo.com](http://www.akpanhekpo.com)