



OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY

H.E. Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, OFR

Senior Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals

Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire is an accomplished Nigerian public servant, administrator, social worker, and grassroots politician with over 30 years of public service at the national and sub-national levels. As Senior Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals (SSAP-SDGs), she provides strategic direction and leadership on Nigeria's implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and represents the country in SDG discussions on the global stage.

Her political career began during Nigeria's Third Republic, when she was elected to the Lagos State House of Assembly (1992–1993) — the first woman ever elected to that chamber. She served as an Electoral Commissioner, then as Lagos State's Commissioner for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (2003–2011), before rising to Deputy Governor of Lagos State (2011–2015). She was appointed SSAP-SDGs by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2016 and reappointed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in 2023.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

22

Skills Acquisition Centres established

11,843

Classroom blocks constructed nationwide

195+

Primary Healthcare Centres delivered

4,222

Children in her Guinness World Record reading event

HONORS & AWARDS

- Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) — 2022
- National Productivity Order of Merit — 2023
- United Nations SDGs Champion Award — 2023
- International Public Servant of the Year, Scottish Widows UK — 2007
- Guinness World Record, most children reading aloud with an adult — 2011
- Fellow, Association of Business Executives (UK) — 2019
- Honorary Doctor of Arts, Lagos State University — 2020

EDUCATION & PERSONAL

B.Sc. (Hons) Sociology and Diploma in Social Work, University of Lagos; Honorary Doctor of Arts in Poverty Alleviation and Technology Incubation, Lagos State University. She is married to Chief Abiodun Akinmola Adefulire and is blessed with children. She is widely known as “Iya Alaanu” — the charitable giver.